

# The Messenger ~ March 2018

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

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

## **A Holy Laugh!**

*"Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'"*  
*Psalm 126:2*

According to an article in the Christian Century, by Miles Townes (When Easter Falls on April Fool's Day, February 21, 2018); "The last time Easter fell on April Fools' Day was in 1956. Due to the quirks involved in dating Easter against the Gregorian calendar, the two coincide only intermittently. After 2018, the next one is 2029, and then again in 2040—but after that, not again in this century. April Fools' Day is not significant in Christianity, but it is the perfect excuse to talk about jokes in the Bible."

Jokes in the Bible—yes there are plenty of them. The problem is that we are often so serious when we look at scripture that we fail to recognize that even Jesus used humor. For example do you remember this one: "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye?" Matthew 7:3-4. This is hilarious! Imagine it, a person that has literally a LOG in their eye, or perhaps you'll get the joke better if we use the term 2x4 piece of lumber sticking out of their eye, how on earth are they even going to be able to get close to the one who has a little speck in theirs? How will you be able to do the delicate work of removing a speck when your own eyesight is impaired with a 2x4! When you imagine it, it's hilarious. Jesus is using a humorous vision to show the stupidity of our own hypocrisy. Our being quick to judge others is just about as hilarious as a doctor with a piece of wood in her own eye, performing Lasik or cataract surgery on another.

Peter Berger in a classic little book entitled "A Rumor of Angels," suggests that the sense of absurdity in this life, which lies at the heart of humor, is the hint that things in this life actually do not fit, do not entirely add up. Humor sees this, and so hints implicitly at a beyond where things do fit and make sense. To put it

more clearly, he understands that humor, play and joy are all things that can point us toward the reality of God. Here is the ultimate place where the absurdities of this life (trying to do eye surgery with a log in your eye) are seen for what they are in the clarity of what God intends.

Sometimes the jokes that Jesus tells are so serious that we miss the hilarity that goes along with them. Take for example the woman who has been caught in a sinful act in John 8. Jesus tells the crowd—who wants to stone her to death-- "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." This situation is deadly serious; but Jesus authorization of capital punishment is an old time side splitter! The one without sin? Are you kidding? Oh.... I see, it's a joke! Good one Jesus. We'll be on our way now.

Miles Townes suggests that the very first joke in the Bible might come from Genesis 4 when Cain asks if he is supposed to be his brother's keeper. Of course you are! Yes, you are to be your brother's keeper. The fact that you've just killed him shows that you know nothing of God nor of how it is we are to live with one another. It's a dark joke, but a joke nonetheless. If we are so unwilling to love one another, how will any of us survive?

On Easter Sunday we get a little joke as well. Mary Magdalene in her grief see's Jesus by the empty tomb; but she thinks he's the gardener! Mary! Look, it's not the gardener as you suppose, it's Jesus! Jesus is alive! Jesus the one whom death, darkness and devil laid upon him all the evil they could; this Jesus is alive! And now he stands right before you and calls you by name. This Jesus in the resurrection shows us the clarity of who God is and puts to flight the darkness that surrounded his death and gives us the ability to laugh as well. Knowing that the final word, always belongs to God and this word is life—there is no greater joy. Jesus is Risen and that's no April fool! Amen!

*Peace!*  
*Pastor Jeff*



# birthdays, anniversaries & more

## ~ Birthdays ~

John Cloninger	3/1
John Mulligan	3/1
Betsy Aasland	3/2
Rick Jensen	3/3
Oma Riebau	3/3
Tom Banks	3/5
Elise Berschauer	3/5
Ruth Martin	3/5
Jerry Cloninger	3/6
Courtney Horvath	3/6
Dane Olbrich	3/7
Steve Scott	3/8
Elke Kelly	3/12
Kiana Breshears	3/14
Nancy Iglesias	3/14
Colby Lindholm	3/15
Lily Crancer	3/16
Kalani Fitzhugh	3/16
Pablo Gonzalez	3/19
Jeff McClure	3/19
Brian Wakeman	3/19
Paul Skipper	3/20
Scott Cameron	3/22
Terrie Ayers	3/23
Tyler Hamil	3/24
Carol Hoffmeister	3/24
Kathryn Ramm	3/24
Jill Baker	3/25
Barbara Murphy	3/25
Ron Schmiedeke	3/25
Dalton Murphy/Lischalk	3/26
Aaron Frohner	3/27
Steven Schmall	3/28
Elizabeth Simon	3/28
Kincaid McClure	3/29
Mark Buzzell	3/30
Mark Lorimer	3/30
Betty Colby	3/31
Chuck Pridham	3/31

