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# CONNECTION

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Our Savior Lutheran Church

Mesquite, TX

May 2019

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## “THE STORE THAT HAS EVERYTHING”

Lander’s Mercantile was not your typical hardware store. You didn’t really walk into Lander’s just to buy faucet fixtures.

Landers didn’t just sell things.

It built relationships.

For 126 years, “since 1889,” Lander’s built relationships in our community.

For 126 years, on the corner of Town East and Belt Line, it was “the store that has everything.”

After a fire in 1994, Lander’s Mercantile was the store that lost everything. But it was rebuilt and changed its name to Kearny’s Store. But it did not change its identity, its charm, and its sense of history. Unfortunately, Kearny’s Store closed three years ago. It couldn’t compete with the Wal-Marts, Lowe’s, and Home Depots. Kearny’s Store closed its doors and now sits as a ghostly presence on an empty lot. After 126 years, it is a great loss.

But the loss is not only Kearny’s Store. The loss is a loss to our community. No computerized hyper-hardware store with mega-inventory, headquartered in Atlanta, marketed in New York, can replace what Kearny’s stocked on its shelves.

Its aisles were crowded with stories. On its rafter hung memories.

Women’s shoes from the 20’s... hand-crafted saddles... sewing drawers with antique spools of thread... nuts and bolts of all sizes...

On the day it closed, people spontaneously shared stories.

“Remember when Scootum had Bar-B-Q for everyone on Kearny’s 100th Anniversary?” “The best market for farming needs in the Mesquite area!” “They always let the kids pet the ponies and sheep on Sunday afternoons.”

Kearny’s was more than a general store. It was a landmark that offered a sense of community and identity and pride.

Kearny’s is gone now. It cannot be replaced. Can the same be said of Our Savior Lutheran Church?

If Our Savior were gone tomorrow, would anyone notice?

Are we a landmark of identity and belonging for our community?

Does the motto on our “store front” offer welcome? What do we stock on our shelves? Do we “sell things” or build relationships with God?

In just a few months, Our Savior too will celebrate 50 years of service to our community. Will the community be filled with memories and stories of how Our Savior made a difference in their lives? What we do now will tell the story of Our Savior well into the next several decades.

Not that we can do a 50-year plan of course, or that we can be “the church that has everything,” but we can be the “store” that gives community and identity and belonging.

Kearny’s was “the store that has everything.” Now it is gone.

But Our Savior is just beginning. Our Savior is not just a “general store.”

It is a community landmark lifting high the cross of Christ—since 1969.





## International Potluck Dinner

We will be having our first International Dinner on **May 5 at 5:30 PM**. It will be a potluck unlike the potlucks we've ever had before. We are encouraging attendees to bring dishes which reflect their family heritage from around the world, labeling each dish and its country of origin. *If possible, bring a small flag (about 2 inches wide) to be placed on the world map to help people identify the country.* We already anticipate dishes from Germany, India, Jamaica, Africa, and others. Please use the sign-up sheet in the church lobby to indicate your participation. If you'd like to attend and can't bring a dish, "No Problem Mon", please know you're invited too. We hope to see you there.

## 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 strategies 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.

*Wear Red, Bring Red, and get Red-dy to celebrate Pentecost!*

## ABOUT THE APOCRYPHA

Ever wondered why Roman Catholics have more books in their Bible than Lutherans? We're studying those books that fell between the Old and New Testaments in the Adult Sunday Class. Come join in the choir room.



## 2019 Seniors

We will feature our proud Seniors in next month's newsletter. If we have not contacted you for stats, please email the church at [oslmesquite@gmail.com](mailto:oslmesquite@gmail.com) or call the church office at 972-226-0510.



## 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.



## Nancy's Health Notes

Have you ever wanted to volunteer for some event but felt that you didn't know how? There are multiple areas that are seeking volunteers. Organizations orient new volunteers and help them learn the ropes and skills needed—they want the volunteers to succeed.



Volunteering is not about making money. Volunteering is about giving contributing, and helping an individual and the community at large by working with others to accomplish a goal. When volunteering you are thinking about others. The volunteer often gains more than the people or project you are helping. It can be an opportunity to learn more about your abilities, learn new skills and meet a new diverse population. The volunteer may see how this growth provides new career choices. The volunteer gains an awareness of looking at the world that can broaden the horizon.

Volunteering can help individuals improve self-esteem and confidence by accomplishing something you never thought you could. The skills and relationships you gain act as a foundation to build upon for the rest of your life.

The core values found in volunteering include compassion, dignity, diversity, respect, trust, the power of teamwork, integrity and accountability. Volunteering is a ministry of service.



Some areas that need volunteers are schools—reading to young students mentoring middle and high school students. Nursing homes welcome visitors as many residents have no family to visit. Libraries, animal shelters, committees in governmental agencies are only a few possibilities. Don't forget the need for volunteers in church. OSL has many opportunities.

Volunteers don't always have the time—they just have the heart.

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.” W. Churchill

Wherever you turn you can find someone who needs you. Do something even if little not for pay but the privilege of doing it. We don't live in a world all of our own.

A special thanks to the choir and Kathryn for the beautiful music on Palm Sunday and Easter services. FANTASTIC! Remember the choir members volunteer.

