

The Messenger ~ April 2017

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

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

We are an Easter People!

"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." Matthew 28.6

As we remember the 500th anniversary of the Reformation I have used the newsletter to reflect a bit on our Lutheran heritage and how it continues to guard and inform our Christian faith. As we are approaching Easter, I thought it would be nice to share a paragraph from one of Martin Luther's Easter sermons. Here I must remind you of the pace in which Luther worked. During 11 days (Holy Week and days following Easter) Luther preached 18 sermons. It makes me a bit embarrassed that I have ever complained about the measly 6 that I will traditionally preach during the same time! At this time in his career Luther is at the top of his form as a preacher and regularly is in the pulpit of St. Mary's church in Wittenberg. Imagine in your mind Luther giving this sermon, and even though we are still in Lent, I give you permission to yell out a hearty ALLELUIA when you come to the end!

"You have heard in the Passion how Christ let himself be crucified and buried and how sin and death trampled him underfoot. Satan and the sins of the world lie on him in the tomb. Sin, death and the devil are his lord. Therefore you must look into his tomb and realize that my sins and my death tear him apart and oppress him. There the devil regards himself as secure, and the chief priests boast and rejoice: He is gone and will not return. But in the instant when they believe him destroyed, the Lion tears himself away from sin, death, hell, and the jaws of the devil and rips them to shreds with his teeth.

This is our comfort, that Christ comes forth: Death, sin, and the devil cannot hold him. The sin of the entire world is powerless. When he appears to Mary Magdalene, one sees in him neither death nor sin nor sadness but sheer life and joy. There I see that the Lord is mine and treads on the devil. Then I find my sins, torment, and devil where I ought to find them. There is the seed of the woman, who has struck the head of the serpent ([Genesis 3:15](#)), and says: Death,

you shall die; Hell, you shall be defeated! Here is the victor." *Martin Luther, Easter Sermon 1529.*

"This is our comfort, that Christ comes forth: Death, sin and the devil cannot hold him." What wondrous words! This indeed is our comfort! We do not find our comfort in personal deeds, in government, in riches, in powers or even in the goodness of our families and communities. Our comfort is found in the one who comes forth when all other comforts fail. Our comfort is found in the Risen Lord who having joined himself to humanity, and having become subject to all the darkness that would lord itself over us in order to crush our spirit and separate us from the love of God, in the midst of it's great power to produce fear and despair, this Lord comes forth—like a lion, Luther proclaims—to prove once and for all that love reigns and that the darkness will and must give way to the light of God through Christ!

These words of Easter hope burned in the belly of Luther and should burn in the belly of we who continue in this great reforming movement of the church. We are an Easter people! Let us never tire of reminding ourselves and the world that Christ has come forth, from the tomb to give us faith, hope and love! May the Lord of Easter show himself as we once again proclaim his victory!

Peace!

Pastor Jeff



April Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

~ Birthdays ~

Karen Fox	04/04
Sara May	04/04
Avery Wilcox	04/04
Christopher Baker	04/06
Billie Buffington	04/07
Kiley Butkus	04/07
Emily Lawrence	04/07
Flora Thomsen	04/07
Jo Arons	04/08
Jay Rayl	04/09
Lola Davies	04/10
Don Hansen	04/10
Craig Townsend	04/10
Judi Klaske	04/12
Marlene Fitzhugh	04/13
Jackie Key	04/13
James Scott	04/13
Julie DeNault	04/14
Michelle Lawrence	04/14
Cassie Stewart	04/17
Debbie Krogman	04/18
Trace Wilcox	04/19
Nicholas Lindholm	04/22
Emma Lorimer	04/22
Bob Oakley	04/22
Sheri Schrofer	04/22
Tom DeNault	04/23
Greg Kalagian	04/24
Christi Calvert	04/25
Steve Hathaway	04/26
Tove Brock	04/27
Val Streed	04/27
Pastor Jeff	04/29
Brooke Crowe	04/30

~ Anniversaries ~

Noah & Kimberly Martin	04/05
Devin & Denise Mears	04/06
Jeff & Michele Young	04/07
Daryl & Mahtty Kowalik	04/08
Dice & Patti Hilde	04/10
John & Shirley Lucy	04/19
Bob & Jennifer Berschauer	04/23
Brad & Erin Crowe	04/26
Alan & Lana Lundgren	04/28
Steve & Tiffany Rennie	04/29



If you have a new address, telephone number
or email address please contact the church
office at (949) 492-6164
or email at OSLCsec@sbcglobal.net
with the changes so we can update our records.