## ~ Anniversaries ~

Rick & Nanette Jensen	3/3
Terry & Janet Gillespie	3/9
Brent & Brandi Davies	3/21
Stan & Sheri Schrofer	3/22
Jim & Roberta Wall	3/22

We would like to welcome Joan Lundbohm as the new Preschool Director here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Joan comes with a wealth of experience in both Early Childhood Education and Children's ministry. She holds a BA from Long Island University and a Preschool Program Director Permit. In 2017 she completed three additional units in ECE by taking an infant toddler class. Joan was the Preschool Director at Robert H. Lange Christian Preschool in Mission Viejo for 16 years. She has served on the Advisory Board for the Saddleback College Child Development Center for over ten years. Joan is a California Director Mentor. She was accepted into the Mentor program in 2012 and is currently one of four Director Mentors in Orange County, CA. The Mentor program is a statewide program that provides mentors to Preschool Directors. In addition to Mentoring Joan leads the South County Director Group that meets every other month at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo. She is also a consulting editor for NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children), and has served on the preschool board of the Irvine Child Development Center since 2016.

Joan has a love for children and the Lord. She and her husband—Eric—have two adult children; son Adrian who lives in Marin County and daughter Kristin who lives in San Diego. Joan is a gardener, avid reader and owner of Regis the dog. She will begin her ministry with us on March 5th. Welcome Joan!

## LENT –SPRINGTIME SPIRITUALITY

(Join us every Wednesday in Lent )

The season of Lent is a time for growing. It is an intentional call back to the baptismal waters as we reflect on our faith, discipleship and God’s promise to us through Jesus Christ.

During the Wednesdays of Lent we’ll have soup supper and a Midweek Lenten Service at 6:30pm. Our theme will be “Living the Promise” as we look anew at the call to discipleship that is given to the baptized. Lent will end as we enter Holy Week with Palm/Passion Sunday on March 25th, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and culminating in the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 1st.

**SOUP starts at 5:45pm**  
**WORSHIP begins at 6:30pm**

### March 7th - Week 3

- ◆ Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

### March 14th - Week 4

- ◆ Serve all people, following the example of Jesus

### March 21st - Week 5

- ◆ Strive for justice and peace in all the earth



## HOLY WEEK

**March 25 - Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**8:30am • 10:30am • 6:00pm**

**March 29 - Maundy Thursday**  
**7:00pm Worship**  
*(First Communion Celebration)*

**March 30 - Good Friday**  
**7:00pm Worship**  
*(Tenebrae Service of Darkness)*



*April 1*  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Worship Hours**  
**8:00am • 9:30am • 11:00am**



During Lent

9:00am-1:00pm  
11:00am-12:15pm  
3:00pm-4:00pm  
5:45pm-6:30pm  
6:30pm-7:30pm  
6:30pm-7:15pm  
7:15pm-8:30pm

Sprout Program  
Manna Bible Study  
5th Grade Confirmation  
Lenten Soup Supper  
Middle School Youth Group  
Mid-Week Lenten Worship  
Celebration Singers



**Join Us in Membership**

*Sign-up in the Narthex beginning in April*  
*Class Dates TBD*

We are in the process of gathering a new member’s group for the Spring of 2018. If you are interested in becoming a member of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church please sign-up in the Narthex or call/e-mail the church office at (949) 492-6164 or [oslcsec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oslcsec@sbcglobal.net).



**Daylight Savings Begins Sunday, March 11th**  
**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour**  
**Saturday night, March 10th.**

In my *Messenger* article each month I include a cartoon from a series called “Coffee with Jesus”. They make me chuckle but they also make me think.

The cartoon below made me think about Lent and Easter 2018. Ash Wednesday was on Valentine’s Day. Easter will be on April Fool’s Day. *Why would they do that?*

The date for Easter is based on the lunar cycle. In 325CE, the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. This year, the first full moon after the first day of Spring (March 20) will be March 31. So, Easter is on April 1st. Since the season of Lent lasts 40 days, that would put Ash Wednesday on February 14.

