

The Messenger ~ May 2015

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

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

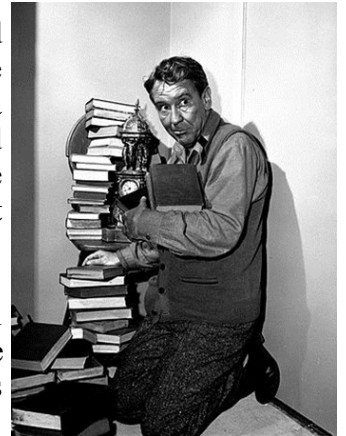
Give Me That Old Time Religion!

Back in the mid to late 1800's folks would gather together and sing this American folk classic: *Give me that old-time religion, Give me that old-time religion, Give me that old-time religion, it's good enough for me.*" Go ahead and Google this title and you'll find various incarnations of the song on YouTube and elsewhere. It is a catchy little tune that calls us back to a simpler day. And I have to admit that there are times when I have a longing in my soul for such simplicity: Sundays that were kept for the Sabbath, phones that weren't strapped to our bodies, food that was anything but fast, and kind neighbors who baked apple pies and welcomed visitors to come help enjoy them.

Then again, I also have to admit that those 'simpler days' came with a price and while I might be nostalgic for the 'good,' it just may not have been quite as good as I remember! That being said, the Christian faith is not calling us to recreate some mythical past, nor to return to some golden age of Christendom. No, the Christian faith is always calling us forward. And let's face it, this is scary!

I remember a particular episode of the "Twilight Zone" (cue music) that featured Burgess Meredith. Set in a future totalitarian America, Romney Wordsworth (you have to love that name) is put on trial for the crime of being obsolete. His occupation as a librarian is a crime punishable by death as the State has eliminated books and literature. He also believes in God, a crime also punishable by death, as the State claims to have proven that there is no God. He is prosecuted and found guilty of not being an asset to the State and therefore shall be liquidated.

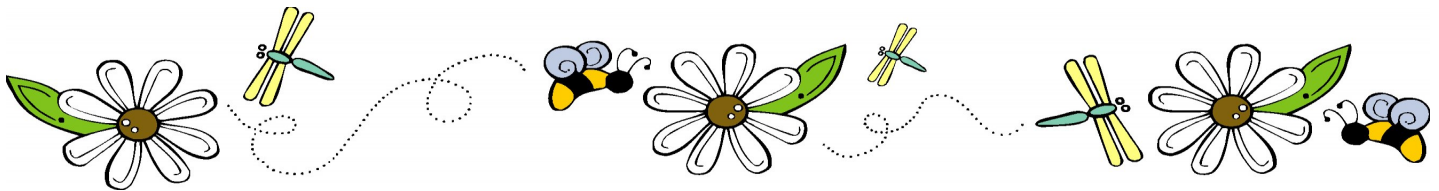
What might be a rather depressing episode is actually quite enlightening because for all the accusations—Romney Wordsworth holds to the truth that he is not obsolete. He may not be able to deny the State's power; but he denies with all his cunning it's assessment and witnesses to that which he knows to be true!



So we in the church must be on guard against a pull of nostalgia which confines us to the past because the message of Christ could never be more important than in our day. Because of our faith in Jesus Christ, we do have something important to add to the conversations of our day—even when those conversations are difficult and we would much assume avoid them altogether. But we mustn't! We have something to say about racial justice, about gender equality, about poverty, about how we treat the orphan, the widow and the alien in our land. We have something to say about the environment and what it means to be stewards of God's good creation. As a faith tradition that was persecuted, even to the point of death for its first 300 hundred years we have something to say about tolerance, religious freedom and what it means to love the stranger. As the provider of social services and hospitals (did you know the first hospital in North America still stands in Mexico City--It is called the Hospital de Jesus Nazareno and was built in 1524) we have much to say about how we care for the welfare of each and every soul.

On May 24th we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost! The day of Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. After showing himself to the disciples and after having ascended, Jesus' followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. And this Spirit compels us to be engaged in the world, to love the world and most importantly to witness to the love of Jesus Christ. That my friend is never obsolete! And while it might not be easy—the mission field never is—we are reminded that from that small group gathered in fear behind locked doors came a Church that was bold and refused to be kept silent, but moved forth in a holy and certain confidence. May that legacy be ours as well! Your faith is NOT obsolete! Veni, Sancte Spiritus = Come, Holy Spirit!

Peace! Pastor Jeff



May Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

~ Birthdays ~

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|----------------------|------|
| Vernette Blumhorst | 5/1 |
| Jill Murphy/Lischalk | 5/1 |
| Alan Lundgren | 5/1 |
| Shanna Rowe | 5/1 |
| Chad Wilcox | 5/1 |
| Katherine Yeakel | 5/2 |
| Peter Davies | 5/3 |
| Karleen Marienthal | 5/4 |
| Liz Derdzinske | 5/6 |
| Bryant Kalagian | 5/6 |
| Jim O'Byrne | 5/7 |
| Dave McKee | 5/8 |
| Myla Pert | 5/8 |
| Linda Taylor | 5/8 |
| Alexa Waldfogel | 5/8 |
| Gary Winkler | 5/8 |
| Bruce Quade | 5/12 |
| Caroline Tully | 5/12 |
| Roberta Wall | 5/12 |
| Luke Luckow | 5/14 |
| Lily Aasland | 5/16 |
| Wilma Bloom | 5/16 |
| Pete Vainoris | 5/16 |
| Gay Bemoll | 5/17 |
| Richard Scarfe | 5/17 |
| Theresa Alvarez | 5/19 |
| Anna Berschauer | 5/19 |
| Wendell Person | 5/21 |
| Marianne Bourgeois | 5/22 |
| Kim Lindholm | 5/22 |
| Diana Hamil | 5/23 |
| Tomas Vergara | 5/23 |
| Natal Vergara | 5/23 |
| Tony Taylor | 5/25 |
| Addi Alvarez | 5/26 |
| Bob Berschauer | 5/26 |
| Jenn Olmstead | 5/27 |
| Andy Wilson | 5/27 |
| Bob Huppert | 5/28 |
| Terry Johnson | 5/29 |
| Mike Heyes | 5/30 |

