

The Messenger ~ September 2018

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

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

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things." Galatians 5:22-23

How should Christians live?

This past year I have become concerned about the witness that we are giving to the world. It seems that instead of being transformed by Christ, as Paul suggests should be the case in Romans 12:2, we are just as likely to be conformed to the world. In his letter to the Galatians he reminds us that the works of the flesh as he calls them are obvious. They include such things as "strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, (and) envy." These are the things that tear us a part and Paul is convinced that such things have no place within Christian community.

But how does one keep such things from invading the church and its ministry? Do we set up an elaborate set of rules and become so legalistic that we concentrate on what folks are doing wrong and have strict policies and procedures for admonishing and discipline? How do we keep from becoming judgmental and arrogant if we are so concerned with the bad habits of others? How do we keep ourselves from being conformed to this world and its values?

For the apostle Paul the answer comes in the form of the Holy Spirit. We are to live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, be led by the Spirit, keep in step with the Spirit and measure our lives by our ability to bear the fruit of the Spirit. The habits, or fruit of the Spirit-filled life are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness (Generosity), Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. These are the calling cards of the Christian faith and the nine habits that followers of Jesus should seek to embrace. These habits of the Christian life are the means by which we build one another up and the means by which we reflect the light of God to the world.

This year we are going to take some time as a community to explore the fruit of the Spirit. It will be the topic of some Bible Studies, it will be the Chapel theme for Preschool and we'll use Sunday morning to

explore this as well. Below is a list of the 9 fruits of the Spirit from an ELCA Bible study. Take a look at the list and the scripture that follows. Use this as a devotion for the next nine days and ponder the how you live out and reflect each particular fruit in your daily life. Remember God loves you already! These fruits of the Spirit are not conditions put upon us; but merely the natural outcome of becoming more Christ-like in our daily lives.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love. "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." –1 Corinthians 13:4-8a NRSV Holy Spirit, let me show love.

The fruit of the Spirit is joy. "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." –James 1:2-4 NRSV Holy Spirit, let me show joy.

The fruit of the Spirit is peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." –John 14:27 NRSV Holy Spirit let me show peace.

The fruit of the Spirit is patience. "But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. –Romans 8:25-26 NRSV Holy Spirit let me show patience.

The fruit of the Spirit is kindness. "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." –Ephesians 4:32 NRSV Holy Spirit let me show kindness.

The fruit of the Spirit is goodness. “Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” –Romans 12:9, 21 NRSV Holy Spirit let me show goodness.

The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness. “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen....Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...”—Hebrews 11:1; 12:1-2 NRSV Holy Spirit let me show faithfulness.

The fruit of the Spirit is gentleness. “Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near ... Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.” –Philippians 4:5, 1 Peter 3:15 NRSV Holy Spirit let me show gentleness.

The fruit of the Spirit is self-control. “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” –Titus 2:11-13 NRSV Holy Spirit let me show self-control.”

Let us grow together in the fruit of the Spirit.

Peace!

Pastor Jeff Frohner

Worship
SCHEDULE

BEGINNING SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 2

8:30am ~ Bold Worship
9:50am ~ Adult Education (starting 9/9)
10:30am ~ Classic Worship

Sunday School during both services.

It's Your Church

Working Together 1 Cor. 3.9

Thank you. Thank you for being the church! Thank you for making sure that we don't forget those who have lost their homes, possession and even loved ones in the midst of natural disasters and catastrophes.

Thank you for reaching out to those who are less fortunate and who are looking for a simple meal, some dignity and a friendly face that is simply there out of love that comes from a desire to serve the Lord.

Thank you for reaching out to each other and forming friendships. For praying for each other, calling each other, sending kind notes, for celebrating birthdays and special occasions, visiting each other in the hospital and remembering my name when I feel lonely.

Thank you for providing a church home where I can hear the word of God. Where the love of Jesus is not only proclaimed but seen in your kindness and hospitality. Thank you for a sound system that helps me hear and making sure that the campus is safe and inviting.

Thank you for reminding me that I'm loved and that God is at work even through someone like me. Thank you for sharing this Good News with our children through the many programs and school.

