

The Messenger ~ February 2015

Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School ▪ San Clemente, California

"Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think, and Sent to Serve"

How Shall We Use Our Time?

This past month we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. day as a national holiday. I have been amused how our culture often takes the title of Reverend away from Martin Luther King Jr. and refers to him simply as Dr. King. I've visited his grave in Atlanta and on that headstone it says: "Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr." There is no mention of his doctorate or any other accolade. You can't understand the life and motivation of this man unless you are willing to understand the faith that he embraced. It was the Gospel of Jesus Christ that motivated his work for justice and equality. It was his understanding of God that led to his insistence on love and nonviolent resistance. It was his faith in Christ that gave him the strength to continue his work even when all the instruments of fear and hatred were targeted toward him. He took seriously the role of pastor and he lived it out with great passion and dedication. His doctorate is fine and good, but it was his faith that made a difference!

Of course one of Pastor King's greatest gifts was his ability to communicate through his speeches and thus motivate and strengthen the civil rights movement. This year someone shared with me one of his speeches in London England that has just recently been rediscovered. I recommend it highly as not only a great history lesson on civil rights in America but as a way to move deeper into his motivations:

http://www.democracynow.org/2015/1/19/exclusive_newly_discovered_1964_mlk_speech

While listening to this speech from 1964 the following lines shouted out to me from across the decades: "And somewhere along the way it is necessary to see that human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent work of dedicated individuals who are willing to be co-workers with God. And without this hard work, time itself

becomes an ally of the primitive forces of social stagnation. And so we must help time, and we must realize that the time is always ripe to do right. This is so vital, and this is so necessary."

In a sense this is how the Christian life is lived out, we are those who have been called to "help time." We are the ones who realize that the call to discipleship is hard work that compels us to constantly reimagine, rediscover and recondition our lives to reflect the one whom we claim as Lord and Savior. The work of doing good, is just that, WORK. In fact, not only is it work, but it's hard work. It's the kind of work that if we aren't careful can leave us feeling defeated and demoralized. This is why we need times of centering and renewal—times like the season of Lent.

Lent provides us a chance to not only be honest about ourselves but to reorder our lives based on the priorities and values that we say are important to us. It is a call to good works, but also a call to remember the love of God in Jesus Christ, which must be our center and grounding of who we are. So I encourage you to take some intentional time for your spiritual well-being during this season of Lent. We have a lot of work yet to do if we are going to 'help time' realize all that God intends, but we must also 'take time' to remember whose we are, and from where our strength comes.

Peace!

Pastor Jeff

February 2015

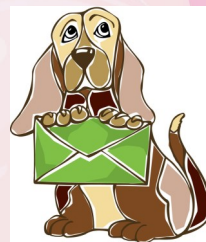
Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

~ Birthdays ~

Martha Lorimer	2/1
Ian Ayers	2/3
Julia Schrofer	2/4
Eric Baker	2/6
Grace Buchan	2/6
Brennan Clinebell	2/6
Kelly Frohner	2/6
Bonnie Little	2/6
William Yeakel	2/6
Matt Gordon	2/7
Peyton Rennie	2/7
Heidi Works	2/7
Hannah Lawrence	2/8
Tracy Simon	2/8
Dax Hanson	2/9
Joel Hoffmeister	2/9
Charla Rayl	2/9
Betty Prebihalo	2/10
Marilu Person	2/11
Matthew Yeakel	2/11
Kay Wilson	2/12
Brent Davies	2/15
Samantha Bourgeois	2/17
Reaghan Mulligan	2/18
Gus Alvarez	2/19
Mamie Lorimer	2/19
Jennifer Berschauer	2/20
Maddie Gabira	2/20
Scott Morielli	2/22
Elizabeth Schmall	2/22
Carol Daderian	2/23
Kay Davidson	2/23
Shane Hansen	2/23
Hallie Stohler	2/23
Joan Cooper	2/24
Trisha Marzolo	2/25
Kyle Winkler	2/25
Shirley Lucy	2/26
Linda Butkus	2/27
Nathan Tully	2/28

