



OUR SAVIOUR'S NEWS

MARCH 2020

PASTOR'S CORNER

As very soon, we will be joining together in Interim/Transitional Ministry at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, I've been asked to tell you all a bit about who I am and where I come from.

I was born at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and as, what is referred to as a "military brat" grew up moving from place to place to place. Those places include North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. They also include living in Austria as well as living in the Philippines. I graduated from Gordon High School in Decatur, Georgia; Concordia Lutheran College in Austin, Texas; Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. I am currently working on a Doctor of Ministry degree in Leadership and Renewal through Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. My thesis proposal involves the development of a model for small and transitioning congregations to engage self-analysis, mission identification, and planning for the ministry before them in God's future.

Ordained in what was then The American Lutheran Church, now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I served congregations in Saint Petersburg, Florida; Palmyra, Wisconsin; and Cedarburg, Wisconsin. Next, I took what I thought would be a three-year detour as Chaplain in the US Army. To my surprise, that detour extended all the way out to full retirement. Since Army retirement nearly seven years ago, I have served as a Transitional Pastor in four congregations, two in San Antonio, Texas, one in Garden Ridge, Texas, and one in Bandera, Texas.

I met my bride, Jan, at a party in Germany. She is retired from the Army as well and served as an Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill following the Army. Bored with retirement, she is currently completing a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. In our "yours, mine, and our family", we have six daughters, three of whom are adopted. Heather and Jessica live in Saint Petersburg, Florida; Amanda lives in the Baltimore area; Olivia lives in New London, Connecticut; Brittany lives in San Antonio; and Michelle lives nearby on the family ranch outside of Milburn, Oklahoma. We have two granddaughters, Haley and Savannah, and three grandsons, Jason, Jacob, and Reese.

That's enough for now. We will be coming together soon enough, and I will look forward to getting to know you all as together we move out into God's future for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Pax+

The Rev. Timothy Brady Eggleston

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting Minutes
 Sunday, February 9, 2020

In attendance: Robin Bell, Leslie Flint, Lori Gray, Martha Landua, Paige Poppe, Rade Radasinovich and Pr. Jeff Corson; Absent: Gary Hicks

Rade Radasinovich, President, called the meeting to order at 11:56 am. Pastor Corson opened the meeting with prayer.

Presentation and Review of Minutes and Financial Reports:

Minutes of the January 12, 2020 regular meeting and the January 28, 2020 special meeting and the January 31, 2020 Financial Reports were distributed to all council members prior to the meeting and formally presented for approval. **Paige moved to approve the minutes and financial reports as presented; second by Robin; motion passed.**

Reports were presented by the following:

Leslie (Fellowship) – The first fellowship activity of the new year was “Game Night” held Friday, February 7 with twelve in attendance.

Martha (Secretary) – Mary and John Slice have volunteered to coordinate the Washington Irving Adopt-A-School project for 2020.

Lori (Education) – Nothing new to report

Paige (Worship) – The Worship Committee met on January 15th and discussed the Advent and Christmas season services and music, as well as, the beginning of the new service for the Sundays after Epiphany. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18th. Joanna has begun working with the Sunday School youth. Pastor Jeff's last Sunday is February 23. Pastor Charles Meyer will preside at OSLC's Ash Wednesday service on February 26 and Worship services on March 8, 15 and 22. Pr. Kris Totzke will preside at Worship on March 1. Joanna and her family will be leaving Durant (and OSLC) sometime during the summer months as her husband, Josh, has accepted a position at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa

Gary (Stewardship) – Absent

Robin (Ministries) – Nothing to report

Pastor's Report – Pastor Jeff will submit to Council Members his final Pastoral Report at the end of his pastoral duties at OSLC. This report will be added to these minutes as an attachment.

Old/Other Business:

Citizen Response to Active Assailant in Churches (CRAAC): Martha contacted the Durant ISD and was told that the auditorium at Durant Middle School, which seats up to 600 and no fee, could be used for this program; however, there would be a charge for a sound person @ \$30/hour and a custodian @ \$20/hour. Chad Gray received approval from the Elk's Lodge to hold this program in their large room at no charge at all; however, it will seat no more than 250 (by order of the fire marshal). As soon as a date is decided upon by Joe Sebourne (DPD), local churches will be notified of the event for persons 21+ only.