HOLY WEEK

April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday
8:30am • 10:30am • 6:00pm

April 13 - Maundy Thursday
7:00pm Worship
(First Communion Celebration)

April 14 - Good Friday
7:00pm Worship
(Tenebrae Service of Darkness)



APRIL 16
EASTER SUNDAY
Worship Hours
8:00am * 9:30am * 11:00am

Pastor Jeff Receives Grant for Sabbatical Study!

Lilly
Endowment
Clergy
Renewal
Programs

Pastor Jeff has been awarded full funding for his Sabbatical

Grant proposal by the “2016 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program,” administered through the Christian Theological Seminary. This award of \$33,659.70 is to provide the means by which Pastor Jeff can pursue his upcoming Sabbatical planned for May 10, 2017 - August 6, 2017. Provided in the grant is \$12,000 to help pay the cost of having a guest pastor serve while Pastor Jeff is away.

The 11-page grant proposal submitted for this competitive program outlines a sabbatical theme based on the Benedictine way of life that calls for hospitality, study, prayer and work. Highlights of the sabbatical include study at Oxford University in England, participation in the Tantur Ecumenical Institute outside of Jerusalem and volunteering with Augusta Victoria hospital in Jerusalem.

“Lilly Endowment intends for this program to enable pastors to live for a while at a different pace and in a new environment, in Sabbath time and space,” said Dr. Christopher L. Coble, vice president for religion at the Endowment. “We can think of no better way to honor these hardworking, faithful men and women than to help them experience personal growth and spiritual renewal in ways that they themselves design and find meaningful. We regularly hear that these renewal experiences are transformative for pastors, their families and their congregations.” Congratulations to Pastor Jeff for receiving this prestigious grant!

Tell me more about this Sabbatical?

What is a pastor's sabbatical? A sabbatical is a time for rest and renewal to support future growth. The word *sabbatical* has its roots in the biblical concept of Sabbath (“to rest” or “to cease”). For Pastor Jeff, a sabbatical will be paid time off during which no teaching, preaching, or any other official duties will take place inside or outside the church.

Sabbatical leave is a time for Pastor Jeff to shift gears in order to rest, disengage, study, reflect and travel in order to return to minister among us refreshed and renewed in body, mind and spirit.

Sabbatical is not a vacation from meetings, budgets, sermons and people in need. It is a time for Pastor Jeff to receive spiritual nourishment – to deepen his relationship with God, himself and his family – a season of spiritual growth. This time can also be a season of growth for the entire congregation as we experience the gifts of a different pastor and take on heightened leadership responsibilities within the church.

What does a typical sabbatical look like? Within the Pacifica Synod, a typical pastoral sabbatical is normally for a period of three months and this is the length we negotiated with Pastor Jeff in his Letter of Call. Vacation time is not included as sabbatical time. The synod encourages pastors to include periods of total rest and relaxation, learning for the sake of learning and learning that will directly benefit the congregation within the sabbatical time.

Who will conduct worship services? Pastor Ernie Worman, we'll give you a full background on Pastor Ernie next month will be here to take over the duties of Word and Sacrament (Preaching and Holy Communion).

Who will provide day-to-day leadership and make decisions? Our very capable staff knows their duties well and can be expected to continue doing their jobs in Pastor Jeff's absence. The executive committee of the council and particularly the council president, will provide necessary leadership. Pastor Jeff will make sure that the executive committee and the supply pastor are informed of any anticipated special circumstances before his departure.

Will any congregational ministries/activities be cancelled or postponed during PJ's absence?

All ministries and committees of the congregation will continue to function as they normally do.

How will emergencies and congregational care be handled? Congregational care such as hospital/

Sabbatical continued on next page

nursing home/homebound visits and funerals will be a part of the guest pastor's responsibility. Pastor Ernie will share his contact information and will be living nearby in Dana Point.

Will we be able to have any contact with PJ during his sabbatical? In short: no. The intention of a sabbatical is for complete and unencumbered rest and renewal. Of course, say hello if you run into him stocking up on home improvement supplies at Lowe's or grabbing a Big-Gulp at 7-11!

How can we make sure that the pastor's absence does not cause a decline in attendance or giving?

That's up to you! Continue to attend worship, meet your estimate of giving pledge, and invite your friends to worship! Take the opportunity to enjoy hearing sermons from a different perspective and be generous with your gifts!