~ Anniversaries ~

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| Michael & Marlene Fitzhugh | 5/1 |
| Michael* & Sylvia Sinclair | 5/1 |
| Frank* & Debbie Krogman | 5/4 |
| Jerry & Deborah Cloninger | 5/8 |
| Diego & Jennifer Gabira | 5/9 |
| Joel & Carol Hoffmeister | 5/10 |
| Ron & Grace* Cadler | 5/12 |
| Howard & Sally Sharp | 5/18 |
| Pastor Jeff & Kelly Frohner | 5/21 |
| Mike & Denise Campbell | 5/24 |
| Bob & Loretta Cooper | 5/25 |
| Greg & Ellie Gardner | 5/26 |
| Tony & Linda Taylor | 5/26 |
| Don & Marla Lund | 5/27 |
| Alan* & Norma Harkness | 5/28 |



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



MEETING
JUNE 7, 2015 ~ 9:30AM
ALL MEMBERS OF THE
CONGREGATION

Please plan to be in Worship on
Sunday, June 7th for our
Annual meeting.
The Annual meeting is held in
between services -
9:30am SHARP.



*In
Memory*

Mark Schmitt
April 7, 2015

*We don't mourn as those
without hope and we
remember the promise of life,
even life everlasting through
our Lord
Jesus Christ!*

Memorial Service for Mark
will be held at
Our Savior's
Saturday ~ May 9 at 11:00am



*In
Loving
Memory*

Ruth McKeown
April 10, 2015

*We don't mourn as those
without hope and we
remember the promise of life,
even life everlasting through
our Lord
Jesus Christ!*

Memorial Service for Ruth
will be held at
Our Savior's
Saturday ~ May 2 at 10:00am

On April 2, 2015
Maundy Thursday
Our Savior's gave recognition to the
following children who received
Holy Communion for the first time
that evening:

- ◆ Jeremiah Edmundo Aquino ◆
- ◆ Salomon Max Aquino ◆
- ◆ Brett Samuel Ephraim ◆
- ◆ Jessika Pearl Ephraim ◆
- ◆ Christian Bjorn Murphy ◆
- ◆ Savannah Sophia Salvin ◆



Saturday ~ May 9, 2015
7:00am - 8:30am

Calling all men.....

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

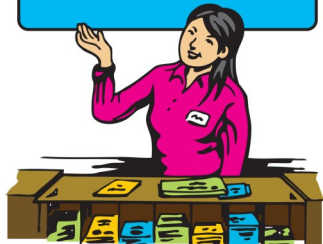
RSVP: John Mulligan at mulli63@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study

Monday ~ May 20 at 9:30am
hosted by Evey Thomsen

Tuesday ~ May 27 at 9:00am
hosted by Bonnie Little

Connections Table



Connections Table

**Sunday's located
in the courtyard
between worship
services.**



Sunday ~ May 24, 2015
10:30am worship
Rite of Confirmation

Join us on Sunday, May 24th at the 10:30am
worship service as we celebrate the Rite of
Confirmation for our 7th graders. May God bless
all of our Confirmands!

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class!



May 24th is Pentecost Sunday

Be sure to wear RED on Sunday, May
24th to help us celebrate the day of
Pentecost! Traditionally Pentecost has
been considered the birthday of the
church and is remembered for the
presence of the Holy Spirit that allowed
everyone to hear the Gospel in their own native
tongue!

Vacation Day Camp (Not VBS)

July 27-31 ~ 9:00am to 3:00pm
Grades K - 6th



Matthew 4:17-22



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

I would like thank all those who contributed to our wonderful Holy Week and Easter services last month. Have you ever thought about how many people serve our church in worship?

There is Pastor Jeff with his wonderful preaching and teaching. I read that the average sermon takes 18 hours to write. Besides the 3 services each Sunday, during Lent Pastor Jeff also gave us wonderful sermons about the parables at our Wednesday night services. Not to mention all the other responsibilities that he carries out each day. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful pastor, leader and teacher in our church.

The Altar Guild is the “silent service” of our church. Each week the communion is set up, the pews “stocked” with pencils, the candles filled with oil and..... Do you know who does that each week? I don’t either. I never see them – it just happens. Take a look at the Weekly Messenger and thank our Altar Guild for their work.

Another silent servant is our “Worship and Music” council member, Kirsten Murphy. The “visuals” in our church enhance my worship experience. Did you notice the drapes on the cross with its different colors for Lent, Good Friday and Easter? The Easter lilies and the flower cross made the church building look glorious for Easter. Kirsten and her “worker bees” were very busy – not just at festival days but year round.

