

The Messenger ~ October 2017

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

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

Happy 500th Anniversary! 1517 – 2017

It was on October 31, 1517 that a Roman Catholic monk and priest nailed his 95 theses on the Castle church door in Wittenberg. The theses were points of contention that Martin Luther wanted to debate and in which he believed the church had drifted into error. In normal circumstances he would have been quieted quickly by the inquisition. But Luther had two powerful allies on his side (beside of course the sovereignty of Almighty God). He had a good prince, named Fredrick the Wise who was the Elector of Saxony. Luther also had a machine invented by a man named Guttenberg that allowed his writings and reflections to be mass printed and distributed throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

Fredrick didn't always agree with Luther; but he was keen on retaining the very best minds for his university and Luther certainly possessed that. Fredrick even went so far as to 'kidnap' Luther in order to keep him safe, as Martin Luther had been declared a heretic and outlaw in the empire. During his 'captivity' at the Wartburg castle Luther translated the New Testament into common German and became instrumental in the ongoing effort to reform the church.

Eventually it became clear that the medieval Roman church was not interested in debates or reform and so after much conflict and struggle the peace of Augsburg declared that the religious leanings of the local prince would dictate the religious state of his territory. Mostly the new "Evangelicals" or "Lutherans" as they would be later called where in Northern Germany and Scandinavia. Other reforming movements led by such people as Calvin, Zwingli and John Knox began to take hold in Switzerland, France, Scotland and England.

Schism was never the goal for Martin Luther; but the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ freed from human made traditions and regulations that hampered its power to reveal God's mercy. Luther was far from perfect, his fiery rhetoric and medieval

prejudices have in the past given license for hate and misunderstanding. Nevertheless, his commitment to the freedom of the Christian to stand in God's grace through faith alone, secured by Christ alone, and based on the authority of the Word alone has brought the Lutheran message of Christianity throughout the world and has over 80 million adherents.

While there is much diversity in the Lutheran family, there is no compromise for Lutherans when it comes to salvation. It is the free gift of God in Jesus Christ. Today we work closely with our Roman catholic friends and covet conversation that builds up the church and works toward the unity of all Christians. We also celebrate the unique contribution that the Lutheran Church has given over the past 500 years.

So let us celebrate! On Sunday October 22nd at 3:00pm we'll show the 2003 movie "Luther" starring Joseph Fiennes and Claire Cox. On Sunday, October 29th we will have ONE FESTIVE WORSHIP at 10:30am followed by German Brats (Bratwurst) on the patio! On Sunday November 5th at both 8:30 am and 10:30am while celebrate the gift of Holy Baptism with our first ever "Baptismal Festival." This will be an opportunity for anyone who is not baptized to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism and for those who are Baptized to reaffirm the gifts that God has given them.

**500 years under the same management:
Christ Alone! Happy Anniversary!**

Peace!

Pastor Jeff

500TH Anniversary OF THE REFORMATION

**REFORMATION CELEBRATION
GRACE ALONE! FAITH ALONE!
CHRIST ALONE! WORD ALONE!**

Sunday, October 22 at 3:00pm:

Join us for a showing of the 2003 Film, "Luther" starring Joseph Fiennes and Claire Cox. This is a great full scale Hollywood production that faithfully captures both the triumph and the discord of the Lutheran Reformation. (Rated PG-13 for some disturbing violence).

Sunday, October 29 at 10:30am:

ONE FESTIVE WORSHIP SERVICE in the morning! Join us as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with great music, hearing the word, and celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. Afterward we'll serve Brats (Bratwurst) on the patio with all the fixings! If you can, bring a salad or dessert to share! Semper Reformata!

Sunday November 5 at 8:30am and 10:30am:

We will have a Baptismal Festival! Celebrating the gift given to us in Christ, we'll offer the opportunity for anyone who hasn't been baptized to be baptized on this special day. Also, folks will be encouraged to remember and reaffirm their own baptism as well!

Special Dates in October

- World Communion Sunday ~ Oct 1
- Reformation Sunday ~ Oct 29
- Reformation Day ~ Oct 31

SCREENING OF "LUTHER" 2003 Movie

Come join us on Sunday, October 22 at 3:00pm as we watch the movie, "LUTHER." It is a great production which faithfully tells the story of Martin Luther and the Lutheran Reformation. The movie is about two hours long. We'll have snacks available and please note that the movie is rated PG-13 for some disturbing violence.