And thank you for your faithful giving, support and partnership in our ministry. Remember that fall is our time of reflecting on Stewardship and how we support our ministry. Your gifts and support bring the Gospel alive in this place. Please faithfully engage with our Fall Stewardship program and take the opportunity to grow in your generosity.

IT'S YOUR CHURCH!



September Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

~ Birthdays ~

Colin O'Byrne 9/3
 Bryan Hall 9/4
 Masen Karsten 9/5
 M'Liz Kelly 9/5
 Nancy May 9/7
 Joyce Engelbretson 9/10
 Peggy Heyes 9/13
 Joe Maestro 9/13
 Layna Hathaway 9/14
 Nancy McKelvey 9/14
 Shelly O'Byrne 9/14
 Don Lund 9/16
 Lisa Banks 9/17
 Miyeko Kinoshita 9/17
 Noah Martin 9/18
 Andrea Apodaca 9/18
 Bruce Mendoza 9/18
 Dick Hilde 9/19
 Alexa Horvath 9/20
 Abby Stewart 9/20
 William Wakeman 9/21
 Dalton Cardoso 9/22
 Ed Fox 9/23
 Bronson Gabira 9/23
 Steve Karsten 9/23
 Caja Schrickel 9/24
 Gregg Horvath 9/25
 Matthew Hoye 9/26
 Carrie Reyes 9/26
 Christy Karsten 9/27
 Peter Lawrence 9/27
 Haley Ayers 9/29
 Greg* Kania 9/29
 Joan Lundbohm 9/30

~ Anniversaries ~

Justin & Kristen Greco 9/1
 Bruce & Susan Mendoza 9/9
 Nick* & Marianne Bourgeois 9/12
 Eugene & Tracy Hallinan 9/13
 John & Rachel Mulligan 9/13
 Shig & Miyeko Kinoshita 9/17
 Rob & Kirsten Murphy 9/23
 Steve & Tanya Hathaway 9/23
 Steve & Darcy Scott 9/23
 Steve & Linda Butkus 9/26
 Craig & Debbi Townsend 9/26
 Jim & Shelly O'Byrne 9/30



*If I missed your birthday,
 anniversary date please call or
 e-mail the church office at
 (949) 492-6164
 OSLCsec@sbcglobal.net*



What's On Wednesday

- 11:00am Manna Bible Study, FR
- 5:30-6:30 Adult Bible Study, FR (9/19/18)
- 6:00pm Youth Band, YR
- 6:30 - MSYG, YR
- 6:45-8:00 Celebration Singers, Sanc (9/12/2018)
- 7:15 6th Grade Confirmation, YR (9/19/2018)

We will be **CLOSED**
 TO OBSERVE
Labor DAY

Monday, September 3rd

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September 2018



September is here. Back to school and back to our fall programs at Our Savior's. Since my professional role at Our Savior's is "Director of Music", I am always looking for ways to engage the people at our church in the music ministry. We have a great core group of people who serve our church through music: Rich, our pianist/contemporary music leader, our 8:30 worship leaders, worship band and Celebration Singers.

What I believe is lacking at our church is a children's music program. Bob Cooper, Youth Director, does a wonderful job incorporating music into the youth program at our church and provides music in our school. However, I think we need more.

In the 1989 movie "Field of Dreams", the main character was told "build it and they will come." I would like to "build" a youth choir. Why?? Because I believe that our youth needs to have the opportunity to praise God with music.

Why should young people participate in music?

