

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“Bringing Christ to the people...the people to Christ”



Dear Friends in Christ,

A good word for this May is “Celebrate”. We are going to be celebrating an assortment of things all through this month. Let me list for you the things we will be celebrating:

Saturday, May 4: Celebration and picnic at Nancy Cox’s to mark the completion of our Home Makeover project. We have been working at Nancy’s for over a month and we really have done incredible work. On Saturday May 4 we are going to celebrate work well done!

Sunday, May 5: Rev. David Wendell from the NALC national office will be at Our Saviour’s to preach and lead the adult Sunday School class. We will celebrate the growth and ministry of the North American Lutheran Church.

Saturday, May 11: North Texas Mission District annual meeting at All Saints’ Lutheran in Arlington. Bishop John Bradosky will be the guest speaker; I will run the meeting as the District Dean. Come and celebrate the NALC’s work here in north Texas!

Sunday, May 12:

- Mother’s Day! Be sure to celebrate and thank your mother.
- Last day of Sunday School for the spring. We celebrate another great year of education and witness.

Sunday, May 19:

- Pentecost! This is one of the great holidays of the church year. We celebrate the birthday of the Church.
- New worship schedule. This will be the first Sunday of our new worship schedule, with Traditional worship at 9:15 and Praise worship at 10:45. Pentecost is a perfect day to make this change as we

UPCOMING FOR MAY:

- Saturday, May 4th—Picnic and celebration of the makeover project we’ve done at Nancy’s.
- Sunday, May 5th—Rev. David Wendell at Our Saviour’s for all three services
- Saturday, May 11th—Bishop Bradosky at All Saints/Arlington for a Mission District Event.
- Sunday, May 12—Last day of Sunday School for the Spring.
- Sunday, May 19th—**Pentecost** , +
 - ⇒ First Sunday of the new worship schedule, Traditional worship @ 9:15 am and Praise worship @ 10:45 am, +
 - ⇒ Service of Sending for Graduating Seniors at 9:15 service.

celebrate the Holy Spirit who leads us onward in life and mission and worship!

- Service of Sending for our High School graduates. At our 9:15 service we will honor and celebrate our graduates. This is one of the very moving services we do each year.

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day: We remember those who have served and sacrificed for this nation and we celebrate the freedoms of this nation.

May is going to be a month of celebration. Come and join in the fun!

God Bless,
Pastor Mark



Our Saviour's Youth

YOUTH REQUEST

One of our youths is working on a book of faith stories to sell to raise money for the children in Haiti. Everyone has a story! If you are willing to share, please write your story down and either put in in Mike & Pam Williams' mailbox, or turn it in to Carol in the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be over for this school term very soon. Our last day of Sunday School will be May 12th. We want to say a huge "Thank You" to all of our talented and brave teachers this year. And another "Thank You" to each of our students who came week after week. What a blessing we have in this church with all of our super teachers and simply great kids! God bless you and stay safe during the summer vacation.

We expect to see you right back here next September when we begin the new school year.

Have a happy summer and don't forget our camps this summer!

DAY CAMP

Our Day Camp for this year will be July 7th – 12th. Day Camp is for ages 3 through the 6th grade. Once again we will have a super team from Lutherhill leading our crazy fun. And wonderful volunteers from our church will make sure that we are all fed, and happy. This is going to be great fun again this year.

SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHERHILL

Camp this year will be July 21st—July 26th at Lutherhill Bible Camp, near LaGrange. Last year we sent a HUGE group of kids (including everyone's favorite aunt...) Jana, and Pastor Mark. This year everyone will have just



as much fun as last year! We can't wait!

SENIOR SERVICE OF SENDING

Our Senior's Service of Sending will be Sunday, May 19th, at the 9:15 Traditional Service. Our 4 high school seniors will be honored, receive a special blessing and be presented with a special quilt made for them by the Quilting Group.



Our seniors this year are:

- Chelsea Crawford
- Jesse Duplechin
- Nick Montgomery

Congratulations! Our love goes with you.

THANK YOU, YOUTH

The youth have been a part of a huge mini-makeover at Nancy Cox's home. They have willingly donated their time and effort as a ministry project. Good going, troops!

