

# The Messenger ~ October 2015

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

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

## Welcome Pope Francis to America!

As I write this October addition of the Pastor's page the Pope has just begun his first visit to America—and I couldn't be more excited! Why you say? Because the visit of someone like Pope Francis reminds people, politicians, media and even corporate America that faith matters. That religion and religious beliefs are important to people and that our faith must be a part of the conversation in regards to how we live in the world.

Certain folks have gone out of their way to suggest that faith and politics should always be separate. "The one has nothing to do with the other!" In fact a recent book about the death of Jesus suggests that Jesus himself when he had the famous discussion about taxes was telling his church that the two realms: the realm of the world and the realm of God are to be considered forever and hereafter separate. I think that is a bad interpretation at best, and an evil assertion at worst. Our faith will always inform our worldview and it should influence how we vote, spend our money, where we vacation and how we understand our place in the world.

This is what Jesus was talking about when he called us to follow him and proclaimed that the kingdom of God was at hand. We as followers of Christ are bold to proclaim that God actually cares about the world and still desires for God's children to live in peace. We are called to resist the evils of myopic personal

gain or tribal security in favor of a kingdom that reaches out in love toward the neighbor and understands that we are called to reach for something that the world would have us forever let go.

In fact, going back to Jesus' famous saying about taxes in Matthew 22, he asks us to give to God what belongs to God. And then to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. Here is the rub; Caesar will always assume that EVERYTHING belongs to him, to empire and to his ability to dominate cultures and people. The person of faith however realizes that this must be a lie. For we realize and confess that everything belongs to God, the world, our neighbor, our very lives, time, talent and treasures all are first a gift given from the Lord. This means that fundamentally we have a roll in reminding the world and each other that we are our brothers and sisters keepers and that God's voice of love for the last and least is not only important but paramount.

So for all those who were uncomfortable with the Pope and his visit and with his conversation about things that matter in the world, to them I say, good! I would never presume to tell you how you should think, but I'm glad that you've been reminded that your faith should be a significant part of that conversation.

**Peace! Pastor Jeff**



**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 25, 2015**  
**Wear Red to Worship**

On October 31, 1517 an obscure but promising professor at Wittenberg University posted his 95 theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg. Martin Luther wanted to call the church into a debate over several of its practices which he found to be unacceptable in light of Holy Scripture. Chief among these abuses was the selling of indulgences for the forgiveness of sins. This was in direct conflict with Luther's rediscovery of the great truth of the Gospel: That we are put right with God by grace through faith, not by works of the law. Luther's ideas fueled the Protestant Reformation and a new era in the West where the individual could stand up before Pope or King on the grounds of conscience.

On Sunday, October 25th we will celebrate Reformation Day here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Wear red, the color of the day to help us celebrate!



## October Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

### ~ Birthdays ~

Roy Blumhorst	10/1	John Davidson	10/24
John* Pert	10/2	Shelby Lindholm	10/24
Julie Gordon	10/5	Andrew Cardoso	10/25
Caitlyn Schmitt	10/6	Brad Crowe	10/25
Daryl Kowalik	10/7	Ian Kos	10/25
Troy* Ferderer	10/8	Wyatt Lischalk	10/26
Tanya Hathaway	10/8	Nancy Llamas	10/26
Nicholas Reyes	10/8	Stan Schrofer	10/27
Brian Burgett	10/9	Ben Gardner	10/28
Brianna Wright	10/9	Wesley Gardner	10/28
Kelly Doyle	10/11	Diane Miles	10/28
Gary Marzolo	10/11	Erin Doyle	10/30
Rena Schmiedeke	10/11	Sandra Hannah	10/31
Christine Balaban	10/12		
Stephanie Kania	10/12		
Chris Lindholm	10/12		
Jessica Lewis	10/13		
Tom Densham	10/14		
Marla Lund	10/14		
Rachel Mulligan	10/16		
Griffin Buchan	10/19		
Mila Olbrich	10/19		
Wendy Kelly	10/20		
Beverly Simon	10/20		
Ryan Crowe	10/21		
Pam Burgett	10/22		
Shig Kinoshita	10/22		
Paul Luckow	10/22		
Ronan Hallinan	10/23		
John Lucy	10/23		

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Stan Schrofer	10/27
Ben Gardner	10/28
Wesley Gardner	10/28
Diane Miles	10/28
Erin Doyle	10/30
Sandra Hannah	10/31