BAPTISM FESTIVAL!!! TELL YOUR FRIENDS! SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 5th!

Are you baptized? Are your children baptized? Has your Great Aunt shared that she would like to be baptized? Baptism is the gift of God given to us through Jesus Christ in which our assurance of salvation and God's good and gracious love is given to us as a sign and seal of God's faithfulness. It is a command from Jesus, that all of us should be baptized. This command is given in love so that none of us might doubt God's ability to reach into the human heart and work God's great promises in our lives. Sign up for the Great Baptismal Festival on Sunday, November 5th here at Our Savior's! Please let Pastor know or stop into the church office. Folks will be free to come forward during the worship service as well! **ALREADY BAPTIZED? GOOD!!!** No need to be baptized again. As scripture says: "One Lord, One faith and One Baptism." Ephesians 4:5. However, we'll have a place for you to reaffirm your Baptism as well and rejoice in the promises that God has given you!



October Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

~ Birthdays ~

John* Pert	10/2	Shelby Lindholm	10/24
Catherine Crancer	10/3	Andrew Cardoso	10/25
Julie Gordon	10/5	Brad Crowe	10/25
Michael Scott	10/5	Ian Kos	10/25
Caitlyn Schmitt	10/6	Wyatt Lischalk	10/26
Daryl Kowalik	10/7	Stan Schrofer	10/27
Tanya Hathaway	10/8	Ben Gardner	10/28
Nicholas Reyes	10/8	Wesley Gardner	10/28
Brian Burgett	10/9	Diane Miles	10/28
Brianna Wright	10/9	Erin Doyle	10/30
Kelly Doyle	10/11	Piper Young	10/30
Rena Schmiedeke	10/11	Sandra Hannah	10/31
Stephanie Kania	10/12		
Chris Lindholm	10/12		
Tom Densham	10/14		
Marla Lund	10/14	Gus & Theresa Alvarez	10/1
Judith Halverson	10/15	Matt & Julie Gordon	10/5
Hensley Heidelman-Buehler	10/15	Eric & Jill Baker	10/8
Rachel Mulligan	10/16	Greg & Christie Kalagian	10/10
Griffin Buchan	10/19	Jeff & Julie McClure	10/10
Mila Olbrich	10/19	Matthew & Kat Yeakel	10/10
Wendy Kelly	10/20	Greg* & Stephanie Kania	10/12
Beverly Simon	10/20	Ed & Karen Fox	10/14
Ryan Crowe	10/21	Ken & Arlene Ross	10/16
Patti Hilde	10/21	Mike & Diane Boquet	10/18
Pam Burgett	10/22	Jim Smoot & Barb Baldwin	10/21
Shig Kinoshita	10/22	Barbara & Cliff* Hume	10/26
Ronan Hallinan	10/23	Andy & Mindy Goulding	10/27
John Lucy	10/23	Mike & Christi Calvert	10/30
John Davidson	10/24		

~ Anniversaries ~



October is

Pastor Appreciation

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

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

*Be sure to show your
personal appreciation!*



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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2017

10:30am

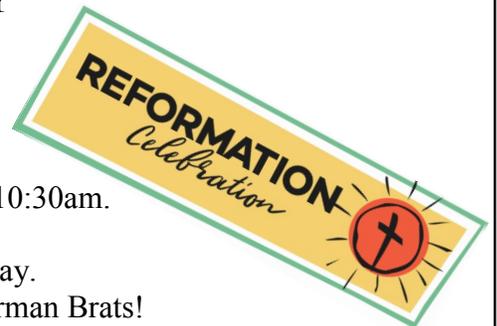
ONE MORNING WORSHIP!

on Reformation Sunday, October 29th at 10:30am.

Please wear red as the color of the day.

Plan to join us afterwards for some great German Brats!

If you are able we'd love to have you bring a salad or dessert to share!



This year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This event has been described as one of the most important events in history by numerous historians. We will be celebrating this event at Our Savior's the end of October.