I love holidays – ALL holidays. We see hearts and flowers, eggs and bunnies in the stores this time of year. It is easy to get distracted by the commercialism of holidays.

I like to think of it this way:

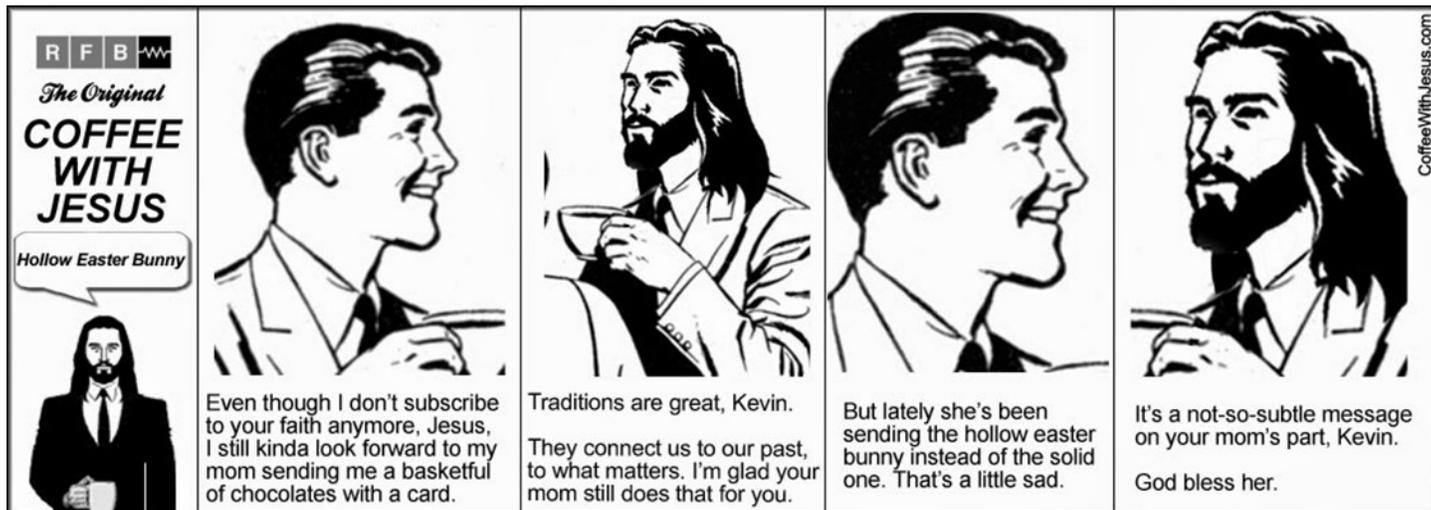
**Valentine’s Day was celebrating love.**  
*“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son”*  
*John 3.16.*

**The eggs and bunnies we see at Easter are symbols of new life.**  
*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ,  
 he is a new creature;  
 the old things passed away;  
 behold, new things have come.”*  
*2 Corinthians 5.17*

Let the celebrating begin!

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

Hmmm...



### How Do I be a Good Neighbor?

The second Tuesday of each month the Youth Groups of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, along with some fantastic volunteer host families from the congregation, serve dinner to the residents of Gilchrist House. The host family will plan, prepare, deliver, and serve a meal to the 20 or so residents of the Gilchrist House and its neighboring facility the FAMily House. We spend an hour or so at the house and get to know the ladies and their kids, enjoy a meal, share some stories, and sing some songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and teaches some valuable lessons to everyone involved.

So just what is this Gilchrist House? Before I became involved with our youth program I had only heard the name, but really had no idea what it was all about...

Gilchrist House is a transitional family shelter in San Clemente for women and women with children. There is now also the FAMily House which serves families in need, both are operated by Family Assistance Ministries. Residents are allowed to stay at the facility for up to 12 months while they find a job and learn life skills. The women come from a variety of backgrounds, including homelessness and domestic abuse. Some stay as little as three months before "graduating" to live on their own. More than 400 women and children have been helped since the shelter was established in 2003, FAM says.

