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Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School • San Clemente, California "Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think, and Sent to Serve"

PASS IT ON: FAITH, HOPE and LOVE!

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

I Corinthians 13.13

The games of the XXXI Olympiad ended last night and in a rather humorous bit, we saw a huge tunnel connecting Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with Tokyo, Japan. The two cities couldn't be farther apart, so the beloved video game character "Mario" (Developed by Nintendo in Japan) jumped into the tunnel and traveled through the center of the earth to end up in Rio and mysteriously turned into the Prime Minister of Japan. It was all in all a pretty fun gag, but meant to communicate an important truth—it was time for Rio to pass on the Olympic torch, the burden and prestige of hosting the games, and hand it over to the people of Tokyo, Japan.

It reminded me of the Olympic torch that begins in Athens and then travels across the globe to the host city. The Olympic flame is passed on, from runner to runner. The flame is held by young and old, men and women, athletic and athletically challenged as it makes its way to the opening ceremonies. The flame, the games, do not belong to any one person, any one athlete, any one organization; but are truly meant to be a gift and a call to the "youth of the world" to gather together in the spirit of goodwill and to compete at the highest level in celebration of sport.

I have never carried the Olympic torch, nor have I ever competed at such a high level of sport; but I do know something about the power of passing on something of great worth and value. For many in my generation we can remember sitting by the campfire and singing that old favorite: "It only takes a spark to get a fire going." I remember singing that song at Bible Camp. Far away from home, living in a cabin in the woods, each day would end with a Bible story and songs around the campfire. I remember listening to my counselors—mostly college students—talk about Jesus, about their faith, about what it meant to live in the grace of God's love. And just like the chorus of the song goes, I could sense that they wanted to 'pass it on!'

But it wasn't only at camp. I can remember my mother pulling out the offering envelop from the top drawer beneath the phone. Each and every Sunday, she would right out a check, a first fruits, a proportional gift that she and my father would give back to the work of the church. In the repetition, in the faithfulness, in the consistency in hard times and good times, my parents by their actions were passing on the faith and practices of faithful discipleship.

I remember my fourth grade Sunday school teacher, an Airmen at George Air Force Base. Every Sunday he was there with a new lesson about Jesus and about the early church. The Sunday School curriculum had us studying the sending out of the disciples and he decided it would be great for us to go out on a little camping trip and see what it was like to leave the comforts of home and follow Jesus. You could tell that his desire was to pass on the faith that had been given to him.

Here's the thing: Faith is caught, not taught! And we here at Our Savior's have been called to pass on this faith we have in Jesus Christ. And we pass it on within the unique and wonderful lens of the Lutheran tradition. We have something that the world needs. We have a word from God that is not only freeing but

empowering. WE NEED TO PASS THIS ON! Faith, hope and love are not meant to be things that we lock away in our hearts; but the very manifestation of Christ in all that we say and do.

We cannot be negligent in passing on the faith. Let's ask this question together: How is what we are doing passing on the faith that lives in us? How can I pass on the faith to others? How can I witness to my family, friends and community and thus let the light of Christ shine like a torch as I make my way through this life?

May we never weary of passing on the faith of Christ, Jesus! After all, it only takes a spark to get a fire going. And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on!

Peace!
Pastor Jeff Frohner



US Lutherans approve document recognizing agreement with Catholic Church By Emily McFarlan Miller | August 15, 2016

(RNS) Nearly 500 years after Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the Castle Church door, the largest Lutheran denomination in the U.S. has approved a declaration recognizing "there are no longer church-dividing issues" on many points with the Roman Catholic Church.

The "<u>Declaration on the Way</u>" was approved 931-9 by the 2016 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide Assembly held last week at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton called the declaration "historic" in a statement released by the denomination following the Wednesday (Aug. 10) vote.

"Though we have not yet arrived, we have claimed that we are, in fact, on the way to unity. ... This 'Declaration on the Way' helps us to realize more fully our unity in Christ with our Catholic partners, but it also serves to embolden our commitment to unity with all Christians," Eaton said.

The declaration comes as the Lutheran and Catholic churches prepare to kick off a year of celebrations to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Luther had touched off the Reformation on Oct. 31, 1517, when he nailed the 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. That document included 95 statements he wanted to debate within the Catholic Church.

Most notably, the "Declaration on the Way" includes 32 "Statements of Agreement" where Lutherans and Catholics no longer have church-dividing differences on issues of church, ministry and the Eucharist. Those statements previously had been affirmed by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

It also lists remaining differences between the two churches and next steps on addressing them.

Last November, Pope Francis sparked controversy when he seemed to suggest a Lutheran could receive Communion in the Catholic Church, saying "life is greater than explanations and interpretations." The pontiff is scheduled to visit Sweden on Oct. 31 to preside at a joint service with Lutherans.