As the Director of Music at Our Savior's, I pay particular attention to how music is used in our worship. In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, I would like to share some words about music from the "Father of the Reformation", Martin Luther:

- ◆ *"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."*
- ◆ *"I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Music drives away the Devil and makes people joyful; they forget thereby all wrath, unchastity, arrogance, and the like. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor."*
- ◆ *"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."*
- ◆ *"As long as we live there is never enough singing."*
- ◆ *"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."*
- ◆ *"A person who does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs."*

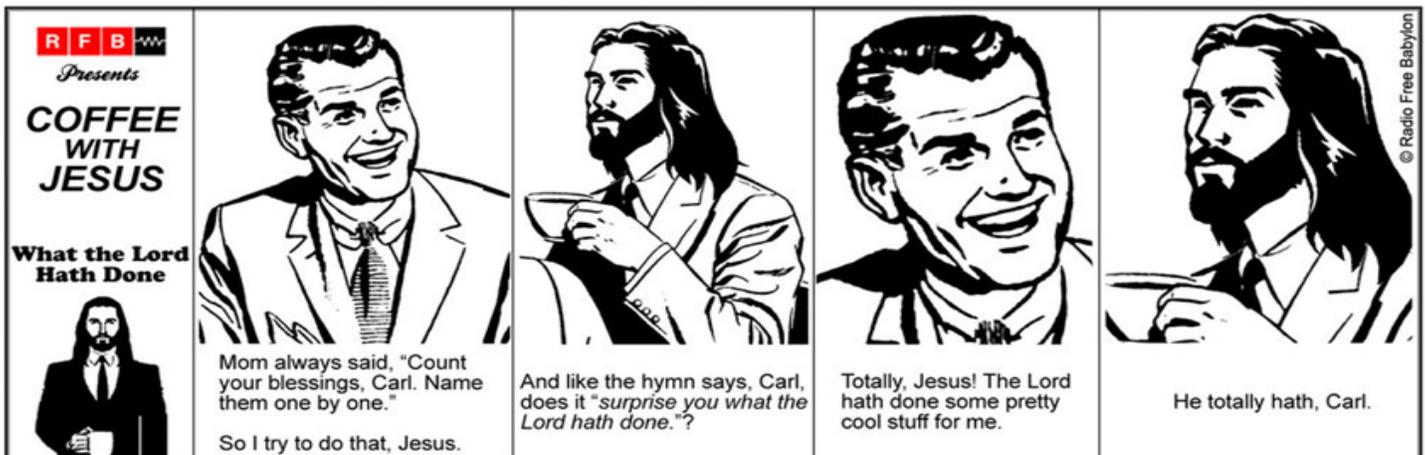
Luther himself was both musician and composer and studied music and dancing as a child. If you would like to read more about Luther and his music, check out this link:

<https://www.luther2017.de/en/reformation/and-culture/music/martin-luther-father-of-songs/>

So, as the Psalmist said, "Make a joyful noise!" Sing, dance, play an instrument. But don't "be a clodhopper". *Praise God with the gift of music.*

In His Service ~
Karen Skipper, Director of Music

New or old, music has a message for anyone. Here is a "Coffee with Jesus" about a good old hymn:



Youth and Children's Ministry

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

Autumn Leaves

I love October, and while we don't get to enjoy the beautiful fall colors that some of our upper mid-west neighbors do, we still have it pretty good here, the air cools, the beaches clear, and the holidays loom large.

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

October is going to be an exciting month for the youth of Our Savior's. In June of 2018 we will again be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering held this year in Houston, TX and registration will take place this month. We will be keeping you, the congregation updated as to our plans and fundraising progress and will be praying for your support in these efforts.

We will also have our annual Middle School Late Nighter on October 20th. The kids are going to have a blast! And not to be forgotten, our annual "Trick or Trunk" event will be back on Wednesday, October 25th! If you would like to participate by decorating your trunk and handing out candy please let me know ASAP as these spots are limited and tend to fill up quickly.