Our musicians have a little more “public” face since they are up in front each week. However, do you know how much time each one of our musicians puts in to prepare the beautiful music in our worship? We are also fortunate to have so many talented people who are willing to share their gifts. We had singers on Easter from preschool age to senior citizens, all singing praises to God. One of my Easter highlights was the choir singing the Hallelujah chorus. There were 10 year olds standing next to octogenarians raising their voices in worship to the risen Christ.

You may think that Bob Cooper is sitting in the back of the church with his iPad checking social media sites (after all he IS the youth director), but he is really mixing sound during the services. What does that mean? It means that you can hear the Pastor speak, listen to the different voices and instruments as they lead worship and enjoy the beautiful ambient lighting that enhances our worship. Paul Skipper volunteers to assume this job when Mr. Cooper is occupied with his other church duties and records the sermon each week. The PowerPoint that helps us join together in singing and worship is another responsibility of the audiovisual team.

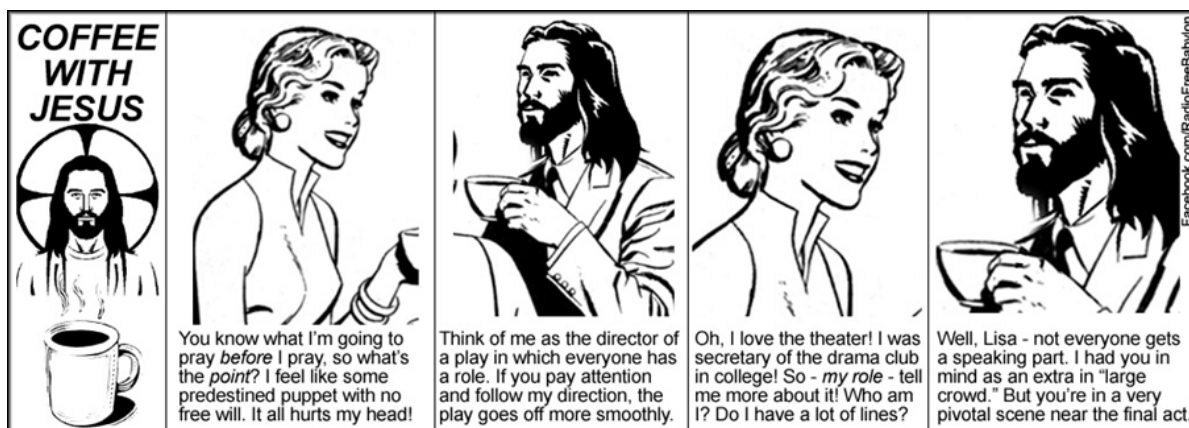
The first person a visitor sees when they walk into our church is the usher. Our ushers make people feel welcome and are the “go to” people if someone has a question or needs something during the service. Think about all the “jobs” the ushers do during each service. It is fun to see the young and old and entire families working together.

I had better stop describing each job or Gay (our church secretary) will have to edit out some of this article to fit into the newsletter. Speaking of Gay, do you realize how many worship folders she created (laid out, typed, corrected, ran off, distributed) just during Holy Week? That is just one task in a VERY long job description.

Here are some other “jobs” that are performed each week to make our worship happen: Readers, Communion Servers, Refreshment Servers, Sunday School Teachers, Maintenance and Repair, Greeting Visitors and Guests AND joining in worship. All of us are an important part of our worship services. Here is a “Coffee with Jesus” strip called “Everyone Has a Role”.

See you at church!

In His Service,
Karen Skipper,
Director of Music



Youth and Children's Page

by Bob Cooper - Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

Service, Up Close and Personal

Each month the Youth and Children's ministry of Our Savior's goes to the Gilchrist House, a transitional shelter for single women and women with children. We bring and share a meal, share a time of devotion, and play with the kids. The meals are planned and prepared by volunteer families from our congregation, school, and community. These meals serve not only to help out the residents of the Gilchrist House but act as a powerful ministry tool for those on both sides of the serving table. The parents that serve get to display Christian love and generosity to their own children as well as the residents, the children get to share their childish fun with others of their age that could use a friend and everyone gets an opportunity to gather in the name of Jesus and have him present at the table. These are often magical, powerful evenings.

What sets the Gilchrist House ministry apart from other servant events is the relationships, when we serve at a soup kitchen or on a bread line it is, of course a worthwhile and important mission, but we don't get to spend any time in one-on-one conversation with those we are serving.

Last month I was contacted by Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) and told that I had been nominated to be an honoree at the OneOC Spirit of Volunteerism Awards Banquet held at the Disneyland Hotel for my work with the Gilchrist House. It was quite an honor to be recognized among so many other wonderful philanthropic folks from around Orange County and I thank FAM for nominating me. I must say, and I mean this in all sincerity, that the honors don't really belong to me; they belong to the volunteer families who take time out of their busy lives to plan, prepare, deliver, and spend an hour with those that could use some compassion and care. Without these caring servants of Christ none of this could happen so with all of the love and respect I can muster I say "Thank you" your good work has not gone un-noticed.

To learn more or to be a part of this worthwhile ministry just let me know, I am happy to include

anyone that wants to join in. We have other service opportunities as well and I'll tell you more about them another time. I'm easy to find, just e-mail me at b.cooper@oursaviorsonline.net or call me at the church office.

