

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

The Messenger

April 2022

Worship Services

8:00 AM – TRADITIONAL
9:00 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM – CONTEMPORARY

Pastor's Message

Prayer Can Make a Difference

On February 15, 1947, Glenn Chambers boarded a plane bound for Quito, Ecuador to begin his ministry in missionary broadcasting. But he never arrived. In a horrible moment, the plane carrying Chambers crashed into a mountain peak and spiraled downward. Later it was learned that before leaving the Miami airport, Chambers wanted to write his mother a letter. All he could find for stationery was a page of advertising on which was written the single word "WHY?" Around that word he hastily scribbled a final note. After Chambers' mother learned of her son's death, his letter arrived. She opened the envelope, took out the paper, and unfolded it. Staring her in the face was the question "WHY?"

Most of us are asking that same question about Putin's War on Ukraine. Why, Lord? James 4:1-3 gives us a very simple but profound answer. There God says, "**What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.**" Clearly, Putin desires more power so he kills the people of Ukraine to get it.

As I watch news reports and see soldiers, mothers and children killed and millions leaving Ukraine, I wonder what can I do? I feel helpless and I'm sure most of us do as well. But there is one thing we can do for the people of Ukraine. We can pray for them.

You might be saying that won't do any good but may I remind you that James also tells us, **"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."** (James 5:16) Elijah, who was a person just like us shut up the heavens for three and a half years because he prayed.

Remember Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:12, **"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."** Notice Paul said there are spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

The book of Daniel confirms this spiritual reality as well. The angel bringing the answer to Daniel's prayer for understanding was delayed by the angelic prince of Persia (10:13). Daniel persisted in prayer (10:12) for three weeks. It took Michael, Israel's chief angelic prince, to intervene and overcome the angelic prince of Persia so the angel with Daniel's answer could deliver God's answer to him.

The angel told Daniel that he would return to fight the prince of Persia. But between now and then the angelic prince of Greece, Alexandria's empire would follow.

Craig Keener in a March 1, 2022, article for Christianity Today, entitled, "This Present Global Darkness, states, **"God has sovereignly allotted times in history for various angels and their empires, but his angelic and human servants must continue to work for his purposes until he causes them to prevail."**

Keener contends that even though Jesus, our King, has already come and Satan has been defeated, until He comes again, we still face continuing battles. Daniel's prayer affected that battle in the heavenlies that was going on in his day and similarly, our prayers can affect the spiritual battle over Ukraine in our day.

We know Jesus was raised from the dead and now sits at God the Father's right-hand interceding for us. Even though we don't see an answer to our prayers for Ukraine, may we continue to persist in prayer so this evil is stopped, lives saved and God glorified through it all.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch

I appreciate that the past couple of years have presented unique challenges, and that with the unavoidable distractions and necessary adjustments there have probably been some mistakes made, some misunderstandings have likely occurred, and some dissatisfaction may still exist among some members of our congregation. I am trying my best to help move us forward, but we can only move forward if we are willing to let go of those things that may be holding us back. Martin Luther said, “***Be a sinner and sin strongly, but more strongly have faith and rejoice in Christ.***” Sinning and making some mistakes are the natural byproducts of giving it your best shot. The fact is, if you are out on the field, or court, or rink, or serving the Church; giving it your utmost, there will be times when you will make mistakes, or incur the occasional foul or penalty; but the value you bring, and your contribution to the success of the team, will far outweigh the cost of those infractions. I believe to move forward in the common faith that we all share that we must put things into proper Christian perspective and to give each other the benefit of the doubt, and if necessary, give each other forgiveness. I know that I need work in this area, and it is something that I am working on very diligently. I strive every day to *more strongly have faith and rejoice in Christ!* I am trying to focus more on serving God’s Church and God’s people, and less on our imperfections and the fact that we all sometimes fall along the way. After all, we are all stumbling along on this journey together, a journey that leads, as we are reminded during this Lenten season, to the foot of the cross. I am thankful to share my journey with all of you, and I am also humbled to represent each of you as your Congregational Council President. I pray, and ask for your continued prayers, that I can be the President that you all deserve. And I wish all of you a Happy Easter! Christ is risen; and may we too, as a church body, also rise and move forward in the united faith and hope of His resurrection.

MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

FELLOWSHIP Ministry: Nancy Gerry (Chairman) - Annie Coyle (Council Liaison)

We had the first potluck of 2022, after the annual meeting. Actually, it was the first church wide fellowship since the pandemic. It was wonderful to get together with our church family after some trying times. We want to thank all of you who participated. We couldn’t have done it without you! Stay tuned for more events throughout the coming year.

GROW Ministry: Justine Ashcraft (Chairman) - Josh Ashcraft (Council Liaison)

Hooray for some warmer days! I can smell the springtime air and it’s glorious! Thank you for continuing to bring your children each week to learn and grow in Jesus! It’s truly been a blessing for me and although our weeks are long and tiring and sleeping in on

the weekends sometimes seems more enticing, it's so important for our children to be surrounded by their fellow Christian peers each week! So again, thank you!

We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the "Children Who Love God" as well as their cousins, friends, neighbors or anyone else they'd like to invite! It will be on Palm Sunday, April 10th at 9:00. Bring your running shoes and a basket to collect your eggs! It will be a fun morning!

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 17th. The Men's Ministry will be hosting their annual Easter Breakfast at 9:00!

MEN'S MINISTRY: Alan Huss (Chairman) - Dave Engen (Council Liaison)

Men's Prayer Breakfast - will be on April 9th, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. John Deitsch will be hosting this month. The Prayer Breakfast is open to all men, young and old, members and friends of OSLC. Come one, come all! Great food, a Devotional, and good Christian discussion (and usually some fun bantering back and forth) can be expected by all who attend. The following month's breakfast will be held on May 7th,

Bible Study - We meet at Black Bear Diner in Layton on Fridays at 6AM. We are studying "The Augsburg Confession and It's Apology". We will be looking at our Lutheran roots as presented to Emperor Charles V on June 25, 1530 in Augsburg Germany. We meet for breakfast and Christian fellowship along with the Bible study. All are welcome.

Christian Men's Network - For over 40 years the Christian Men's Network has been a highly effective global movement of pastors and leaders dedicated to training men toward their roles as servant-leaders in their families, church, and culture. The goal of CMN is to Build Men, Build Churches, and Transform Culture. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, God does it one man at a time. Now that Monday Night Football is done, what can take its place? Every week the CMN premiere LIVE on Yg will fill your heart with faith, resilience, and courage.

You can find the "ChristianMensNetwork" channel on YouTube or on the web at cmn.men. Bill Lange of OSLC has recommended CMN for men who are struggling in this time of need. Please reach out to Bill if you need encouragement or have questions. (801)510-3994

Living on the Edge - exists to help Christians live like Christians. **It's Time to Go All In!** Daily Discipleship: True Spirituality is a new 17-day journey exploring Romans 12 that will help you develop the habit of being in God's Word every day. Not only will this help you learn how to study the Bible, but Chip will also show you how to put true spirituality into practice in every relationship of your life. Learn more by visiting LivingontheEdge.org. If you have any questions please contact Elton Sutherland, 385-244-5499.

Prayer Time - We encourage everyone to tune in to the pastor's Facebook page Live at 7PM on Thursday nights during Lent and then back to Wednesday after Easter, to submit prayer request for whoever needs them as led by our pastor. This is an awesome time and he will pray any request sent to him. Thank you, Pastor, for leading our church in a way that honors God.

Security Team - We are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and wellbeing of the church. We have no interest in any outward show of force or authority whatsoever, but the congregation can worship peacefully knowing we stand watch (2 Kings 9:17). If you would like to participate or have any specialized training you would like to share, please contact Alan Huss. (801)725-1373

Easter Breakfast - April 17th, between services - 8:45-9:45 Free will offering ALL proceeds will be donated to Ukrainian Relief and OSLC Enhancement Fund Please sign up by April 10, so we will have an idea of attendance.