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

One of our best youth ministries is sending

youth to Bible Camp. It is an incredible and faith-growing experience. We have often said, you can do as much in one week of Bible Camp as you can in a year of confirmation. This is a great investment in the faith of our young people.

We have a scholarship fund to help youth who can't afford to attend camp. We don't want anyone to miss camp because of finances. The cost to send a child to camp for a week is \$365. If you would like to donate to this fund and help youth attend camp, please write a check to the church and mark it for the "Bible Camp Scholarship Fund". Thank you.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Our Cub Pack #348 continues to stay active. The boys have practiced tying knots, learned the proper way to fold the American flag and practiced a flag ceremony. The Scouts attended a University of Texas/Tyler baseball game on Military Appreciation Day and participated in some activities for Earth Day. Several of our scouts attended the Dad and Lad campout at Camp Pirtle. We have also set up a calendar of summer activities.

Thank you to all who contribute cans for the Scouts. We really appreciate this.

Social Ministry



PATH : People Attempting to Help. PATH is a faith based non profit agency that serves poverty-stricken families and individuals in Smith Co.

PATH—During the month of May, in honor of mothers, PATH will be collecting diapers of all sizes to give out through the food pantry. PATH also needs your paper bags.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th, and

PATH focuses efforts on the collection of diapers in honor and support of moms who are struggling to make ends meet for their families. Diapers are another item, like toilet tissue, that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Please help PATH supply young families with this basic need item. We will have a porta-crib set up in the Narthex to collect diapers each Sunday in May.

PATH - DIAPER GAMES 2013 SATURDAY, May 11 10:00-noon will be held at

Brookshire's World of Wildlife Museum and Country Store. The admission is a package of diapers

PATH summer collection drives:

- Diaper Drive in May
- Diaper Games 2013 May 11th
- Fan Club June - August
- Meals for kids June

BINGO—Bingo is played on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. at Azalea Place Nursing and Rehab Center located at 810 South Porter Ave. We had 15 residents that participated in April and 4 volunteers. May 8 is the next day we are scheduled to go and visit our friends at Azalea Place. Some of the residents need a little help and more helpers are always welcome. See you there!!!

QUILTING GROUP UPDATE—Mary Byemers reported that 12 adult quilts and 2 children's quilts have been completed since all of the remaining quilts were given to Luther World Relief on April 1.

Mary also reported that a total of 179 quilts were donated from 4/1/12 to 4/1/13:

- Gifts quilts were given to Cindy Bisser when she left, to Nancy Cox, and to our graduating seniors
- Quilts were raffled at the Quilt-a-thon and at the Garage Sale
- Quilts were given in donations to fire departments; the Tyler Fire Department, the Frankston Fire Department, the Berryville Fire Department, the Winona Fire Department and the Lindale Fire Department,
- Other quilt donations were given to the Shriners, to Kathryn's House, the Parents Anonymous Teenage Pregnancy Program, the Veterans Home in Palestine, to the Armory, and to Christmas in the Neighborhood
- Many quilts were donated in the ongoing work with Lutheran World Relief

- Some were given away locally
- 5 quilts were sold.

Usually between 12-15 quilters that show up to help with this ongoing project. The quilters meet at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Of course, more volunteers are always welcome.

Special Request: Does anyone have gently used or new full flat sheets that could be donated to our quilting project. Please put them in the container in the hall across from the Coke Machine.

THANKS to everyone that donated sheets or fabric in April .

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED: Our members are continuing to donate blood to help others. More donations are needed every month. Please go to Carter Bloodcare's Stewart Center (903-535-5400) at 815 South Baxter to donate. Donating blood takes about 1 hour. Be sure to eat a good meal before you go and be sure to let the receptionist know you want your blood donated to the OSLC blood pool. THANKS to all of our members that donated blood on April 14 at our annual blood drive. We hope to have the donor coach back again next spring.