The FAMily shelter has recently completed a renovation made possible by government redevelopment grants as well as a generous grant from the city. The facility looks great and you can really see the love that has gone into it as many of the finishing touches were provided by volunteers.

In the eight years that I have been organizing visits to the Gilchrist house I have seen many families graduate and it is a bittersweet thing to experience. I am happy that they have reached a point where they are "ready for the world", but it is also hard to see them go.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved with this outreach ministry, let me know and I'll be glad to give you all of the details. In the meantime the youth, hosts, and I will continue to serve and minister to these families as they get their lives together and hopefully move on to happy, productive futures.

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



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**March 4 - Sunday**

◆ HSYG 9:45am, YR

**March 6 - Tuesday**

◆ Kids Club 3:00pm, YR

**March 7 - Wednesday**

◆ 5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR

◆ MSYG 6:30pm, YR

**March 11 - Sunday**

◆ HSYG 9:45am, YR

◆ First Communion Class 2:00pm, Sanc

**March 12 - Monday**

◆ Welcome Inn Dinner, 4:00pm, Doheny

**March 13 - Tuesday**

◆ Gilchrist House 9:45am

**March 14 - Wednesday**

◆ 5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR

◆ Communion Make-up for March 11

◆ MSYG 6:30pm, YR

**March 16 - Friday**

◆ Kids Club Winter Retreat, Luther Glen

**March 18 - Sunday**

◆ HSYG 9:45am, YR

◆ First Communion Class 2:00pm, Sanc

**March 21 - Wednesday**

◆ 5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR

◆ Communion Makeup for March 18

◆ MSYG 6:30pm, YR

**March 25 - Palm Sunday**

◆ Pancake Breakfast 9:30am & 11:30am

**March 28 - Wednesday**

◆ 5th Grade Confirmation 3:00pm, YR

◆ MSYG 6:30pm, YR

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

***Pancake  
Breakfast***



**Palm Sunday  
~ March 25th ~  
9:30am & 11:30am  
(after each service)**

***Free Will Offering***

***All Proceeds go to the  
High School Youth Group  
2018 National Youth Gathering***

**dates**  
*to Remember*

**Special Dates in March 2018**

- World Day of Prayer, *March 2, 2018*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 4, 2018*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 11, 2018*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 11, 2018*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 18, 2018*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2018*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 25, 2018*
- Holy Week, *March 25-31, 2018*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 29, 2018*
- Good Friday, *March 30, 2018*

**ATTENTION!**

**Easter Youth Choir**

**Our Easter Youth Choir is singing  
at the 9:30am service on  
Sunday ~ April 1, 2018**

**We are singing an *awesome* song!**

**Check out this link:**

**<http://bit.ly/2ohpfky>**

**Do you want to be a part of the choir???**

**Call Karen Skipper (949) 496-1756**

**OR the church office (949) 492-6164**

**More  
information  
coming soon...**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR SAVIOR'S



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

### **King David: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly!**

Join us as we look at the life of David. We'll explore his earliest beginnings as a tribal strongman to his family life, military conquests and rule as king of the united tribes of Israel.

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

A look at the coming lessons for Sunday Morning. There is no better way to prepare for Sunday morning than attending the Manna Bible Study. No experience necessary as we take a first look at the appointed lessons. Often Manna Bible Study directs the sermon and what is shared on Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome!

### **Wednesday Night During Lent**

We'll enjoy Soup Supper at 5:45pm and  
Midweek Lenten Worship at 6:30pm.



### **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**

You are invited to the OWLs Luncheon and Bible Study on March 20, 2018 at 11:30am in the Founders Room.



**First (Early) Communion**  
Sunday, March 11th and 18th  
2:00pm-3:30pm  
Sign-up in the Narthex

Our Savior's will be offering First Communion Classes on Sunday, March 11th and 18th from 2:00pm-3:30pm. Each class is necessary and one or more parent/guardian needs to attend with the child.

Make-up classes are available:

- ♦ Wednesday, March 14 at 4:00pm  
(for the March 11 class)
- ♦ Wednesday, March 21 at 4:00pm  
(for the March 18 class)

First Communion will be celebrated during Maundy Thursday Worship on March 29th at 7:00 pm. The targeted age is 3rd grade; but there is always a great variety of ages. Please talk to Pastor Jeff or Bob Cooper if you have any concerns in regards to 'readiness' or participation.

