

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1524 WEST MAIN, DURANT, OK 74701**



# OUR SAVIOUR'S NEWS

APRIL, 2019

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Luke 24:1-5

*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*

### **Christ is Risen - He is risen indeed**

By the time you receive this newsletter we will still be in the season of Lent but the 21<sup>st</sup> of April heralds in the Easter season for us this year so I thought I would give you all a little look forward for this month's devotion.

As a person who has worn glasses since I have graduated from high school and I probably should have had them before that. My eyesight has always been 20/20 up until very recently, but my stigmatism has morphed into a fair amount of near sightedness for me and my long-range sight has severely diminished. I have trouble especially at night reading traffic signs until I get right up on them and, therefore, I need corrective lenses to help me see down the road.

Sometimes in our lives we find it hard to look any further than what is right directly in front of us at any given moment. And at times that is exactly what we need to do because sometimes God has put something in front of us that needs our immediate discernment. But, this month starts out with Lent and ends with the beginning of Easter. It starts out with what is front of us and explodes with down the road excitement at Easter.

Many of the people that come into the office seeking assistance from us or the ministerial alliance have developed a sort of near sightedness because it is the immediate need that is always of concern and any long-range concerns need to wait. The short sight for us here at Our Saviour's is Lent and it is the corrective lens needed to clearly see the sign pointing forward, and that sign says, "look out my friends" **Christ is Risen – He is risen indeed!**

We have many opportunities to bless ministries that God has put in front of us here in this place and we give thanks to God for all those opportunities for relationship building through those ministries. May this Easter Season be one of joyful exclamation from Our Saviour's to the people in front of our sights - **CHRIST IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED**

See you in church

Pastor Jeff



# CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 10, 2019

In attendance: Brandon Burnette, Gary Hicks, Martha Landua, Paige Poppe, Rade Radasinovich, Sarah Weissenbuehler and Pr. Jeff Corson; Absent: Robin Bell; Guest: Kathleen Burnette. President Rade Radasinovich called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm. Pastor Corson opened the meeting with prayer.

## Presentation and Review of Minutes and Financial Reports

The minutes of the February 10, 2019 regular meeting of the Council and the February 28, 2019 financial report were distributed to all council members prior to the meeting and formally presented for approval. **Brandon moved to approve the minutes and financial report as presented; second by Gary; motion passed.**

Reports were presented by the following:

Brandon (Fellowship) – A musical, “The Fantastics,” presented at Southeastern Oklahoma State University was enjoyed by six from OSLC on Friday, March 8. The next Fellowship event will be a Game Night at 7pm on Friday, April 5. Attendees are encouraged to attend and to bring games and drinks/snacks to share.

Martha (Secretary) – It has been noticed that at this time no one is responsible for maintaining needed supplies for our fellowship events following worship on each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. A can for free-will offerings is set out during these fellowship times to receive free-will offerings. The Fellowship Committee has in the past selected an individual to use the funds collected to purchase coffee, kids' drinks, plates, cups, etc. as needed. Brandon agreed that his committee will take on this responsibility.

Our Saviour's encourages congregation members to support our community schools and especially Washington Irving Elementary (OSLC's “adopted school”); therefore, flyers are provided on the Narthex entry table pertaining to a fundraiser to be held at Durant's Rib Crib on March 28<sup>th</sup> and a listing of activities for children at the local Library during Spring Break (March 18-22). Plans are to provide a salad luncheon for the faculty and staff at WIES sometime in May. Martha, coordinator of this project, will visit with Mary Morgan, counselor, to choose a date convenient for WI's schedule. Everyone at OSLC will be encouraged to participate by providing various types of salads, crackers and bread.

Sarah (Education) – Sarah gave a brief report concerning ongoing Christian Education programs. The next Family Faith Formation is scheduled for Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The April FFF happens to fall on Easter Sunday this year; therefore, Sarah has requested that it be moved to Palm Sunday, April 14. In order to facilitate this request, the Stewardship Team for April (Poppe/Remshardt) agreed to reschedule the April Fellowships (only) for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays (7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>). The Council meeting will remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (April 14) after church.

Paige (Worship) – The Worship Committee is scheduled to meet March 20; therefore, no new information is available for this meeting. Pastor Jeff mentioned that he encourages everyone to read the “Liturgy Notes” and the “Hymn Notes” on the last 2 pages of our Sunday bulletins for some interesting information concerning the current Season of the Liturgical Year and how he and Joanna use the information in planning worship services.

Gary (Stewardship) – nothing to report at this time.

Robin (Ministries) – no report due to Robin's absence.