~ Anniversaries ~

Pat & M'Liz Kelly	2/4
Marty & Claudine Shira	2/10
Dennis & Heidi Works	2/19
Jim & Elsa Keisker	2/22
Dennis & Kiana Breshears	2/23
Corey & Nancy Luckow	2/27



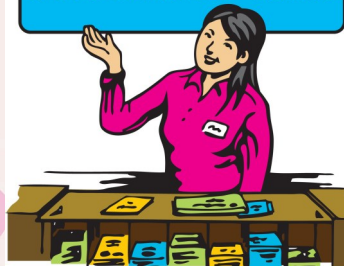
*Did I miss your birthday, anniversary or have a wrong date? call or e-mail the church office at ~ 492-6164 ~
~ OSLCsec@sbcglobal.net ~*



What's On Wednesdays

- 11:00am-12:15pm • Manna Bible Study, FR
- 3:00pm-4:00pm • 5th Grade confirmation, YR
- 5:30pm-6:30pm • Adult Bible Study, FR
- 6:30pm-8:00pm • Middle School Youth Group, Grades 6, 7, 8, YR
- 6:45pm - Celebration Singers, Sanc
- 7:15pm-8:00pm • 6th Grade Confirmation, Sanc

Connections Table



Stop by the Connections Table on Sundays to find out ways you can get connected at Our Savior's! Something for everyone! Table will be located on the patio in between services!

~ Ash Wednesday Worship ~
Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 pm
Why do we do that?

Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice which many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

- ◆ Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:
- ◆ Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- ◆ Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. On Ash Wednesday ashes are a penitential substitute for water as a reminder of our baptism.
- ◆ Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried: "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."
- ◆ Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.

In the Ash Wednesday worship those who desire to receive the ashes come forward. Ashes are applied in the form of a small cross on the forehead of each person with the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. "But this reminder of our mortality is not meant to be 'bad news;' but to drive us into the incredible 'Good News' of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. For while we may be mortal, and while each and every one of us falls short of the glory of God; in Christ we receive the promise of being children of God and therefore with Christ heirs to eternal life. While the honest assessment of ourselves is a powerful moment, the promise of God's love us is greater still!



**Lenten
Soup
Suppers**

The 40 weekdays, from Ash Wednesday until Easter, are considered to be a season of abstinence and penitence in preparation for Easter. In observance, we are going to offer

a traditional soup supper throughout Lent.

During the season of Lent beginning February 25th through March 25th join us Wednesday nights at 6:00pm for Soup and Fellowship followed by Lenten worship at 6:45pm.

Soup will be provided by the following ministries:

- ◆ February 25: OSLC Choir
- ◆ March 4: Youth Group
- ◆ March 11: Social Concerns
- ◆ March 18: Men's Breakfast
- ◆ March 25: OSLC Council

Even if you are not in one of the ministries above you may bring your favorite pot of soup for all to enjoy.

**Hope you will join us every Wednesday
during Lent. Soup & Bread for All!**

If you have any questions, please contact
Mindy Goulding at (607) 624-1309 or
mindy.goulding@gmail.com

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES

Join us for The Parables of Lent, a special series of midweek devotions for the season of Lent. Each service in this series focuses on a biblical parable that connects to our Lenten theme of receiving from God. Soup Supper begins at 6:00 pm; Worship starts promptly at 6:45pm.

- ◆ February 25: "Receive the Word: The Sower and the Seed" Matthew 13.1-8, 18-23
- ◆ March 4: "Receive the Treasure: The Hidden Treasure and the Priceless Pearl" Matthew 13.44-46
- ◆ March 11: "Receive Mercy: The Good Samaritan" Luke 10.25-37
- ◆ March 18: "Receive Grace: The Workers in the Vineyard" Matthew 20.1-16
- ◆ March 25: "Receive Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son" Luke 15.11-32

In my work as a music therapist, I often organize my sessions around “themes” relating to calendar events. February is a wealth of things to celebrate: Super Bowl, Valentine’s Day, President’s Day, Mardi Gras.