### ~ Anniversaries ~

Gus & Theresa Alvarez	10/1
Matt & Julie Gordon	10/5
Eric & Jill Baker	10/8
Greg & Christie Kalagian	10/10
Jeff & Julie McClure	10/10
Matthew & Kat Yeakel	10/10
Greg* & Stephanie Kania	10/12
Keven & Dee Matthews	10/13
Ed & Karen Fox	10/14
Jim* & Kathy Berlett	10/15
Ken & Arlene Ross	10/16
Mike & Diane Boquet	10/18
Jim Smoot & Barb Baldwin	10/21
Barbara & Cliff* Hume	10/26
Andy & Mindy Goulding	10/27
Mike & Christi Calvert	10/30



### October is Pastor Appreciation

*We, as a congregation thank you  
Pastor Jeff for the wonderful  
spiritual guidance, leadership,  
love and support that you share  
with each and every one of us.*

**Thank You, Thank You,  
Thank You!**

*Be sure to show your  
personal appreciation!*



### In Memory

**Vilma Groos  
August 13, 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  
At Our Savior's  
Friday, October 9, 2015  
4:00pm**

**BAPTIZED**



**in the name  
OF THE LORD**

**September 20, 2015**

*Owen Solomon Song & Isla Rose Song*

**September 27, 2015**

*Stella Shane Waldie*

We welcome Owen, Isla and Stella into the Lord's family and receive them as fellow members of the body of Christ and pray that their light may always shine before others.



This last week my oldest son, Luke, gave me a special gift. Luke had poured his heart and soul into the coloring of a picture that he created especially for me. When presenting his gift to me, his face lit up with excitement and in return, mine did as well. The both of us had smiles from ear to ear, as we studied his accomplishment. To me, the gift was priceless. To you, it would have been viewed as only scribbles on paper that would be best suited for the recycling bin. We have all had these moments of being presented a gift from a loved one, that only another loved one can appreciate. It is due to this common thread that I would like to introduce you to the plastic donut theory.

The plastic donut theory comes from Jeff Anderson, author of Plastic Donuts and founder of AcceptableGift.org. Jeff's own experience with his 18-month old daughter gifting him a plastic donut drove him to the thought, that this simple gift exchange is what God desires with us. The plastic donut was simply a tool connecting a child to father, much like how the gifts we give to the church connect us to God.

As we become adults, we struggle with the definition of an "acceptable gift". Should I give my time? My money? How much money? 10% is too much, but I gave 3% last year. An acceptable gift is the kind of gift that pleases God. Often we look at giving from the perspective of the receiver, but the acceptable gift is about seeing our gifts from God's perspective. Giving as a pathway to God's heart. God desires your gifts as a way to further his bond and connection with his children, just like my interaction with Luke.

October is Stewardship Month. Please think of



plastic donuts this month and how you can strengthen your bond with God through giving.

Corey Luckow,  
Stewardship Ministry

## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2015

Average July Attendance:	165 people
Average Weekly Offering:	\$ 7,799/wk
Budget Requirement:	\$ 10,860/wk

	July 2015	FYTD
Unrestricted Gifts:	\$31,194	\$ 31,194
Budget:	\$43,440	\$ 43,440

These are your gifts to the church through general envelopes and plate offerings; they are used for operating budget expenses. *Annual member contributions for the month ending July 31, 2015 were 28.19% BELOW the Congregation approved annual budget.*

Designated Gifts	July 2015	July 2015 YTD
World Hunger	\$400	\$400
Habitat for Humanity	\$421	\$421
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$821</b>	<b>\$821</b>

**Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 628,663.34\***

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

**Thank You For Your Stewardship!**

**God Bless,  
Bruce Quade  
Treasurer**



### Join Us in Membership

We are in the process of gathering a new member's group for the Fall of 2015. If you are interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's please sign-up in the Narthex or call/e-mail the church office at (949) 492-6164 or [oslcsec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oslcsec@sbcglobal.net).



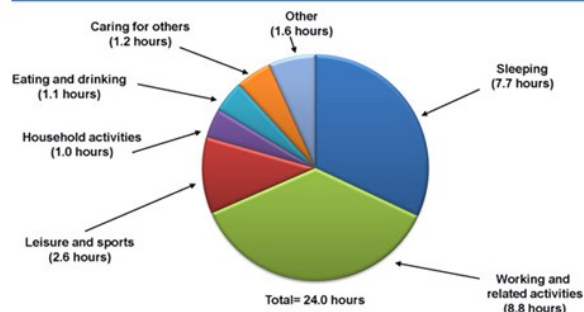
In preparing my October newsletter article, I often look back to see what topic(s) I have addressed in the past. I found my article from last October and thought there was some information that was worth sharing again.