How can we be sure Pastor Jeff will return at the end of his sabbatical? We know he will return because he says he will. One purpose of a sabbatical is to prevent the burnout that so often prompts a pastor to seek a new call or leave the ministry. Our Sabbatical policy requests that a pastor consider him/herself unavailable for call for the period of 12 months following the taking of Sabbatical leave.



- ⇒ Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2
- ⇒ Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9
- ⇒ Maundy Thursday, April 13
- ⇒ Good Friday, April 14
- ⇒ Easter Sunday, April 16
- ⇒ Administrative Professionals Day, April 26



Lenten Soup Suppers

The 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday until Easter are considered to be a season of abstinence and penitence in preparation for Easter. In observance we are going to offer a traditional soup supper throughout Lent. Our Wednesday night Lenten Soup Suppers are a great tradition of the church as we come together as a community for dinner and mid-week worship, taking this time to grow faith and Christian Fellowship.

Lenten Soup Suppers are every Wednesday from March 8th through April 5th. We invite you to participate by making your favorite soup, bringing bread, or volunteering to set-up or clean-up. Pick a date that works best for you. The host for the evening is listed under comment and you can contact them with any questions about that night or contact Roberta Wall at roberta_k_2000@yahoo.com

We ask that you bring your pot of soup or bread in the church kitchen at 5:15pm as we will serve from 5:45pm until 6:30pm. Worship is from 6:45pm until 7:30pm.

Click on or type in the link below to sign-up.

www.tiny.cc/nr4djy

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

Church

www.facebook.com/oursaviorsonline



School

www.facebook.com/osls.sc





April 2017



In February, John and I were fortunate enough to visit Israel with a wonderful group of people from Our Savior's. I had been wanting to make this trip from childhood and I learned so much about places that we read about in Scripture. A song that kept running through my head during the trip is an old hymn entitled:

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." Here are the lyrics:

*I walked today where Jesus walked,
In days of long ago.
I wandered down each path He knew,
With reverent step and slow.*

*Those little lanes, they have not changed,
A sweet peace fills the air.
I walked today where Jesus walked,
And felt His presence there.*

*My pathway led through Bethlehem,
Ah memorys ever sweet.
The little hills of Galilee,
That knew His childish feet.*

*The Mount of Olives, hallowed scenes,
That Jesus knew before
I saw the mighty Jordan roll,
As in the days of yore.*

*I knelt today where Jesus knelt,
Where all alone he prayed.
The Garden of Gethsemane,
My heart felt unafraid.*

*I picked my heavy burden up,
And with Him at my side,
I climbed the Hill of Calvary,
Where on the Cross He died!*

*I walked today where Jesus walked,
And felt Him close to me.*

-Geoffrey O'Hara

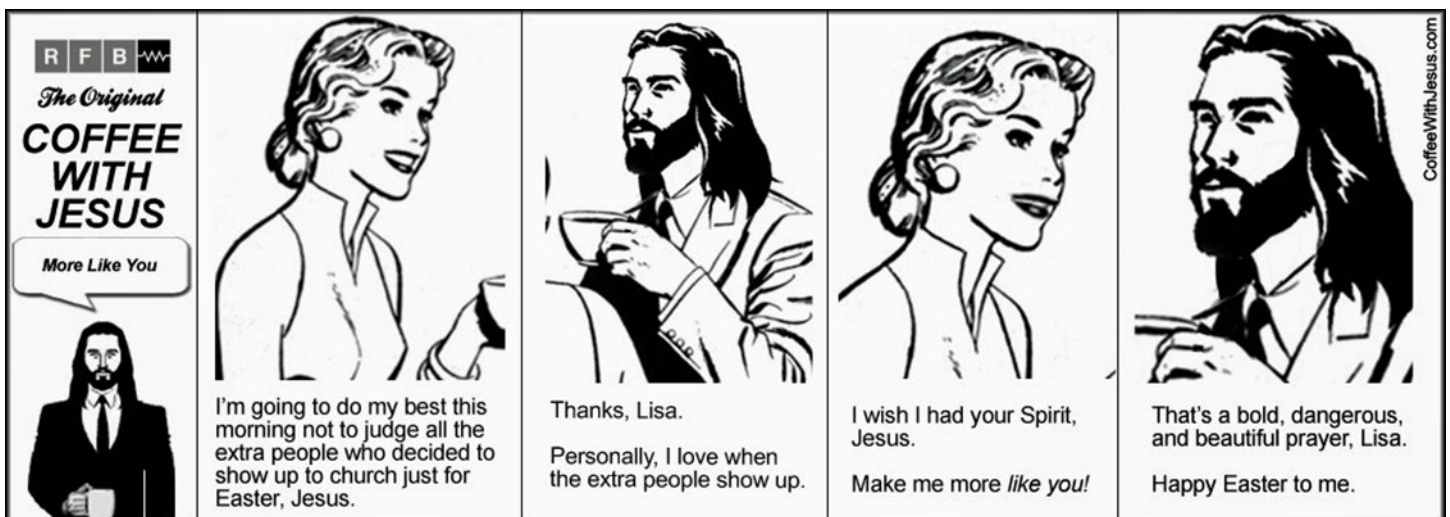
(You can read more about Mr. O'Hara at:
<https://tinyurl.com/lsgpr7j>)