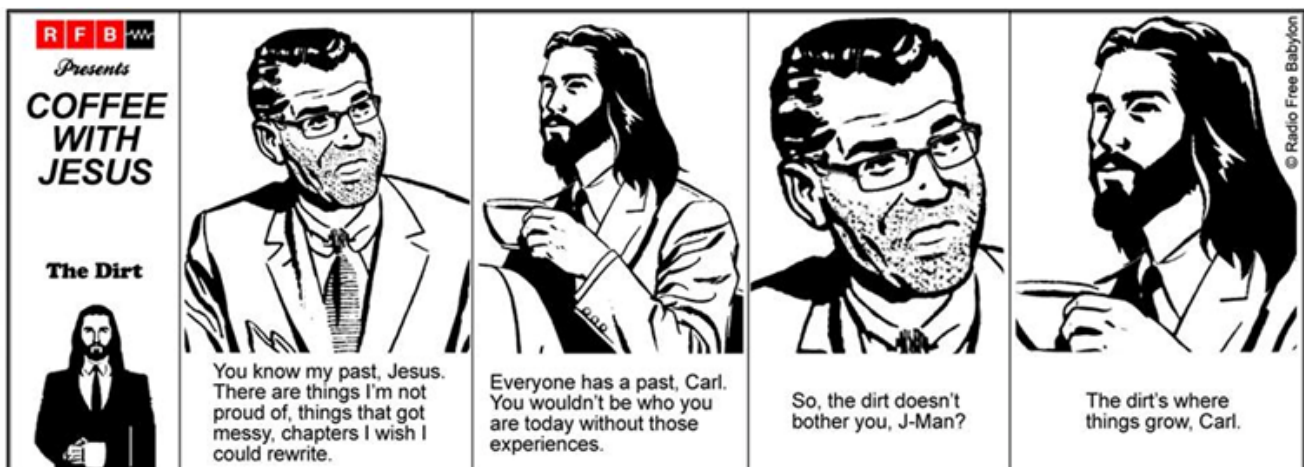
The church will observe Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 18. You will more than likely NOT see Ash Wednesday decorations at Walmart or Ash Wednesday cards at the Hallmark store. However, Ash Wednesday is the start to Lent – 40 days of preparation before Holy Week and Easter.

Even though Ash Wednesday has not made the list of “popular” holidays in the sense of public celebrations, I have had some memorable public experiences after our Ash Wednesday services. I remember several years ago I went to a local gas station after our service. The young lady working at the mini-mart at 8:45pm on a Wednesday night looked at the ash cross on my forehead and broke into a smile. She said, “God Bless You”, as she took my payment. Another year I had to stop and get some groceries on the way home from the service. Again, people would look me in the eye and smile or say “God Bless You” as they passed me in the aisle. Was I doing anything out of my ordinary shopping “routine”? No, but this visible sign of God in my life spoke to others.

I found a statement on a website www.buildfaith.org that I liked. It speaks to the unity that is created by a ritual such as the imposition of ashes. It also mentions the unity created by song:

That is what Ash Wednesday does for all of us – young and old. It gives us a place to stand grounded and rooted. And a little bit of song might just help us take down our medicine more easily. You may be an adult singing in a formal service, or a child humming in a playroom – the truth is, “ashes, ashes, we all fall down.” And the same loving Creator who formed us from the dust continues to hold us up in eternal love.

The word “Lent” means “Spring”. Here is a “Coffee with Jesus” comic that talks about growing.



I am thankful for our place of worship and the unity I feel with my fellow worshippers and with God when I am in worship. And, I am thankful for rituals such as the imposition of ashes and music which further unify us.

See you at church,

Karen Skipper ~
Director of Music

Winter Camp Season Is Here!



It's winter camp season and I could not be more excited about it! Each winter the youth ministry of Our Savior's offers a short winter camp experience to all youth and their friends. These retreats are put on by the good folks at LRCC (Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences) at El Camino Pines, a rustic camp in the Los Padres National Forest.

We offer 3 opportunities for the winter camp retreat experience each according to age:

- ♦ Kids Club (Grades 3-5) - Which has already happened as of publication
- ♦ Middle School - February 20-22
- ♦ High School - February 6-8

With the increased number of students attending weekly youth group meetings (yes, we are growing in numbers!) I expect this winter to have wonderful camp attendance.