October is always the launch of our stewardship campaign at Our Savior's. **Stewardship** is defined as "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." At Our Savior's, we ask you to look at your management of your *time* and your *talents* (money).

How do you manage your money? According to Forbes magazine, most Americans' dollars go to housing. Number two is transportation and number three is food. An interesting statistic states that, "In 1901, according to a 1997 Bureau of Labor Statistics study, the average family spent almost half of their budget on food. Just 3% of that went to meals away from home. Today, we only spend an average 13.3% of our budgets on food—but 42% of that money is spent in restaurants."

How do you manage your time? The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics compiled this chart showing how Americans spend their time. A recent Nielson study reported that Americans over the age of 2 spend an average of 34 hours per week watching live television plus another 3-4 hours watching taped programs. That is equal to an average, full-time work week.

Time use on an average work day for employed persons ages 25 to 54 with children



NOTE: Data include employed persons on days they worked, ages 25 to 54, who lived in households with children under 18. Data include non-holiday weekdays and are annual averages for 2012. Data include related travel for each activity.  
SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, American Time Use Survey

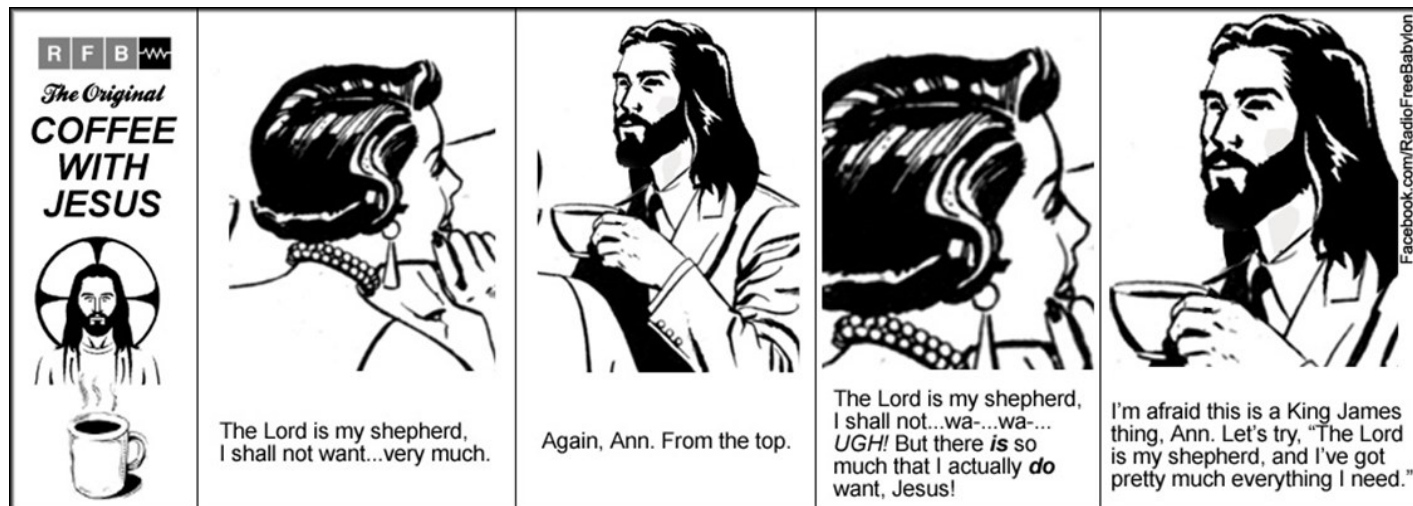
We are charged to be stewards (careful managers) of our time and our money. Let us use both wisely to spread the Word of God in our world.

I would like to conclude with a passage from Scripture that is a good reminder to us on sharing what we have been given:

*17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their **hope in God**, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to **do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*** I Timothy: 17-19

In His Service ~

Karen Skipper, Director of Music



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

## Is Fall the Best Season?

One of my favorite memories from my childhood is one of sitting at my desk in my 5th grade classroom and seeing the late afternoon golden-orange sunlight streaming in the window and across my desk. Our school sat right across the street from an open bean field (now some very expensive homes occupy that field) and I can still see that beautifully colored sunlight bouncing off of the Fall decorations in our classroom. I'm not sure if it is the sunlight, the shortening days, or the sound of children playing in the schoolyard, but every October I am wonderfully transported back to my youth in this way and it is great.

