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Our Savior Lutheran Church

Mesquite, TX

June 2019

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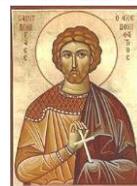
## NEED A SUMMER VACATION?

Come sail with us across the ocean to meet the heroes of faith who shaped the Bible and who shape our lives even today. We'll go to faraway places and hear exotic stories of rare courage in a ...

### SUMMER LINEUP OF SAINTS!

The heat of the day is over, the summer breeze settles in, and the saints gather with us for our 5:30 PM Summer Sunday Evening Services. Join us for a refreshing end to the weekend and a renewing start to the week. Our study of the saints will celebrate the Feast Days of these witnesses to the Word of God who made the Bible come to life for their world ... and for ours! Here's the summer lineup of saints:

**June 2 – Boniface** – Known as the Apostle of Germany, Boniface faced down Norse legend, a Sacred Oak, and the Battle Axe ... but he never backed down from a chance to lift up the Word of God—even if it meant using that very Bible to be his last resting place.

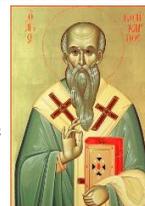


**June 9 – Columba, Aiden, and Bede** – When the world went dark, the light of a candlestick shone through the Middle Ages from a cold, dark stone Scriptorium in North Umbria. That light was the Word of God, and the bearers of that light were named Columba, Aiden, and Bede.

**June 16 – Charlemagne and Wycliffe** – Is Charlemagne a saint? Roman Catholics can't seem to decide, but we'll let his witness speak for itself ... for without Charlemagne's fervent desire to illumine the Bible's message, we might still be stuck in the Dark Ages—or still reading the Bible in Latin if it weren't for John Wycliffe, "The Morningstar of the Reformation".

**June 23 – Tyndale** – On the run, in the prison, before the King, Wycliffe never stopped translating the Bible. This beloved saint is the source of the beloved King James translation of the Bible ... and Martin Luther had a part to play in his extraordinary journey.

**June 30 – Irenaeus** – Standing in the line of the Apostle John and Bishop Polycarp, Irenaeus was the first to propose a serious and thoughtful collection of New Testament books. In so doing, he helped to shape the teaching of our faith and the doctrines of the Church.



**July 7 – Hus** – 100 years before Martin Luther, this saint foresaw a "swan" who would proclaim the freedom of the Gospel. On this July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend celebrating Freedom, let's meet the man after whom Martin Luther was nicknamed "The Saxon Hus" after the Leipzig Debate. Hus ended up giving his life for the freedom of the Gospel.

**July 14 – Melancthon, Karlstadt, and Luther** – The stage is set our first Reformation 500 event in 2019—the Leipzig Debate. Your all-expenses-paid trip to Auerbach's Keller will give you a front row seat to one of history's greatest debates. Come cheer on good ole Marty Luther against the villainous Dr. Eck!



*Can't make it on a lazy Summer Sunday morning? Just got in from vacation ... or camping? We understand, but no need to worry! The 5:30 service may be just what you need if you can't make it Sunday morning ... or if you did make it Sunday morning, but would like even more fellowship and a relaxing time of worship to cap off your weekend. (Let Pastor know if you'd like to play one of the saints!)*

*Every Sunday evening we'll have a Feast of Potluck Food to celebrate the Festival Days of the beloved saints; but, the greatest feast of all is the nourishing Good News of a Bible that still fills our deepest hungers—thanks to the lives of these bold and faithful saints. Germany, Scotland, England, France, Czechoslovakia! Come travel with us Summer Sunday evenings with the Saints of Our Savior!*



## Upcoming Summer Celebrations

There are no summer doldrums at OSL! As soon as school's out, the festivities kick in! June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Annual Summer Picnic. Details will follow, but we try to turn the Bethlehem house backyard into a fellowship, funhouse, and cookout. And right in the middle of summer comes the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther's Leipzig Debate with Johann Eck. We'll turn Our Savior into Auerbachs Keller, the Leipzig inn and pub where Luther stayed and often discussed debate strategy with his cohorts. Who won the debate? You will win if you join us on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm to offer a toast to good ole' Marty Luther and another 500 Reformation event.

## GETTING "RED-DY" FOR PENTECOST—JUNE 9

On Pentecost, the color of the day is RED for fire of the Spirit and the power of the Church. You can help make it a RED-LETTER Day by...



1. WEARING RED! Red slacks, red dress, red hat, red shoes, shirt, tie, coat, sock... Let's turn it into a crimson celebration and make it shine!
2. BRINGING RED FLOWERS! Geraniums, roses, carnations, caladiums, or anything from your garden, the flower shop, or even those wild flowers across the street! Bring a potted plant, arrange a bouquet, get cuttings from the florist, but help us "DO IT UP RED" to decorate the worship area.