The following is a paraphrased version of an article by "Nancy" from the ELCA Youth Ministry Network's website detailing the reasons why camp is an important component to the whole youth group experience.

Controlled Independence

One afternoon at camp, I asked one of the kids, "Do you miss your mom?" "No!" she replied (a little too enthusiastically, I might add). "I feel like a teenager just hanging out with my friends!"

Camp is a great opportunity to learn a little independence, but still have plenty of adult supervision. Mom isn't hovering about nagging—reminding them to brush their teeth and make their bed. But it's not a free-for-all, either. **Kids learn responsibility and independence by keeping their bunks tidy, keeping their clothes together, and being ready on time...all under the supervision of adult leaders.**

Positive Role Models

The camp employs amazing, enthusiastic young adults who have all gone through extensive training and have a real passion for outdoor ministry and a genuine love of the Lord, the kids LOVE them too! Our returning campers get so excited when they see a counselor that they remember from their last camp experience because they have formed a wonderful relationship in a fun and caring environment.

It's Fun!

With so many activities available, it's no wonder the kids that have been to camp want to return. Favorite camp activities include theme meals, all camp games, the pool (not in winter), arts and crafts and campfires.

They Will Encounter God

Camp can play a significant role in your child's spiritual life. Your child will learn about Christ at camp. They will learn to have a quiet time at camp. They will learn to recognize God's Spirit speaking to their heart at camp. They learn to work out their faith at camp.

At some point, your child will choose to either make your faith their own or reject it entirely. You can't make that choice for them, but you can give them opportunities along the way.

A Bible-believing camp is the perfect chance for your kids to step into their own relationship with God. For a few days they are not distracted by home life, sibling squabbles, or pressure from school. It's just them and God.

We often think nothing of plunking down hundreds of dollars for soccer camp, gymnastics camp, band camp, or (fill in the blank with any other activity) camp. We will even schedule family vacations and other commitments around them, because we recognize the benefit of concentrated efforts in those areas. What would happen if we put as much effort (and financial backing) toward our children's spiritual development? What if we gave them every opportunity to stretch their spiritual muscles in a safe and loving environment like camp? Imagine what might happen when, years down the road, they look back on their camp experience and say, "I know God is real, because I met Him at camp."

What experiences have you or your kids had at church camp?

Feel free to ask me about including your child in the camp experience and save me a S'more!

Bob Cooper,
Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Youth Calendar



February 1 - Sunday

Souper Bowl of Caring
HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

February 3 - Tuesday

Kids Club 3:00pm, Youth Room

February 4 - Wednesday

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room
MSYG 6:30pm, Youth Room

February 6-8 - Friday-Sunday

High School Winter Retreat @ El Camino Pines

February 10 - Tuesday

Gilchrist House 6:00pm

February 11 - Wednesday

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room
MSYG 6:30pm, Youth Room

February 15 - Sunday

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

February 18 - Wednesday

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room
MSYG 6:30pm, Youth Room

February 20-22 - Friday-Sunday

Middle School Winter Retreat @ El Camino Pines

February 22 - Sunday

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

February 25- Wednesday

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm Youth Room
MSYG 6:30pm, Youth Room

Special February 2015 Dates

- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2015*
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 15, 2015*
- Presidents Day, *February 16, 2015*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 18, 2015*
- First Sunday in Lent, *February 22, 2015*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR SAVIOR'S



Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45am ▪ Sanctuary

The Parables of Jesus: The Kingdom Parables, The Grace Parables and the Parables of Judgment! 9:50 am in the Founders Room. We'll explore how Jesus uses parables to explain God and the realities of living within God's kingdom.

Wednesday Manna Bible Study Founders Room 11:00am to 12:15pm every Wednesday

Join us each week as we look ahead to Sunday's lessons. There is no better way to prepare for worship.