MISSION & SERVICE Ministry: Kathy Sutherland (Chairman) - Elton Sutherland (Council Liaison)

Happy Spring! Some of us know better than others that High School Seniors are right now registering for COLLEGE! Our babies going AWAY to school is stress-inducing and frightening. We will be PRAYING for them, of course, but we want to know that people there will be guiding them and praying for them, too!

Many of you participated in InterVarsity when YOU were in college. At Weber State (Great, Great, Great!) InterVarsity Christian is there for the students, freshman through senior through advance degrees. Academic and emotional support, as well as prayer partners, look like pizza parties and a coffee bar. Please support them; they are our second Sunday offering in April.

Ashley Kaiser has agreed to become the new Mission and Service Ministry leader in 2022! Look for newsletter articles and bulletin notes from her as OSLC continues to support local, national, and international ministries. Thank you for supporting me in the past years as I have searched out and shared opportunities with you! Kathy Sutherland

MUSIC AND WORSHIP Ministry: Mark Nourse (Chairman) Trent Schmid (Counsel Liaison)

We look forward to seeing you all at the following:

- April 6th, Midweek Lenten Service
- April 10th, Palm Sunday Service
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 14th
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 15th
- Easter Sunday Service, April 17th.

May our Triune God be glorified in all we do.

REACH & Welcome MINISTRY: Mary Kartak (Chairman) Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)

A meeting of the leaders who head up the various teams that fall under the broader category of the Reach and Welcome Ministry was held March 21. We are in the process of refining our definition and further clarifying our function. Anticipate more information in future months.

Rena Schmid, who coordinates the Prayer Warriors' team, has graciously authored an article explaining the role of this essential component of Reach and Welcome. Janet Tow, the individual who organizes the functioning of the OSLC Communion/Angel teams has also authored a clarifying article that is a part of this month's newsletter. Please carefully read this information with a heart that asks, "How does knowing this impact me and those I love?"

Jesus said in the days just prior to His crucifixion, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. (John 15 :16a) Happy Easter!

From Janet Tow - I have had the privilege of coordinating the teams that take Communion to homebound parishioners within the church family of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for seven years now. Our team, made up of smaller teams of two, takes Communion to people who cannot make it to church for whatever reason. As I see it, our goal is to take the Love of Christ to these folks, fellowship with them, and share the Lord's Supper with them. We want them to know that Our Savior's has not forgotten them, we miss them, and they are still an important part of our church community. I think I can speak for all team members, that it is a true blessing to be a part of this team as we share God's love with others.

I feel this is a vital outreach ministry for our church. We average eight individual recipients or couples but have had as many as eleven in any given month. I would love to open this up to any member of the congregation who can benefit from this ministry because they are missing the blessing of attending church. Please pray about this and if you know of anyone who cannot make it to church because of illness or just the fact that they are shut-in or do not drive any more, and you think they may enjoy visits from this team, please let me know with the contact information of the person/people you are thinking of.

With that being said, we are looking for caring people to join our team. At the moment, there are six teams of two are dedicated to this ministry. Because "Life Happens", we often only have four teams available in a given month. Through the years, we have lost members through attrition. Some are actually now on the receiving end of this ministry. And, there is one team who will be leaving us in April, leaving another hole to fill.

Serving on this ministry only requires a few hours a month, spending about an hour with each recipient. The schedule is very flexible and mentoring is available. I promise not to

“throw you to the wolves” 😊 but will walk with you until your team feels comfortable going out alone. Please pray about this, and if you feel this ministry is as important as I do, please consider joining us. Feel free to contact me, Janet Tow, at 801-309-6969 if you have any questions, know of someone who would enjoy visits from this team, or if you might consider joining our team. We would love to have you!!! God Loves You so very much, and so do !!!!