Next meeting – Our next regular meeting will be on May 28th in the Café at 11:30am.. If you are interested in learning more about this committee please join us in May.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer or a special request that you would like to place on the prayer chain, please contact Linda Eck (903-530-6982, linda.eck@me.com) or the office (903-561-1865, oslc@oslctyler.org). Your prayer requests will be sent out to the teams for prayer. In addition, they will be entered into our weekly bulletins for continued prayer.

The prayer requests in the bulletin will be carried until the end of each month. If you need them carried for longer than a month, please let Linda know and she will make it happen.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Lord, I can't climb this mountain by myself. It's more than I can handle. Please be my strength. Guide me. Teach me to know how to lean on You and trust in You. Your love never fails. In Jesus' Name I pray, amen.

"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."
~Deut. 31:6

DYNAMITE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."
- MARK 11:22-23 NKJV

2013 WORSHIP SERVERS

PLEASE SEND BACK TO THE OFFICE OR TURN IN DURING THE OFFERING:

_____ I will be attending this service and I would like to be scheduled to serve during this time (only).

_____ I am willing to serve at either service as you need me to serve.

Training:

_____ I have been trained and have been serving in this position.

_____ I will need training in this position.

Signature: _____

9:15/TRAD.

10:45/CONTEMP.

SERVICE

Lay Ministry Coordinator

Acolyte

Usher

Reader/Lector

Communion Assistant

Sound Technician

SUMMER'S COMING...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

AND WILL YOU REMEMBER US?

By the end of this month most people will already be planning their vacations. What fun! Everyone looks forward to getting away and having fun. Two things to remember:

1. Take your sunscreen. Summer poetry winner: Everything is more fun without a sunburn.
2. Make provisions to continue your tithes and gifts over the summer. 😊

And on that subject: if you have not already signed up for automatic giving through your bank, remember that you can sign up for automatic giving through VANCO here at the church.

If you are interested in initiating automatic giving through VANCO, just talk to Carol in the office (903-561-1865). It literally will take just a few moments to initiate the paperwork and it will take a load off of your mind!

DID YOU KNOW????

..that Our Saviour's Church has a wonderful Facebook page! Take a look! Go to www.oslctyler.org. There's a small "f" in the lower left hand corner on the home page. Click on it and it will take you to the Facebook page. There you can log in if you already have a Facebook account or you can sign up for one. Look around, read some of the comments that are posted there. Find out what's happening at Our Saviour's. Did you know we even have a few people that are following Our Saviour's from France and Peru?? Like a particular photo? Leave your comment there. Join in on the fun! This is a marvelous way to get information out about our wonderful church! More to come about our Facebook page and Our Saviour's website



Visit us on
Facebook

in future news-
letters.

Stay tuned!

PICNIC AND CELEBRATION

As you know, our congregation has been doing a makeover project at Nancy Cox's home. We have done an incredible job! We are planning on a picnic and celebration at Nancy's on Saturday, May 4. Watch for more details and be sure to attend!

GNOMES AND ELVES

We have a wonderful custodian, Kyle (and thank you, Kyle, for all you do!). But did you know that Kyle doesn't work for us full-time? And the time for which he's paid is pretty much consumed with floors, toilets, and moving chairs and tables. So, who is the one who wipes up coffee stains, picks up the fallen and smushed cookies, and washes and puts away the dishes that we use?



Obviously, it's a gnome and an elf. But I've heard recently that they are going on summer hiatus. Given that: if you, your committee or your children use it, please clean it and put it away (dropping dirty dishes in the sink doesn't count); if y'all drop it, please pick it up; and if you, your committee or your children spill it, please wipe it up.

If we all are responsible about cleaning our own messes, the church will shine. If we leave it up to one part-time custodian, newcomers may wonder what sty we were reared within.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING

Congregational Care will meet the third Sunday of each month at 11:45 am in the Junior High Sunday School room (across from the Choir Room). If you have signed up to prepare food, visit a shut-in, provide a ride to an individual in need, or are on the phone prayer chain or the e-mail prayer chain, we invite you to attend. Your suggestions and comments are needed!

Thank you for your help in this much needed and recently restarted committee. Linda Eck

WORSHIP SERVERS: WHICH SERVICE?

We will begin a new summer schedule on May 19th. Our 8:15 and 10:30 Traditional services will be combined into one service at 9:15, and our Praise Service will move into the Nave at 10:45 each Sunday.

