

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**5560 S. 2300 W.**  
**Roy, UT 84067**

# The Messenger

May 2023

## Worship Services Schedule

9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:30 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

## Sancta Indifferentia (Holy Apathy)

By: Pastor Bruce Greutz

My dad's motto that he lived by for all 91 years was "**winners never quit and quitters never win.**" As you can see from that quote, my dad was all about winning. But most of us by the time we reach the latter stages of life realize that winning isn't everything. However, in our polarized culture it's hard not to take sides and set out to prove to others our perspective is the correct one. As Christians we can appeal to the bible for back up so it makes it hard to have discussions around controversial topics, particularly if another Christian has a different opinion based on the bible just like us.

Recently, I have been reading a book by Jeffrey Bilbro, Ph.D., entitled, Reading the Times: A Literary and Theological Inquiry into the News. Bilbro's premise is that our 24-

hour fixation with the news is ruining our brains, our perspective, our relationships with the Lord and each other.

Dr. Bilbro's concern is that secular news has usurped the good news of the Gospel. In his introduction he expresses this concern: In the prologue to his Gospel, John directs our attention to a different light (than the News): The Word who is **"the light that shines in the darkness."** And John assures us that **"the darkness will not overcome it."** (John 1:5) The primary light we need to participate in democracy, to serve the common good and to dwell as faithful citizens of the City of God is shed not by the Washington Post (or any media outlet – my thoughts) but by **"the light of the world"** (John 8:12). (pg. 1,2) How close are you and I to the Light, Jesus, as we are currently in deeply dark and troubling times?

But he asks a rather poignant question, "How might we begin living by this light now, in the midst of a world where darkness often seems to prevail?" Currently, the darkness seems to be eclipsing the light as we live in a world where pronouns don't mean what they have meant since grammar school, where axes of evil seem to be aligning against us around the globe, where we hear of another mass shooting at schools, banks or birthday parties, where logic and reason have taken a back seat to non-sensical, unreasonable thinking that you have to agree with or you are labeled a "phobe" of some kind and **light is being called darkness and darkness, light.** (Isaiah 5:20) These are not easy times for sure.

In the middle of the seventeenth century, Blaise Pascal wrote a letter to his brother-in-law about the political controversies of the day that might help us. In it, he sketched for his brother-in-law a view of God's providence that guides not only our efforts but also, the efforts of our opponents. Dr. Bilbro says, "The upshot, then, is that Pascal recommends a profound sort of apathy, a sancta indifferentia, a holy indifference, toward the outcome of the issues we read about and advocate for. (p.37)

Bilbro goes on to say that this holy apathy is rooted in a confidence that God is in control and in a humility about our own ability to discern the workings of Providence in contemporary events. God often accomplishes his providential purposes in ways that we do not expect. This humility requires us to acknowledge that even when our candidate loses, or when a court case is decided in a way that seems wrong, or when tragedy strikes, God is still working out his will – and He cannot be defeated." (p.38)

May we trust God's providence – that his will is being accomplished no matter what. May we develop a holy apathy and trust God with whatever happens. May we be passionate in working for what we believe is the good but may we not be upset if our cause faces setbacks or receives bad news because God works everything together for our good and His glory.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bruce

## **OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch**

After a long, snowy Winter, Spring has finally arrived! I know the snow has come with its share of problems, with avalanches, dangerous driving conditions, flooded fields, and overflowing streams just to mention a few. But the snow also brings much needed moisture to our area. So, like with all things, the snow has a purpose; and like with all things there are some associated trials or inconveniences to endure to achieve that purpose. Our Savior's has also had to endure some trials in its past, and they have helped bring us to where we are today; to being a very active, supporting, and serving church. I am very encouraged by a lot of what I see taking place at our church, from seeing individuals serving and supporting one another both through personal interactions and through our ministries. The commitment and dedication I see in our members is inspiring. I am especially excited to see what comes out of the Planning Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> with our Ministry Teams and anyone else who would like to be involved. This meeting, which will take place between the Worship Services, will help layout events for the remainder of the year, and ideas and suggestions are welcome from everyone. It is so important that we continue to move forward in faith, and though there may be distractions to manage, and issues to resolve, we cannot let them be greater than our purpose, which as defined in our Mission Statement is to be a scripture based, welcoming fellowship of believers who proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who, through our support of and connecting with each other, the local community, and the children of God everywhere, strive to love Christ and all others.

I would like to conclude with a quick update on where things stand with the LCMC assistance. From January 11<sup>th</sup> to February 10<sup>th</sup> there were 24 sessions conducted that involved 41 individuals. Everyone who wanted to be heard had the opportunity to be heard, and now the Council is working with the LCMC counselors to determine how best to address the concerns that were raised and the issues that were uncovered. We obviously do not want this to become a burden that hinders our movement forward, but instead that it just be one of the inconveniences or trials that we must endure to achieve a greater purpose that will make us a stronger church body. As always, and especially with this matter before us, I again ask for prayers for myself and the other members of the council; that we may have wisdom and discernment as we strive to make decisions which may not always necessarily seem to best serve your individual interest, but which will be in accordance with our Constitution, and which will best serve the general membership and God's church as a whole; and which in the end will best serve all of us.

## MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

### Worship & Music Ministry:

**Mark Nourse (Co-Chairman)**

**Alan Huss (Counsel Liaison)**

**Minuette Grentz (Co-Chairman)**

Thank you to Sandee Isaacson, the Altar Guild, and the "Mourning Women in Black" for all you do for OSLC. Everything was beautiful for Holy Week, and we believe God was glorified and magnified. In addition to our usual weekly Worship Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Sundays, this month we will offer one evening Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. on Ascension Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for worshiping our great God with us. May God be pleased with our offering of praise and worship to Him.

By God's grace and in His service,  
Chairman Mark Nourse  
Co-Chairperson Minuette Grentz  
Council Liaison Alan Huss

### Grow Ministry:

**Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)**

**Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)**

Adult/Children Sunday school and confirmation are every Sunday at 10:30 in the fellowship hall.

We just recently had our 2nd VBS planning meeting with about a dozen attendees. Most all volunteer positions were filled at the meeting so I'm so grateful for all your support in helping to make this event successful for the kids! Please register your kids as soon as possible so we can get a head count to supply enough food for lunch and enough t-shirts for the kids!

Field day is May 21st between services! This will be our last day of Sunday school until the fall. I would love for our older, confirmation kids to help run stations for the littles! If you'd like to plan a game and help out for this fun day, please reach out to me!

Are you or someone you'd like to recognize graduating this year? If so, please email their name, grade/degree/program they're graduating from, and their picture to Vicki at [Antnvik@gmail.com](mailto:Antnvik@gmail.com) so we can honor and celebrate them for graduation Sunday on May 21st.

And finally, we have camp Utaba for Memorial weekend again! Refer to the email from Adam Nourse and reach out to him with any questions!

Many thanks, Justine Ashcraft

### Connect Ministry:

**VACANT (Chairman)**

**Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)**

Welcome To SPRING!!!! Wait it is May, I hope this doesn't mean a shorter Spring. Up here in Brigham City I would like to say "It is About Time". I don't know how many times this year I have driven home from Salt Lake City enjoying some of the beautiful sunshine and the closer north toward Brigham I went the darker/overcast it has been! I am sure we are all ready to move on with Fellowship and Sunshine!

As the Connect Ministry Council Liaison I am Blessed and Happy to invite all Ministry Teams including their members, ANYONE interested in hearing more about our ministries, and you, YES all of you in our pews at OSLC, to an **Our Saviors Planning Day!** This is a yearly event but with the last few years being as they were we really haven't done that much. We also have so many new and wonderful members since COVID had us all shut down. So many Fun things we do and have done in the past, that we can plan together with fellowship and goodies to go with it.

Just to name a few: The Wine & Cheese event has always been so fun, with some good wine too! Music in the Grass has always been a blast. Bring your lawn chair and prepare to worship with song. Family Steak Fry is always fun with outdoor games, fellowship, and fun for all ages. Women's Retreat has been in a couple different places. Family Campout at Camp Utaba, with a Potluck on Saturday evening for all the congregation to come and share some great food and fellowship around the fire. (This is my favorite; I get to go home and sleep in my nice warm bed.) There are so many things throughout the year that we can all get involved in.

Please try and join us for the years Planning Day,

- May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Patio behind the Fellowship Hall (please Pray for Spring weather)
- Between Services
- Coffee Social (Bring Goodies if you would like)

All are invited but the council would like to see someone from every Ministry. Connect, Grow, Service & Outreach, Worship & Music, and all of you under each one of these ministries! We will be PLANNING all the things we do for the rest of this year and into 2024!

I would personally like to also thank the Hospitality Teams for hosting the Lenten Dinners and the Men's Prayer Breakfast team for hosting the Easter Feast. Which I am very sad I missed. All I keep hearing about is John's heavenly French Toast Casserole. (But he did send out the recipe and I am looking forward to making it.)

If you have any questions, please reach out to myself or John.

Annie: 801.808.1999

John: 801.645.6087

Blessings, Annie

### **Service & Outreach Ministry:**

**Ashley Kaiser (Chairman)**

**Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)**

Thank you for your continued support of Service and Outreach. Over the past year I have enjoyed finding Service opportunities in our community, and serving others. If you have any ideas for future service opportunities, please let me know.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes in April for the Ogden Rescue Mission. There are so many people in need, and struggling financially.

I want to remind everyone of the straw baskets in the back of the church. Please feel free to donate non-perishable food items and hygiene products, when you are able. They will be donated to Open Hands, Lantern House, and Ogden Rescue Mission. I would love for this to be an ongoing service project.

Pregnancy Medical Center's Journey Clinic in Roy is having their Steps for Life Walk, Saturday May 20th. It is their yearly walk to raise financial support for the ministry to support women in unexpected pregnancies and raise awareness for the services they provide. If you are interested in walking or supporting a walker, let me know.