Happy in Christ's Service,

Bob Cooper

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry



May 3 - Sunday

- ♦ Tacos & Talent 4:00pm

May 5 - Tuesday

- ♦ Kids Club 3:00pm, Youth Room

May 6 - Wednesday

- ♦ 5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR
- ♦ MSYG 6:30pm, YR

May 10 - Sunday

- ♦ HSYG 6:00pm, YR

May 12 - Tuesday

- ♦ Gilchrist House 6:00pm

May 13 - Wednesday

- ♦ 5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR
- ♦ MSYG 6:30pm, YR

May 17 - Sunday

- ♦ HSYG 6:00pm, YR

May 20 - Wednesday

- ♦ 5th Grade Confirmation, YR
- ♦ MSYG 6:30pm, YR

May 22 - Friday

- ♦ 7th Grade Confirmation Retreat, Luther Glen

May 24 - Sunday

- ♦ Rite of Confirmation, 10:30am
- ♦ HSYG 6:00pm, YR

May 27 - Wednesday

- ♦ 5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR
- ♦ MSYG 6:30pm, YR

May 31 - Sunday

- ♦ HSYG 6:00pm, YR

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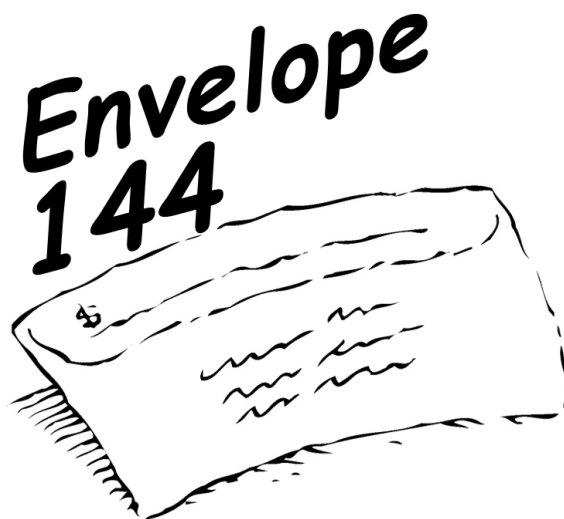
Sundays at the Connections Table

Envelope 144 is *your* opportunity to invest in the youth of our church by helping them on their way to the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan.

On Sundays we will have 144 envelopes available for you on the patio after each service. Each envelope will have a number: 1, 2, 3, all the way up to: 142, 143, and 144. We invite you to take an envelope and return it with a dollar amount matching the number.

For example: If you took envelope 78 you would write a check for \$78 and put that in the envelope!

You will also find in the envelope a prayer card for our youth attending the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering. We ask that you would pray for them, and greet them as you see them in worship.



OSLC is sending seven teens to the **2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering**. This years theme is **RISE UP TOGETHER**. We sincerely *thank you* for helping to make this trip a reality!



Andi



Kyle



William



Kalani

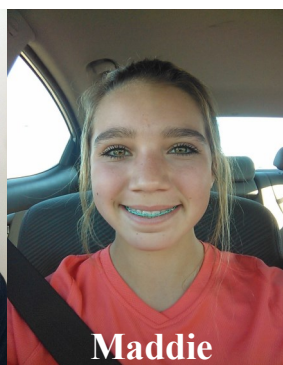
OSLC High School Youth Group ~ National Youth Gathering Crew
Please pray for us as we travel to Detroit ~ Summer 2015



Aaron



Zac



Maddie

TACOS AND TALENT

**12th Annual
TACOS & TALENT**
SUNDAY ~ MAY 3, 2015
4:00PM



Food, Fun and Prizes
Talent Show and Taco Dinner.
Invite your friends and family!

Proceeds to benefit
OSLC High School Youth Group
ELCA National
Youth Gathering 2015



**Let
the
feast
begin!**



"Go Fish!"

Vacation Bible Camp (not VBS) 2015



Who: Kids entering K-6th grades in Fall 2015
What: Fun & Games, Worship, Arts & Crafts, Bible Study, Cool Counselors
When: July 27-31 ~ 9:00am – 3:00pm
Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Cost: \$95.00 per child.

Daily snack provided
Parents are responsible for providing

Sign-up now! Spaces are limited! Return the form below to the church office ASAP.
Questions??? Contact Bob Cooper at (949) 492-6164 or e-mail: b.cooper@oursaviorsonline.net

Deadline to Sign-up is July 19!

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(Return with \$95.00 registration fee to CHURCH office)
Vacation Bible Camp July 27-31, 2015

Camper #1 Name: _____ **Age:** ____ **Grade Fall 2015:** ____

Camper #2 Name: _____ **Age:** ____ **Grade Fall 2015:** ____

Address: _____ **City & Zip:** _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell :** _____ **Work:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

A Health History Form (to be provided) will be required for all campers.

Return Registration Form with fees payable to "OSLC" to the church office or mail:
Our Savior's Lutheran Church • 200 Avenida San Pablo • San Clemente, CA 92672

We need adult volunteers! Please check the activity and circle the day where you can help.

