

# The Messenger ~ February 2017

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

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

## ***500 Years of Jesus, Scripture and Grace!***

*"Oh, I go to a Bible believing church..."*

I've shared the story before to some, but it's worth retelling. I was in the hospital visiting a member of the church when the kind and compassionate nurse finding out that I was the patients pastor, and that we like her lived in San Clemente, asked what church I served as a pastor? "Well, I'm the pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church." "Oh," she said. "I go to a Bible believing church," and she walked away. How do you respond to that? I'll tell you the old Adam in me wanted to go "Old Testament" on her! Bible believing! Bible believing!! I was ready to break out a bit of Hebrew and then conjugate so many Greek verbs that it would make her head spin! I wanted to ask her when was the last time she read the Bible in its original language or struggled with a particularly hard verse to translate. I wanted to ask her about her Biblical hermeneutics and her weltanschauung and whether or not she thought the NIV or the KJV or the NRSV best caught the proper nuance of Paul's letter to the Romans! Instead... I just smiled.

Here we are celebrating in 2017 the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, a movement that is based on Christ Alone! Grace Alone! Faith Alone! And SCRIPTURE/WORD Alone...and we have folks that not only question whether we are a 'Bible believing' church, but whether or not we are even saved! (Rumor has it that some of us have only been born once and were baptized as infants). All of this leads me to conclude that we have an identity problem! We have a marketing issue of the highest order; somewhere, somehow, our neighbors and perhaps even some of us have forgotten just what it means to call oneself a Lutheran Christian.

So I'm going to use the newsletter to give a little Lutheran identity 101. Sometimes it will be history and sometimes theology. I'll write a bit about how we Lutherans look at the Bible and how we understand science and reason to be a gift from God—not the enemy. Hopefully such an exercise will not only help us to understand a little better who we are as a tradition, but why it is that the Lutheran reformation continues to be an important voice in the midst of the

noise and nonsense that is often passed off as the Christian message.

But let's start with the words of Rick Steves (The famous travel expert) who has just released a new hour long program on Luther and the Reformation. "In a castle, in the heart of Germany, in 1521, a monk on the run took refuge. He was in disguise and using an alias. A few days earlier, the Holy Roman Emperor had branded him an outlaw, and now he could be killed at will. For nearly a year, that monk hid out in this castle, while shock waves from his supposed crimes reverberated throughout Europe. His name? Martin Luther. This is the story of Luther and the Reformation. And it's more. It's the story of progress: from medieval darkness to Renaissance humanism, and how it's with great struggle that societies earn freedom as they evolve." I invite you to go online and watch the whole hour long program for free! Rick has this on his webpage [www.ricksteves.com/](http://www.ricksteves.com/) type in the search box *Reformation*. Or you can go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXK9NNp1yk4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXK9NNp1yk4) to watch this on YouTube.

If you want to borrow a DVD version, just let me know as Wendell and Marilu Person have provided a copy that we can pass along.

If you are more inclined to read a book, then I recommend to you, "Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career," October 1, 2016 by James M. Kittelson and Hans H. Wiersma. Make sure you get the 2016 edition! You can get this on Amazon.com, download on your Kindle, or contact Augsburg Fortress which is the publishing house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The story of the Lutheran reformation continues on in our ministry, our worship and our foundation in Jesus, Grace, Faith and Scripture. Yes, Virginia...we are a Bible believing church, but more importantly we believe in Christ and all his promises, reflected in the scriptures that still bring life and light to the world! *Semper Reformata!*

***Peace! Pastor Jeff***

# February 2017

## Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

### ~ Birthdays ~

Martha Lorimer	2/1
Ian Ayers	2/3
Julia Schrofer	2/4
Eric Baker	2/6
Grace Buchan	2/6
Brennan Clinebell	2/6
Kelly Frohner	2/6
Bonnie Little	2/6
William Yeakel	2/6
Matt Gordon	2/7
Peyton Rennie	2/7
Heidi Works	2/7
Hannah Lawrence	2/8
Tracy Simon	2/8
Dax Hanson	2/9
Joel Hoffmeister	2/9
Charla Rayl	2/9
Betty Prebihalo	2/10
Marilu Person	2/11
Matthew Yeakel	2/11
Kay Wilson	2/12
Juniper Brock	2/14
Levi May	2/14
Brent Davies	2/15
Samantha Bourgeois	2/17
Logan Martello	2/17
Reaghan Mulligan	2/18
Gus Alvarez	2/19
Mamie Lorimer	2/19
Jennifer Berschauer	2/20
Maddie Gabira	2/20
Elizabeth Schmall	2/22
Carol Daderian	2/23
Kay Davidson	2/23
Shane Hansen	2/23
Hallie Stohler	2/23
Kristen Greco	2/25
Kyle Winkler	2/25
Shirley Lucy	2/26
Linda Butkus	2/27
Nathan Tully	2/28