From Ranae Schmid - Power of Prayer

We are blessed with many opportunities to pray, to talk to God on a day to day, hour by hour, minute by minute basis, 24 x7! Scripture is full of verses, that will encourage our daily walk with Christ and help us to experience the Power of Prayer!

This note is to clarify, or make known, to all of us the avenues we have for prayer here at Our Savior's.

We have the Prayer Team, or Prayer Warriors, as we are sometimes called - currently this group is comprised of 28 individuals, who have volunteered to be part of the team and prayer requests are sent out on our Church Community Builder website, directly to these people. Requests are kept confidential. I love this committed, faithful group, who pray during a time of their choosing, for needs sent to them. To submit names to this group, Email me directly at RanaeSchmidMK@comcast.net, call or txt me at 801-391-2537, leave a prayer request slip in the basket in the Narthex or call the church office. As a special touch to this team, Joyce Bellucci will often times follow-up with a card from Our Savior's, if she has an address, for which to send it. We would welcome anyone who would choose to be part of this team.

EVERY service, Bible Study and special service has prayer opportunities within them. Pastor and his family have a Prayers of the People Live event on Facebook currently on Tuesdays at 7pm, weekly. This can be accessed through Facebook or at www.oslcroy.com website!

Yours in prayer,
Ranae;-)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Vacant (Chairman) Teri McCloy (Council Liaison)

Do you like hanging out with other women? Do like planning fun activities? We are looking for you. The Women's ministry is in need of someone to head up the team. If you, or you and a friend, are interested, please contact Teri McCloy or the church office.

Happy Birthday

1 Apr – Justine Ashcraft	9 Apr – Anden Ramirez	20 Apr – Nancy Gerry
2 Apr – Emily Junk	10 Apr – Hudson Wolfe	21 Apr – Keyzlyne Oram
2 Apr – Duane Kaiser	10 Apr – Liam Ashcraft	21 Apr – Georgia Watkins
3 Apr – Mike Slater	10 Apr – Amy Eckman	23 Apr – Lexi Grentz
4 Apr – Kamari Washington	11 Apr – Kathy Hadley	24 Apr – Jerry Remien
4 Apr – Andrew Davis	11 Apr – Victoria Conkling	24 Apr – Mackie Grentz
5 Apr – Sophie McCellan	11 Apr – Doug Gildemeister	25 Apr – Courtney Sandberg
5 Apr – Melanie Kern	11 Apr – Jesse Dean	25 Apr – Trent Schmid
6 Apr – Ethan Eckman	12 Apr – Aden Dahliqist	28 Apr – Rhyder Wolfe
6 Apr – Alice Fisher	14 Apr – Steven Colvell	29 Apr – Jan Johnson
7 Apr – Nicolette Starker	16 Apr – Evelyn Moritz	29 Apr – Courtney Barrett
8 Apr – Pat Simonson	16 Apr – Kirsten Schwartz	29 Apr – Richard Schaffert
9 Apr – Anden Ramirez	19 Apr – Don McFarland	30 Apr – Janet Tow
		30 Apr – Annie Trivino

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Acolytes Sheila Courtney 385 626-8291	Greeters Kathy Sutherland 801 540-1720	Ushers Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Projectionist Antonio Ramirez 801 573-2559	Camera Barb McFarland 801 668-9709
3-Apr	8:00	Lexi Grentz	Russ Smith	Russ Smith		
3-Apr	10:00	Boston Barrett	Nancy Gerry	Ed Gerry	Dave Engen	
10-Apr	8:00	Lexi Grentz		Russ Smith		
10-Apr	10:00	Courtney Barrett	Ashley Kaiser	Mary Leschke	Dave Engen	
17-Apr	8:00	Lexi Grentz	Russ Smith	Kathy Sutherland		
17-Apr	10:00	Boston Barrett	Kim Fasig	Kathy Sutherland		
24-Apr	8:00	Lexi Grentz		Stacy Ames	Dave Engen	
24-Apr	10:00	Brady Kaiser	Ashley Kaiser			