*Nancy Wilson, RN, FCN*

### COUNCIL CORNER – MAY 2019

**Thank  
You!**

Hope that everyone had a joyous Easter season.

Loretta and I and the entire council would like to express our appreciation to everyone who made it out to the church cleanup on April 13. We especially appreciate all of the work done by the Boy Scouts.

Thanks to the stormy weather, the Rodeo Parade was cancelled on Friday afternoon. Disappointing in that we were planning on really kicking off the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration for the church. Put September 15 on all of your calendars for the big celebration. If anyone wants to help with the planning please contact me or a council member. Plans are for lunch after services to celebrate.

Upcoming events:

International Potluck at the 5:30pm evening service on May 5. Bring something from where your family comes from.

Congregation Picnic after 11:00 service on June 2. Bring side dishes and desserts, Bar-B-Que meats will be provided.

\*\*Remember to start getting the word out about the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration.



# Birthdays

Date	Name
1	Herb Salmons
5	Marshall Hocker Bobbie NoLan
6	Rhonda Owens
7	Ryan DeShazo
	Gregory Folkmann
8	Marynell Murphree
9	Jordan Castilleja
10	Liam Lancaster
11	Ashlyn Williams
12	Vanessa Wood
13	Shari Murphy
14	Clinton Murphree
16	Paul Cross
20	Gabriel Rice
21	Remona Kurt
22	Elena Bohling
23	Denise Bartosh
24	Brian Murphy
25	James Bartosh
26	Carolos Cisneros Bobbie Jean McClatchey Nicholas Zaragoza
28	Karley Lewis
29	Christina Gipson
30	Helen Henson
31	Brynna Williams

# May



## Wedding Anniversaries

Date	Years
15	Jerry & Kaethe Combs 57
26	Jon & Beth Cook 1
26	Ken & Paula Hester 47
27	Steven & Kelly Belz 24
27	George & Bobbie NoLan 52
31	Carlos & Barbara Cisneros 44

# Baptisms

Date	Name
1	Cindy Nash
4	Rigo Chavez
8	Corbin Zimmermann
10	Christie Nash
11	Tessie Murphy
14	Jessica Davis
16	Elena Conoly Lou Mazza Timothy Murphy Baerbel Williams
19	Ann Williams
21	Rosa Cisneros
23	Harrison Helm Kirk Helm Charles Skyles
25	Michael Anthony Christa Schelter
29	Connor Nash
30	Clinton Murphree
31	Paige Furr



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	4/28-5/12		5/19-6/2	
	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Lois Schelter	Randy Peterson	Mark Murray	Chip Cannon
<b>Greeter</b>	Herb Salmons Rita Salmons	Jerry Combs Kaethe Combs	Paul Cross Karen Staton	Eleanor Adix Edda Farrell
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Hall Bonnie Johnston	David Anderson Jon Cook	Michael Lubben Cynthia Lubben	Dennis Chubbs Matt Chubbs
<b>Reader</b>	Michael Lubben	Shari Murphy	Steven Belz	Lisa Holmes
<b>Communion</b>	Paula Fincher	Jon Cook	Carol Murray	Marie Mazza
<b>Assistants</b>	Thane Katz	Debbie Zimmermann	Dave Shafer	Henry Williams

## ACOLYTES

	April 28	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
8:30am	Marie V. Alicia V.	Haidyn J. Yiyaine F.	Marie V. Alicia V.	Yiyaine F. Haidyn J.	Marie V. Alicia V.	Yiyaine F. Haidyn J.
11:00	Madison R. Jeremy R.	Olivia R. Caroline F.	Joshua E. Jonathan E.	Cole R. Jesse R.	Madison R. Jeremy R.	Olivia R. Caroline F.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><u>Each Sunday</u>            8:30am Worship Service            9:45am Sunday School            11:00am Worship Service            5:30pm Worship Service</p>		<p>9:30am            Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>1            7:30pm            Confirmation Class</p>	<p>2            9:30am Mother's Day Out            10:30am Granny Group</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4            9:00am Men's Basketball</p>
<p>5            5:30pm            International Potluck Dinner             1-5pm Scouts Meeting</p>	<p>6            7:00 Lesson Study</p>	<p>7            9:30am            Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>8            7:30pm            Confirmation Class</p>	<p>9            9:30am Mother's Day Out            10:30am Granny Group</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11            9:00am Men's Basketball</p>
<p>12            Mother's Day</p>	<p>13            7:00 Lesson Study</p>	<p>14            9:30am            Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>15            7:30pm            Confirmation Class</p>	<p>16            9:30am Mother's Day Out            10:30pm Granny Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18            9:00am Men's Basketball             Eagle Scout's Ceremony</p>
<p>19            12:30pm            Council Meeting</p>	<p>20            7:00 Lesson Study</p>	<p>21            9:30am            Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>22            7:30pm            Confirmation Class</p>	<p>23            9:30am Mother's Day Out            10:30am Granny Group</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25            9:00am Men's Basketball</p>
<p>26            12:30pm            Nursing Home Service</p>	<p>27            7:00 Lesson Study</p>	<p>28            9:30am            Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>29            7:30pm            Confirmation Class</p>	<p>30            9:30am Mother's Day Out            10:30am Granny Group</p>	<p>31</p>	