### ~ Anniversaries ~

Pat & M'Liz Kelly	2/4
Pablo & Nancy Gonzalez	2/6
Marty & Claudine Shira	2/10
Dennis & Heidi Works	2/19
Jim & Elsa Keisker	2/22
Dennis & Kiana Breshears	2/23



*Did I miss your birthday,  
anniversary or have a wrong date?  
Do you need to update your contact  
information, cell, landline, e-mail,  
mailing address???*  
*Call or e-mail the  
church office at ~ 492-6164 ~  
~ OSLCsec@sbcglobal.net ~*



If you have a prayer request for the  
Weekly Messenger and/or  
Prayer Chain e-mail or call the  
church office at:  
oslcsec@sbcglobal.net  
(949) 492-6164.



## WELCOME New Members

**Justin & Kristen Greco**  
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**Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Welcomes these friends into  
membership today.  
Sunday ~ January 8, 2017**

### Altar Flowers

The following dates are still available to sign up for Altar Flowers:  
March 10 \* April 2, 9, 16 & 23 \* May 21 \* July 9 & 30  
September 24 \* October 1 \* November 12 \* December 17

*Please sign-up in the Narthex on the Flower Chart.*



**STUDY**

Continue to become proficient in your study and understanding of the word of God.



**WORSHIP**

Show up for worship.



**BAPTISM**

Remember your baptism.



**GIVE**

Give generously.

**Pastor Frank Honeycutt offered this as his last Newsletter article after 31 years of serving as a pastor. Words of wisdom from a dedicated servant of God found below as he outlines the four things he has found to be at the center of the Christian life!**

**Study ~ Continue to become proficient in your study and understanding of the word of God.**

Lutherans may not agree with a fundamentalist slant on the Bible, but you have to hand it to them—they know how to get around in “The Book.” Martin Luther changed the world because he was in love with his Lord revealed in Scripture. It’s been enlivening and exciting to be part of small study groups throughout these decades. It’s also been disappointing to discover that some Lutherans can’t articulate the basic difference between Exodus and Acts.

Spend time daily in the word. Start new study groups. Ponder slowly a tough passage. One sign of a strong church is biblical fluency. (*2 Timothy 3:16-17.*)

**Worship ~ Show up for worship.**

We are given an amazing gift each week in the celebration of communion. Faithful discipleship cannot be sustained without this sacrament. Jesus assumed regular reception of the bread and wine as the early church was forming.

As you might imagine, I’ve heard a multitude of excuses over the years for worship absence. In most cases, these excuses are rather flimsy compared to what’s being missed. I’ve stopped trying to understand how Christians can spend an entire Saturday tailgating and watching the game, but cannot find a couple hours for church on Sundays. Communion is central for the health of a disciple. Don’t neglect this amazing gift. (*Luke 14:15-24.*)

**Baptism ~ Remember your baptism.**

If you don’t know the date of your baptism, I must caringly wonder why. In (psychologist Abraham) Maslow’s old hierarchy of needs, *identity* is one of the keys to health and maturity. Baptism shapes our Christian identity. For a Christian, life begins and is viewed through this watery lens. You were ordained for ministry in baptism, a sacrament that exceeds (in biblical importance) any ordination. Your baptism date defines and shapes all other dates—birth, marriage, national holidays. If you don’t know your baptism date, discover it.

Luther made the sign of the cross over his body at dawn and at bedtime in remembrance of his baptism. The cross is the shape of the baptismal life. The Christian life is the sacrificial life. (*Romans 6:3-11.*)

**Give ~ Give generously.**

I’ll never forget a talk with my dad. “Your mom and I,” he said, “did not have a lot of money when we were first married. But we committed to giving generously early on. It wasn’t easy; still difficult some months.”