The ELCA is one of the 10 largest Protestant denominations in the U.S. with more than 3.7 million members across the 50 states and the Caribbean region.



September Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

~ Birthdays ~

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Tommy Cooper

Koen Waldfogel

Layna Hathaway

Nancy McKelvey

Shelly O'Byrne

Shanon Conley

Jasmine Bacon

Miyeko Kinoshita

Andrea Apodaca

Thomas Johnson

Bruce Mendoza

Michelle Overin

William Wakeman

Alexa Horvath

Abby Stewart

Dalton Cardoso

Bronson Gabira

Steve Karsten

Sadie Johnson

Caia Schrickel

Erin Vainoris

Gregg Horvath

Matthew Hoye

Christy Karsten

Peter Lawrence

Barbara Bowen

Jennifer Irving

Amelia Winkler

Carrie Reyes

John Tully

Haley Ayers Greg* Kania

Ed Fox

Dick Hilde

Don Lund

Lisa Banks

Noah Martin

Peggy Heyes

Joyce Engelbretson

M'Liz Kelly

Bryan Hall

9/9 Bruce & Susan Mendoza 9/12 Nick* & Marianne Bourgeois Eugene & Tracy Hallinan 9/13 John & Rachel Mulligan 9/13 Jeff & Christine Balaban 9/14 Shig & Miyeko Kinoshita 9/17 Tom & Julie DeNault 9/23 Rob & Kirsten Murphy 9/23 Steve & Tanya Hathaway 9/23 Steve & Darcy (Hall) Scott 9/23 J.D. & Betsy Aasland 9/26 Steve & Linda Butkus 9/26 Craig & Debbi Townsend 9/26 Bill & Bonnie Forester 9/27

~ Anniversaries ~

A Reminder...

When making checks out to Our Savior's please make the check payable to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We have been informed by our bank that they can no longer accept checks for deposit made payable to OSLC.

Thank you from the church office for your understanding.

Jim & Shelly O'Byrne

MEET THE NEW BISHOP!

9/30

Bishop Andy Taylor, the new Bishop of Pacifica Synod, ELCA will be with us on Sunday ~ September 25th at 2:00pm. Bishop Taylor will use this time to connect with all of the congregations of our conference.

Please plan to join us as we welcome Bishop Taylor here at Our Savior's.



BEGINNING SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 4

8:30am ~ Bold Worship 9:50am ~ Adult Education 10:30am ~ Classic Worship 6:00pm ~ Evening Worship

Sunday School during both services.

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Church and School Administration Office will be closed Monday, September 5th in observance of



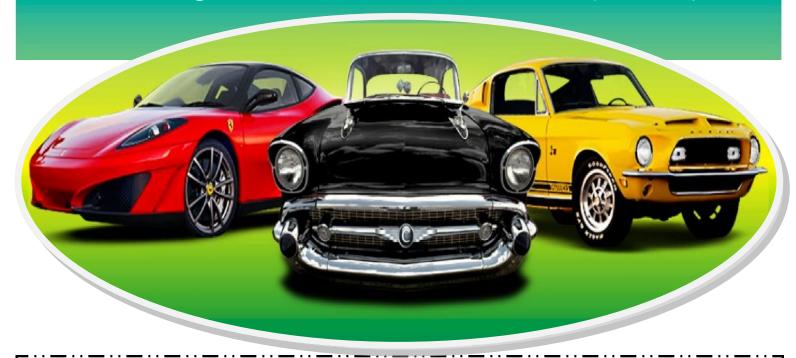


Let's get ready to Rally! Our Savior's Lutheran Church & School 2nd Annual Rally Day Car Show

Sunday ~ September 11, 2016 11:30am -3:00pm

Car Show ◆ In-N-Out Truck ◆ Kid Zone ◆ Pie Auction An event for the whole family! We'd love to have you show your car!

All cars must be pre-registered. Awards to be given. \$20 Car registration includes one In-N-Out meal (\$10 value).



2ND ANNUAL RALLY DAY CAR SHOW REGISTRATION

Register online at oursaviorsonline.net and click on CAR SHOW. Or fill out this form and return with your \$20.00 check made payable to: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Name:		
Phone:	E-mail:	
Car Year/Make/Model:		



September 2016



Our fall programming is about to begin. At Our Savior's, we celebrate the start of fall with "Rally Day". This is a long standing tradition in many churches. When I looked up the noun "rally", I got the following definitions:

Meeting • Gathering • Assembly • Demonstration • Convention Demo • March • Caucus • Public Meeting

Any of these words could define what we hope to accomplish on our "Rally Day". However, there was also a list of definitions for the *verb* "rally".