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New Business:

“The Call Process”: This process was discussed with the Council at the January 28, 2020 meeting with Rev. Kris Totzke, Bishop’s Associate, and includes the formation of a “Pastoral Departure Team” and a “Future Directions Team.” It was decided that since OSLC is a small congregation that a “Pastoral Departure Team” will not be necessary. A Pot Luck lunch is already in the planning stages for February 23rd following worship to honor Pr. Jeff, Sarah and family. Martha will advertise this event via bulletins and mass e-mails to the congregation. The “Future Directions Team” will be formed sometime after Pr. Brady Eggleston begins his interim ministry at OSLC.

Pr. Brady Eggleston will meet with the Council on Tuesday, February 11th, 6:00 PM to discuss, formulate and sign the “Covenant for Interim Ministry” between OSLC and Pr. Eggleston.

The following schedule is planned for February 26 (Ash Wednesday) and Sundays, March 1, 8, 15 & 22. Pr. Charles Meyer will preside at Worship on February 26 and March 8, 15 & 22; Pr. Kris Totzke will preside at Worship on March 1. The Holden Evening Prayer service will be used during our Lenten Services on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1.

Appointment of a Vice-President for 2020: Robin moved to appoint Leslie Flint as Vice-President during 2020; second by Paige; motion passed.

Designation of Recipient of the March 29 Noisy Offering: Robin moved to designate J127 as the recipient of the March 29 Noisy Offering; second by Paige; motion passed.

Appointment of a Property Coordinator: Since Pr. Jeff can no longer fill this position, Paige moved to appoint Robin Bell as Property Coordinator for the year 2020; second by Leslie; motion passed.

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 16 immediately following Worship to elect delegates to the NT-NL Synod Assembly.

Light of Hope Board: The *Light of Hope* normally provides a meal at OSLC Fellowship Hall on the second Saturday of each month. In April that date is the 11th, which is Holy Saturday. Since the Fellowship space will be needed for Easter Sunday preparations, the LOH Board agreed to move their meal to April 4. The Board requested permission to also hold a Garage Sale on that same date. Lori moved to deny a request by the Light of Hope Board to hold a garage sale at OSLC; second by Paige; motion passed.

Pastor Jeff reported that the Sign Depot have been hired to repair OSLC’s sign. Most likely, and hopefully, changing out the ballasts and replacing bulbs should solve the problem. They will notify Pr. Jeff if they find more wrong that might lead to repair costs of over \$500.

Rade called for a motion to adjourn. Robin moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm; second by Paige; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Landua, Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Council will be on Sunday, March 8, 2020, following Worship & Fellowship.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARCH**

**7 Gunner
Noltkamper
9 Skip Lamb
23 Terry Martin
24 Linda Brown
27 Brandon Iker
27 Miriam
Nannestad**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
MARCH**

**1 Bettie & Ismael
Hernandez**

**LENTEN WORSHIP
SERVICES & SOUP
SUPPERS**

The Rev. Charles Meyer will preside at the Feb. 26 Ash Wed. service at 7 pm and at the 10:30 am Morning Worship Services on March 8, 15, and 22nd.

Pastor Kris Totzke will preside at Worship on March 1 at 10:30 am.

Soup Suppers will be held on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Holden Evening Prayer Service will follow at 7 pm.

Can you provide soup, crackers or dessert? A sign-up sheet is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENT LUNCH

Our Saviour's is hosting the SOSU Wesley Campus Ministry Student Lunch on Thursday, March 26th at the Wesley Center

Our congregation has hosted this event once each semester for many years.

Your help is appreciated and needed to make this meal a success each time we host it.

How can you help? You can help monetarily by donating funds to help purchase the necessary ingredients to make the entrée and other food items not donated. Food donations include veggies,

salad and/or dessert, such as cookies, brownies or a few apples or bananas.