Lastly, the 2nd Sunday offering is May 14th and will go to the OSLC Quilters. God Bless,

Ashley Kaiser

Worship Assistants							
Date	Time	Acolytes Sheila Courtney 385 626-8291	Greeters Gail Gildemeister 801 564-2357	Ushers Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Projectionist Antonio Ramirez 801 425-3356	Camera Barb McFarland 801 668-9709	Altar Guild Sandee Isaacson 801 388-6694
7 May	9:30	Brady Kaiser	Terry and Rena Schmid	Terry and Rena Schmid	Jack Baldor		
7 May	11:30		Mary Leschke	Mary Leschke			
14 May	9:30	Wyatt Colvell	Ashley Kaiser	Gerri Wessner			Kim Sparkman
14 May	11:30		Sabrina and Daryl Wolfe	Sabrina and Daryl Wolfe			
21 May	9:30		Ashley Kaiser	Campbell's			Katherine Redwine
21 May	11:30		Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames			
28 May	9:30		Katherine Redwine	Pat Simonsen			
28 May	11:30		Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames			

#### MAY HOSPITALITY TEAM

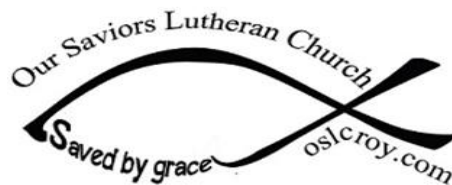
**Kathy & Chuck Guenter – Coordinator**  
**Becky Kapinos**  
**Annie Baugh**  
**Bunny Griffey**  
**Kay & John Mister**  
**Sandee & Larry Isaacson**  
**Karen & Brent Larsen**  
**Janet & Monty Tow**

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**4 May Shane Courtney**  
**4 May Luke Faris**  
**5 May Doris Pancich**  
**6 May Karina Fasig**  
**7 May Sarah Bourgoine**  
**8 May Tayvon Washington**  
**8 May Zoey Ashcraft**  
**8 May Ivey Ashcraft**  
**10 May Linda Chellson**  
**11 May April Barrett**  
**12 May Joan Underwood**  
**21 May Kay mister**  
**24 May Jamie Elliot**  
**29 May Sheila Courtney**  
**31 May Peggy Tyler**

## **2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Offerings**

January	Journey Clinic
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
February	Open Hands
March	Lantern House
April	Ogden Rescue Mission
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
May	OSLC Quilters
June	Family Promise
July	Utah Food Bank
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
August	Open Hands
September	Intersivity at Weber State
October	Lantern House
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
November	Ogden Rescue Mission
December	Family Promise
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support





## Church Wide Info

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** – Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. 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. John Deitch will host this month. Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Easter breakfast. There was \$488.00 donated for tornado relief.

Dan Kartak

## **UTABA - Memorial weekend camping**

Hi Everyone -

Assuming all this snow melts prior, we have reserved camp Utaba again this year for Memorial weekend, May 26-29. This camp is located in Liberty, just north of Nordic Valley ski resort. Utaba has **cabins for rent, space for tents, and an area for camping trailers**. We are very fortunate as a church to have this camp to ourselves to see Gods creation and the beautiful scenery that Utaba has to offer!

I need to get a head count of who would like to attend. **We will hold a pot luck on Saturday May 27 at 6pm!** You are welcome to attend just the pot luck as well. Please provide the following by **Friday May 19th**:

- 1. # in your party**
- 2. Type of lodging (Cabin, RV, Tent)**
- 3. # of nights**
- 4. Attending the pot luck (Y/N)**

### **Costs:**

**Cabins:** \$35 per night per guest

**RVs:** \$14 per night per guest

**Hookups for RV (water and power):** \$10/night

**Kids Camping:** 5 and under free (with paying adult)

### **Pot Luck Assignments (Last Name)**

A-I: Main Dish

J-R: Side Dish

S-Z: Dessert

You can reach me directly at **801-309-4565** or **adamnourse@gmail.com**.  
This weekend is always a blast and there is plenty to do there. You can use this link to see the camp. **Camp UTABA**.

God Bless!



## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #773	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall  5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970  6:00p Band Practice  7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>4</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #807  6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>5</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	<b>6</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>7</b> 8:15a Band Practice  9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a Contemporary Worship	<b>8</b> 5:30p Suncrest Service Unit (GSA)	<b>9</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #111	<b>10</b> 9:00 Quilters  12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall  5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970  6:00p Band Practice 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>11</b> 9:00 Quilters  5:00p Girls Advisory Board (GSA)  6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #578  6:00p Praise Band Practice  6:30P Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
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***Time Sensitive Material***

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**May Lectionary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
7 May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Psalm 146	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
14 May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:16-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
18 May	Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
21 May	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	Psalm 68:1-10	1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
28 May	Day of Pentecost	Numbers 11:24-30	Psalm 25:1-15	Acts 2:1-21	John 7:37-39