We saw many of the places mentioned in the song. Many of them had churches built right on top of them. If you have the opportunity to go to the Holy Land, I strongly recommend it. And, it was wonderful going with our own Pastor Jeff and so many friends from Our Savior's.

As we move through Lent, we are engaging in another "journey" leading up to the crucifixion and then the Resurrection. This journey also reminds us that God is still close to us. **Enjoy the journey!**

**In His Service,
Karen Skipper ~ Director of Music**

Here is a "Coffee with Jesus" to give us food for thought as we approach Easter (April 16)



Youth and Children's Page

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

Busy Spring

April is here and we are winding up the last days of the Lenten season in anticipation of the glory of Easter and the celebration of our risen lord! So far it has been a meaningful Lenten season and the youth have stepped up and really done a fantastic job of living out their faith through worship, study, and service.

Starting on the heels of Ash Wednesday the high school and middle school youth provided childcare management for our school families as they attended the Spring Gala kick-off event. The older youth did a fantastic job of looking after our youngest brothers and sisters. They were playful, compassionate, and caring when dealing with those in their charge, I could not have been more impressed at their performance. They have also been doing a great job on Wednesday evenings whether it is hosting one of the Lenten Soup Suppers or reading scripture for the Lenten Mid-week worship, the kids are all over it!

As Easter approaches the youth will be hosting our annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday following each service, so come hungry on Palm Sunday! As Holy Week continues we will be welcoming our new communion class to God's table on Maundy Thursday, plan to attend and help us welcome these disciples to the family meal. The youth will be assisting with Good Friday worship in their usual "behind the scenes" fashion (helping with sound and lights) and of course we will all be singing praise as we celebrate our risen Lord on Easter Sunday!

Near the end of the month our 7th grade confirmation class will attend their final session before the retreat and ultimately accepting the Rite of Confirmation in May. This is exciting as this will be the class that is confirmed in our 500th year as the Lutheran Church.

I hope you enjoy the last days of Lent and have a meaningful and joyous Easter season, as for me I'm gonna go racing at K1 speed with the kids at the end of the month, just for fun!

Peace,

Bob Cooper,
Director of Youth and Children's Ministry



April 2 - Sunday

♦NO HSYG

April 4 - Tuesday

Spring Break

♦No Kids Club, Spring Break

April 5 - Wednesday

Spring Break

♦No 5th Grade Confirmation

♦No Youth Band

♦MSYG 6:30pm

April 8 - Saturday

♦FAM Food Distribution

April 9 - Sunday

♦Pancake Breakfast 9:30am/11:30am

♦HSYG 6:00pm, YR

April 11 - Tuesday

♦Gilchrist House 6:00pm

April 12 - Wednesday

♦5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR

♦No Youth Band 6:00pm, YR

♦MSYG 6:30pm, YR

April 16 - Sunday

♦No HSYG

April 19 - Wednesday

♦5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR

♦Youth Band 6:00pm, YR

♦MSYG 6:30pm, YR

April 21 - Friday

♦MSYG K1 Speed Racing 7:00pm

April 23 - Sunday

♦7th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, FR

♦HSYG 6:00pm, YR

April 26 - Wednesday

♦5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR

♦Youth Band 6:00pm, YR

♦MSYG 6:30pm, YR

April 30 - Sunday

♦HSYG 6:00pm, YR

"This Little Light of Mine!"

Vacation Bible Camp (not VBS)

June 26-30, 2017



Who: Kids entering K-6th grades in Fall 2017
What: Fun & Games, Worship, Arts & Crafts, Bible Study, Cool Counselors
Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
When: June 26-30, 9:00am – 3:00pm*
Cost: \$95.00 per child. *

Daily snack provided

**Parents are responsible for providing a brown bag lunch Monday-Thursday
 Pizza lunch is provided on Friday**

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

***Extended Care Option Available ask for details**

Deadline to Sign Up is Thursday ~ June 15!