If you don’t give a percentage of your income away to others, I invite you to start. There is joy in sacrificial giving. (*2 Corinthians 9:6-8.*)”



***“Jesus loves me, this I know.” – Anna Bartlett Warner, American Writer***

I have had several people comment to me that they enjoyed reading the history of “Silent Night” in my January 2017 *Messenger* article. I too find it interesting to learn the “story behind the song”. Since February is the month of “love”, I would like to share with you the story of one of the “greatest hits” for Sunday School, ***Jesus Loves Me***.

From what I have read online (I found several sources that agreed, but, as always, you can’t always believe what you read online), the lyrics were written by a woman named Anna Bartlett Warner. She lived close to West Point. She taught bible classes to the cadets there and, in fact, is buried in the military cemetery. Her family home is now a museum on the grounds of the United States Military Academy.

Here is the rest of the story...(from bibleornot.org)

The song *Jesus Loves Me* was not originally written as a song. It was written as a poem, but not in a book of poetry. It actually comes from a 19th century novel written by Anna Bartlett Warner (August 31, 1827 – January 22, 1915). In her novel *Say and Seal*, the main character in the story recites a poem to a dying child, a poem to comfort the little one with the love of Jesus. Then in 1860 William B. Bradbury, considered to be a major force in American church music, read the book *Say and Seal* and discovered the poem. He was immediately inspired by the message and put it to music, completing it by adding the chorus. The rest is history.

***Complete Lyrics to Jesus Loves Me***

*Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong.*  
Chorus

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.  
Jesus loves me! Loves me still, Tho I’m very weak and ill,  
That I might from sin be free, Bled and died upon the tree.*  
Chorus

*Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven’s gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.*  
Chorus

*Jesus loves me! He will stay, Close beside me all the way.  
Thou hast bled and died for me; I will henceforth live for Thee.*  
Chorus:

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

If you are interested reading Ms. Warner’s book, *Say and Seal*, you can download a free e-book here.  
<http://manybooks.net/titles/warneranna2854428544-8.html>

Jesus told us to come to Him “as a little child”. This wonderful song tells us one of the most important messages in the Bible, Jesus Loves ME.

**In His Service,**

**Karen Skipper ~ Director of Music**

## Trip to the Holy Land Pray for our Pilgrims!

Please pray for the members and friends of our congregation who will be on pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 17 – 28. They will be visiting such places as Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and Jericho—but as pilgrims, not tourists! Think of a trip to the Holy Land as the greatest contextual Bible study you can ever have! You stand on the sea of Galilee and read of the day when Jesus called out to the fishermen, “Come, follow me!” Pastor Jeff will be leading this tour. Let him know if you would be interested in another opportunity in the future! You will never read or hear the Bible the same again!



Pastor Jeff, Linda and Marlene  
on the Sea of Galilee 2013

## Lent is coming!

ASH WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 1, 2017  
7:00pm Worship

*(7:30am - 8:30am the Sanctuary will be open  
for personal prayer and you may come and  
receive the imposition of ashes)*

Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice that many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence. Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence: Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, our need for cleansing and renewal, the shortness of human life and of our need to heed the words of repentance, to turn ourselves toward God.

*(Coffee with Jesus continued from page 4)*

### Do you ever feel “burned out”? Enjoy “Coffee with Jesus”

<p><b>RFB</b> <small>www</small></p> <p>Presents <b>COFFEE WITH JESUS</b></p> <p>Semblance of a Coal</p> 	 <p>I seem to swing, Jesus, from totally on fire to... to... where I am now.</p>	 <p>A pile of smoldering embers, Ann?</p>	 <p>Glad you can see some semblance of a coal there, Jesus. To me, it's been soaked with water and covered with sand.</p>	 <p>And one tiny breath onto one nearly dead coal could ignite the world, Ann.</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">© Radio Free Babylon</p>
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## Youth and Children's Page

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

### Why a Youth Group?

Many years ago when I was in high school I found myself in the most unlikely of situations. You see I was a teenage rock and roller, I loved playing guitar and singing and even at my young age had been involved with rock bands for several years. One day I saw a poster announcing open auditions for a small lunchtime show in our high school's "Little Theater". I didn't think much of it but some of my friends encouraged me to go audition and after some goading I agreed. Well I was put into the show and I sang a little folk song, just my guitar and voice, it was well received and I felt pretty good about the whole thing. Then two fellows got on stage, one had a guitar and one had a banjo, yes a banjo! I had never actually heard a banjo in person and these two lit into a couple of bluegrass standards that really impressed me, these kids could really play, it was very exciting!