____ Daily Registration 8:50am – 9:10am (M, T, W, Th, F)

____ Lunch Supervision 12:00 – 12:30pm (M, T, W, Th)

____ Provide & Serve Popsicles – 2:15pm (M, T, W, Th) Supervise afternoon pickup – 3:00pm (M, T, W, Th)

____ Pickup, Deliver & Serve Pizza – 11:45am – 12:30pm (F)

____ Provide lunch for up to 6 camp counselors - 12:00 (M, T, W, Th)

____ Provide dinner & showers for up to 6 camp counselors (M, T, Th)

Fellowship

Mother's Day Tea
Sunday ~ May 10th at 9:45am

Dear Ladies,

Please join us in honoring the special ladies in our lives on Mother's Day the 10th! In between the two morning services we will be serving tea with finger sandwiches and cookies in the Founders Room to celebrate all of you wonderful women that take care of others!

Please bring a sweet treat or finger sandwiches to share.

Blessings,
Mindy Goulding, Fellowship Ministry



Ladies...

Bunco's date for May has yet to be determined. Be on the lookout for an e-mail regarding the date, time and place.

Please e-mail me if you are interested in joining our fun Bunco group at mindy.goulding@gmail.com

Have a wonderful and blessed month!

Mindy Goulding,
Fellowship Ministry

Paint Night

I am going to try and put a Paint Night together in June. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail me and let me know so I can get an estimated number of how many people will attend.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Saturday ~ July 18th at 6:05pm
Angels - vs - Boston Red Sox



Thursday Night
Co-Ed
Softball League

First Game
May 14th @ 6:30pm

Good day to all potential softball players. OSLC will be hosting a coed softball team via the City of San Clemente's Recreation Department. Games are played Thursday nights starting May 14th and will run for 11 weeks. Start times vary from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Cost is \$50.00. Please join us as we start our 4th season. Experience is preferred but not necessary. "We are the fun team".

Please call Steve Kos at (949) 492-5368 or e-mail at skos@griotgroup.com



Christian Education April 2015



National Day of Prayer Thursday ~ May 7, 2015 A powerful 24 hour event!

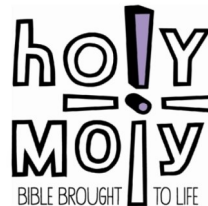
Discover the impact that the power of Prayer brings! Join Our Savior's Lutheran Church in joining thousands of participants across the nation in taking time for simple prayer!

Come and pray in the sanctuary, pray at work, pray while surfing! This event is driven as a reminder that prayer is portable and prayer is powerful!



Sign up for a prayer time slot at the Connections Table or RSVP at maycoffee777@aol.com

Sunday School Lessons! Follow along with us...



May Stories:

- 5/03 - Salt Dough Crosses
- 5/10 - You are my Sunshine Gifts
- 5/17 - Thomas Believes (John 20:19-29)
- 5/24 - Breakfast with Jesus (John 21:1-14)
- 5/31 - The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18)

See the Holy Moly video at:

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



May Fireside Study:
Thursday ~ May 14
6:30pm
Hosted by Kirsten Murphy
404 Avenida Crespi
San Clemente, CA 92672

Ladies please join us for May Fireside Study. Our topic is "Making Time" with our guide to be Ephesians 5:15-17 'Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.'

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

Camp Guides Needed! Want to see how it feels to make an impact on the lives of children? Help OSLC with Camp Discovery VBS during August 3-7. Register to help at <https://kyeakel.wufoo.com/forms/2015-vbs-camp-discovery/>

May Family Devotion:

A Special Reminder For Mother's Day!

God gave each of us a unique fingerprint - a one of a kind special reminder that we are the one and only! Help remind our mother's that they are loved and adored! On a piece of paper mark your fingerprint with ink and stamp your print next to this simple note:

Mom, you always clean the fingerprints
I leave upon the wall.
I seem to make a mess of things
because I am so small.
The years will pass so quickly,
I'll soon be grown like you
and all my little fingerprints
will surely fade from view.
So here's a special fingerprint,
a memory that is true,
so you'll recall the very day
I made it just for you!



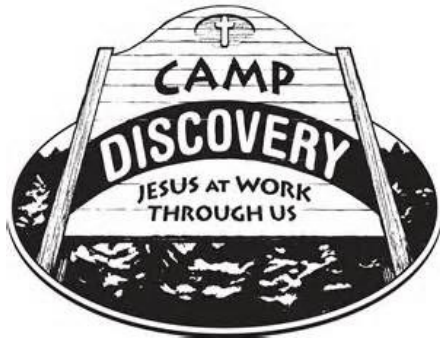
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School
invites you to find out how Jesus
is at work through us everyday!**

Each camper will have a unique hands on experience that includes Projects with a Purpose, interactive bible stores, camp fire snacks and an awesome worship time!

Vacation Bible School Registration begins May 1st-June 1st!
Limited space so register today to guarantee your spot...

Registration is simple: Submit this form and payment for each camper to the OSLC office!