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 (Return with \$95.00 registration fee to CHURCH office)
Vacation Bible Camp June 26-30, 2017

Camper #1 Name _____ Age ____ Grade Fall 2017 ____ Extended Care? Y__ N__

Camper #2 Name _____ Age ____ Grade Fall 2017 ____ Extended Care? Y__ N__

Address _____ City & Zip: _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

E-Mail Address _____

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

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

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

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

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

_____ Provide lunch for up to 4 camp counselors - 12:00pm (M, T, W, Th)

_____ Provide dinner & showers for up to 4 camp counselors (M, T, Th)

Holy Land Trip from February 2017

Would you like the Bible to truly come to life in front of you? Can you imagine walking on the very stones that Jesus did?

Deepen your faith!



Karen Coffee at the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus served breakfast to his disciples.

How about smelling the same air, listening to the same birds sing, looking at the same glorious scenery as Jesus did? Add this to having a Bible study at each actual Biblical location, walking through vast historical ruins and experiencing the current diverse culture and beauty of Israel – well it equals AMAZING.

Our trip to the Holy Land with Pastor Jeff was more than I could ever imagine. I would be happy to talk with anyone that is interested in going. At all times we were safe, enjoyed a jammed packed itinerary made sure we didn't miss a thing; along with personal time for reflection and prayer. I am confident if you ask anyone from our group their tales of joyous experiences will babble out.

For me personally, I found myself wondering how do you believe more than you already do? How is it possible? I learned that this is DEEPENING my faith. This was my lesson in Israel. We must continue to deepen our faith, to learn more, understand more and never be content with our current relationship with Christ. Faith continues to grow or as I found out, deepens with experiences like this.

**GO TO ISRAEL!
PRAY FOR JERUSALEM and all the people!
---Karen Coffee**



Our Holy Land trip was truly a "trip of a lifetime".

Trip of a lifetime!



Randy and Debbie Peterson renewing their wedding vows in Cana! (John and Karen Skipper in the background doing likewise.)

Linda, our tour director had the whole itinerary worked out to a T, every detail, every hour of the day and she brought us to the most awe-inspiring places from where Jesus was born, to where He lived in Capernaum, to where He fed the 5,000 to where He was crucified, died and was buried. Not for one instance did we ever feel afraid on the whole trip. Safety was a given and we never gave it a second thought.

Randy and I renewed our wedding vows at the Church of Cana which was extra special for us. We floated on the Dead Sea and we even got to take a boat on the Sea of Galilee!!! It was AMAZING! Our tour guide, Jarir who was from Jerusalem, was very knowledgeable in his explanation of everywhere we went. We used these "whispers", basically earphones, so we could hear perfectly what Jarir said when we were inside quiet places. On the bus Jarir used the microphone so we always could hear what was going on. Pastor Jeff led us all in the inspirational Biblical perspective of our entire tour. We couldn't have had a better Israel trip to the Holy Land!!!

**Debbie and Randy Peterson,
February 17 – 28, 2017**



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR SAVIOR'S



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

"The Prison Epistles." We will be looking at the four so called prison epistles: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians and Philemon. Together we'll look for how Paul's experience as a prisoner may have influenced these four books.

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

Join us each week as we look ahead to Sunday's lessons. There is no better way to prepare for worship and along the way gain a working knowledge of the Bible.

No Biblical experience necessary.

Wednesday Evening
5:30pm to 6:30pm • Founders Room
Starting on April 26th

"Ezekiel, the man and his book!" The book of Ezekiel not only gives us some of the most interesting stories in the Bible, but represents a fundamental shift in how we look at God and God's presence. It is as important for us today as it was when originally written some 2,500 years ago.



Saturday ~ April 8, 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



7th Grade Confirmation Class
Sunday, April 23rd
3:00pm-6:00pm
Meet in the Founders Room

We will have our final Confirmand/Parent gathering. We'll come together to look at the question: What does it mean to be Lutheran and why does it matter in our modern world?

Be on the lookout for an email with more information and sign ups to help with the meal.

Any questions contact
Bob Cooper or Pastor Jeff @ (949) 492-6164



SAVE THE DATE!
Vacation Bible School
July 24-28
Ages 3 years to 4th grade
More details coming soon.



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Youth Group
Present a**

***Pancake
Breakfast***



Palm Sunday
April 9th ~ 9:30am & 11:30am
(after each service)

Free Will Offering

*All Proceeds go to the
High School Youth Group
Western States Youth Gathering 2017*



Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017
Egg-Stravaganza

Join us for our EGG-Stravaganza Easter Celebration hosted by Our Savior's on Sunday, April 16th! Easter activities will include Easter Egg hunt, family fun lawn games, crafts and more! Celebration will be held at 9:15am and 10:45am.