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## COUNCIL NOTES

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Jeff submitted a written report. He mentioned that the *Light of Hope* Shelter group has been using the OSLC fellowship hall to hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday community meal; however, due to a special project in the parking lot of the Library that provides showers and washers/dryers for homeless, they moved it there for yesterday’s meal (without notifying OSLC that they would not need our facility). Pr. Jeff will be in contact about the need for them to notify OSLC when there is a change in schedule.

Old/Other Business:

\*First United Bank Parking Lot Project Update: Tabled due to no further progress

\*Update: Pastor Jeff provided copies of the contract with The Green Reef shop for rental of up to four parking spots at OSLC. The Green Reef provided a check in the amount of \$300 for March, April and May.

\*Update: “Safety Training” at the Bryan County Campus of Kiamichi Technology Center: Martha, contact person, was notified by KTC that this training will be scheduled after Spring Break. Martha will call KTC sometime during the week following (March 25-29).

New Business:

Discussion was held concerning recipients for OSLC’s Noisy Offerings for March 31 and June 30. **Gary moved to name Washington Irving Elementary School as recipient for the March 31<sup>st</sup> Noisy Offering; second by Paige; motion passed. Sarah moved to give the June 30 Noisy Offering to New Life House; second by Paige; motion passed.**

Pastor Jeff informed the Council that OSLC may receive a request to hold a grief group for parents who have lost a child.

The organ is being used again after a long hiatus, and Joanna has found that it needs tuning, at the least. The Worship Committee will address this issue at their next meeting on March 20 and make recommendations to the Council at a later Council meeting.

Pr. Jeff will visit with Rhonda Collier and Leslie Flint about hotel reservations and registration for the Synod Assembly to be held the last weekend in April.

**Brandon moved to adjourn the meeting 12:41 pm; second by Gary; motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Landua, Secretary

The next scheduled meeting of the Church Council is Sunday, April 14, 2019 following Worship.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
APRIL**

**6 Chad Gray  
7 Gavin Gray  
8 Lori Gray  
11 Colton Bacu  
12 Nancy Sullivan  
12 Austen Gray  
13 Denton Comer  
14 Paige Poppe  
16 Adam Corson  
19 Owen Bacu  
26 Sophia Corson  
27 Brandon  
Burnette**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
APRIL**

**18 Lori & Chad Gray  
24 Jessica & Sean  
Corbin**

**NOISY OFFERING**

**The June 30<sup>th</sup> Noisy Offering recipient is New Life House.**

**Start saving your coins now.**

**The New Life House is currently in need of paper products such as toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, etc. Please bring to church in the next couple of weeks. Rhonda Collier will deliver our donations to them.**

# OUR SAVIOUR'S GAME NIGHT

**WHAT: OSLC GAME NIGHT**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WHO: EVERYONE**

Brandon and Kathleen Burnette invite you and your guests to an evening of fun and fellowship. There will be a variety of games suitable for all ages to play.

You are welcome to bring some of your own favorite games. Feel free to bring a snack or drink to share.



Game Night will be a casual and fun evening that you won't want to miss. Do come!

If you or a couple of your friends would like to host a future Fellowship Event or have ideas or suggestions for activities, please contact Brandon Burnette, Church Council Fellowship Chair.

Advice from a little girl to her small sister:  
 "Remember the two places you are always welcome—church and Grandma's house."

# WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENT LUNCH

It's almost time for Our Saviour's to host the Wesley Campus Ministry Student Lunch. The date is Thursday, April 18th.

Needed are monetary donations to help purchase the necessary food items for the main entrée. If you would like to donate salad, veggies or cookies, please contact Mary Slice at okslice@att.net or phone

580-924-5998.

If you would like to help serve the food, let Mary know. Food is served from 11 am to 1 pm. If you can only stay for a little while, that's ok.



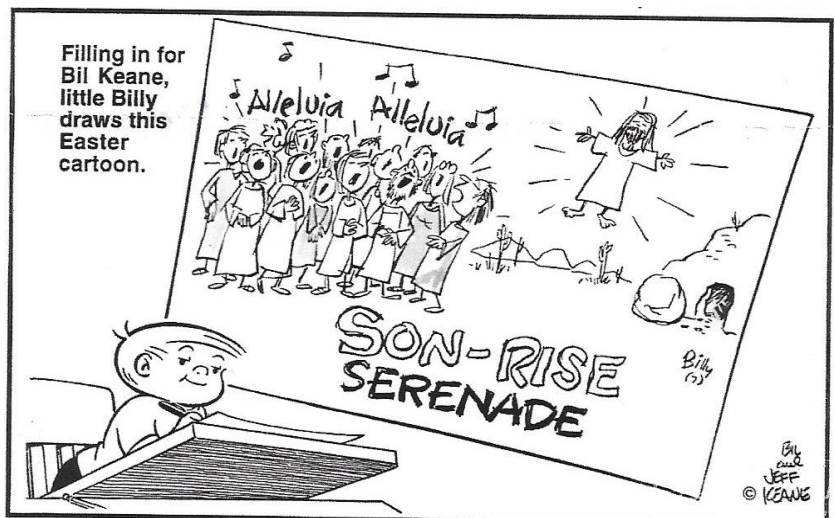
## EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday worship service with communion will be held at 7 pm.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held at 7 pm.