*(If you can read another language, let Pastor know soon!)  
Wear Red, Bring Red, and get Red-dy to celebrate Pentecost!*



## Fit to be Tied! June 16

Who says ties are out of fashion? Father's Day at Our Savior will look like a tie convention! We'll have gaudy ties, tacky ties, wacky ties, and just plain ugly ties, modeled by some of the most fashionable men on the planet—the men of Our Savior! So eat your heart out GQ!

**The Ugly Tie Contest is back for another year!** And we're guaranteed to outdo the most outlandish fashions ever witnessed. Come on men of Our Savior! Root through your closets and answer the call. Every tie—no matter how tasteless or tacky—is fit to be tied.

## COUNCIL CORNER – JUNE 2019

By the time most of you read this our annual Congregational Picnic will be in the books. Pastor will be holding a reformation 500 event in July, so the next big event will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 15.

We will be holding an organization planning meeting for the 50<sup>th</sup> in early June so it's not too late to sign up to assist with the planning and execution. It's going to be a BIG, SPECIAL event so council needs a lot of **HELP**. Please sign up in the centrum, contact me (214-763-9069, [dande75043@tx.rr.com](mailto:dande75043@tx.rr.com)) to volunteer. If you've kept up with any of our former members who we may not have current addresses, please contact the church office with their new address.

The results of the worship service survey have been tabulated and discussed in the May council meeting. The majority of the responses favored going to a single service, however the preference was not overwhelming. I noted a trend that those who attend the 8:30 service generally preferred that we remain with two services, those attending the 11:00 service preferred that we go to a single service, though at an earlier time (10:00 was most prominent). After a lot of discussion, council decided to remain with two morning services.

## Mother's Day Out...

is currently enrolling for summer session which begins on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-2:30pm during the summer months. Children aged 10 months through 10 years can join in the Fun and Learning! Call now to register—972-226-0523.



# Our Savior Lutheran Graduates 2019

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- Jaylen Freeman: Graduated Salutatorian from Adamson High School (Dallas, TX). He received a full scholarship from SMU and will major in Forensic Accounting and minor in Civil Rights along with walking on to their football team. (Junior Achievement of Dallas Student of the Year, 1st Team All State Academic-Football)
- Kelsey Griffin: Graduated from Bishop Kelly High School (Tulsa, OK) as class Valedictorian. She will be majoring in Neuroscience and Government at Harvard.
- Patricia Oates: Graduated from Tom Bean High School (Tom Bean, TX) and will major in Mechanical Engineering.

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

- Rachel Shafer: Graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of North Texas with a BA in International Studies with a concentration in Security and Diplomacy. She has been awarded a Fulbright Grant and will spend the 2019-2020 academic year in Tel Aviv, Israel teaching English at Shenkar College of Engineering and Design.

## Nancy's Health Notes

What if???? What if???

How many times have you said that? What if I had gone to college? What if I had married my high school sweetheart? What if I had taken the job in Europe instead of staying here?

We are faced with decisions about every aspect of our lives. This starts early and continues through the life cycle. Some decisions are based on common sense and some are spur of the moment.

There is no absolute formula to learn how to make a decision. As young children, our parents or other adults make most of our decisions. Gradually parents will allow children to make simple decisions such as what shirt to wear or what juice to drink.

As individuals are exposed to more complex situations, many factors come into play. We see how friends make decisions and sometimes witness how those decisions resulted in poor outcomes.

Some decisions, even when well thought out, may not have good outcomes, but it does not result in an individual never making another decision. One can learn from the situation and adjust future decisions.

One factor that influences a decision is commitment—being dedicated to a cause or activity. For instance, if an individual is committed to finding a cure for brain tumors, they make decisions to strengthen that activity. Some individuals are fearful of any type of commitment and the result can be isolation or chaos. They become incapable of making decisions involving even the simplest aspects of life.

Careers, relationships and religious beliefs are all affected by commitments we have to these aspects of our lives. Being able to stop and think before a decision is made has the potential to improve the quality of life.

At this time of year, students are making decisions that will influence the remainder of their lives. Are they committed to a purpose that they improve life for children in a different country; work toward a more ethical society; develop a piece of machinery that improved productivity? Hopefully, the “What if?” in their futures will have positive outcomes.

Congratulations to all graduates!

*Nancy Wilson, RN, FCN*



**Flix for Faith:** The balcony is open for our Summer Film Festival provided enough people sign up. We'll show 3 films about running the race of faith for each month of summer. We'll decide the exact dates once you sign up in the centrum. Friday nights at 7pm are the showtimes with popcorn and light potluck food served at 6:30pm.

# BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name
1	Laurie George
3	Thane Katz
	Kel Schultz
6	Kyle Furr
9	Larry Bolding
10	David Williams
11	Kim Phares
12	Chip Cannon
	Sonja Conoly
14	Bill Hutchinson
	Brenda Skyles
15	Paula Hutchinson
	Carson Williams
16	Chuck Philbrick
	Clinton Turner
17	Barbara Kratus
18	Jeanne Krause
21	Pat Mangham
	Mike Phares
22	Joshua Davis
23	Jim Davis
25	Peggy Nessman
27	Jamie Nivens
29	Anthony Valasquez

# JUNE



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
3	Joel & Debbie Jacobs	13
14	Arne & Joan Hauge	61
15	Gordon & Bonnie Johnston	56
16	Christopher & Beth Drews	12
16	Todd & Kara Ranta	17
17	Neil & Brenda Gerold	47
30	John & Veronica Ernst	23

# BAPTISMS

Date	Name
1	Marshall Hocker
	Mary Stovall
	Tino Williams
2	Catherine Lubben
4	Logan Jacobs
5	Lisa White
	Becky Williams
6	Jill Furr
7	Betsy Brockmann
10	Paula Hutchinson
12	Debbie Zimmermann
15	Paul Cross
	Bonnie Folkmann
16	Mike Phares
	Rachel Phares
18	Marynell Murphree
21	Xander Nivens
23	Thane Katz
28	Larry Bolding



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	6/9-6/23		6/30-7/14	
	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lois Schelter	Randy Peterson	Mark Murray	Chip Cannon
<b>Greeter</b>	Jackie Howk	Nicholas McCabe	Michael Lubben	Lou Mazza
	Darren Mann	Patti Preas	Cynthia Lubben	Marie Mazza
<b>Ushers</b>	Thane Katz	James Bartosh	Debbie Lonon	Nicholas McCabe
	Dave Shafer	Jon Cook	Earl Herndon	Patti Preas
<b>Reader</b>	Betsy Brockmann	Mike Phares	Betsy Brockmann	Jeanne Krause
<b>Communion</b>	Debbie Lonon	Richard Mastin	Michael Lubben	Jon Cook
<b>Assistants</b>	Mark Murray	Shari Murphy	Cynthia Lubben	Debbie Zimmermann

## ACOLYTES

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	July 7
8:30am	Yiyaine F.	Marie V.	Yiyaine F.	Marie V.	Yiyaine F.	Marie V.
	Haidyn J.	Alicia V.	Haidyn J.	Alicia V.	Haidyn J.	Alicia V.
11:00	Olivia R.	Joshua E.	Jeremy R.	Olivia R.	Joshua E.	Jeremy R.
		Jonathan E.	Jesse R.		Jonathan E.	Jesse R.

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Sunday Worship—8:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

Sunday School—9:45am

Pastor—John Schelter

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With “Hamilton” in the headlines and musicals like “Les Misérables” still ringing in our ears, is there any room for another show-stopping blockbuster? Well move over Broadway. Coming to Our Savior this July 14<sup>th</sup> is “Luther in Leipzig: The Musical.” With soaring vistas to sweep you off your feet, escalating crescendos of climactic drama, “Luther in Leipzig” may surpass them all! Well, perhaps not... but we’d like to give you and yours a free pass to the hottest ticket in town. “Luther in Leipzig” is the premier Reformation 500 event in 2019.

Our musical extravaganza will unfold with a potluck dinner theater at 5:30. The Leipzig Debate was on the cutting edge of Luther’s ever-developing faith and theology. It was also the occasion for many “firsts” that still define Lutherans today. Come walk the red carpet with us for the world premier of “Luther in Leipzig.” (Guests are more that welcome to share the spotlight, but please sign up in the centrum for yourself and invited friends)

# June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Each Sunday</b> 8:30am Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 5:30pm Worship Service						1 9:00am Men's Basketball
2 12:30 Congregation Picnic BBQ	3 7:00pm Lesson Study	4	5	6	7	8 9:00am Men's Basketball
9 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 12:30pm Council Meeting	10 7:00pm Lesson Study	11 9:30am Mother's Day Out	12	13 9:30am Mother's Day Out	14	15 9:00am Men's Basketball
16 <i>Father's Day Ugly Tie Contest</i> 12:30pm Nursing Home Service	17 7:00pm Lesson Study	18 9:30am Mother's Day Out 10:00am NED Conference	19 7:00pm Safety Meeting	20 9:30am Mother's Day Out	21	22 9:00am Men's Basketball
23 Scouts 1-5pm	24 7:00pm Lesson Study	25 9:30am Mother's Day Out	26	27 9:30am Mother's Day Out	28	29 9:00am Men's Basketball
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