Kids singing at 9:30am on Easter Sunday please attend the 10:45am celebration.

Donations needed: Please bring plastic eggs and treats (stuffed and ready are appreciated) to the church Narthex by Sunday, April 9th.

**The sensational
SPRINGTACULAR**
3 SENSATIONAL EVENTS, 1 SPECTACULAR DAY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017
Vista Hermosa Sports Park
(987 Ave. Vista Hermosa)

8:30 am Breakfast hosted by SCHS Cheer *

9 am - 12 pm SPRINGTACULAR ACTIVITIES*
Bunny Visits • Pony Rides • Train Rides • Giant Slide
Egg Hunts • Face Painting • Petting Zoo • Spring Games

EGG HUNT	10:00 am	10:30 am	11:00 am	11:30 am
SCHEDULE	2 & under	3-4 years	5-7 years	8-10 years

9 am - 12 pm SUMMER CAMP PALOOZA
Summer Camp Discounts • Meet Instructors • Free Giveaways

12-4 pm SPLASHTACULAR PARTY at the AQUATICS CENTER
Recreation Swim • Snorkel Bunny • Water Games • Music
The Kala Food truck will serve lunch on site for a nominal fee
Standard recreation swim fees apply for entry or visit the Camp Palooza for free entry!

*Nominal fees apply, cash only

Our Savior's will host the Cotton Candy Booth





Easter Lilies

Our Savior's will be offering Easter Lilies to adorn the sanctuary and altar area for Easter Sunday Worship. You may buy an Easter Lily in honor or memory of a loved one or dedicate to family and friends. An insert will be included in the Easter Sunday Worship folder remembering those who have had Easter Lilies bought on their behalf. The Lilies may be taken home after Easter.

Easter Lilies are \$15.00 each and you may order more than one. Please fill out the order form below with all the information and return it to the offering plate with your check or you may mail your form and check to the church office.

Order form available online at
www.oursaviorsonline.net

**All orders & payment are due no later than
Monday - April 10th**

**Make your check payable to:
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Check Memo: "Easter Lilies"**

Order Name _____

Phone # _____

Qty _____

**Please circle below In Memory of or In Honor of
and print clearly.**

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OWLs News

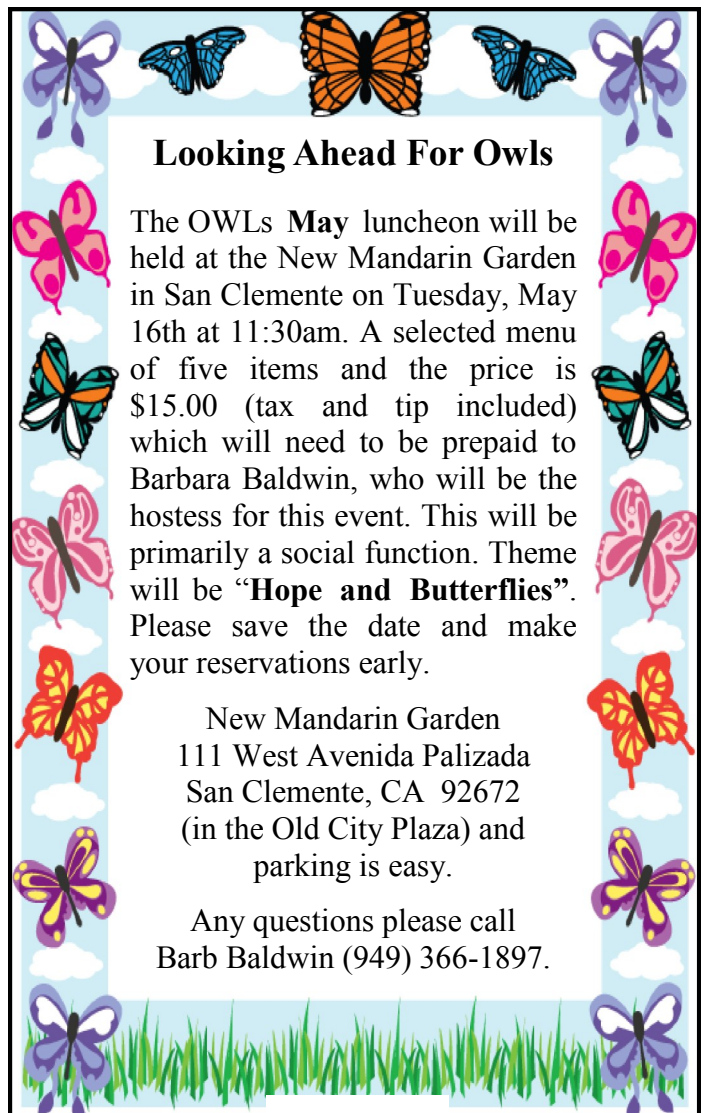
The walking group continues to meet each Tuesday morning at 8:00am on the corner of Vista Hermosa and Costa Azul, to walk the Sea Summit Trails.