Volunteers are also needed to help serve the food that day. The timeframe is from 10:30 am, so everything is ready before the first students arrive at 11 am, to approximately 1:30 pm or when clean-up is completed.

Please contact Mary Slice, our congregation's coordinator for this event, to let her know how you can help by calling 580-924-5998, email okslice@att.net or tell her at church.

Mary and the hungry college students and faculty who eat with us on March 26th, thank you for however you can help.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following the worship service on February 16th, Our Saviour's held a special congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the Our Saviour's delegates to the April 24 & 25th NT-NL Synod Assembly to be held at Paul Quinn College in Dallas, TX. Participants may make room reservations at the Lorenzo Hotel.

Carter Moore graciously agreed to attend the Assembly as our delegate and was unanimously elected. Thank you in advance for your service, Carter.

We are allowed to have one other person attend as a delegate with Carter. If this is something you would like and be able to attend, please let one of our council members know asap. Contact Rade Radasinovich, Leslie Flint, Martha Landua, Gary Hicks, Robin Bell, Paige Poppe or Lori Gray today. Your registration and hotel is paid by Our Saviour's.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the ministry of the ELCA and the NT-NL Synod plus to meet fellow Lutherans. Please give prayerful consideration to be an Our Saviour's delegate.

WE WELCOME THE REV. CHARLES MEYER AS OUR SUPPLY PASTOR ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND MARCH 8, 15 & 22nd.

WE WELCOME NT-NL BISHOP ASSISTANT, THE REV. KRIS TOTZKE ON MARCH 1, AS THE PRESIDING MINISTER.

WE WELCOME THE REV. TIMOTHY BRADY EGGLESTON, WHO WILL BE JOINING US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS OUR INTERIM MINISTER, AND HIS WIFE JAN.

OUR SAVIOUR'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Dallas Area Metroplex North Conference of the NT-NL Synodical Women's Organization is holding their 9th annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 28, 2020, with guest speaker the Rev. Linda Anderson-Little. The theme is "Just Love." A variety of Breakout Sessions will be held and there will also be SERRV and Free Trade Products available to purchase.

The Retreat will be held at Preston Meadow Lutheran Church, Plano, TX. Registration, which includes your lunch, begins at 8:30 am and the retreat closes with worship & communion at 4 pm.

Our Saviour's Women of the ELCA will pay your registration fee if given to Martha Landua by March 8, 2020. Registration forms are posted on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board. Pick one up, fill it out and give to Martha. Simple enough!

Those attending can carpool, if desired, from Our Saviour's at 7:15 am on the morning of March 28th.

Each registrant gets one chance at a free Tri-Ennial Gathering registration! The Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Phoenix, Arizona July 16-19, 2020. Maybe you will be the lucky winner!

EASTER LILLIES

Each year our chancel and nave are adorned with beautiful Lily plants.

In mid-March, order forms will be provided for you to purchase one or more Lilies. Cost is not confirmed as of this time but usually run around \$15.

Orders can be given to Martha Landua.



NOISY OFFERING

Save your coins for the March 29th Noisy Offering! Cash & checks are also appreciated. The church council has chosen the J127 ministry as the March recipient.

J127 helps 18 year old foster children who age out of foster care. J127 currently is in the process of building a home for young women to stay until they are able to help themselves.



SALADS! SALADS! SALADS! Salads of all types, sizes, and colors will be needed for the annual Washington Irving Elementary School Faculty & Staff Spring Appreciation Luncheon that will be held this year on Tuesday, May 12th. Get out those recipe books and decide what kind of salad (s) you want to provide this year. More information will be given in future newsletters.

Mary and John Slice have taken over for Martha Landua as the WI project coordinators. If you have any suggestions on how we can help our adopted elementary school, please let them know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ACE will continue as usual in the month of March. Lori Gray, newly-elected Council Representative for Evangelism through Education, will lead the ACE class, due to the move of Sarah Weissenbuehler. Robin Bell and Peggy Milks remain as co-leaders of the youth Sunday School. Lori welcomes any one who would like to help with leading classes and/or to be part of the Education Committee. Your suggestions and ideas are always appreciated.