Easter Worship Service at 10:30 am.  
 No Adult Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be held on April 3 and 10th at 6 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7 pm.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will be having a **Sunday School meeting** on **Sunday, April 7**, after church to start thinking about our plans for Sunday School in the fall. Attending the meeting is not a commitment to anything except to be a part of the conversation about how we want to proceed in the fall. Volunteers for the fall will be greatly appreciated, though! Just let me know!

In the meantime, we continue with our current Christian Education offerings as follows.

### **Adult Christian Education (ACE):**

- Sunday mornings from about 9:30 – 10:15 am. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Mark and should be finishing that study shortly after Easter. We will not be meeting on Palm Sunday or Easter but will resume class on April 28. When we finish our study of Mark, I plan to finish off the year with a study of one of the letters of Paul. Feel free to join in any Sunday morning!

### **Family Faith Formation: Dreams and Dreamers of the Bible**

“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.” Acts 2:17

- **Time**: We have two more FFF Sundays planned for this year. A reminder that we meet from approximately 12-2. We gather after church for a light lunch then meet for song, story, and activities to help us learn our stories of faith. Here is the schedule for remaining FFF events:
- **Schedule**:
  - April 14, 2019: Dream of wife of Pontius Pilate – This is Palm Sunday and along with looking at Pilate’s wife’s dream, we will be telling the stories of Holy Week.
  - May 19, 2019: Dreaming dreams

Thanks to all who assist with Family Faith Formation! It would not be possible without the many hands who help with meals, crafts, set up / take down, and those who participate on FFF Sundays to help tell the stories!

Hope to see some of you at the meeting on April 7!

Your sister in Christ,

Sarah Weissenbuehler

## EASTER STORY COOKIES

An activity you can do with your children—especially meaningful on the night before Easter.

### YOU NEED

1 Bible  
 1 cup whole pecans  
 1 tsp. vinegar  
 3 egg whites  
 pinch of salt  
 1 cup sugar  
 zipper baggies  
 wooden spoon  
 wax paper  
 some type of tape

Preheat oven to 300 F. Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with a wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested he was beaten by the Roman Solders. Read John 19:1-3

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent Life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus's followers, and the bitterness of our own sins. Read Luke 23:27

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing.

Add 1 cup sugar.

Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to him. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven **OFF**.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66

**GO TO BED.** Explain that your child may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair and sad when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20-22

On Easter morning open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. Notice that the cookies are hollow. Just as on the first Easter when the stones were rolled away the tomb was empty...**CHRIST IS RISEN - HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 April Fool's Day	2 7am –7pm Durant Municipal Election in Fellowship Hall	3 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	4	5 7pm Game Night in Fellowship Hall	6 Happy B'day Chad Gray
7 9:30 ACE 10:30 Worship & Fellowship  Happy B'day Gavin Gray	8 Happy B'day Lori Gray	9	10 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Prayer	11 Happy B'day Colton Bacu	12 Happy B'day Nancy Sullivan & Austen Gray	13 Happy B'day Denton Comer  1-3pm Light of Hope Community Meal
14 Palm Sunday No ACE 10:30 Worship Noon—FFF & Council Mtg. Happy B'day Paige Poppe	15	16 Happy B'day Adam Corson	17	18 Maundy Thursday—7 pm Worship 11am—1 pm Host Wesley Lunch Happy Ann. Lori & Chad Gray	19 Good Friday 7 pm Tenebrae Service  Happy B'day Owen Bacu	20 10 am Set Up for Easter No Quilter's
21 Easter No ACE 10:30 Worship	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26 Happy B;day Sophia Corson  NT-NL Synod Assembly 26 & 27th	27 Happy B'day Brandon Burnette  2:30 pm Baby Shower for Shantyle Sanchez
28 9:30 ACE 10:30 Worship & Fellowship 3:30 pm Light of Hope Board Mtg.	29	30				

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**EASTER, APRIL 21, 2019**  
**WORSHIP 10:30 AM**