Help is needed! <https://kyeakel.wufoo.com/forms/2015-vbs-camp-discovery/>
Contact VBS Director Katherine Yeakel at (949) 292-7910



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION FORM
(ONE PER CHILD)
August 3 -7, 2015
Campers will meet from 9:00am-12:30pm**

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Phone Number: _____

Home Church: _____ Shirt Size: _____

ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

**Upon completion of registration, please include your \$50 Registration Fee per child, \$40 for each additional sibling! Checks payable to OSLC, Memo: 2015 VBS
Note that Camp Discovery is designed for children entering Preschool-4th grade!**

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 2015

Average March Attendance: 178 people
 Average Weekly Offering: \$ 10,295/wk
 Budget Requirement: \$ 10,860/wk

| | Current Month | FYTD |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Unrestricted Gifts: | \$41,179 | \$351,535 |
| Budget: | \$43,440 | \$390,960 |

These are your gifts to the church through general envelopes and plate offerings; they are used for operating budget expenses. *Annual Contributions are currently 10.08% below the Congregation approved annual budget needs.*

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| Designated Gifts: | \$1,037 | \$ 7,749 |
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| World Hunger | \$ 537 | \$ 3,945 |
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| Habitat for Humanity | \$ 500 | \$ 3,804 |
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Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 648,371.11*

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

**Thank You For Your Stewardship!
 Blessings! Karen Coffee, Treasurer**

\$100,000 and rising: Your Mission Endowment Fund!



Sometimes it feels as if it is one of the best kept secrets—but today I want to shout from the roof tops--- that our Mission

Endowment fund has just recently exceeded \$100,000! Thank you for all who have been supporters of this important ministry. Yet, some folks still have questions about this fund, so we wanted to take a moment to share with you why it is so important.

Think about how wonderful it would be to have a 'secondary source' of income in order to do all the things you would like to do, but simply don't have the funds to accomplish? Here at Our Savior's we are 100% dependent on your generosity in order to fund our ministry. And quite honestly we do a lot on a very limited budget. Here is where the "Mission Endowment Fund" comes into play. As this fund grows we will begin to take part of the investment earnings and use that money to fund mission and ministry here at OSLC. As the fund grows we'll have more resources for ministry, and since we do not use the principal, your donations to this fund will be at work, well, literally forever! A gift to the "Mission Endowment Fund" today will still be at work 50 years from now and that is exciting!

Imagine having the money to send all of our confirmation youth to a week of camp! Imagine having the funds to have a 'Parish Nurse' available on a weekly basis to help us keep track of our physical health! Imagine being able to upgrade our technology to allow folks sitting at home to view our worship and special services. Imagine developing a program that helps teach at risk children how to be successful at school. All of these things may be beyond our yearly budget; but a healthy and vibrant "Mission Endowment Fund" could provide for these and other ministry opportunities.

We would like to encourage you to think about making special gifts to our "Mission Endowment" fund throughout the year: Perhaps in honor of a birthday, or an anniversary, or in gratitude for someone special, and the gift you give will be a perpetual gift on behalf of Christ! Also please consider you final act of stewardship when thinking about your estate and end of life decisions, as a gift to the "Mission Endowment Fund" will be a legacy of love and an important example to others.



CHURCH COUNCIL

April 2015 Highlights

- Pastor Jeff thanked everyone who helped make Holy Week such a special time.
- Bob Cooper was honored by FAM for all of his volunteer time and special activities at Gilchrist House. He will also be honored at the Pacifica Synod Assembly for this important work in the community.
- May 28th-30th is the Pacifica Synod Assembly in Riverside.
- OSLC received a thank you note from Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences (LRCC) for the donation of almost \$1100. This was from the collection taken at Lenten Services.
- We are awaiting some bids to improve our technology in the Sanctuary including a new overhead screen location and also providing sound to the Founders Room and kitchen.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Derdzinske,

Congregation Council Secretary

Next council meeting ~ May 12, 2015 at 6:30pm

Are we calling a new pastor? No! But we are having a conversation about ‘commissioning’ Roberta Wall as an Associate in Ministry. This is a special designation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that is given to lay members of the church who want to serve in a more formal capacity. An Associate in Ministry has received theological training at one of our seminaries, gone through various screenings and assessments and has been authorized by the ELCA to be commissioned as a professional lay leader. Our current principal Roberta Wall had received all of this training and endorsement prior to her coming to OSLC. This would not change her duties or impact our budget; but it would offer Roberta the opportunity to be recognized for her training and work here at OSLC by the greater church. (See Chris Lindholm’s article below for more information) Roberta will host a second Adult Forum on May 17th in between worship services (9:50am in Room 1).

Please come to learn more and bring any questions you might have.

Hello Fellow Church Members:

We are fortunate to have a unique opportunity in our midst that would bring additional credibility and prestige to our church and school. A few months ago, I found out, through Pastor Jeff, that our School Principal, Roberta Wall, has specialized training, education and experience that qualifies her to become a Lay Leader at Our Savior’s. Also, I was informed that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) would review and endorse a Lay Leadership appointment, if our church membership wished to formally pursue this opportunity.

At a recent church council meeting, a discussion took place about Lay Leadership and seeking an Associates in Ministry (AIM) designation through the ELCA for Roberta. I volunteered to help coordinate this effort and the church council agreed to actively support and pursue this opportunity. Additionally, the church council agreed to ask the congregation to vote on this issue at our next annual congregational meeting on June 7, 2015. If approved by the congregation, a call committee would be assembled and we would ask the ELCA to endorse

our recommendation to appoint Roberta as a Lay Leader.

If approved for the AIM designation, not much would change. Roberta would remain the Principal of our school and in the future possibly assume additional non-pastoral activities to assist Pastor Jeff in running our church and school ministry. The AIM designation would be a formal way to recognize Roberta’s special training and education and allow her to become more involved in lay ministry. Also, it would be a feather in her cap, adding an additional level of distinction for her personally and professionally. The church and school would benefit from having an AIM on staff, as it adds credibility to our organization, allows us to formally recognize her hard work, dedication, special training and willingness to serve and sets us apart from other churches in the community.