A sign-up sheet is 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 ~  
**March 29th at 7:00pm**



**Saturday ~ March 10, 2018**  
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)



## 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 February 21st through March 21st. 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](mailto: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 will begin at 6:30pm.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y6wd8ezs>

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



## Easter Flowers

Our Savior's will be offering Easter flowers to adorn the Sanctuary and Altar area for Easter Sunday Worship. Flowers may be bought 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 flowers bought on their behalf. The flowers may be taken home after Easter.

Easter Flowers are \$20.00 each. 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](http://www.oursaviorsonline.net)

**All orders & payment are due no later than Monday - March 26th**

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

Order Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_

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

In memory of/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

## THE FUTURE IS CALLING!

**In Gratitude for the past.** We realize that the vision for our Savior's began 65 years ago, with a dream of having a church that was faithful to the Gospel and a vibrant part of the community.



**The future is calling.** From the very beginning of our congregation people have dreamed of having a dedicated Fellowship Hall that allowed the people of Our Savior's to come together in fellowship regardless of the weather. A space that could host memorial gatherings, weddings and parish events; and help us continue our history of reaching out into the community by providing a place where organizations can meet.

Here is a space that would provide a focal point for our social and educational ministry and be large enough so that the Sanctuary would no longer need to function as a multi-purpose building. This is a space that our students will be able to use for school events and activities.

**The moment is ripe.** As construction costs continue to rise, with our Master Plan still in play with the city and with a generous \$300,000 lead gift; God has given us an opportunity to provide for the ministry needs of generations to come. Now is the time for us to let our light shine, just as those who stepped out in faith 65 year ago!

**The Time is Now. Your gifts will allow us to extend our ministry into the community while providing a space that will provide for the Gospel to be shared for generations to come! Please prayerfully consider being a part of this next chapter at Our Savior's Lutheran!**



## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM NEWS



### Pennies & Peanut Butter Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank March 1-March 31



One of our Lenten outreach activities is the annual collection and food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County. Second Harvest is the largest local non-profit hunger-relief organization leading the fight to end hunger in our communities. They serve the 315,000 hungry children, families and seniors in Orange County by distributing donated, purchased and prepared foods through a network of more than 190 community partners (including FAM). Last year, Second Harvest provided enough food for more than 21.6 million meals. More than 90 cents of every dollar spent goes to feeding the hungry. You can learn more at [feedoc.org](http://feedoc.org). **THANK YOU!!!**

**Please bring healthy, non-perishable food to the Narthex or your classroom**

**Food items most needed:  
No Glass Please**

*Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Canned Fruit & Veggies  
Mac & Cheese*

*Hot & Cold Cereals  
Canned Meat & Tuna  
Pasta, Rice & Beans*

**\$\$\$ donations are needed, too!!!**

- ⇒ *Checks payable to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, memo: Food Drive.*
- ⇒ *March school chapel offering will be donated to Second Harvest.*



**Welcome Inn Meal Service  
Mondays on March 12 & April 9 (Rain or Shine)  
*Sent to Serve with Love***

Thank you for your continued generosity and caring for our local homeless through this ministry. Each month, we are greeted with gratitude for the hot meal that we serve. All are welcome to join us! Carpool, as needed, leaves the church promptly at 4pm. Dinner is served at 4:30pm if you are meeting us at Doheny State Beach. We are done by 5pm. If you would like to donate food or help serve, please watch for the Sign-Up Genius emails from the church office.

If you have questions please contact our Welcome Inn coordinator:  
Heidi Works at (949) 212-0803 or [hsworks7@cox.net](mailto:hsworks7@cox.net)

# Winter Warmth

## 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.

### Current Social Justice Issues

One of the roles of the Social Concerns Ministry is to provide opportunities to the congregation for education and advocacy on behalf of social justice issues. There are many issues in the news daily: hunger, homelessness, immigration, criminal justice reform, human trafficking... the list goes on. Two recent local events related to immigration were, *Being Neighbors*, hosted by San Clemente Presbyterian Church and, *What Lutherans Need to Know About Immigration*, hosted by San Marcos Lutheran Church. Members of OSLC attended both events and came away with new information and a better understanding of current immigration laws and the impacts being felt by the local immigrant community, both documented and undocumented.