After the show we met and told each other how much we enjoyed each other's music and such, then they asked me if I would be interested in playing with them, ...well YES!! Of course I wanted to play with them, there was nothing else like it in our area and this sounded really cool. We ended up playing together for a couple of years and were quite popular at our school but the best part was that everyone involved was a Christian youth and we made our faith an integral part of our band. We would pray before and after each rehearsal and performance and often held Bible studies at each other's parent's homes; we were our own youth group.

We played together until graduation and then as young people do we went our separate ways and followed our own paths but never lost sight of the fact that we were followers of Christ and in that we were permanently bonded. Fast forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and we have all become friends again via the magic of Facebook and while we are scattered about the country we can still stay in contact and be friends. Now for the last few years we have been saying how fun it would be to get together again for old times' sake but never really believed it would happen, well it happened. The person living the farthest away (New Hampshire) is now a music teacher and was going to be in Southern California in

January and threw down the gauntlet; "Who will join me in a reunion?" To my surprise the fellow that was the second farthest away (Colorado) said that he could make it as well! Then our boy in Las Vegas chimed in that he was available and it looked like it would really happen!

We did get together, fittingly at the home of one of the guys parents that they have lived in since we were in high school, we saw each other and lamented our expanding waistlines and graying (or Non-Existent hair), joked about how long it had been and truly were happy to see our old friends again.

The music was wonderful, everyone played with the passion and skill that only decades of playing can provide and surprisingly we still remembered the words to songs that we had not sung since the seventies.

All of that was wonderful but what really was the big take away from this is that we were all still followers of Christ, we prayed before playing, eating, and at the end of our time as well, just like in high school.

My hope is that through their involvement in the youth ministry here at Our Savior's our youth can build those kinds of positive friendships and a lifelong devotion to their faith that they can share with others knowing that no matter how far they are from their Christian friends they are never more than a prayer away and that God is with all of them always.

Pickin' and Grinnin',

**Bob Cooper,**

**Director of Youth and  
Children's Ministry**



## Youth Calendar



### February 1 - Wednesday

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

### February 3-5 - Friday-Sunday

High School Winter Retreat @ El Camino Pines

### February 5 - Sunday

Souper Bowl of Caring  
NO HSYG Tonight

### February 7 - Tuesday

Kids Club Bounce Party Big Air 3:00pm-7:00pm

### February 8 - Wednesday

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

### February 11 - Saturday

FAM Food Distribution 8:00am

### February 12 - Sunday

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

### February 13 - Monday

Welcome Inn Dinner 4:00pm

### February 14 - Tuesday

Gilchrist House 6:00pm

### February 15 - Wednesday

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

### February 19 - Sunday

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

### February 22 - Wednesday

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

### February 24-26 - Friday-Sunday

Middle School Winter Retreat @ El Camino Pines

### February 26 - Sunday

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room



## February 2017 School Happenings

Fruit of the Spirit ~ Goodness

Chapel Offerings ~ Second Harvest

(Pennies & Peanut Butter)

### February 1 - Wednesday

Chapel Awards - Kindness  
Vision Screening

### February 3 - Friday

Permanent Impression Safety Program  
Visiting Author, Solana Yoon 9:00am  
Kindergarten Open House 11:30am-12:15pm

### February 6-10 - Monday-Friday

2nd-5th Grades Preview Days 3:15pm-4:15pm

### February 7 - Tuesday

OCDE Traveling Scientist Program

### February 8 - Wednesday

Chapel Presentation - Goodness 1st Grade  
PTF Meeting, 9:15am

### February 10 - Thursday

Free Dress Day  
Kindergarten Open House 11:30am-12:15pm

### February 13 - Monday

Kindergarten Open House, 6:30pm-7:00pm  
Preschool Chancy Bruce Presentation 7:00pm