Wednesday Evening 5:30pm ▪ Founders Room (Childcare needed...contact Pastor Jeff)

The Great Kings of Israel: 5:30pm in the Founders room. Join us as we continue our look at the first three kings of Israel. Saul, David and Solomon. We'll also look at the people and events that helped shape their rule. This series will end on February 11th.

***THERE IS NO ADULT EVENING EDUCATION
DURING THE SEASON OF LENT.***



**Saturday ~ February 14, 2015
7:00am - 8:30am**

Calling all men.....

You are invited to join us for a
men's breakfast at OSLC.

RSVP: John Mulligan at mulli63@gmail.com

~ Fellowship ~

Dear Church Family,

Please email me or head to the connections table after church for Bunco sign-up! I need to know how many people are interested. I look forward to a night of fellowship and fun! More information to follow.

Check Sunday's Weekly Messenger
for the upcoming Bunco night date!

Blessings,

Mindy Goulding,
Fellowship Ministry
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(607) 624-1309



First (Early) Communion Sign-up in the Narthex Sunday, March 8th and 15th

First Classes will be held on Sunday March 8th and 15th at 3:00pm here at Our Savior's. The classes are for parent/s and child alike and both sessions are a required component. While geared toward the 3rd/4th graders, younger and older children may attend as long as the parents and Pastor Jeff have had a chance to discuss prior to the first meeting. Classes will last approximately 1.5 hours.

*Please Sign up in the Narthex while at worship, or
call the church office at (949) 492-6164.*

**First Communion will be celebrated on
Maundy Thursday ~ April 2nd at 7:00pm**



Christian Education February 2015



Join our new women's study as we continue to gather by the fireside! What a wonderful group of women who are committed to being a part of a fellowship of sisters that are inspired to grow in our faith and not afraid to ask questions! Our February discussion will be on the opposite of Patience which is FEAR, with Deuteronomy 31:6 as our guide!

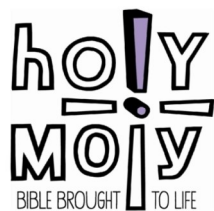
February Fireside Study:
When: Thursday ~ February 12, 2015

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Home of Pam Burgett
160 Avenida Aragon
San Clemente, CA 92672

*Please RSVP to Kat Yeakel at
maycoffee777@aol.com or (949) 292-7910*

Sunday School Lessons! Follow along with us...



February Stories:

02/01: Jesus and the Children (Mark 10:13-16)
02/08: The Window's Mite (Mark 12:41-44)
02/15: Man Through a Roof (Luke 5:17-26)
02/22: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

See the Holy Moly video at:

<http://www.oursaviorsonline.net/our-ministries/christian-education-ministry>

February Family Devotion:

Teaching children early on to LOVE TO PRAY is a foundation block that is easy and can be made fun! What's your favorite prayer from when you were a child? Do you ever let your children take the lead in prayer? Do your children watch you pray? Here is a fun way to introduce prayer for young children that adults can even use, that reminds us that prayer is for everyone and prayer can be as simple as using your hand...

Teaching Kids the Five Finger Prayer

Thumb (people who are close to you)

These are your close friends and family, often the first you think about when you pray. Give thanks to God and ask his protection on your parents, siblings, friends, and classmates.

Pointer (people who point the way)

These are leaders in your life, such as teachers and pastors. Offer God your thanksgiving for them and ask him to help them in their important work.

Tall Finger (people in authority)

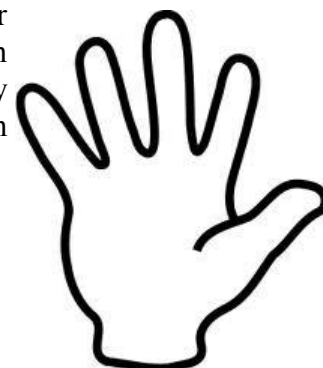
The big people in the world need prayer too. Ask God to give wisdom to our government, military, and police.

Ring Finger (people who are weak)

This is your weakest finger. We should remember others who are sick, live in poverty, or are treated badly. Pray that Jesus would give them new strength.

Little Finger (your own needs)

God wants to hear your needs too, especially when you put others first. Pray for your own growth in mind, body, and spirit.