October is a busy month for the youth ministry here at Our Savior's. We will do our regularly scheduled meetings such as the Kids Club (grades 3-5) which meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 3-4pm, the active and ever growing Middle School Youth Group which meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm, and the High School Youth Group which meets every Sunday from 6-8pm. We also have the youth band which meets at 6pm each Wednesday at 6pm, by the way all youth are invited to come and jam with us. We also have a few regularly scheduled outreach activities that will continue in October, namely our monthly dinner with the women and children of Gilchrist house, the feeding of the hungry at the Welcome Inn, and the monthly food distribution with Family Assistance Ministries.

But October is a special month and we have several special activities that celebrate this fact, such as our 5th Annual Chili Cook-off on October 11, this year the cook-off will NOT be a fundraiser but rather a "thank you" fellowship event to show our appreciation for all of the support that the congregation has shown throughout the year, so leave your wallet at home. We will also have our annual Middle School Late Nighter on October 16th, the kids are going to have a blast! And not to be forgotten, our annual "Trick or Trunk" event will be back on Wednesday, October 28! If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and handing out candy please let me know ASAP as these spots

are limited and tend to fill up quickly.

So is Fall the best season? I don't know, but it sure is a great one! Have a pumpkin-spice-latte kind of day.

**Bob Cooper,**  
*Director Youth and Children's Ministry*



### **CALENDAR**

**October 4 - Sunday**

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

**October 6 - Tuesday**

Kids Club 3:00pm, Youth Room

**October 7 - Wednesday**

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room

MSYG 6:30pm, Youth Room

**October 10 - Saturday**

FAM Food Distribution 8:00am

**October 11 - Sunday**

Chili Cook-Off 4:00pm, Patio

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

**October 13 - Tuesday**

Gilchrist House 6:00pm

**October 14 - Wednesday**

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room

MSYG 6:30pm, Youth Room

**October 16 - Friday**

Middle School Late Nighter @ various locations

**October 18 - Sunday**

7th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Founders Room

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

**October 21 - Wednesday**

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room

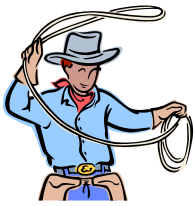
MSYG 5:30pm, Youth Room

**October 25 - Sunday**

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

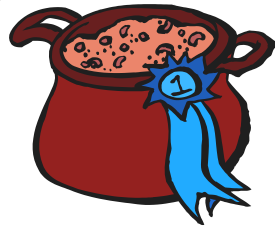
**October 28 - Wednesday**

Trick or Trunk, 6:00pm



**Be a part of  
Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church**

# Chili Cook-Off



# Chili Dinner

**Sunday, October 11, 2015 @ 4:00pm**

**PUT YOUR WALLET AWAY!**

**This is a fun fellowship event organized  
by our youth ministry to say Thank you  
for all your support during the year.**

Enter me in this here contest,  
I'll show y'all how it's done!

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

My Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

My E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I only cook Chili \_\_\_\_\_

I'm bringing cornbread \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up for both \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to the Church Office

**Questions? Contact Karen Skipper or  
Bob Cooper @ 949-492-6164**



# Trick or Trunk

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

A night of fun for ghouls of all ages!

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

A church, school, and community gathering

**5:00pm** Pizza Dinner (\$5.00)

on the church patio

**6:00pm** Trick or Trunk

Church/School Parking Lot

Children are encouraged to come in costume

(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

**We do need people to host trunks!**

Scary or Fun...your choice

Filled with lots of treats!