While there are many views on these issues, the most important way for us to express our Christian duty to Love our Neighbor is to educate ourselves and learn what actions we can take as individuals and as the church. To that end, if you are interested in being informed when we learn of educational events of this nature, please let Linda Howard, [howard.ljh55@gmail.com](mailto:howard.ljh55@gmail.com), or Roberta Wall, [Roberta\\_k\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Roberta_k_2000@yahoo.com), know and we will add you to our interest list. We often receive very short notice of upcoming events.



## CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES February 2018

- ◆ **Evangelism: Karen Coffee** - The Website is still under construction (these things take time!) Please let Karen know ASAP if you have any suggestions!! I can't wait to check out the new site-[coffeemom777@aol.com](mailto:coffeemom777@aol.com)
- ◆ **Buildings and Grounds: Chuck Pridham** - Painting, Planting, Fertilizing and Spring cleanup! Chuck could use some help with these things if you are so inclined to help. Open to men and women. Chuck and his crew have replaced lights, switch plates, installed a new storage shed and 1000 other things! High Five to Buildings and Grounds!!! [itscbp@cox.net](mailto:itscbp@cox.net)
- ◆ **Stewardship: Bob Oakley** - Our stewardship Captain Bob is still fishing for a few packets. If you find a packet perhaps when you are getting your tax information together, please mail it in. It is even beneficial for the church to know that you never want to see another stewardship packet!! [Bob\\_oakley@msn.com](mailto:Bob_oakley@msn.com)
- ◆ **Social Concerns: Hallie Stohler** - Did you know the Social Concerns at our church continue to serve 30-50 meals to hungry people through Welcome Inn. Pennies and Peanut Butter are coming up in March. Social Concerns is an awesome outreach group from OSLC that helps people all over the WORLD!! Mind Blown! Open to men, women and children. [Hallie.stohler@gmail.com](mailto:Hallie.stohler@gmail.com)
- ◆ **Fellowship: Roberta Wall** - The OWLs are walking 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11:30am leaving from the Founders Room. Men's Breakfast is cranking out some extraordinary grub on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 7:00am along with B & B (breakfast and bible). One of my favorite items LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS – YES are in full swing on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Break Bread together and enjoy the awesomeness! Contact [Roberta\\_k\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Roberta_k_2000@yahoo.com)
- ◆ **Worship and Celebration: Kim Lindholm** - After a very busy Advent, Kim is getting ready for Easter. Please keep checking your email for volunteers needed to make Easter Sunday look dazzling. He is Risen Indeed!! More information – [thelindholms@cox.net](mailto:thelindholms@cox.net)
- ◆ **Treasurer: Bruce Quade** - Bruce has three words for you this newsletter – All Is Well! Email Bruce with any \$ questions regarding the church budget. He is eagerly checking his email frequently for someone to talk to him. [Bquade3@hotmail.com](mailto:Bquade3@hotmail.com)

- ◆ Your church council approved the motion to hire a new full time Preschool Director. This was also approved by the school board. Because the school is a ministry of the church, this is something that the council needs to vote on.
- ◆ The Capital Campaign for the Fellowship Hall is going to be ramping up over the next few months
- ◆ Your council has three vacancies: Vice President, Christian Education and Youth. Please contact Pastor Jeff, Chris Lindholm our Council President or any council member for information on these positions. **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO BE ON CHURCH COUNCIL!!** With all of us sharing responsibilities it makes it very manageable. It is a great group! :)

Respectfully Submitted by,  
M'Liz Kelly ~  
Council Secretary

### A Message to the Congregation About Our School Ministry

Registration for next fall is well underway, and we need your help with referrals! Please read on...

Positive word of mouth has always been our best marketing tool. Your children or grandchildren may have attended school here, and you've seen our students thrive in the church and the community. We need your help to spread the word and encourage your family, friends, neighbors to consider Our Savior's for their children's education. We offer morning and full-day preschool, pre-kindergarten, full-day kindergarten and grades 1-5. We also offer competitive tuition rates and needs-based financial aid. We have up to \$100,000 in needs-based aid available for next year.