You Name It

Name Tag - /'neim,tæg/- plural name tags: a piece of paper, cloth, plastic, or metal that has a person's name written on it and that is attached to the person's clothing. Example: She handed out name tags for people to wear during the morning service to help the congregants learn each other's names.

Be mysterious. Be proud of your name. Be narcissistic. Be yourself. Be someone else. Print legibly. Scribble out of control. Large block letters. Tiny calligraphy. Use your best cursive. Your choice. You name it.

A couple of months ago we had a name tag Sunday and it went gangbusters with people pushing and crowding around the tables to get their tags, write their names, decorate them and just have fun. You know, we ended up having to put up barriers to guide people and some of us had bullhorns to control the unruly crowd. "Please don't push each other. There are plenty of name tags to go around and the Sharpies are full of ink. We have pages of stickers so we will not run out. Keep it moving and we can get all of the congregants into service on time." Were you there to experience this or did you miss it? Well, OK, so maybe a bit of an exaggeration of the real event, but I do recall that at one point we did have two people waiting to complete their name tags. They both wanted to use the orange Sharpie...

OK, quiz time! What is the purpose of Name Tag Sunday?

- A. Of course it is to embarrass people for their awful penmanship (especially me).
- B. To aggravate people trying to get into the Sanctuary as they show up late for service.
- C. A simple and fun way to help people learn each other's names and meet new people.
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above
- F. What's Name Tag Sunday?

Name Tag Sunday will be happening four times per year and we are making it simple and fun. Take a little time to write down your first name on the tag and wear it during the service and for the fellowship afterward. Perhaps you will meet someone new. Perhaps you will learn someone's name that you have seen for years at OSLC. Perhaps, like me, you will be reminded of someone's name that you have forgotten but were too embarrassed to ask again. By wearing your tag, someone may learn or remember your name. Simple and fun.

Getting back to the opening to this article, write something else instead of your name if you want. Your favorite food, a name you have always wanted to be called, your country of ancestry, you name it. Even that can get a conversation going and you may meet someone new or someone you already knew.

We will be having Name Tag Sunday again coming up soon and I look forward to seeing names that I should remember and then reinforcing the name with the face. Perhaps that will happen to you too. Maybe you will learn someone's secret wannabe name. How great is that? Simple and fun!

If you are interested in helping us out with the Evangelism Ministry, please contact me or catch me at the 10:30am service.

May God Make His Face Shine Upon You,

John Mulligan
Evangelism Ministry
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SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

There are so many ways to touch someone's life. We invite you to be a part of our current projects. Every contribution, large or small, makes a difference to someone!

L.A. HOMELESS TENT DRIVE

It was a cold and windy night. It might rain. You are tired and need rest. You do have a blanket but not much more. One of your slum area neighbors has a small tent. WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE ?

We can help these unfortunate neighbors. During February, OSLC will collect small, one or two person tents. Do you have one you are no longer using? Please bring it to the church office, or drop it off in the Narthex. If you prefer we will gladly come get it! Call the church office, 492.6164, or Wendell Person, 623.810.1506.

**** New tents will also be gladly accepted****

New tents can be purchased for \$25—\$30 at Walmart or www.walmart.com. They are approximately 5'x7' dimension. Any donations received will be used to purchase these tents.



This service is provided by our friend, Ken Mead. He lives in an area of Los Angeles where the homeless are allowed to pitch a tent at night for shelter. He gives a tent to anyone who wants one.

Adult Study - Hunger

The Adult Sunday School between services on Sunday, February 22, will be hosted by Our Savior's Hunger Advocacy Working Group. The focus of the conversation will be the latest information from Bread for the World regarding hunger and poverty legislation in 2015. Come join the discussion in the Founders Room. No preparation required and no homework! Just bring your curiosity and thoughts.

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE YOUR BLOOD! AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, MARCH 22 8AM—2PM

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. It could be you or a loved one or a stranger.