**All OWLs and OWLs in training
(those below 55) are welcome to join us!**

The OWLs monthly luncheon will be held on April 18 at 11:30am in the Founders Room. Program TBD. Please save the date and watch for RSVP information.

Blessings,

*Roberta Wall
AIM*



Looking Ahead For Owls

The OWLs **May** luncheon will be held at the New Mandarin Garden in San Clemente on Tuesday, May 16th at 11:30am. A selected menu of five items and the price is \$15.00 (tax and tip included) which will need to be prepaid to Barbara Baldwin, who will be the hostess for this event. This will be primarily a social function. Theme will be **"Hope and Butterflies"**. Please save the date and make your reservations early.

New Mandarin Garden
111 West Avenida Palizada
San Clemente, CA 92672
(in the Old City Plaza) and
parking is easy.

Any questions please call
Barb Baldwin (949) 366-1897.

Construction to begin at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

That's right... as soon as we raise the funds necessary we are preparing to move forward with our Master Plan and the construction of our new Banquet/Fellowship Hall. The hall will be able to comfortably seat 150 people at tables, will have ample storage and take advantage of our view while maximizing our property. The ministry possibilities are virtually endless: Parish gatherings, speakers wedding receptions, senior ministry, space for social outreach and auditorium type use for our school. The Kinoshita gift of \$300,000 has allowed this dream to move forward. **Your** gift will bring it to fruition.



Stop by the Narthex to
view the architectural drawings.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2017

Average December Attendance:	172 people
Average Weekly Offering:	\$ 7,540/wk
Budget Requirement:	\$ 10,963wk

	Jan 2017	FYTD
Unrestricted Gifts:	\$37,698	\$ 269,367
Budget:	\$43,850	\$ 306,953

*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 **January 31, 2017** were **12.24% BELOW** the Congregation approved annual budget needs. As we go into our final quarter it is important that we all re-evaluate our contributions in relations to our pledges to assist in maintain our ongoing responsibilities.*

Designated Gifts	Jan 2017	Fiscal YTD
World Hunger	\$ 393	\$3,814
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 498	\$2,832
Total	\$ 891	\$6,645

Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 553,252.57
*monthly mortgage payment for the classroom building is paid from the school funds

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

April 2017 School Happenings

April Chapel Theme -

Fruit of the Spirit - Gentleness

Character Counts -

Caring

Chapel Offerings -

Habitat for Humanity

April 3-7 - Monday - Friday



Spring Break - Preschool and Elementary

April 10 - Monday

School Resumes

April 12 - Wednesday

Chapel Presentation "Gentleness" - K2 Mrs. Johnson
PTF Meeting 9:15am, FR

April 12-13 - Wednesday-Thursday

4th Grade Field Trip - Time Capsule

April 14 - Friday

No School - Good Friday

April 17 - Monday

No School - Easter Monday

April 18 - Tuesday

School Board Meeting 6:30pm, FR

April 19 - Thursday

Chapel - 4th Grade Verse

April 21 - Friday

Field Trip - 3rd Grade to Helen Modjeska House
Free Dress Day

April 24-26 - Monday-Wednesday

Field Trip - 4th & Fifth Grade to Catalina Island

April 26 - Wednesday

Chapel - 3rd Grade Verse

April 28 - Friday

Spirit Awards

Lunch with Parents 12:10pm-1:00pm



After School Programs

(resumes after Spring Break)

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



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM NEWS



Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

As part of our goal of 500 quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, May is Personal Care Kit month. We are requesting monetary donations and soap. We are also still in need of donations for the Baby Care kits. \$30 is an estimated cost of a Baby Care kit and \$20 is an estimated cost of a Personal Care kit. Be sure to include "LWR kits" on your memo line or envelope.