### February 15 - Wednesday Chapel

### February 17 - Friday

Open Enrollment Begins  
No Elementary School

### February 20 - Monday

School Closed ~ Presidents' Day

### February 21 - Tuesday

5th Grade Crystal Cove Field Trip

### February 21-24 - Tuesday-Friday

Preschool Closed for Conferences

### February 22 - Wednesday Chapel

### February 24 - Friday

Wild Wetlands Field Trip 2nd Grade  
Lunch with Parents/Spirit Awards

### February 27 - Monday

Traveling Scientist Program

### February 27-March 3 - Monday-Friday

Meet the Masters/Cezanne

### After School Programs

Tuesdays: Origami 3:05pm-4:05pm  
Tuesdays: French Class 3:00pm-4:00pm  
Thursdays: Local Color 2:00pm-3:30pm  
Thursdays: Chess 2:05pm-3:05pm

 **MARK your CALENDAR**

### March 18 - Saturday

OSLS 2017 School Auction Gala  
@ Bella Collina Country Club

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST ~ 41 YEAR'S AGO CHECK OUT WHO THE AUTHOR IS...

# *The Lutheran Standard*

February 3, 1976

### San Clemente church responds to need

Proximity and involvement have given members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in San Clemente, Calif., a new appreciation for the biblical injunction to be kind to strangers.

Shortly after the initial wave of Vietnamese refugees began arriving at nearby Camp Pendleton for resettlement processing, the congregation received an appeal for blankets and warm clothing from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

Members responded with 1200 pounds of sweaters, coats, jackets, and blankets.

Then came another call from LIRS. The refugee population at the Pendleton "tent city" had reached 18,000, and volunteers were urgently needed as interviewers and typists. Pastor C. I. Lund presented the challenge to the congregation and immediately 30 volunteers came forward.

The work shifts originally were scheduled at five hours daily, but as the lines grew longer outside the interview trailers, the workdays stretched to 10 and 12 hours.

To complete the refugee files, two photographs of each family were required. This need was met by the Rev. Elmer Doerring, visitation pastor of Our Savior's.

The Vietnamese children learned to love "the preacher with the camera" and were delighted with the instant photo produced by the Polaroid equipment. Pastor Doerring rewarded each smile with a piece of candy.

As the processing work continued through the summer months and into



A 15-foot statue created of concrete by a Vietnamese refugee at Camp Pendleton tells a story of welcome and caring.

the fall, a daily crew of sandwich makers was enlisted from Our Saviour's congregation.

In further response to need, the congregation also decided to sponsor a family of its own. Within two weeks, a job was secured for Vu, the head of the family, an apartment was located for the family, and arrangements were made to enroll the two children in a nearby school. The family was now secure in the knowledge that there was enough love in this particular congregation to carry it through all the turmoil of adjusting to a new life in a new land.

*Barbara A. Tobiassen*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR SAVIOR'S



### Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:50am to 10:25am ▪ Founders

**“Coming back to the well.”** Jesus had many encounters with women and these encounters not only tell us much about the role of women in Jesus’ day; but also inform our understanding of who Jesus was and how these women of the New Testament encourage and help shape our faith today. Feminist or chauvinist--these women have a voice we all need to hear!

*(No meeting Sunday February 19 and 26)*

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

**No experience necessary!** Come on out every Wednesday morning to get a jump start on Sunday’s Bible readings. We read the passages together and look for those things that help us more clearly understand our faith. It is also a great way to get more out of Sunday worship. Everyone is welcome!

*(No meeting on February 22).*

### Wednesday Night Lights! 5:30pm-6:30pm ▪ Founders Room

**“Conversations with Jesus via John!”** The Gospel of John is filled with conversation between Jesus and others. We’ll spend our Sunday morning eavesdropping on these important conversations! Along the way you’ll discover some of the most important passages in the Gospel of John!

*(No meeting on February 22).*

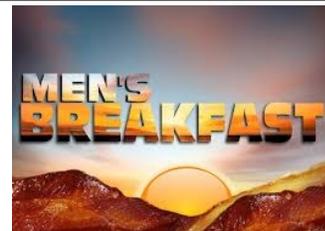


### First (Early) Communion Sunday, March 19th and 26th Sign-up in the Narthex

We will be offering First Communion Classes on Sunday, March 19th and 26th from 2:00pm-3:30pm. Each class is necessary and one or more parent/guardian needs to attend with the child. First Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 7:00pm worship. The targeted age is 3rd grade; but there is always a great variety of ages.