Appointment scheduling will begin in a few weeks. You may sign up online, on the patio between services, or by calling Heidi Works, 949.361.5179 or hsworks7@cox.net.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

San Onofre School at Camp Pendleton needs basic school supplies like copy paper, notebook paper, white board markers, colored pencils, Kleenex and wipes. Bring donations to the Narthex during February. Thanks!



QUILTS!!!



OSLC's quilt ministry works all year long on the quilts we send to Lutheran World Relief each year. Right now, we need fabric and monetary donations to purchase supplies. Fabric must be cotton/cotton blend (no knits) and large enough to make 22" squares. No religious, holiday or patriotic patterns. Monetary donations should be memo'd: quilts. If you have fabric to donate, please contact Julie Doyle, doylekeljul@cox.net or 949.240.2281.

PENNIES & PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE COMING UP IN MARCH



SECOND HARVEST
FOOD BANK
ORANGE COUNTY

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A member of

Our annual Pennies & Peanut Butter drive is just around the corner in **March**. Start saving your spare change now—let's make this annual collection for Second Harvest Food Bank the biggest one ever!





January 2015 Highlights

- ♦ All four of the Christmas Eve services were well attended, with the 4:30pm service having the largest attendance.
- ♦ Ash Wednesday will be February 18th.
- ♦ Three new members are going through the membership process.
- ♦ Wes Menke received his stoles from OSLC. He likes them and is very appreciative.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Derdzinske,
Congregation Council Secretary

*Next council meeting
Tuesday ~ February 10, 2015 at 6:30pm*



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REMINDER—MARCH 31 DEADLINE TO DIRECT THRIVENTCHOICE DOLLARS

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2015**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide grant funding to Our Savior's Lutheran Church or School.

Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions.

Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Typhoon Haiyan One Year Later: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2014

Average December Attendance:	192 people
Christmas Eve Attendance	721 people
Average Weekly Offering:	\$12,320/wk
Budget Requirement:	\$10,860/wk

	Current Month	YTD
Unrestricted Gifts:	\$49,278	\$242,727
Budget:	\$43,440	\$260,640

These are your gifts to the church through general envelopes and plate offerings; they are used for operating budget expenses.

Annual member contributions are currently 6.87% below the Congregation approved annual budget needs.

Designated Gifts:	\$ 922	\$ 4,961
World Hunger	\$ 540	\$ 2,559
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 382	\$ 2,402

Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 662,896*

**monthly mortgage payment for the classroom building is paid from the school funds*

**Thank You For Your Stewardship!
Blessings!**

Karen Coffee, Treasurer



The Situation:

One of the most powerful storms ever recorded crashed across the central islands of the Philippines. The

typhoon impacted approximately 13.28 million people, destroyed 1.1 million homes and has displaced more than 4 million people. One year later, we remember and pray for all who lost their lives, homes, communities and livelihoods to Super Typhoon Haiyan.

Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response received an outpouring of prayers and financial support. More than \$2.5 million was collected to directly respond to Typhoon Haiyan. Together, we were able to provide immediate need to people and communities affected, and we continue to walk with our brothers and sisters in the Philippines who are still working to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

The work has been extensive and still continues. This has taken the form of shelter repair kits, making it possible for people to start to rebuild and return to their homes. Safe drinking water has been provided with water filtration units, wells constructed or repaired and an increase effort of household sanitation through latrines and hygiene kits. Cash-for-work programs were established to assist people whose livelihoods were destroyed by the typhoon. This program allowed people to participate in clean-up efforts within their communities, while earning an income to provide for their families. Food as well as non-food items were distributed to help meet short-term needs.

~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

FEBRUARY 2015

Priority Enrollment

Priority Enrollment ends February 12th. This is the time set aside for returning students, their siblings, church members and elementary alumni families to enroll. Given the limitations on enrollment, class size and physical space, we cannot guarantee that a space will be held for a child if they enroll after 2/12/2015.

Preschool Tour Dates

Friday 2/6, 9:00am,
Wednesday 2/11, 9:00am

Elementary grade tours are scheduled by calling the school office, 492-6165, and speaking with Roberta Wall, Principal

FOOD BANK



February's Chapel offering will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. This organization solicits and coordinates donations, grants, fundraising, food drives, food rescue and volunteers to supply food, education and advocacy for the hungry in Orange County.