1. **Music Boosts Young Brains:** *Immersing children in music can help boost their brain power. Music stimulates the parts of the brain associated with academic achievement, such as reading and math, and emotional development. Instead of viewing music as an extracurricular activity, consider it an overall part of your child's education.*
2. **Art Improves Academic Achievement:** *Students involved in the arts have tremendous academic benefits compared to students without exposure to the arts. Art inspires kids to excel in and out of the classroom. It helps students stay in school, increases motivation, improves attitudes and attendance, and improves academic performance.*

According to Americans for the Arts, a student involved in the arts is:

- 4x more likely to be recognized for academic achievement.
 - 4x more likely to participate in a math or science fair.
 - 3x more likely to win an award for school attendance.
 - 3x more likely to be elected to class office.
- Lower income or socioeconomic students experience even greater benefits from the arts. Low income students highly engaged in the arts are more than twice as likely to graduate compared to their peers with no arts education, and have a 5x lower dropout rate.*
3. **Music Can Improve Memory:** *Want your kids to remember their homework assignments, where they put their shoes, or to brush their teeth before bed? Music might help. Research has shown that participation in music at an early age can help improve memory. Exposing children to music in early development helps them learn word sounds and meanings, and dancing helps build motor skills. Even adults can experience memory benefits from just listening to music.*
 4. **Music and Art Enhance Creativity:** *This may sound like an obvious benefit, but the effects of enhanced creativity will extend to many aspects of your child's life. Children develop innovation skills when they're encouraged to express themselves and take risks in creating art and playing music. Those skills can open doors later in life; 72% of employers say that creativity is the #1 skill they look for when hiring.*
 5. **Music Improves Social Skills:** *It's not always team sports that teach important social skills; playing an instrument can help, too. Music groups and ensembles can help kids develop important life skills such as teamwork, developing leadership skills, discipline, and how to relate to others.*
 6. **Art and Music Improves Language and Reading Skills:** *Children's brains develop faster with music, particularly in areas associated with language acquisition and reading skills, according to a 2016 study at the University of Southern California's Brain and Creativity Institute. For young children, making arts provides opportunities for language development. Toddlers learn words for colors and shapes as they*

create art. If you want to encourage language learning, communication, and reading in your kids, art and music are essential.

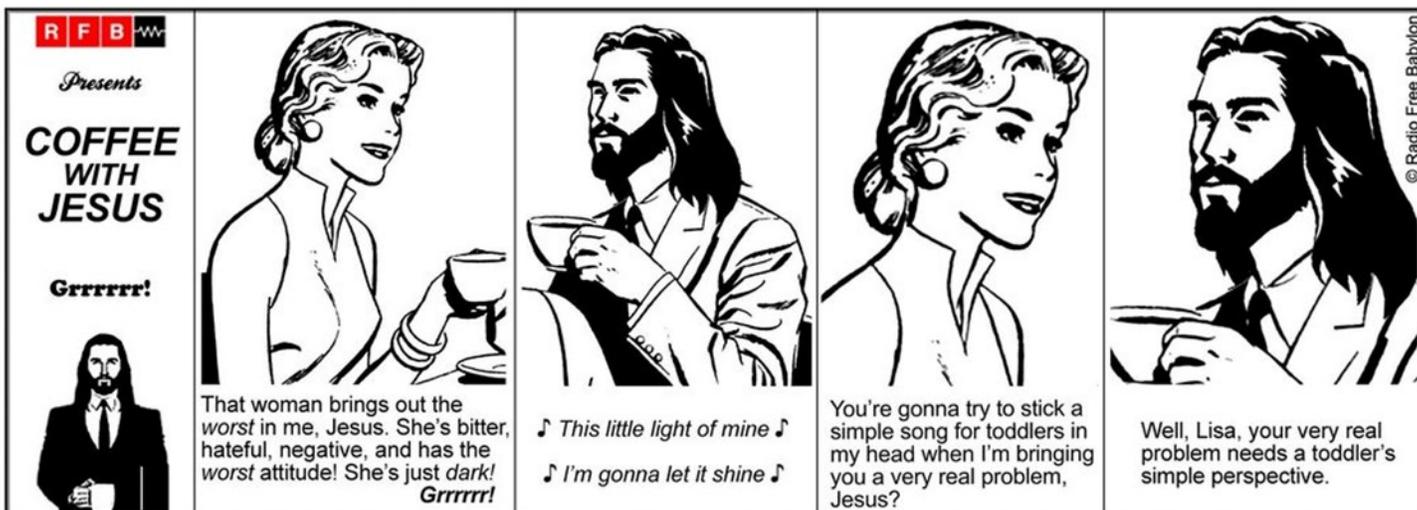
7. **Art and Music Enhance Critical Thinking Skills:** The creativity involved in art education strengthens critical thinking skills for kids. Visually learning through drawing, sculpting, and painting develops visual-spatial skills. This teaches kids how to interpret and use visual information. As for music, a study of 3-4 year olds learning to play piano scored significantly higher on spatial-temporal reasoning tests compared to those with no music instruction. Spatial-temporal reasoning is a precursor to logical thinking, abstract thinking, and problem solving needed for the brain to function in mathematics, engineering, and physics.
8. **Art and Music Build Confidence:** As kids develop skills in art and music, and improve those skills through repetition and practice, they build confidence in themselves. Studies have shown that when children participate in arts activities with peers and provide criticism and praise to one another, the feedback they give to each other builds self-respect.
9. **Art and Music Creates Cultural and Personal Connections:** Immersion in art and music can foster a sense of cultural awareness in kids. As students interpret visual imagery from artists and learn about art history, it helps them understand the concept of cultural diversity. Seeing a different culture explored through a visual medium such as sculptures or paintings helps kids process information differently than reading about it in a text book. Learning about musical history and exploring different types of music can help kids connect with different cultures. Art and music help people feel more connected to one another, as well.
10. **Art and Music Instills Discipline:** Dedicating themselves to art and music teaches kids important concepts of discipline. While some kids may show a natural talent in one area or another, the truth is that ongoing commitment and practice is required to improve. By committing to stick with lessons and practicing outside of classrooms and lessons, kids learn discipline skills that will benefit them in many aspects of life. Immersing children in the arts and music, at home, through lessons, at school and in the community, provides undeniable benefits that will help them throughout their lives.