The costs associated with Roberta becoming a Lay Leader are minimal, only a few hundred dollars per year. More importantly, after talking with Roberta about this opportunity, I know she has the love and desire to serve the people of God and a passion to care for and nurture others.

So, I ask that you support this exciting opportunity and vote to approve the process to formally call Roberta to be a Lay Leader at our annual meeting on June 7, 2015.

“On May 17th Roberta will offer a second congregational forum where she will answer questions and talk about the AIM program in general and her experience in particular. I encourage anyone who has questions to come to this forum in between worship services (9:50am tentatively scheduled in room 1).”

Peace and Blessings,

Chris Lindholm
Church Council VP





Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:45am ▪ Founders Room

Sunday Morning: “The Bible says what?” We are going to take a look at some of the strangest stories in the Bible in hopes that they might actually have a word to share even to us today. Not for the faint of heart, we’ll take a look at what they never taught you in Sunday School!

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

Midweek Study of Sunday’s lessons: 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 to 6:30pm ▪ Founders Room
April 15 – May 27

“The Revelation of St. John—reclaiming a letter of hope from the pundits of fear.” The history of the book of Revelation is a history of people trying to use it as a roadmap for the future. Such attempts to find secrets about the end of the world have led to nothing but fear and disappointment. What if the book of Revelation isn’t about the end of the world; but about living each day in hopeful expectation of the presence of God? Join us as we reclaim this final book which is so often misused and misunderstood. **Join us!**

Special May 2015 Dates

- National Day of Prayer, May 7
- Mother’s Day, May 10
- Ascension of the Lord, May 14
- Armed Forces Day, May 16
- Pentecost Sunday, May 24
- Memorial Day, May 25
- Trinity Sunday, May 31

Stories from the Zaatari Refugee Camp
(Lutheran World Relief We are the Church!)



Salwa, 25, is from the restive city of Daraa. Salwa’s father died three years ago. She crossed the border to Jordan along with her mother, Fatima, 45 years old, and her brother, Muhammad, 14 years old. Her mother is presently in the hospital. They all walked about 10 kilometers at night with live bullets flying over their heads until they reached the Jordanian border around 4:00 a.m. “While hiding in the house of one of our neighbors, our house was bombed by the Syrian army and nothing was left for us to stay for.” said Muhammad. He also added, “We decided to escape from the city in order to save our lives and be in a safe place”.

Salwa and her brother Muhammad received a Tent Winterization Kit from the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in order to build a warm place annexed to the tent. The porch makes their life in the tent easier and safer. When LWF staff asked Muhammad about the difference the porch has made, he said, “Before building the porch, the tent was very crowded with our belongings and we could not move around. We were also not able to install a gas heater, but now we have a warm space that we can spend time in and prepare our food.” Salwa spoke to LWF staff members while she was organizing the cooking utensils inside the porch. She said, “Cooking was completely unsafe. Since we built the porch, we moved many of our belongings to the aluminum extension and the aluminum partitions safeguard heating in the tent making the cooking safer.” Salwa added, “I am not worried now at all when I cook.” Smiling, she continued, “I believe that my mother will be happy when she sees it, after she gets out of the hospital. Thank you.”

SPAM - Food or Annoying Email?

Last Saturday as I was griddling up three rectangular cans of Spam for the Men's Breakfast (*every 2nd Saturday of the month, church kitchen at 7am*), I was contemplating the browning, off-pink slabs sizzling in front of me I said to myself, "John, what the heck IS spam?" You know, I should be able to answer this, as I drag it into the Men's Breakfast menu a couple times a year and I push it on my family when we get the opportunity to travel to Hawaii. In Hawaii it is a treasured food; rich with history and culinary presentation. Here on the mainland it seems to be revolted and when mentioned, people create some unusually snarled, contorted facial expression along with, "Sp, sp, spam?" Funny thing is that Spam is the largest representative in our local Ralph's, when perusing the canned meat section. If you don't know that your local grocery store has a canned meat section then perhaps you can consider yourself lucky that I have expanded your epicurean horizon. Spam is also a word used to identify the annoying emails that we all receive, ad nauseum, from the current day snake oil hawkers that somehow have access to you from every corner of the world. We don't need any of these offerings and yet someone must order these products or services, as the spammers continue their relentless attack.

Sometimes it seems that proactively discussing my faith with others could be construed as overbearing, pushy, dare I say Spam? "Are they interested in discussing this?", "I don't want to be one of THOSE people that push themselves on others", "Christians are being attacked, I don't want to be singled out." I have thought about all of these and more. What's a mild mannered, Faith bearing Christian to do? Spam.

No, don't send out emails to millions of unsuspecting folks peddling Christian values along with the messages filled with miracle potions and useless services that are stacking up in their inbox or junk folder. Instead, I want to be the congealed, can formed, off-pink, meat-like substance loved by many, yet scoffed at by the mainstream. How do I fit

into my surroundings? Am I the low sodium Spam? The "Lower" fat Spam? Perhaps the classic? How about the spicy, jalapeño spam? Could I be the black pepper or the turkey variety? Whatever version, I have a place in the canned food section of my local grocery store, or more importantly, a place in the community that surrounds me. What should I do? Volunteer for one of the many OSLC ministries, discuss faith with a friend in need, invite a buddy to the Men's Breakfast, introduce a new neighbor to OSLC and our community. You know, I can do it if I act like Spam, and so can you.