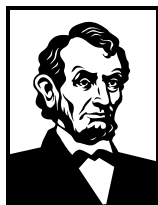
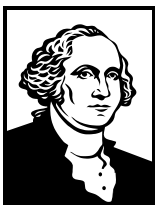
Law Enforcement Safety Program

Child safety is always on the minds of parents, especially when they are unable to be with their child. In an effort to maintain your child's safety as a high priority, Permanent Impressions will be offering a fingerprint safety program to all children enrolled at Our Savior's and their siblings.



Permanent Impressions will be on campus in the morning on Thursday, 2/12/2015.

The school office will be closed on Friday, February 13 and Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day



MEET THE MASTERS



Mexican painter, Frida Kahlo, (1907-1954), will show our young artists her life through beautiful self-portraits and interesting compositions. She was very devoted to her heritage, and often included a few words within her work to help tell her thoughts in the spirit of Mexican *retablos*. The cultural dress, architecture, animals, plants and fruit of Mexico fill her paintings. The children will be using paper and oil pastels to create a still life.



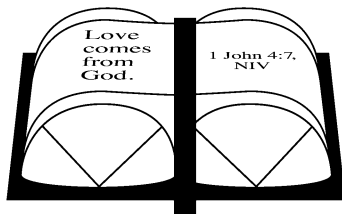
Chancy and Bruce Educational Resources
16168 Beach Blvd., Suite 261
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Chancy and Bruce Educational Resources, Inc. will be on campus February 2nd and 3rd to conduct a kindergarten readiness assessment. The assessment will be a tool to help parents and teachers determine whether the kindergarten age-eligible child is developmentally ready for kindergarten.

February Kid's Page

GOD'S SWEET WORD

Share this Bible treat — and God's love — with a special valentine.



What you need:

- Black card stock or construction paper (2" x 1.5")
- Double-sided tape
- 2 wrapped Hershey's Nuggets candy bars (silver or gold)
- Pen or marker
- White paper (2.75" x 1")
- Thin sliver of red paper or ribbon
- Scissors

What you do:

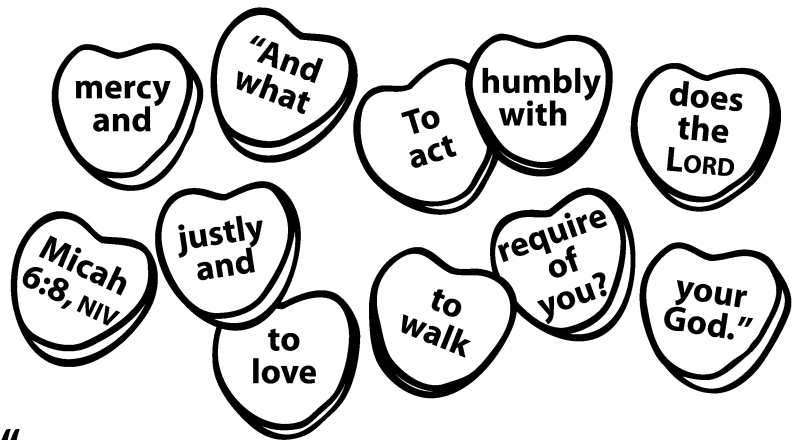
1. In the center of the black paper, tape down the candy bars side by side.
2. On the white paper, write a short Bible verse about love. Then wrap it around the candy bars horizontally and tape it down.
3. Place the red paper or ribbon between the two candy bars, and tape the top of this "bookmark" to the Bible.
4. Give away this fun, sweet message of God's love!



Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.



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_____ ? _____

_____ " _____ 6:8 , _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

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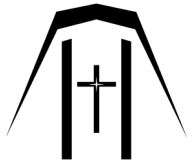
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WORSHIP HOURS

8:30am ~ Bold Worship, Sunday School

9:30am ~ Adult Education

10:30am ~ Classic Worship, Sunday School

6:00pm ~ Evening Worship

Nursery Care available all at all services for children 4 and under!

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