So the big question to all of our Lay Ministry Coordinators, Greeters, Acolytes, Ushers, Readers and Communion Servers is: which service will you be attending this summer?

During the last couple of weeks in April, each service's bulletin had a request for the servers to indicate their preferences. If you have not yet let the church know your preference, please e-mail Carol (oslc@oslctyler.ore) or call her (903-561-1865) with your choice. This will help Kathleen and Carol immensely as they put together our Worship Server's Schedules for the summer.

And...if you are willing to work either service wherever there is a need, it will earn you a hug around the neck!

Thanks, Carol & Kathleen

AND...ON THE SUBJECT

If you have thought about becoming a worship server, but just haven't gotten around to signing up whenever we've had a sign-up day, Summer is a wonderful, relaxed time to begin your service. We have plenty of time to help you learn how to be a Lay Ministry Coordinator, Greeter, Acolyte, Usher, Reader, Communion Assistant or Sound Technician. Just let Carol in the office know that you would like to begin this sweet service.

Lay Ministry Coordinator: main job is help keep Pastor from losing his sanity at the beginning of the service. Real description is simply making sure that there is a complete cadre of servers available and ready to march down the aisle when the music starts.

Greeter: Simply that. You get to greet each one of your brothers and sisters as they come

through the door to go to their service.

Acolyte: Lighting and snuffing candles, carrying the cross and assisting the pastor at the altar during the service.

Ushers: Helping the congregation get seated, giving bulletins, taking offerings, making sure communing parishioner's lines move smoothly.

Readers: Read the lessons for the Sunday

Communion Assistants: Assist the Pastor in serving communion wine and bread.

Sound Technician: Running the sound board so that our mikes don't hiss, squeal, or squeak.

None of the services are hard. You will have training provided for all of them. And you will be blessed by each service. Think about it.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On May 19th we are changing our Sunday morning schedule to two worship services. We will have the Traditional Service at 9:15 and the Praise service at 10:30. We look forward to a simpler worship schedule and more integration of our congregation. Please be in prayer about this as we seek to deepen our worship life!

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WHEN WE COULD SMITE THEM FOR THAT KIND
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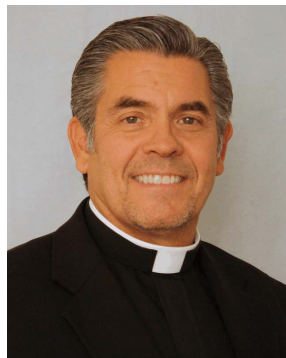


PASTOR WENDEL

DON'T MISS THIS!

Rev. David Wendel, the Assistant to the Bishop for Ecumenical Ministry, one of the four leaders of our National Church, will be our guest preacher on May 5th at all our services.

Pastor Wendel accepted the call to serve the National Church in November 2011. Prior to that he had served in parish ministry, serving 25 years with St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He led St. Luke's into membership with the NALC in October of 2010 following the NALC's beginning in August of 2010. And he served as the provisional Dean of the Rocky Mountain Mission District, which included Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and the El Paso portion of Texas.



Rev. David Wendel

Pastor Wendel has served as the chair of the NALC's Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Relations Committee. He joined Bishop John Bradosky and Bishop Emeritus Paull Spring in meeting with Roman Catholic ecumenical officials in Rome in September of 2011 when Pope Benedict welcomed the NALC.

Pastor Wendel was born and raised in Columbus, Ind. His family members were charter members of First Lutheran Church there. He graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in Communication. He is a 1981 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. He earned a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from the Association of Chicago Theological Schools in 2001.

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Pastor Wendel and his wife, Susan Riches, have two adult children and two grandsons.

BISHOP JOHN BRADOSKY AT NTMD

MEETING ON MAY 11TH



Bp. John Bradosky

Our North Texas Mission District will meet from 10 am until 3 pm at All Saints Lutheran Church in Arlington on Saturday, May 11th. The guest speaker will be our presiding Bishop, John Bradosky. Bishop Bradosky will update us on the work and growth of the N.A.L.C, and share with us his vision for the ongoing growth and mission of the Church.