Be on the lookout for the sign up in the Narthex or you can contact the church office. Baptism is considered a prerequisite for Holy Communion; please let us know if we need to talk about Baptism as well!

### First Communion will be celebrated on ~ Maundy Thursday ~ April 13th at 7:00pm



### Saturday ~ February 11, 2017 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](mailto:mulli63@gmail.com)

Save  
the  
Date

### OWLs Luncheon Tuesday ~ February 21, 2017 11:30am - 1:30pm

Watch for sign-up information  
and topic discussion

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

### 500 Kits to Commemorate 500 Years

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Our Savior's will be joining Lutherans across the United States to be servants of all by making Lutheran World Relief care kits and quilts through October 2017. Our first goal is at least 200 baby care kits during January and February. This will be followed by our usual personal care kits and quilts later in the year.

To make sure we receive just the right items, we have created a gift registry at Target. The easiest way to purchase is at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com). Instructions:

- Select **Registries & Lists**
- Enter First Name – Rachel
- Enter Last Name – Buzzell
- Select **View Registry**

Select items you wish to purchase; choose quantity; add to cart. If you ship to Rachel's registry address, the items will be sent directly to the church.

**\*Please note that even though Rachel has moved, the registry is still under her name and items purchased online will still be shipped to the church. We miss you already, Rachel! God's blessings to you in your new home far away!**

We can also use hand-knit or crochet baby caps. Sizes infant to 24 months.

Other ways to support the baby care kit project:

- Donate money and we will shop for you!  
Memo: LWR Baby Care kits
- Assemble your own kit – a fun family project!
- Shop for items in person at Target.

Watch for a detailed shopping list in the bulletin – Coming Soon!

If you have questions, please contact Linda Howard, [howard.ljh55@gmail.com](mailto:howard.ljh55@gmail.com) or (949) 422-5258.



### Welcome Inn Meal Service

#### Rain or Shine

**Mondays on February 13 & March 13**

*Sent to Serve with Love*

We are so excited and grateful at the outpouring of generosity and caring for our local homeless. Every month more and more people are contributing to our Welcome INN ministry. If you haven't joined us at Doheny State Beach yet, you're missing out! In December, we served over 50 meals. If you would like to donate food or help serve, please watch for the Sign-Up Genius emails from the church office.

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



### Winter Warmth Donations

#### for the Homeless

*Sent to Serve with Love*

This month, we encourage you to donate new or clean, gently used men's **beanies, gloves, scarves, rain ponchos, and white tube socks** to help keep the homeless warm and dry. We will distribute these items to our Welcome INN guests. There are a few women but mostly men. Black collection bins are in the Narthex.

We are also collecting **\$5.00 Carl's Jr. gift cards**. Carl's Jr is the closest fast food place to where the homeless live in Capo Beach. Please **DO NOT** leave gift cards in the narthex. Place them in the offering plate or give to Gay in the church office.

Winter  
Warmth

## Pennies & Peanut Butter Drive Coming Up in March!

Start saving your spare change now—let's make this annual collection for Second Harvest Food Bank the biggest one ever! Our FAM food drives provide assistance to those who live in our backyard – San Clemente, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano. Once a year, this food drive extends our reach to serve those in need throughout Orange County. Second Harvest distributes food to organizations like FAM and church-run food pantries, particularly in poorer communities who have fewer local resources.



## Our Savior's Social Concerns Ministry Wants You!

Our Social Concerns Ministry team works hard to bring opportunities for us all to live out our Christian faith through education about important social justice issues and service to others. We are always blessed by the people and organizations we serve beyond measure, and we invite you to become an active part of our team. We welcome your time, talents and ideas. We are specifically in need of a person to attend church council meetings as social concerns representative, someone to prepare monthly newsletter articles and bulletin inserts to Gay for our projects, one-time or short-term volunteers for projects and events, and people with ideas and energy to implement new outreach projects. We want you! And, by the way, this is not a "women's" ministry – we are equal opportunity and inclusive!