“10 Reasons Why Art and Music Are Critical For Our Youth.”
Folsom Cash Art Trail, Johnny Cash Trail, 27 Mar. 2017,
folsomcasharttrail.com/blog/articles/postid/35/10-reasons-why-art-and-music-are-critical-for-our-youth.

We all want the best for our children. Music can provide another avenue for kids grow into healthy and successful adults. If you have children in your life, your own, your grandchildren, your neighbors, please talk to me about the possibility of a youth choir. We have the place – we have the musicians – if we build it, they will come.

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

Sometimes the simple songs are best...



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

Well, that was quick!

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

But let's not gloss over the wonderful summer that we had so quickly. In June the good folks from Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences (LRCC) joined us on our campus for Vacation Day Camp; it was a great experience for all of the young disciples involved. At the same time the High School kids took a deep breath and climbed on board that "Big Ol' Jet Airliner" and headed off to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas for five days of worship, devotions, singing, serving, learning, and loving. I cannot express how wonderful this trip was, the kids were exemplary, a youth leaders dream. They shared, cared, looked out for each other, and engaged with youth from all over the country. We heard amazing, inspiring speakers, lifted our voices in songs of praise, and helped the citizens of Houston recover from last summer's devastating hurricane. The National Youth Gathering has a lasting impact on the lives of those that attend, one of our former youth groupers drove 3 hours each way just to join us for dinner (and show her support for the cause) and I know it made an impression on the youth. Oh and by the way, communion for 30,000 is something everyone should experience at least once in their life. In July we once again put on our bravest thrill seeking faces and headed out for "Extreme Week"! I can honestly say that this was a wonderful experience this year, the weather was great and the lines were short, everything you could ask for when visiting back-to-back-to back theme parks. Our usual weekly activities continued through the summer; Middle School Youth Group, High School Youth Group, Gilchrist House, and Second Saturday Food Distribution at FAM.