In addition to Bishop Bradosky, the meeting will include worship, lunch, a presentation from the Navigators, and a time to do the business of our Mission District.

A group is going from OSLC. If you need a ride or can drive, please let Pastor Mark or Carol know.

NALC-UM POWER?

One of the things that I've especially enjoyed while on the Executive Council is the opportunity to meet and love brothers and sisters from outside the borders of the continental United States. I especially love our Canadian family. They're a hoot! You should meet them!

I've noticed there is an interesting verbal distinction within the NALC that occurs right at the border: those in the lower forty-eight, call our organization the "Enn-Ay-Eill-See", enunciating each letter of our church's name; those above the border turn the letters into a word that rhymes with Talc (as in powder). We'll be chatting on, each group using our own specific phrasing and neither group noticing the other groups name-mangling. It's a lot of fun. Now that's true "NALC-um POWER"! ~ Carol



2013 STEWARDSHIP: To God Be the Glory

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Dr. Kenneth Boa from Bible.org

Consider for a moment that everyone on earth has the same amount of time in every day. President or paper boy, housewife or executive, farmer or financier – they all have exactly 24 hours in each day, 168 hours in each week, 525,600 minutes in each year. Some people take that time and build relationships, dream dreams and make plans, cultivate their walk with God, develop new skills and live lives of adventure. Some people watch a lot of TV.

What differentiates people isn't the amount of time available to them, but the manner in which they exercise their gifts and talents within the available time. We can waste time; we can spend time; or we can invest our time wisely. That's what stewardship is about: faithfully developing and using our gifts, talents and resources within the amount of time God has allotted to us.

In every stewardship relationship there are two parties involved: the master who hands out the resources and will one day ask for an accounting; and the steward who is entrusted with the resources and must eventually answer for how they were invested. God is the master; he distributes gifts at his discretion. We are stewards, accountable to him for all that we do with all that we have. Michael Novak puts it like this:

"We didn't give ourselves the personalities, talents, or longings we were born with. When we fulfill these – these gifts from beyond ourselves – it is like fulfilling something we were meant to do.... The Creator of all things knows the name of each of us – knows thoroughly, better than we do ourselves, what is in us, for he put it there and intends for us to do something with it – something that meshes with his intentions for many other people.... Even if we do not always think of it that way, each of us was given a calling – by fate, by chance, by destiny, by God. Those who are lucky have found it."¹

Do not rush through this thought. Herein lies the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship – the fundamental principle of all Christianity, in fact: We own nothing. God owns everything; we are simply managers. The Bible says, "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:17-18).

As humbling as this sounds, we don't bring anything to the table. It's all God's. This principle carries some heavy implications. First, since God owns it all, he holds the rights that come with ownership. Since we only have what we have been allowed to have, then we operate primarily in the realm of responsibilities. Hear that clearly: God has rights; we have responsibilities. God has entrusted us with certain resources, gifts and abilities. These things rightfully belong to him. Our responsibility is to live by that trust by managing these things well, according to his design and desire.

Another implication is that since God owns everything and expects us to manage things according to his plan and purpose, every decision is a spiritual decision. Whether it's buying a new car or going to the movies, how we use our time and money matters a great deal to God. God demands to be in the loop on every investment, purchase and decision.

¹ Michael Novak, *Business as a Calling* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1996), pp. 18, 38.

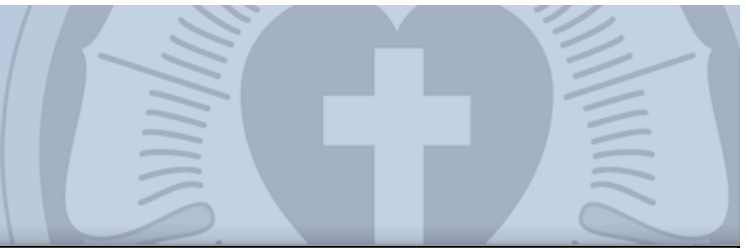
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Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. ~ English Worship
9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School
10:30 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship Services
10:30 a.m. ~ Praise & Worship Service

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