This is an evangelism opportunity. We offer the only Lutheran Christian primary education in the area, and we are open to all. Please encourage anyone you know who might consider our school to either call the school office to schedule an appointment and tour, (949) 492.6165, or drop-in any Wednesday between 8:45am-3:30pm - no appointment needed – for a Welcome on Wednesday tour.

You may also pick-up an information packet from the school office to share with others.

Thank you for supporting our school ministry!

## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2017

Average December Attendance	267
Average Weekly Offering	\$ 12,205
Budget Requirement	\$11,209

December 2017 FYTD		
Unrestricted Gifts	\$61,204	\$241,199
Budget	\$44,045	\$264,272

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 December 31, 2017 were 8.73% BELOW the Congregation approved annual budget needs.

*December contributions were excellent this month and helped to reduce the overall budget deficit significantly. We thank you for your continued support.*

**Building Fund for December 31, 2017: \$148,914.17**  
**Building Fund as of February 28, 2018: \$164,195.65**

Designated Gifts	December 2017	FYTD
World Hunger	\$695	\$3,167
Habitat for Humanity	\$419	\$1,836
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,114</b>	<b>\$6,117</b>

**Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 528,310.09**  
*\*monthly mortgage payment for the classroom building is paid from the school funds*

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



## March 2018 School Happenings ~ Chapel Theme - Jerusalem

### Chapel Offerings

Second Harvest Food Bank - Pennies and Peanut Butter Drive

Character Trait  
Generosity

Join us in celebrating  
**Lutheran School's Week - March 4-10.**  
The theme is "It's All About Jesus"

### March 5 - Monday

Dr. Seuss Day - Dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss Character

### March 6 - Tuesday

Crazy Hair Day

### March 7 - Wednesday

Chapel

### March 8 - Thursday

Crazy Sock Day

### March 9 - Friday

Grandparents Day, 1/2 Day Elementary School

### March 10 - Saturday

History Day - County level competition

### March 14 - Wednesday

PTF Meeting, 9:15am

Hearing & Speech Screening

### March 15 - Thursday

Hearing & Speech Screening

Preschool Preview Day

### March 16 - Friday

Preschool Preview Day

Free Dress Day

### March 20 - Tuesday

4th Grade Field Trip to Shipley Nature Center

School Board Meeting, 6:30pm

### March 21 - Wednesday

Elementary Preview 8:00am - 3:30pm: Student led tours.