2022 Church Council Members

29 Mar 2022

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UPCOMING EVENTS

6 APR 6:30 PM MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

9 APR 9:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

9 APR 9:00 AM CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP

10 APR PALM SUNDAY

10 APR 9:00 AM CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT

14 APR 6:30 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

15 APR 6:30 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

17 APR EASTER

17 APR 9:00 AM EASTER BREAKFAST

APRIL HOSPITALITY TEAM

JoAnne & Larry Underwood

Liz & Mike Boll

John Crossfield

Elly Lund

Dale Toone

John & Dawn Baldor

Jean Sojourner

Roger & Shelly Nielsen

2022 Mission and Service Second Sunday Offerings

JANUARY	OSLC Charity Quilters	\$740.00
JANUARY	LCMC District Support (5th Sunday)	\$25.00
FEBRUARY	Open Hand Food Pantry	\$295.00
MARCH	LCMC National Support	\$0.00
APRIL	InterVarsity Christian Weber U	\$0.00
MAY	Lantern House	\$0.00
MAY	LCMC District Support (5th Sunday)	\$0.00
JUNE	Utah Food Bank	\$10.00
JULY	U of U Impact Ministry	\$0.00
JULY	LCMC District Support (5th Sunday)	\$0.00
AUGUST	Zambia Scholarship	\$0.00
SEPTEMBER	Family Promise of Ogden	\$0.00
OCTOBER	Lantern House	\$0.00
OCTOBER	LCMC District Support (5th Sunday)	\$0.00
NOVEMBER	Open Hand Food Pantry	\$0.00
DECEMBER	China Ventures Mis/The Nellerhoe's	\$0.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01 6:00a Bible Study - Black Bear, Layton 3:30p Set up for Celebration of Life	02 8:00a Set up for Celebration of Life 11:00a Les Moore Celebration of Life
03 8:00a Traditional Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Contemporary Service Confirmation Class after 2nd service	04 5:00p Girl Scout Troop #773	05 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #578	06 4:30p Bible Study - Black Bear, Layton 5:45p Girl Scout Troop #970 6:30p Lent Service	07 12:00p Bible Study 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #807	08 6:00a Bible Study - Black Bear, Layton 5:30p Girl Scouts #1710	09 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00a Church & Yard Clean up 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
10  8:00a Traditional Service 9:00a Easter Egg Hunt 10:00a Contemporary Service	11	12 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #111	13 4:30p Bible Study - Black Bear, Layton	14 9:00a Charity Quilters 12:00p Bible Study 6:30p Maundy Thursday Service	15 6:00a Bible Study - Black Bear, Layton 6:30p Good Friday Service	16
17  8:00a Traditional Service 9:00a Easter Breakfast NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00a Contemporary Service	18 Tax Day 5:00p Girl Scout Troop #773	19 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #578	20 4:30p Bible - Study Black Bear, Layton 5:45P Girl Scout Troop #970	21 12:00p Bible Study 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #807 6:30p Church Council	22 6:00a Bible Study - Black Bear, Layton 5:45p Girl Scout Troop #1710	23 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
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April Lectionary

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Pslam	2nd Reading	Gospel
3-Apr	5th Sunday in lent	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3: (4b-7) 8-14	Luke 20:9-20
10-Apr	Palm Sunday	Deuteronomy 32:36-39	Psalm 118:19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:1 - 23:56
14-Apr	Maundy Thursday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 116:12-19	Hebrews 10:15-25	Luke 22:7-20
15-Apr	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1 - 19:42
17-Apr	Easter Sunrise	Job 19:23-27	Psalm 118:15-29	1 Corinthians 15:51-57	John 20:1-18
17-Apr	Easter Day	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 16	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke: 24:1-12
24-Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)	Psalm 148	Revelation 1:4-18	John 20:19-31