Unite • Assemble • Collect • Gather • Reassemble • Reconvene • Reunite Support • Come Together • Bring Together • Call Together • Join Forces

Our Savior's Lutheran Church serves as a place for me to "rally as a verb" with a family of believers who share a common love of God and a desire for serving God. As we begin September, there are many ways for us to rally together through our various congregational ministries. I will be rallying with our music ministry. However, I suspect there are many other ministries that would help me become more connected with my Our Savior's family and with God. I think I will check some of them out...

How will you rally?

In His Service Karen Skipper, *Director of Music*

From the "Dean of Admissions"...





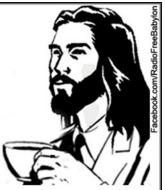
I don't get why we're supposed to fear you, Jesus. I'm not afraid of you.



Not fear like a dog hiding under the bed during a noisy thunderstorm, Ann.



So like reverence and awe then, like a professor who has the power to pass or fail you.



Yeah, that's close, but maybe the Dean of Admissions is a better analogy.



TO ALL FAMILIES WITH 5TH, 6TH & 7th Graders!

We are sending out confirmation invitations during the first weeks of September. If you have not received an invitation please contact Bob Cooper, Pastor Jeff, or the Church office and we will make sure you receive one. Thank you, Bob Cooper ~ Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

If you have any questions about confirmation ministry please contact Bob Cooper or Pastor Jeff.

Youth and Children's Ministry

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

Welcome Back

WOW! What a whirlwind summer, am I right? But summer is over and the wonderful fall season is upon us. I really look forward to the fall, the weather begins to cool off, the kids are back in school, and the sense of something great and exciting coming is always part of my autumn experience.

But let's not gloss over the wonderful summer that we had so quickly. In June the good folks from Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences (LRCC) joined us on our campus for Vacation Day Camp, it was a great experience of all of the young disciples involved. In July we took eleven High School students to O.C. High Ropes in Anaheim Hills for an afternoon of high ropes adventure and group bonding, it was exhausting, exciting, and really fun! At the beginning of August Our Savior's again sponsored Vacation Bible School with great success. I was allowed to share the big Bible stories in "Big Kahuna's Story Shack", it is so great to be able to share the stories of our faith with the little ones. Also in August we once again put on our bravest thrill seeking faces and headed out for "Extreme Week"! I can honestly say that this was a wonderful experience this year, the weather was great and the lines were short, everything you could ask for when visiting back-to-back-to back theme parks. The adults were quick to volunteer and the kids' behavior was exemplary, we can be very proud of them. Our usual weekly activities continued through the summer; Middle School Youth Group, High School Youth Group, Gilchrist House, and Second Saturday Food Distribution at FAM.

As we start another year of scheduled programs I invite any interested adults to help with our youth ministry, there are many ways to participate and I welcome the chance to speak with you and have a chat about how you might fit in, don't be shy.

Welcome back, Autumn

Bob Cooper
Director Youth and Children's Ministry



CALENDAR

September 4 ~ Sunday HSYG 6:00pm, YR

September 6 ~ Tuesday Kids Club 3:00pm, YR

September 7 ~ Wednesday

5th Grade Confirmation Parent Mtg. 3:00pm, YR MSYG 6:30pm, YR

September 10 ~ Saturday FAM Food Drive 9:00am

September 11 ~ Sunday Rally Day 11:30am HSYG 6:00pm, YR

September 13 ~ Tuesday Gilchrist House 6:00pm

September 14 ~ Wednesday

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

September 18 ~ Sunday
7th Grade Confirmation Mtg. 7:00pm, FR
HSYG 6:00pm, YR

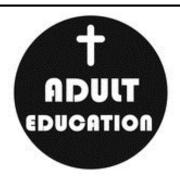
September 21 ~ Wednesday 5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR MSYG 6:30pm, YR

> September 25 ~ Sunday HSYG 6:00pm, YR

September 28 ~ Wednesday
No 5th Grade Confirmation (Astro Camp)
MSYG 6:30pm, YR



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:50am to 10:25am • Founders Room
Starting September 4th

JOURNEY WITH MOSES! We'll be taking a look at one of the most important people we meet in the Bible—Moses. Each week we'll look at a different story in his life and see how that story might impact our faith in the modern world. No experience necessary, drop in when you are able.

Wednesday Manna Bible Study 11:00am to 12:15pm • Founders Room Starting August 31st

Join us as we read together the lessons for the coming week. Not only will you expand your knowledge and appreciation of scripture but there is no better way to prepare for Sunday worship.

No Biblical experience necessary. Join Us!

Wednesday Evening
5:30pm to 6:30pm • Founders Room
Starting September 14th
(Childcare needed...contact Pastor Jeff)

WHO, WHAT, WHEN---UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT. Many Christians understand that the Old Testament is an important part of our story—but we know very little about this part of the Bible? This OUTSTANDING CLASS---will give you all the information you need to make sense out of the Old Testament and understand how it impacts the Christian Story. I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS CLASS TO EVERYONE!