Think Spam: No shelf life. Interesting hue. Formed to its confining surroundings, yet so much to offer. Loved by many. Mysterious ingredients. This all sounds like me, how about you?

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May God Shine His Face Upon YOU,

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Social Concerns Ministry Team News

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

May 1-31

Please join us in our last major collection drive this fiscal year. As we have been doing since 2003, Our Savior's will assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.



OUR GOAL IS 200 KITS

We need:

- **400 Bath-size bars of soap (4.5oz size) in the original wrapping** [2 bars per kit]
- **YOUR DONATIONS**

We have found that it works better to collect the funds to purchase most of the kit items as we can purchase in bulk for better pricing and get exactly what we need. We would be grateful for your financial support of this project.

We welcome your donation of any amount. **Please make checks payable to OSLC, memo: LWR Kits.** Each kit costs approximately \$15.00 including shipping.

Thank You!



Lutheran Relief Personal Care Kits

Where do they go?

In 2014, LWR delivered 122,550 personal care kits to Angola, Armenia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Iraq, Lebanon, Myanmar, Peru, Philippines, Syria, Tanzania, and Yemen.

This is possible only because of congregations like ours. Once we assemble our kits, we deliver them to the local Ingathering pickup point in October where they are loaded onto trucks and taken to a pre-positioning warehouse in Minnesota. Quilts and kits are prepared for shipping and delivered upon request to partner organizations in over 20 countries worldwide. Natural disasters and conflicts require rapid response times, and so LWR's ability to have emergency kits ready to go has been a help to millions of people for over 60 years. Thank you for helping us continue the tradition!

San Clemente Interfaith Coalition

The San Clemente Interfaith Coalition is a recently formed group whose vision is to be a unified voice amongst our faith-based community to fight human trafficking. It is difficult to believe, but human trafficking exists right here in San Clemente. The faith community wants to be educated so that it may stand with the city and county to stop the victimization of vulnerable people. Kelly Frohner and Linda Howard attended the first meeting of this group. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact one of us and we will inform you of the next meeting.

Some upcoming social justice events:

- **Saturday, May 2, 9am-2pm, Our Lady of Fatima. Where the Gospel Meets the Street-How to Bring the Good News to a Bad News World.** Participants will reflect on the way Christians are called to engage the difficult issues facing our world. RSVP: salt@olfchurch.net. \$10 suggested donation.
- **Sunday, May 3, 12:00pm, Pacific Coast Church. Project Freedom: Men in Sex Trafficking Project**
Lunch provided. RSVP to Jill Fawcett, 280-1550.
- **Thursday, May 7th at 6:30pm, San Clemente Presbyterian Church. Sanctuary Presentation and Jewelry Trunk Show.** International Sanctuary is a non-profit organization that assists survivors of human trafficking recover by providing jobs making jewelry. No RSVP necessary.

Thank you for your support of Pennies & Peanut Butter

Church and school families collected 4 barrels of food and donated \$1,400 last month for Second Harvest Food Bank. Thanks for your generosity!

OUR FIRST THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECT!

The OSLC Quilt Ministry recently received \$150 from Thrivent Financial to purchase quilt batting. If you are a Thrivent member, let us tell you about how you can help OSLC/S ministries by sponsoring an Action Team. Contact Linda Howard, howard.ljh55@gmail.com.



Our Savior's Lutheran School News ~ May 2015

Meet the Masters

Our young artists will be introduced to Japanese artist, *Katsushike Hokusai* (1760-1849). They will find out the importance of Asian art with its unique style and that many of the world's master artists were greatly influenced by Asian art. They will explore Asian Brush Painting using black tempera ink on white paper.



PJ's For Disaster

OSLS students will be allowed to wear their pajamas on Thursday, May 14th for \$5.00. All monies collected will be used to purchase items needed to assemble the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.



FIELD DAY ~ Friday, May 22

- ♦ 17 different stations of fun physical activities including 2 rest stations with water and oranges.
- ♦ Annual 5th grade run/race around the school.
- ♦ Popsicles passed out to everyone at the end of the event.



On Thursday, May 14, Our Savior's Preschool will be hosting its annual **Open House**. The evening begins at 6:00pm. All families are encouraged to visit their child's classroom. This is an opportunity for the children to share with their parents the work they have been doing.

The Elementary Open House will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30pm. The evening is for the students to *show off* their work. Parents also have the opportunity to visit the classroom their child will be in come September.



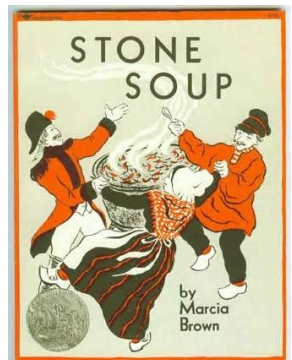
Read Very Day. Lead a Better Life



Scholastic Book Fair
May 29 - June 7
Room 1

Preschool Spring Performance




The Preschool classes will be presenting their rendition of **Stone Soup** on May 28 & 29 at 9:00am. This story is an old folk tale in which hungry strangers trick the local people of the town to share their food: a good confidence trick that benefits the group by combining individual resources.





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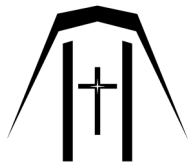
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