Questions please contact

**Bob Cooper @ 949-492-6164 X226 or**

**b.cooper@oursaviorsonline.net**

**Please fill out and return to church office**

Name of Participating Family \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Pizza dinners \_\_\_\_\_  
(pay at the window)

Will you be hosting a trunk? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**To host a trunk, just decorate the trunk of  
your car and have candy to pass out,  
be as creative as you like!**

**Please be here and ready to**

**hand out candy by 5:45pm.**

**Church parking lot opens at 6:00pm**





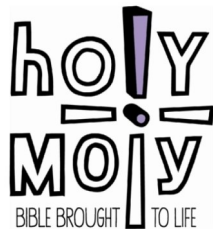


# Christian Education

## October 2015



### Sunday School Lessons! Follow along with us...



#### October Lessons:

- October 4:** Noah (Genesis 6-9)  
**October 11:** Baby Moses (Exodus 2:1-10)  
**October 18:** Exodus (Exodus 3:1-5)  
**October 25:** The Stone Tablets (Exodus 19:1-20:17)



### Meet Your Teachers!

- ⇒ Joellie Buchan
- ⇒ Grace Buchan
- ⇒ Maddie Gabira
- ⇒ Jim Wall
- ⇒ Julie Gordon
- ⇒ Corey Luckow
- ⇒ Nancy Luckow
- ⇒ Heidi Works
- ⇒ Denielle Hickey
- ⇒ Matthew Yeakel
- ⇒ Katherine Yeakel

Want to join this amazing team? Contact Kat Yeakel at [maycoffee777@aol.com](mailto:maycoffee777@aol.com) today to get more information on how YOU can make a difference in the lives of children!

Please feel free to contact us with in questions.

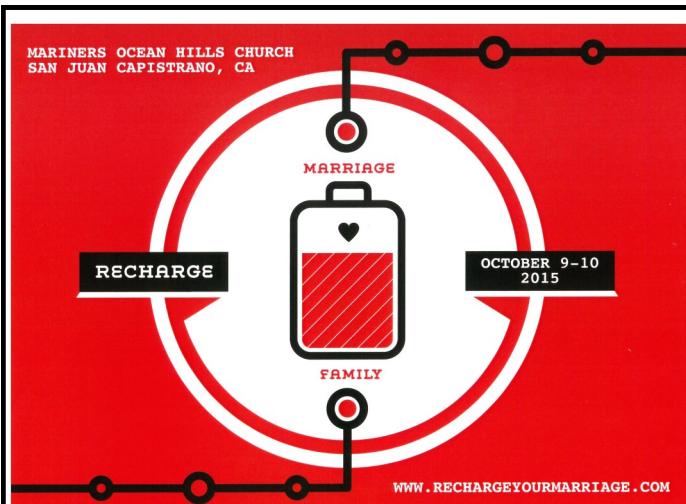
### Sunday School Donations needed!

Please help your Sunday School ministry in getting supplies for the new year!

We are looking for:

- ⇒ Pencil boxes
- ⇒ Glue sticks
- ⇒ Children's scissors
- ⇒ Hole Punchers
- ⇒ Packing Tape
- ⇒ Cleaning Supplies for the room

**Donations may be dropped off in the church office. Please label your items: Sunday School!**



### Recharge Your Marriage Conference October 9-10

Join your neighbors and friends in South Orange County's "Recharge your Marriage Conference" on October 9-10th. This event is hosted by Better Together Ministries and will be held at Mariners Church in San Juan Capistrano. Our Savior's members have been offered a special discount! If you are interested in this event or want more information feel free to contact Kat Yeakel at [maycoffee777@aol.com](mailto:maycoffee777@aol.com) or visit <http://www.rechargeyourmarriage.com> for ticket information.

For the special Our Savior's discount make sure to enter the promo code: **oursavior**



# OSLC FELLOWSHIP

## Rally Day 2015

THANK  
YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for coming out to Rally Day! We had a great afternoon with our church and school families! I hope everyone is settling into fall and enjoying the beautiful weather.

I will be looking for some fun things to do in the coming weeks and will send out an email blast, so be on the lookout!

I hope to see you at some upcoming events!

Blessings,  
*Mindy Goulding ~ Fellowship Ministry*







**Sunday Morning Bible Study**  
**9:50am to 10:25am ▪ Sanctuary**

**Paul's letter to the Corinthians:**

Many folks know about the "Love Chapter" that is often read at weddings but this important letter to an often stubborn congregation is a treasure for understanding how it is we live out the Christian faith.

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

We take a look at the upcoming lessons for Sunday Morning. There is no better way to prepare for worship then joining us on Wednesday morning.  
**No Biblical experience necessary.**

**Wednesday Evening**  
**5:30pm-6:30pm ▪ Founders Room**  
**(Childcare needed...contact Pastor Jeff)**

**"From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians"**

Together we'll use this groundbreaking Frontline series to hear the epic story of the rise of Christianity. We'll explore the life and death of Jesus, and the men and women whose belief, conviction, and martyrdom created the religion we now know as Christianity. We'll use DVD, Bible study, discussion and look at the newest information available in order to get a better understanding of how the Christian tradition was born.