Have a pumpkin-spice-latte kind of day,

Bob Cooper,
Director Youth and Children's Ministry

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 1 - Sunday

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

October 3 - Tuesday

Kids Club 3:00pm, Youth Room

October 4 - Wednesday

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room

Youth Band 6:00pm, Youth Room

MSYG 6:30pm, Youth Room

October 8 - Sunday

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

October 9 - Monday

Welcome Inn 4:00pm, Doheny

October 10 - Tuesday

Gilchrist House 6:00pm

October 11 - Wednesday

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room

Youth Band 6:00pm, Youth Room

MSYG 6:30pm, Youth Room

October 14 - Saturday

FAM Food Distribution 8:00am

October 15 - Sunday

7th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Founders Room

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

October 18 - Wednesday

5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, Youth Room

Youth Band 6:00pm, Youth Room

MSYG 5:30pm, Youth Room

October 20 - Friday

MSYG Late Nighter 5:00pm

October 22 - Sunday

Preschool Sunday 8:30am, Sanc

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room

October 25 - Wednesday

Trick or Trunk, 5:00pm

No 5th Grade Confirmation or Youth Band

October 29 - Sunday

Selling of Indulgences" Bake Sale on the patio

HSYG 6:00pm, Youth Room





THREE WAYS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL THIS WEEK

“Preach the gospel at all times and, if necessary, use words.” This classic quote, misattributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, is both clever and catchy. It just isn’t biblical. Evangelism—communicating the good news of King Jesus—always requires words. Christians are called to adorn the gospel with actions (Titus 2:10), to be sure, but our actions are not the gospel. No amount of righteous living can replace the necessity of verbally proclaiming God’s saving achievement in Christ.

But even though all evangelism involves sharing the same message, not all evangelism occurs in the same manner. Here are three kinds we see modeled in the New Testament.¹

1. Family Evangelism

God intends gospel proclamation to take place within Christian homes as parents raise their children “in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). Children of believers, then, are specially set apart as front-row witnesses to and beneficiaries of gospel influence (1 Cor. 7:14).

The practice of family evangelism is seen in the life of Paul’s protégé Timothy. “I am reminded of your sincere faith,” the apostle writes, “which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also” (2 Tim. 1:5). Timothy’s faith in Jesus first bloomed at home, thanks to the witness of his grandma and mom. (His dad, Luke tells us, wasn’t a believer.) Paul proceeds to exhort Timothy:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim. 3:14–15)

By God’s grace, Timothy could not remember a time in his life when he wasn’t acquainted with the Scriptures and their saving power.

2. Friendship Evangelism

Jesus was accused of many things; one was being a “friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Luke 7:34). Not a stranger, not a passerby, not an acquaintance—a *friend*. The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), and he did so in the context of authentic relationships. Paul, too, modeled such “relational” or “friendship” evangelism:

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. (1 Thess. 2:7–8)

The apostle was emphatic that his team’s ministry in Thessalonica wasn’t some hit-and-run gospel invasion. They were happy to stay, to form friendships, to invest their lives.

Friendship evangelism can be a beautiful thing—so long as the friendship doesn’t crowd out the evangelism. It’s easy to build relationships with unbelievers in the name of gospel witness without ever getting around to gospel witness. Intentionality, then, is vital. As Matt Chandler has aptly quipped, “Relational evangelism? Go for it, as long as it turns into actual evangelism.”

3. Contact Evangelism

The final (and least popular) type of evangelism involves initiating gospel conversations with people you’ve never met. When I was in college, my campus ministry would often gear its outreaches around this approach—always a surefire way to get eye-rolls from the friendship-evangelism-only crowd. Contact evangelism, they insisted, is cold, impersonal, even deceptive.

Anything can be abused, of course, so contact evangelism can no doubt become unloving and unhelpful. But it doesn’t have to be. In fact, this method is explicitly modeled in Scripture too.

In John 4 Jesus strikes up a conversation with a woman beside a well. Not only is she a complete stranger, she’s someone Jesus “should” avoid since she’s a woman and a Samaritan (double no-no).

Nevertheless, he goes out of his way to meet her and turns their “natural” chat about water into a “spiritual” one about himself. He doesn’t waste much time, either, moving from “Will you give me a drink?” (v. 7) to “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would’ve asked him and he would have given you living water” (v. 10) in the span of just three verses.

And Jesus’s witnessing strategy here is not some New Testament anomaly. The earliest Christians also engaged in contact evangelism:

- Day after day, in the temple courts *and from house to house*, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. (Acts 5:42)
- On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to *the women who had gathered there*. (Acts 16:13)
- [Paul] reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with *those who happened to be there*. (Acts 17:17)

The earliest Christians were apparently eager to initiate gospel conversations with “random” persons, with strangers—with whomever their sovereign Lord led them to encounter (Prov. 16:9; 20:24).

If the danger in friendship evangelism is never getting to the evangelism, the danger in contact evangelism is not caring enough to remember the person’s name. We aren’t manipulators, and we don’t work in sales (2 Cor. 2:17). God-honoring contact evangelism, then, requires healthy doses of social awareness, common courtesy, and authentic concern.

Deployed to Be Deliberate

People need to hear the good news about Jesus Christ, and there is no one-size-fits-all prescription for how that has to happen. It just has to happen.