Please talk to any of us if you'd like to know more:

Heidi Works, Kelly Frohner, Linda Howard, Julie Doyle, Marlene Fitzhugh. Or contact Gay in the church office and she will connect you to one of us. Thank You!



## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2016

Average November Attendance: 191 people  
Average Weekly Offering: \$ 7,281/wk  
Budget Requirement: \$ 10,963/wk

	Nov 2016	FYTD
Unrestricted Gifts:	\$36,406	\$ 186,399
Budget:	\$43,850	\$ 219,251

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 November 30, 2016 were 14.98% BELOW the Congregation approved annual budget.*

Please continue to support the church with your pledges to assist in maintaining our ongoing responsibilities.

Designated Gifts	Nov 2016	Fiscal YTD
World Hunger	\$ 564	\$2,867
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 438	\$2,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,002</b>	<b>\$4,979</b>

**Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 557,678.27**  
*\*monthly mortgage payment for the classroom building is paid from the school funds*

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



**TRANSFIGURATION  
OF THE LORD  
SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

**Our Savior's Lutheran School**  
**PRIORITY ENROLLMENT 2017/2018**  
**Happy New Year!**

As we reach the halfway point of this incredible school year, we are busily planning for our next school year. We are excited to announce that you can now enroll online for the 2017-2018 school year. PRIORITY ENROLLMENT for the 2017-2018 school year officially started on, Friday, January 20, and will run through February 17, at which time it will be open to anyone wishing to enroll at OSLS. Priority enrollment is an opportunity for currently enrolled families and church members to sign up and reserve their admissions places. Priority enrollment must meet one of the following qualifications:

- ⇒ Currently enrolled preschool and elementary students.
- ⇒ Siblings of enrolled preschool and elementary school students.
- ⇒ Students whose family are active OSCLC members.
- ⇒ Siblings of preschool and elementary alumni.

To re-enroll (current students), simply open your Parent Web on RenWeb, click on Family Information, and then click on enrollment/re-enrollment online. Or visit [www.oursaviorsschool.net](http://www.oursaviorsschool.net) and click on the admission tab to access your parent portal via RenWeb and follow the prompted directions to complete the process. For your reference, our district code is: OS-CA.

Our Savior's is a small, safe and highly regarded school, so to ensure that your child has a placement for 2017-2018 we strongly recommend enrolling during this Priority Enrollment time as the public will be able to enroll beginning February 17th. We encourage you to enroll as soon as possible so we may begin making plans for next year. Having multiple grade level classrooms, hiring the appropriate number of qualified teachers and staff, ordering classroom textbooks and supplies are all dependent on the number of students enrolled so the sooner we know the better. Other great news for next year is that besides including preschool and Kindergarten through 5th grades next year, our elementary school will be adding a TK- Transitional Kindergarten. The elementary TK will be different from the preschool's junior kindergarten because the curriculum will be more advanced and it will be a FULL-DAY program. The students in the TK will be those not-quite-ready to go into kindergarten but who will be 5 years by DECEMBER 31, 2017- no exceptions. It will be a two-year program in that the succession will be TK then kindergarten then upward. It will include mostly students turning 5 in the last 6-7 months of 2017. Kindergarten students will be those who are 5 before September 1, 2017.

Please note the RenWeb system will automatically give you the packet that coincides with the recommendation per their age. Should you wish to apply for a different program other than what RenWeb offers you, please contact that school office prior to you submitting your packet and we will make the appropriate change.

Acceptance letters will be sent out via email beginning late February. **IMPORTANT: Please note your enrollment is NOT complete until all contracts and payment forms are signed and turned in via the school office.**

Should you have any questions, concerns, or are in need of guidance during this enrollment process-please do not hesitate to contact myself, your child's teacher, or the school office so that we may best meet your needs during this time.

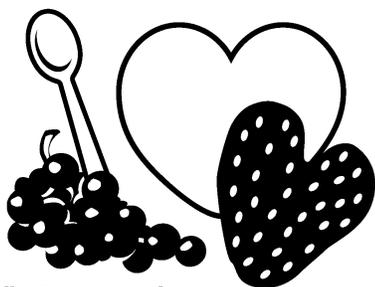
Thank you OSLS families- we have the BEST families in San Clemente and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

Kitty Schmitt, Principal

# February Kid's Page

## Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



### What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

### What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



## Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup> letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

(1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_



"Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your



\_\_\_\_\_."