**Saturday ~ October 10, 2015**  
**7:00am - 8:30am**

***Bring the kids, give your wife the morning off!***  
***Breakfast and childcare provided.***

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

RSVP: John Mulligan at [mulli63@gmail.com](mailto:mulli63@gmail.com)

## What's Happening @ OSLC

**Dolphin Day (formerly Preschool Sunday)**  
**Sunday ~ October 18, 2015 @ 8:30am & 10:30am**



**Our Savior's Preschool will sing at 8:30am worship**  
**and Elementary will sing at 10:30am worship.**



### *Blessing of the Quilts*

***Sunday ~ October 18th at 8:30am & 10:30am***



8:30am-9:00am	Chapel, Sanctuary
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, YR
6:45pm-8:00pm	Celebration Singers, Sanc
7:15pm-8:00pm	6th Grade Confirmation, Sanc

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM NEWS



### Welcome Inn Meal Service is Back!

**Monday, October 12th**

***Sent to Serve with Love***



The Social Concerns Ministry Team is now providing a Welcome Inn dinner service for the homeless on the second Monday of each month. Our first dinner will be served on October 12th at the South Doheny Beach picnic tables. We will meet in Our Savior's church kitchen at 4pm to load the vehicles and travel to Doheny by 4:30pm.

Please let us know how you would like to help! We need Thrivent members to obtain Action Team funds to purchase supplies, people to donate the menu items, and people to come with us to Doheny to serve the dinner. Watch for our "Sign-Up Genius" email to sign-up for your contribution.

Please contribute, cook or serve!

Our Welcome Inn coordinator is Heidi Works, [hsworks7@cox.net](mailto:hsworks7@cox.net) or (949) 212-0803



### Join Team Our Savior's at the 28th Annual Hunger Walk for Family Assistance Ministries

**Sunday, October 18th**

San Clemente Community Center

Registration 12:30-1:30pm

Walk begins at 2pm and lasts about an hour



***Team Our Savior's 2014***



The Hunger Walk brings the entire San Clemente community together to raise funds for Family Assistance Ministries' diverse programs that provide a hand up to those in need in our community. It is FAM's main fundraiser each year, and it's a great opportunity to show love for our neighbors.

#### ***A special invitation for church and school families:***

FAM's Hunger Walk is a perfect way to model our chapel theme - LOVE. Watch for activities for your children to get more involved!

Sign-up to walk or donate on the patio or register/donate online at [www.family-assistance.org](http://www.family-assistance.org)

**Thank you to Thrivent Financial  
for a matching funds grant of \$500**

**For more info, talk to Al Riebau, Heidi Works (contact above) or Hallie Stohler ([Hallie.stohler@gmail.com](mailto:Hallie.stohler@gmail.com))**

***"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone amongst your people,  
but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:18***



## ELCA Works With Partners To Aid Refugees Entering Europe

CHICAGO (ELCA) – As Europe continues to absorb hundreds of thousands of migrants from the Middle East this summer, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is working with Lutheran companion churches and partners in Europe to assist people seeking refuge now and to meet their future needs.



around the main railway station. The Diaconal Service of ELCH is donating medicine to migrant children in need through the Hungarian Association of Family Pediatricians. Information books have been published in Farsi, Urdu, Arabic, French and

In a Sept. 9 "e-Alert" to ELCA members, the Rev. Daniel Rift, director of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, wrote that "as a church, we are called to respond. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to meeting basic humanitarian needs and upholding the rights of those fleeing war and crisis."

Working with companion churches, such as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary (ELCH) and the Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia, and with The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), ELCA members are providing food and other materials to "assist those who have fled their homes," wrote Rift. "We are also in communication with our church companions in Germany, as they receive tens of thousands of refugees."

The bishop of the Lutheran church in Hungary, the Rev. Tamas Fabiny, has said that the denomination is working to "promote a culture of mutual respect, inclusion and love" among refugees entering Budapest, according to the Rev. Cindy Halmarson, ELCA area program director for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

"The ELCH is our companion in this country that is on the migration route of asylum seekers from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and northern Africa," said Halmarson.