Whether we’re hoping to witness to a child, to a friend, or to a complete stranger, may the Holy Spirit grant us the courage to live lives of gospel intentionality this week—humbly and prayerfully seizing opportunities to brag about our great Savior.

**Shared by: Karen Coffee,
Evangelism Ministry**

It's Time to Get On Board the StewardShip



**Keep a lookout for your letter
inviting you to join the
congregation on a journey to
“Love, Learn and Serve” through
our gifts. You will also be
receiving a “Passport” with all the
information you need to help
make this StewardShip season at
OSLC the best ever!**



NEW Member Class

Join Us in Membership

We are in the process of gathering a new member’s group for the Fall of 2017. If you are interested in becoming a member of Our Savior’s please sign-up in the Narthex or call/e-mail the church office at (949) 492-6164 or oslcsec@sbcglobal.net.

Luther Fun Facts

WHY SHOULD THE DEVIL HAVE ALL THE GOOD MUSIC?

Luther's colorful sayings helped spread his ideas:

- “The devil should not be allowed to keep all the best tunes for himself.” “Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor.”
- “Human nature is like a drunk peasant. Lift him into the saddle on one side, over he topples on the other side.”
- “If our Lord is permitted to create nice large pike and good Rhine wine, presumably I may be allowed to eat and drink.”
- “The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.”
- “When I preach I regard neither doctors nor magistrates... I have all my eyes on the servant maids and on the children. And if the learned men are not well pleased with what they hear, well, the door is open.”
- “Think of all the squabbles Adam and Eve must have had in the course of their 900 years. Eve would say, ‘You ate the apple,’ and Adam would retort, ‘You gave it to me.’”
- “Because we cannot prevent the birds [of temptation] from flying over our heads, there is no need that we should let them nest in our hair.”
- “What lies there are about relics! One claims to have a feather from the wing of the angel Gabriel, and the Bishop of Mainz has a flame from Moses’ burning bush. And how does it happen that 18 apostles are buried in Germany when Christ had only 12?”
- “Farewell to those who want an entirely pure and purified church. This is plainly wanting no church at all.”

MICHELANGELO, MUSIC, AND MASS SOME REFORMATION FACTS!

- Christopher Columbus set sail when Luther was a schoolboy, and Michelangelo was completing his Sistine Chapel ceiling when Luther began teaching theology as a young man.
- Luther preferred music to any other school subject, and he became very skilled at playing the lute. Upon becoming a monk at age 21, he had to give the lute away.
- When Luther celebrated his first Mass as a priest in 1507, he trembled so much he nearly dropped the bread and cup. He was so terrified of the presence of Christ in the sacrament that he tried to run from the altar.
- Luther raised so much hostility that it was rumored—and taken seriously by some—that he was the product of a bathhouse liaison between his mother and the devil. At the Diet of Worms, he was condemned as a “demon in the appearance of a man.”
- Luther made singing a central part of Protestant worship. In his German Mass (1526), he dispensed with the choir and assigned all singing to the congregation. He often called congregational rehearsals during the week so people could learn new hymns.
- Though preaching was shared during the week, Luther often spoke at all the Sunday services. He became frustrated with his congregation: despite his admonitions and instruction, he felt his people remained godless. “It annoys me to keep preaching to you,” he said, and in 1530 he actually went on strike and refused to preach for a time.



Women's Bible Study Schedule

Monday ~ October 16th

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

Tuesday ~ October 31st

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

UPDATE EMAIL FROM PASTOR JEFF IN REGARDS TO SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

September 22, 2017

Dear Friends,

With joy and appreciation I'm writing this email to give you an update on Our Savior's Lutheran School. As we are all aware a decline in enrollment set forth fiscal concerns that called for a reduction in expenses that were quite somber. Within a week of giving this announcement the "Our Savior's Lutheran" community has rallied together to show healthy concern and a vibrant passion and energy to not only address the immediate fiscal realities but to begin working together in concrete ways to increase enrollment and share the positive message of what OSLS is all about. Thank you!

The excitement and passion of our parents has motivated all of us to double our efforts on behalf of our school. It has also led to an agreement where PTF has graciously agreed to cover half of our deficit for this year, and school board and church council have agreed to use reserves to cover the remaining deficit. This means there WILL BE NO REDUCTIONS IN STAFFING FOR THE 2017/2018 year. Thanks be to God!

I am convinced that with all of us rowing together in the same direction, speaking well of our school, encouraging others, lifting each other and our school in prayer and working together on better strategies and planning, we can continue to shine bright in our community.