Saturday ~ September 10, 2016 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

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2015 THROUGH JUNE 2016

Average June Attendance: 185 people
Average Weekly Offering: \$ 10,212/wk
Budget Requirement: \$ 10,860/wk

Jun 2016

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Unrestricted Gifts: \$40,846 \$438,001 Budget: \$43,440 \$521,283

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 June 30, 2016 were 15.98% BELOW the Congregation approved annual budget.

Designated Gifts	Jun 2016	Fiscal YTE
World Hunger	\$ 479	\$6,111
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 343	\$4,451
Total	\$ 822	\$10,562

Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 572,395.14

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

Thank You For Your Stewardship! God Bless, Bruce Quade ~ Treasurer



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

RALLY DAY 2016!

Stop by our Rally Day booth on September 11th and assemble a personal care kit or two. Money and supplies for 200 kits were donated in May. The kits will be shipped by Lutheran World Relief to areas around the world wherever needed to assist with disaster relief and refugee care.



We will also have information about Thrivent Action Teams. This is now the only way for us to obtain supplemental funding for our projects. If you are a Thrivent member - we need your help! Stop by our booth and learn more.

Welcome INN Meal Service Mondays, September 12 & October 10 Sent to Serve with Love

Watch for the Sign-Up Genius email from the church office. We need people to donate menu items & Carl's Jr cards, and people to come with us to serve the dinner at Doheny State Park. Monetary donations for gift cards and supplies are awesome, too!



Our Welcome INN coordinator is Heidi Works, hsworks7@cox.net or (949) 212-0803.

If you plan on meeting us at the park, please always confirm the location with Heidi. There are often last minute changes.

Thank You for Supporting Relay for Life!



Team Our Savior's Lutheran had a great showing at the San Clemente Relay for Life in July. Over the course of 24 hours, 23 participants from our church and school donated over \$2,600 and walked the track at San Clemente High School. The fundraising total for all teams to date is over \$50,000, and Team OSL was 7th out of 33 teams in fundraising. Thanks to Debbie Krogman, Karen Coffee and Hallie Stohler for coordinating our team effort and to Thrivent Financial for providing \$250 seed money for our fundraisers through a Thrivent Action Team project. Special thanks also to our baker, Pat Kelly, and Shore Gardens for providing discounted plants.

Save the Date: Family Assistance Ministries 29th Annual Hunger Walk is Sunday ~ October 16th



Women's Bible Study Schedule (Will resume in September 2016)

Monday ~ September 19th

9:30am-11:30am, hosted by Evey Thomsen

Tuesday ~ ~ September 27th

9:00am-11:00am, hosted by Bonnie Little

September 2016 School Happenings

During the 3rd week of August, Our Savior's Lutheran School opened its doors to the new school year to many, many SMILES including students, teachers and staff. That's a lot of happy faces at this little Christian school on the hill. The 2016/2017 year promises to be a happy one.

September 5 ~ Monday

Labor Day School Office Closed

September 7 ~ Wednesday

School Photos, Room 1

September 8 ~ Thursday

Back to School Night, 6:00pm

September 11 ~ Sunday

Rally Day 11:30am-3:00pm Celebrating 60 years of OSLS

September 14 ~ Wednesday

PTF Mtg 9:00am, Founders Room

September 20 ~ Tuesday

School Board Mtg 6:30pm, Founders Room

September 23 ~ Friday

Free Dress Day

September 27 ~ Tuesday

School Photo Make Up Day, Room 1

September 28-30 ~ Wednesday-Friday

5th Grade Astro Camp

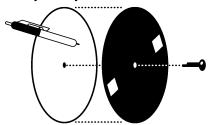


Students, Teachers and Office Staff

September Kid's Column 2016

PROMISE

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

- 1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
- 2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
- 3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
- 4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
- 5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
- 6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holy Communion served every Sunday	Ist Sunday of the month	Habitat for Humanity® Last Sunday of the month		1	2	3
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11 "Rally Day Car Show" 8:30 Bold Worship 9:30 Adult Ed 10:30 Classic Worship 11:30 Rally Day 6:00 Evening Worship 6:00 HSYG, YR	4:00 Welcome Inn Dinner	6:00 Gilchrist House 6:30 Council Meeting, FR	9:00 PTF Mtg, FR 11:00 Manna Bible Study, FR 3:00 5th Grade Conf 5:30 Adult Bible St, 6:00 Youth Band, YR 6:30 MSYG, YR 6:45 Celebration Singers, FR 7:15 6th Grade Conf, Sanctuary	15 9:00 MOPS Mtg	16	17
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WORSHIP HOURS

8:30am ~ Bold Worship, Sunday School 9:50am ~ 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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