Family Assistance Ministries Hunger Walk Update

FAM just published the final tally for last fall's Hunger Walk. OSLC was the top faith based fundraising team AND the top fundraising team overall! Hallie Stohler received these certificates at a ceremony last week.

Well done! Special thanks to Hallie Stohler and Al Riebau for encouraging and coordinating our team effort!



Welcome INN Meal Service Mondays on April 10th & May 8th *Sent to Serve with Love*

The Welcome INN dinner service is going great! We served 50 meals in March. With the longer days, meal time is sunny and pleasant. Our guests are always so appreciative and polite. They love the \$5 Carl's Jr cards, too! 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. We welcome your participation! Our Welcome Inn coordinator is Heidi Works, hsworks7@cox.net or (949) 212-0803.

Thrivent Action Teams

With the dissolution of the chapter system and Care Abounds matching programs, we really need to try and capture more Thrivent Choice dollars and Action Team funds from our members who belong to Thrivent. We are trying to compile a list of members (which Thrivent cannot give out even to their financial reps because it is proprietary information) who belong to Thrivent. If you are a Thrivent member, please let us know! We can walk you through the process to claim \$250 (two/year/individual member). Funds can be used for almost any kind of seed money for fundraising, supplies or education events for church or school or any other non-profit organization that you support. To learn how please contact Linda Howard at: howard.ljh55@gmail.com

Our Savior's Social Concerns Ministry Wants You!

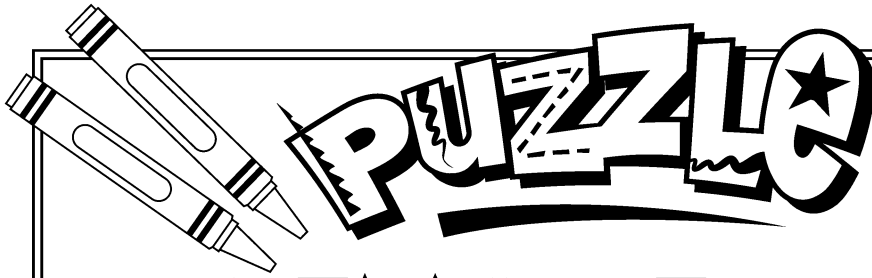
Our Social Concerns Ministry team works hard to bring opportunities for us all to live out our Christian faith through education about important social justice issues and service to others. We are always blessed by the people and organizations we serve beyond measure, and we invite you to become an active 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!

Bulletin Boards

We hope you have noticed how nice the Social Concerns corner is beginning to look in the Narthex. Thanks to Julie & Kelly Doyle and Brian Burgett for covering and hanging the bulletin boards!

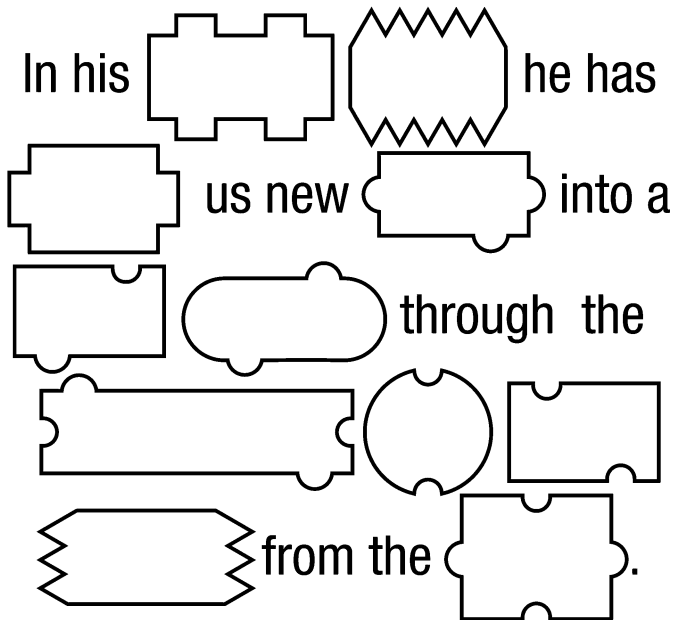
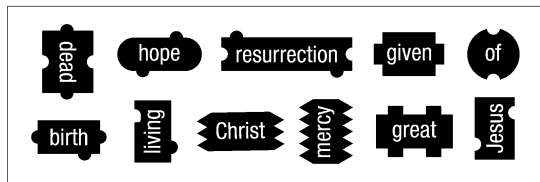
April Kid's Page



> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.













What you need:

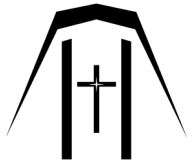
- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.

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

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