A LOOK BACK AT OUR SAVIOUR'S HISTORY

We have been looking back at the history of Our Saviour's since April 17, 1955 when the first service for Lutherans in this area was held in the District Courtroom. We've read that Our Saviour's was organized on December 20, 1959 (60 years ago) with 50 confirmed members and sixteen child members. This month we are going to learn more history after January 1, 1980. Here goes:

Things were looking good for Our Saviour's during this time. In 1980 the property across the ally, behind the church, was purchased for additional parking for \$7,500.00. In 1981 the balcony of the church was opened for additional seating space for \$10,357.00. *(No, the balcony didn't originally come with the church!)* A sign was erected in front of the church in 1981 and a dedication service for the balcony, parking lot and church sign was held on August 30, 1981

In 1982 the parsonage at 1102 Waco Street was sold for \$43,482.00. This made possible the purchase of a house and lot just east of the church for \$35,000.00. This house was converted into a Sunday School annex and in later years was used as a nursery and Clothes Closet. As the decade progressed, worship attendance climbed to over 150 people per week. This rapid growth was expected to continue, and so as they became available, additional adjacent properties on the block were purchased.

The vision was to use the two properties on Main Street to the east of the current facility to build a large new sanctuary that could comfortably seat up to 300 people; the current facility was to be converted into fellowship space. The properties on Evergreen Street were eventually to be used for parking after the debt was eliminated. The outlook for the future looked good for Our Saviour's.

In December of 1987, Pastor August Homburg, Jr. retired due to poor health. With the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on January 1, 1988, Our Saviour's chose to be a part of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod (ELCA).

Pastor Wilburn Ahlrich was called to serve as pastor from August, 1988 through January, 1989.

In 1989, J.W. Lindley Construction Co. was awarded the contract to build the exterior portion of the second story educational addition for \$24,211.39. Stan Swan was awarded the contract to finish the interior portion of the education addition for \$21,696.00 in 1990. The educational addition was dedicated in 1990. *(No, Our Saviour's didn't always have a second story for Sunday School rooms, etc.)*

Next month we will look at more 90's history of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.....



Yours truly, Mary Slice, working at the Loaves & Fishes Store on Nov. 3, 1993. This store was in the basement of the old Post Office building on Evergreen Street. Our Saviour's members manned the store for a full week on a rotating basis with other area churches for many years. This was a very isolated area with only one way in and out—dangerous in our current day and age. We usually had 2 people working. The Store was later moved to the East Side Presbyterian Church facility after that church closed. It remained there until the Loaves & Fishes program shut down due to several other local programs giving out food & Families Feeding Families was formed. It was deemed not needed any longer by Big Five (who helped finance the program) and the Loaves & Fishes Board.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 SS & ACE 10:30 Worship Happy Ann. Bettie & Ismael Hernandez	2	3 7am-7pm PPP Election in Fellowship Hall	4 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Service	5	6	7 Happy B'day Gunner Noltkamper
8 Daylight Sav- ings Time Be- gins 9:30 SS & ACE 10:30 Worship & Fellowship & Council Mtg.	9 Happy B'day Skip Lamb	10	11 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Service	12	13	14 1-3pm Light of Hope Meal & Board Mtg.
15 9:30 SS & ACE 10:30 Worship	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 5:30pm Worship Comm. Mtg. 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Service	19	20	21
22 9:30 SS & ACE 10:30 Worship & Fellowship	23 Happy B'day Terry Martin	24 Happy B'day Linda Brown	25 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Holden Evening Service	26 11am-1:30pm OSLC Hosts Wesley Student Lunch	27 Happy B'day Brandon Iker & Miriam Nannestad	28 8:30-4pm DAMN NTNL SWO Retreat, Plano, TX
29 Noisy Offering 9:30 SS & ACE 10:30 Worship	30	31				

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 8! SET CLOCKS FORWARD!
NOISY OFFERING RECIPIENT IS J127 MINISTRY!**

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SOUP SUPPERS: MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 & APRIL 1 AT 6 P.M.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 & APRIL 1 AT 7 P.M.