There is already at work the creation of four task groups that will address critical needs and help us be more proactive in addressing issues of enrollment, marketing, fundraising and school retention. Many of you have already signed up to participate in these groups at our Thursday forums and more information will soon be shared about these task groups and how you can play an important part. There is much work to do and we covet everyone's participation.

We stand together in our efforts to keep the ministry and mission of Our Savior's Lutheran School strong and united.

Peace!

Pastor Jeff Frohner

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Trick or Trunk

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

A night of fun for ghouls of all ages!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

A church, school, and community gathering

5:00pm Pizza Dinner on the church patio

(\$5.00 pay at window)

6:00pm Trick or Trunk

Church/School Parking Lot

Children are encouraged to come in costume
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

We do need people to host trunks!

Scary or Fun...your choice

Filled with lots of treats!

Questions please contact

Bob Cooper @ 949-492-6164 X226 or

b.cooper@oursaviorsonline.net

Please fill out and return to church office.

Name of Participating Family _____

Phone Number _____

Total number of Pizza dinners _____
(pay at the window)

Will you be hosting a trunk? Yes _____ No _____

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

Please be here and ready to
hand out candy by 5:45pm.

Church parking lot opens at 6:00pm



OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

Walking Group

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!**

OWLs Monthly Luncheon

Our October Luncheon and Bible Study be held in the Founders Room on October 17 at 11:30am.

Please RSVP by calling the church office or call/text Roberta Wall at (209) 404-9012.



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School

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What's Happening @ OSLC



Blessing of the Quilts

Sunday ~ October 15th at 8:30am & 10:30am



Saturday
October 14, 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



What's On Wednesday

8:30am-9:00am	Elementary Chapel, Sanc
9:00am-1:00pm	Sprout Class
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-6:30pm	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



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

October 1: Tagging along on Sabbatical: Session 4, Augusta Victoria Hospital and Oxford.

October 8, 15, and 22: Lutheranism 101. We'll take a little stroll amongst the roots of our faith and discover what is the very foundation of the Lutheran movement.

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

Each Wednesday we gather in the Founders Room to look at the upcoming scriptures for Sunday morning. You can drop in any time, as each morning is an independent selection of lessons. There is no better way to prepare for Sunday morning than Manna Bible Study.

No Biblical experience necessary. Join Us!

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

THE BIBLE: ONE BOOK-ONE SESSION! In this unique Bible Study Pastor Jeff will introduce one book of the Bible each evening and offer a little background to the book and highlight the most important passages or teaching that we find within its pages. If you can't come every Wednesday...no worries...each Wednesday night will be a stand-alone look at a particular book of Scripture. There are 66 Books of the Bible and we'll do them in sections, not necessarily in order.

Our October list will be:

- ⇒ Numbers – October 4
- ⇒ Deuteronomy – October 11
- ⇒ Joshua – October 18
- ⇒ Judges - October 25
- ⇒ Ruth – November 1

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

San Clemente Relay for Life

Thanks to everyone who donated money and turned out to walk at the Relay for Life in August. Our Savior's fielded one of the largest teams and raised, at last count, \$2,462. A special thanks to our team captain, Karen Coffee, co-captains, Deb Krogman and Hallie Stohler, and the 30+ people who came out to walk the track. We had little Thomas Yeakel, Evey Thomsen, and everyone in between. Our Savior's rocks!!!



Welcome INN Meal Service Monday, October 9th & November 13th *Sent to Serve with Love*

Watch for the Sign-Up Genius email from the church office. As always, 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. Also, if you have travel size toiletries to donate, please leave them in the Narthex and we will hand those out, too. We welcome your participation and thank you for your donations!

Our Welcome INN Coordinator is Heidi Works,
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OCTOBER 15, 2017
HUNGER Walk
30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

30th Annual Hunger Walk to be Held October 15th

30th Anniversary South County Hunger Walk Sunday - October 15th

Please join the Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School team on Sunday, October 15 at 12:30pm at the San Clemente Community Center to support Family Assistance Ministry's largest annual fundraiser to prevent hunger and homelessness in South Orange County. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Hunger Walk. FAM aims to gather more people than ever to raise money for those the group serves. You can donate or register to walk online or in person. It's a fun and meaningful afternoon filled with mission and fellowship, in service of our neighbors most in need. Wear Our Savior's spirit wear and let the San Clemente community know we care!