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV



# FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>First Sunday of the month</i>	 <i>Last Sunday of the month</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>  <i>Served every Sunday</i>	<b>1</b> 11:00 Manna Bible Study 3:00 5th Grade Conf 5:30 Adult Bible St 6:00 Youth Band 6:30 MSYG 6:45 Celebration Singers 7:15 6th Grade Conf	 <b>2</b> 9:00 MOPS Mtg.	<b>3</b> High School Winter Retreat @ El Camino Pines 2/3 - 2/5	<b>4</b> Winter Retreat @ El Camino Pines 2/3 - 2/5
<b>5</b> <i>"Souper Bowl of Caring"</i> 8:30 Bold Worship 9:50 Adult Education, 10:30 Classic Worship 6:00 Evening Worship NO HSYG-Tonight	<b>6</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study, Evey Thomsen 4:00 Welcome Inn Dinner	<b>7</b> 8:00 OWLs Walk 2:00 Social Concerns Mtg 3:00 Kids Club Bounce Party @ Big Air	<b>8</b> 9:00 PTF Mtg 11:00 Manna Bible Study 3:00 5th Grade Conf 5:30 Adult Bible St 6:00 Youth Band 6:30 MSYG 6:45 Celebration Singers 7:15 6th Grade Conf	<b>9</b> 9:00 MOPS Mtg.	<b>10</b> 7:00 Men's Breakfast @OSLC 8:00 FAM Food Distribution	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 Bold Worship 9:50 Adult Education, 10:30 Classic Worship 6:00 Evening Worship 6:00 HSYG, FR	<b>13</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study, Evey Thomsen 4:00 Welcome Inn Dinner	<b>14</b>  8:00 OWLs Walk 6:00 Gilchrist House 6:30 Council Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:00 Manna Bible Study 3:00 5th Grade Conf 5:30 Adult Bible St 6:00 Youth Band 6:30 MSYG 6:45 Celebration Singers 7:15 6th Grade Conf	<b>16</b> No Elementary School Holy Land Trip Leaves February 17	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 Bold Worship 9:50 Adult Education 10:30 Classic Worship 6:00 Evening Worship 6:00 HSYG, YR	<b>20</b> Church & School Closed 	<b>21</b> 8:00 OWLs Walk 11:30 OWLs Luncheon 6:30 School Board Mtg	<b>22</b> NO Manna Bible Study 3:00 5th Grade Conf 5:30 Adult Bible St 6:00 Youth Band 6:30 MSYG 6:45 Celebration Singers 7:15 6th Grade Conf	<b>23</b> 9:00 MOPS Mtg.	<b>24</b> Middle School Winter Retreat @ El Camino Pines 2/24 - 2/26	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <i>"Habitat"</i> 8:30 Bold Worship 9:50 Adult Education 10:30 Classic Worship 6:00 Evening Worship 6:00 HSYG, YR	<b>27</b> Holy Land Trip Returns February 28	<b>28</b> 8:00 OWLs Walk 9:00 Women's Bible Study, Bonnie Little	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>March 2017</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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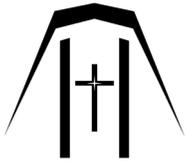


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8:30am-9:00am	Elementary Chapel, Sanc
11:00am-12:15pm	Manna Bible Study, FR
3:00pm-4:00pm	5th Grade Confirmation, YR
5:30pm-6:30pm	Adult Bible Study, FR
6:00pm-6:0030pm	Youth Band, YR
6:30pm-8:00pm	Middle School Youth Group, YR
6:45pm-8:00pm	Celebration Singers, Sanc
7:15pm-8:00pm	6th Grade Confirmation, Sanc



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**~ The Messenger ~**  
**February 2017**  
*"Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think, and Sent to Serve"*

**WORSHIP HOURS**  
**8:30am ~ Bold Worship, Sunday School**  
**9:30am ~ Adult Education**  
**10:30am ~ Classic Worship, Sunday School**  
**6:00pm ~ Evening Worship**  
*Nursery Care available all at all services for children 4 and under!*

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