"Through partnership with Hungarian Interchurch Aid, the ELCH has been participating in activities providing help to migrants, including the collection and distribution of clothing, blankets, bandages, sleeping bags and mats. In cooperation with the Lutheran Student Home, the ELCH is offering 150 daily hot meals to migrants gathered

English and distributed for the orientation of migrants. ELCH is seeking support from the Migration and Integration Fund of the European Commission for a 'House of Integration' for longer-term support," reported Halmarson.

In Serbia the ELCA has partnered with two organizations associated with the Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia, said Halmarson.

"Asylum Protection Center has already provided free legal aid to more than 1,000 asylum seekers this year," she said. "Many more are expected. In addition they provide humanitarian assistance and psychosocial support, and they advocate with the Serbian government for a more comprehensive response to the flow of refugees into and through Serbia."

"Church World Service is offering immediate support to asylum seekers in Belgrade, Miratovac, Presevo and elsewhere," said Halmarson. "Our companions are seeing an increase in vulnerable people crossing the border (mothers pregnant and/or with small children, people who are stranded, fainting, dehydrated or ill) and growth in the number of people camping out in parks and public areas. In partnership with the Red Cross, meals are distributed in Bujanovac, a poor community where refugees gather after crossing from Macedonia."

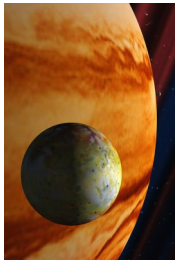
"As winter approaches and the usual travel routes become blocked, shelter will be required for those refugees who are unable to reach their goal of entry into Germany," said Halmarson.

Information about Lutheran Disaster Response is available at [www.ELCA.org/disaster](http://www.ELCA.org/disaster)



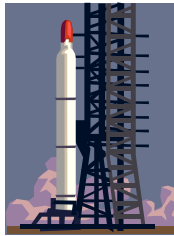
# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

## October 2015



Our 5th graders are attending **Astrocamp**, a 3-day outdoor science camp, in Idyllwild. They leave on Wednesday, September 30th and return on Friday, October 2nd.

While there they will learn about astronomy, rocketry, space exploration and other physical and earth science related concepts through hands-on activities.



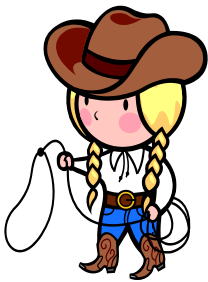
### Red Ribbon Week (October 25th-30th)

#### Theme: Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free

Each year Red Ribbon Week is set aside to reinforce the importance of a drug-free lifestyle. Our Savior's will be involved in several activities during the week reinforcing the theme.



### Barnyard Bash



This year's annual celebration of Halloween and the Fall Season is on Friday, 10/30 for the elementary students. Each classroom will host free, carnival-like games and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Food booths will be available as well. Students and faculty are encouraged to come to school that day dressed as a farmer, scarecrow, cowboy/girl, farm animal, etc.

Parents of Preschoolers may bring them to Barnyard Bash after they sign them out of preschool.

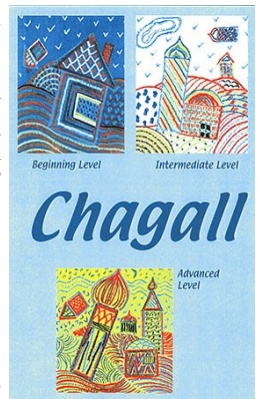
The Preschool Halloween Parades will be on Thursday, 10/29 and Friday, 10/30 at 9:00am



### Meet the Masters

Our young artists will be studying the Russian master artist, Marc Chagall (1887-1985). The colorful, imaginary world of Russian born Chagall will be explored through his fascinating paintings. Chagall's genius is shown in his colors, patterns, shapes and compositions.

The children will be using oil pastels on colored paper to create "Enchanted Villages."



### October's Chapel Offerings

October's Chapel offerings will be given to the South County Hunger Walk, benefitting Family Assistance Ministries.

October's character trait is Caring. The corresponding Bible verse can be found in Mark 10:13-16, *Love is Kind*



# Kid's Page

## October 2015

### BLESSING BAGS



Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

#### What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

#### What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.

### PUZZLE

## meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

*Directions: Starting at the \*B and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.*



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MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

Answer: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Matthew 6:3, NIV



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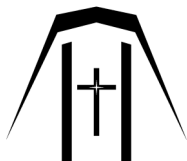
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**8:30am ~ Bold Worship, Sunday School**

**9:30am ~ Adult Education**

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