### March 22 & 23 - Thursday/Friday

Preschool Trike-a-Thon

### March 23 - Friday

3rd Quarter Ends-Elementary - 1/2 day School

### March 28 - Wednesday

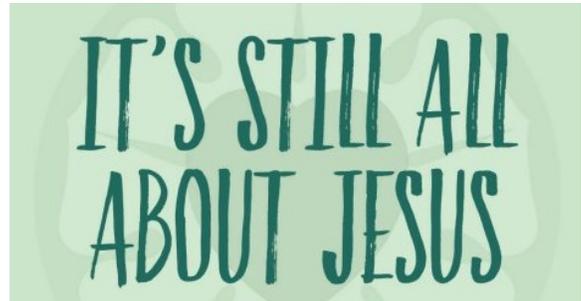
Chapel Awards - Generosity

### March 29 - Thursday

Lunch with Parents, Noon-1:00pm

### March 30 - Friday

Good Friday - No School

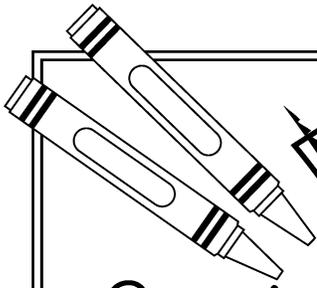


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Spring Break

March 30 - April 8

School will resume on April 9



# PUZZLE

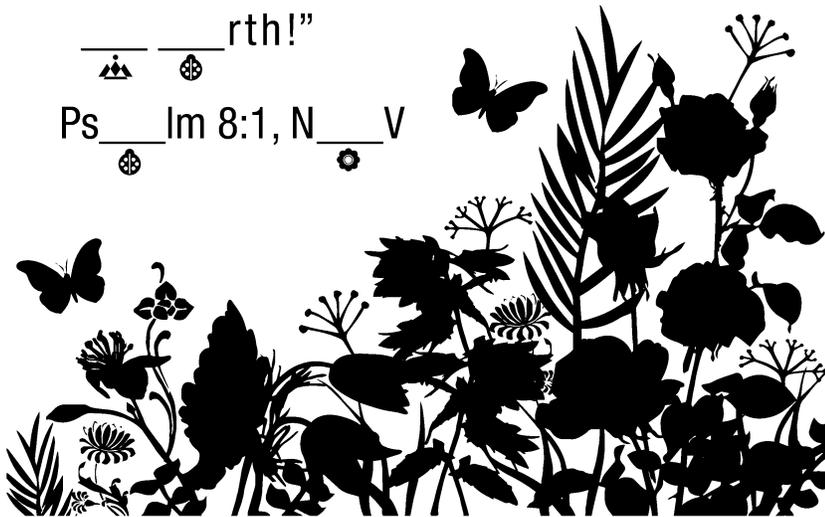
## Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A=  E=  I=  O=  U= 

"L\_\_RD, \_\_r L\_\_rd, h\_\_w  
 m\_\_j\_\_st\_\_c \_\_s y\_\_r  
 n\_\_m\_\_n \_\_ll th\_\_  
 \_\_rth!"  
 Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"  
 Psalm 8:1, NIV

# FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

### What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennae and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!

# MARCH

# 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 <p><i>First Sunday of the</i></p>	 <p><i>Third Sunday of each month</i></p>	 <p><i>Last Sunday of the month</i></p>	<p><i>Holy Communion</i></p>  <p><i>Served every Sunday</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 "World Hunger"</p> <p>8:30 Bold Worship 9:45 Adult Ed., HSYG 10:30 Classic Worship 6:00 Evening Worship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 OWLs Walk 3:00 Kids Club, YR</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 Sprout Program 11:00 Manna Bible St, FR 3:00 5th Grade Conf, YR 5:45 Lenten Soup Sup, FR 6:30-8:00 MSYG 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:15 Celebration Singers</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 Men's Breakfast @OSLC 8:00 FAM Food</p>
<p>11 Daylight Saving Time</p> <p>8:30 Bold Worship 9:45 Adult Ed., HSYG 10:30 Classic Worship 2:00 1st Communion Class 6:00 Evening Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00 Welcome Inn Dinner</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 OWLs Walk 6:00 Gilchrist House 6:30 Council Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Sprout Program 11:00 Manna Bible St, FR 3:00 5th Grade Conf, YR 5:45 Lenten Soup Sup, FR 6:30-8:00 MSYG 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:15 Celebration Singers</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Kids Club Winter Retreat</p>	 <p>17 St Patrick's Day</p>
<p>18 "Building Fund"</p> <p>8:30 Bold Worship 9:45 Adult Ed., HSYG 10:30 Classic Worship 2:00 1st Communion Class 6:00 Evening Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Women's Bible Study, Evey Thomsen</p>	<p>20 Happy Spring</p> <p>8:00 OWLs Walk 11:30 OWLs Luncheon 6:30 School Board Mtg</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Sprout Program 11:00 Manna Bible St, FR 3:00 5th Grade Conf, YR 5:45 Lenten Soup Sup, FR 6:30-8:00 MSYG 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:15 Celebration Singers</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 "Habitat" PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30/11:30 Pancake Breakfast 8:30 Bold Worship 9:45 Adult Ed., HSYG 10:30 Classic Worship 6:00 Evening Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 OWLs Walk 9:00 Women's Bible Study, Bonnie Little</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 Sprout Program 11:00 Manna Bible St, FR 3:00 5th Grade Conf, YR No Adult Bible St, FR 6:30 MSYG, YR No Celebration Singers 7:15 6th Grade Conf., FR</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>7pm Worship First Communion Celebration</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>7pm Worship (Tenebrae Service of Darkness)</p>	<p>31</p>



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~ The Messenger ~  
**March 2018**  
*"Inspired to Love, Encouraged to Think, and Sent to Serve"*

**WORSHIP HOURS**  
8:30am ~ Bold Worship, Sunday School  
9:45am ~ High School Youth Group  
9:50am ~ Adult Education  
10:30am ~ Classic Worship, Sunday School  
6:00pm ~ Evening Worship  
*Nursery Care available all at all services for children 4 and under!*

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