To donate type in <https://www.family-assistance.org/>
Go to the Events tab -click on Annual Hunger Walk or click [Register/Donate Online](#)

If you plan to walk, **please register first** using the tab at the top of the page. Then, you may donate online from the same webpage.

You may also Register/Donate in person, during the Month of October on the patio after church services (dates TBA)

Family Assistance Ministries has a Resale Store!

Check out the new resale store that FAM opened on September 30. Is located at 540/542 N. El Camino Real. Proceeds benefit FAM programs so consider donating your gently used clothing and housewares to them.

San Clemente Military Family Outreach Fall Fundraiser ~ Salute to Military Stars

Talega Golf Club is the site for this year’s dinner and silent auction on Friday, October 20 at 6pm. This annual event honors service members and their families at a dinner with music, silent auction, and more. All proceeds support SCMFO’s Annual Thanksgiving dinner giveaway to 1,000 families on Camp Pendleton and ongoing programs and assistance for military families.

Tickets (\$60/person) can be purchased from Mary Jayne Bellamy at church or online at www.militaryfamilyoutreach.com.

International Justice Mission Orange County Prayer Gathering

On Sunday, October 15, 3:00pm - 6:00pm, IJM will host a gathering at Grace Fellowship Church, 3170 Red Hill Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626 to worship and pray for the freedom of the more than 45 million children, women and men being abused, trafficked, and enslaved across the world today. You will also hear from people fighting on the front lines to rescue slaves.

If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Linda Howard, howard.ljh55@gmail.com. Learn more and register at bit.ly/ocprayergathering.

Hurricane Relief – Ways to Give

Recovery efforts from the recent succession of hurricanes will take years. These organizations can be relied upon to make good use of your donation dollars to help folks get back on their feet. These groups focus on immediate relief and rebuilding communities long after the acute crisis is over.

Lutheran Disaster Response: www.elca.org. The ELCA’s home page will take you to the donation page for Lutheran Disaster Response. LDR is working in communities in the United States who have been impacted by the hurricanes.

Lutheran World Relief: www.lwr.org. Lutheran World Relief is the Lutheran church’s international relief organization and is on the ground assisting Haiti and other places in the Caribbean devastated from the hurricanes.

Habitat for Humanity International:

www.habitat.org. Habitat for Humanity works both domestically and internationally to help rebuild homes and communities in the wake of natural disasters in addition to their main mission of building homes that bring people out of poverty. They are already at work in the south and the Caribbean.

Thrivent Financial is matching the first \$3 million in donations made through their websites to Lutheran Disaster Response and Habitat for Humanity! You do not need to be a Thrivent member to take advantage of this matching opportunity.

**OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 2017**

Average July Attendance	168
Average Weekly Offering	\$ 9,536
Budget Requirement	\$11,209

	July 2017	FYTD
Unrestricted Gifts	\$38,145	\$38,145
Budget	\$44,837	\$44,837

These are your gifts to the church through general envelopes and plate offerings; they are used for operating budget expenses. *Annual member contributions for the month ending July 31, 2017 were 13.4% BELOW the Congregation approved annual budget needs.*

Building Fund for July 31, 2017: \$138,897.43
Building Fund as of September 26, 2017: \$143,659.65

Designated Gifts	July 2017	FYTD
World Hunger	\$573	\$573
Habitat for Humanity	\$487	\$487
Total	\$1,060	\$1,060

Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 539,774.96
**monthly mortgage payment for the classroom building is paid from the school funds*

Thank You For Your Stewardship!

**God Bless,
Bruce Quade, Treasurer**

October 2017

School Happenings

October 2 - Monday

5th Grade Drug Class 2:00pm

October 6 - Friday

Ladies Night Out-Call for details

October 9 - Monday

5th Grade Drug Class 2:00pm

Meet the Masters

October 11 - Wednesday

Chapel 8:30

PTF Meeting 9:00am, FR

October 12 - Thursday

Traveling Scientist Program

October 13 - Friday

PRICIPAL FOR THE DAY-Piper Morrison

Zing App winner announced

October 14 - Saturday

Campus Clean-Up 8:30am-1:00pm

October 16 - Monday

5th Grade Drug Class 2:00pm

October 16-20 - Monday-Friday

Grades 1 - 5 Testing

October 17 - Tuesday

School Board Meeting 6:30pm, FR

October 18 - Wednesday

Elementary Daycare Halloween Party 3:00pm

October 20 - Friday

Free Dress Day

October 22 - Sunday

Preschool Sunday 8:30am

October 23-27 - Monday-Friday

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23 - Monday

5th Grade Drug Class 2:00pm

Red Ribbon Parade 4:15pm

October 25 - Wednesday

Trick or Trunk @ OSLC 6:00pm

October 27 - Friday

Barnyard Bash 9:00am

1/2 Day School

End of 1st Quarter

October 30 - Monday

5th Grade Drug Class 2:00pm

October 31 - Tuesday

No Elementary School

Parent Teacher Conferences

Five Simple Ways to Help Our School

If you buy groceries, office supplies or shop at Amazon.com, you can raise funds for Our Savior's Lutheran School:

RALPH'S Community Partners

Ralph's will donate 2-4% of your purchases to OSLS when you use your registered Ralph's Card. To register, open an account or login to your account at www.ralphs.com. Next, go to the Community Partners tab at the top of the page and pull down the menu "Ralph's Community Contributions." Click on "Participant" and follow the instructions to sign up. The school code is "80484" or "Our Saviors Lutheran School, San Clemente" (make sure you choose Our Savior's Lutheran in San Clemente!) One REALLY important thing to remember is that you must reregister every September 1 or the contributions stop. Now is the perfect time to set up your account for this year!

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Save those General Mills Box Tops for Education and turn them into the front office or the Narthex. OSLS receives money for the amount of box tops they turn in.

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Thrivent Action Teams

If you are a Thrivent Financial benefit member, you have two ways to raise money for the school. You can designate your quarterly Thrivent Choice dollars for either the school or church. You are also eligible for up to two Thrivent Action Team grants each year. Action Teams are formed for specific projects. Once approved, Thrivent provides a \$250 debit card for seed money to get your project rolling. Most fundraisers and campus facility projects qualify. Contact Linda Howard, howard.ljh55@gmail.com if you are a member and want help getting started.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

September 21, 2017

Thank You

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
200 Avenida San Pablo
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Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$4,330.84 to Lutheran Disaster Response. With this gift you are providing emotional and spiritual care, supplying emergency relief, and addressing long-term recovery.

With your gifts you are making possible the support of unmet needs, the coordinating of volunteers in the United States through our local affiliates, and the promoting of disaster risk-reduction internationally, expanding knowledge and ability.

Thank you for this gift and all your faithful generous gifts. Thank you for encouraging others to learn, act, pray and give with you. Thank you for living into God's words of justice and mercy and for joining with the whole church to love and serve one another.

In God's grace,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

*Thank you
Our Savior's
for this
gift in this amazing
such great need. 100%
of it will go towards
Hurricane relief.
- Dan*

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>First Sunday of the month</i> 1 <i>World Hunger</i> 8:30 Bold Worship 9:30 Adult Ed. 10:30 Classic Worship 6:00 Evening Worship 6:00 HSYG, YR	 <i>Last Sunday of the month</i> 2 4:00 Welcome Inn Dinner	<i>Holy Communion</i>  <i>Served every Sunday</i> 3 8:00 OWLs Walk 3:00 Kids Club, YR	 <i>Trick or Trunk</i> <i>October 25</i> 4 9:00 Sprout 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	 REFORMATION Sunday <i>October 29</i> 5	6 7	14 7:00 Men's Breakfast @OSLC 8:00 FAM Food Distribution
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15 <i>Hunger Walk</i> Blessing of the Quilts 8:30 Bold Worship 9:30 Adult Ed. 10:30 Classic Worship 3:00 7th Gr Conf. Mtg 6:00 Evening Worship	16 9:30 Women's Bible Study, Evey Thomsen	17 8:00 OWLs Walk 11:30 Mature Adult Community Luncheon 6:30 School Board Mtg	18 9:00 Sprout 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	19 20 Middle School Late Nighter	21	28
22 <i>Preschool Sunday</i> 8:30 Bold Worship 9:30 Adult Ed. 10:30 Classic Worship 3:00 Luther 2003 Movie 6:00 Evening Worship 6:00 HSYG, YR	23	24 8:00 OWLs Walk 9:00 Women's Bible Study, Bonnie Little	25 9:00 Sprout 11:00 Manna Bible Study, FR 5:00 Pizza Dinner 6:00 Trick or Trunk	26 27	28	
29 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> <i>Habitat & Bake Sale</i> 10:30 Classic Worship 11:30 Bratwurst on the Patio 6:00 Evening Worship 6:00 HSYG, YR	30	31  Happy Halloween				

November 2017						
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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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