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

Welcome back, Autumn

Bob Cooper,
Director Youth and Children's Ministry



YOUTH activities

September 2 ~ Sunday
No HSYG

September 5 ~ Wednesday
Youth Band 6:00pm, YR
MSYG 6:30pm, YR

September 8 ~ Saturday
FAM Food Drive 9:00am

September 9 ~ Sunday
Rally Day 11:30am
HSYG 6:00pm, YR

September 10 ~ Monday
Welcome Inn 4:00pm

September 11 ~ Tuesday
Gilchrist House 6:00pm

September 12 ~ Wednesday
Youth Band 6:00pm, YR
MSYG 6:30pm, YR

September 16 ~ Sunday
HSYG 6:00pm, YR

September 19 ~ Wednesday
Youth Band 6:00pm, YR
MSYG 6:30pm, YR

September 23 ~ Sunday
HSYG 6:00pm, YR

September 26 ~ Wednesday
Youth Band 6:00pm, YR
MSYG 6:30pm, YR

4TH ANNUAL RALLY DAY CAR SHOW

Our Savior's
Lutheran Church and School

Sunday - September 9, 2018 • 11:30am to 1:30pm

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Calling All Children | Ages 3 - 10!

Sunday School has a new look, with new lessons, videos and activities! Join us every Sunday right after the children's sermon at either the 8:30am or 10:30am service.

Sunday School will begin September 16th.

No Sunday School on:
September 2 - Labor Day weekend
September 9 - Rally Day

Recruiting Sunday School Teachers

Congregation members, parents, and grandparents - we are recruiting to add to our great team of Sunday School Teachers. The lessons are very complete, with more activities than you can possibly do in the time allotted, and all materials are on hand. Currently our teachers teach once every four weeks. We would love to be able to add two to four more teachers so the responsibility falls once every six to eight weeks. The rotation is scheduled in advance (though you can always contact colleagues and switch, if needed) and you will have your leader materials and the story Bible at home, so prep is easy. Please consider supporting this very important ministry.

Thank you,

Roberta Wall, Children's Education Chair



When making checks out to Our Savior's please make checks payable to:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church (not OSLC)

Thank you from the church office.



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 September Luncheon and Bible Study be held in the Founders Room on September 18 at 11:30am. Please RSVP by calling the church office or call/text Roberta Wall at (209) 404-9012.



Women's Bible Study Schedule

Monday ~ September 17th

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

Tuesday ~ ~ September 25th

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



Students, Teachers and Office Staff

ADULT EDUCATION | FINANCIAL REPORT



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

“Hebrews—the sermon that connects the Old and the New Testament.” Together we’ll take a look at the 19th book in the New Testament. Join us in the Founders Room.

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

Where we look at the lessons to be read for the following Sunday. There is no better way to prepare for worship than reading together the scriptures that will be shared and you might even help formulate the sermon! Join us in the Founders Room.

No Biblical experience necessary.

Wednesday Evening
5:30pm to 6:30pm ▪ Founders Room
Starting September 19th

“Judgement and Grace” we’ll follow the tragic course of events in the kingdom of Judah after the fall of the kingdom of Israel. We’ll explore sections of 2 Kings, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Habakkuk looking in the midst of judgement for the grace of God’s word and how the past reflects



Saturday
September 8, 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

OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2018 FISCAL YEAR END

Average June Attendance	170
Average Weekly Offering	\$ 8,753
Budget Requirement	\$11,209

	June 2018	Fiscal YE
Unrestricted Gifts	\$35,012	\$460,702
Budget	\$44,045	\$528,545

Annual member contributions for the month ending June 30, 2018 were 20.51% BELOW the Congregation approved annual budget needs. We did improve our numbers from the June Annual Church Meeting by ending with a lower church deficit of \$67,843.23 or \$1,115.77 less than what we projected. The positive results to our Mission budget is that we finished the year only 12.84% less than our projected numbers for the year. The financial profit and loss number for the entire year was (\$9,292.81) which was paid through our general operating funds. We thank you for your continued support and dedication to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

Designated Gifts	June 2018	Fiscal YE
World Hunger	\$585	\$6,442
Habitat for Humanity	\$328	\$4,828
Total	\$913	\$11,270

Building Fund for June 30, 2018: \$275,918.61
Building Fund as of August 28, 2018: \$278,018.66

Church Mortgage Balance: \$ 514,265.98
**monthly mortgage payment for the classroom building is paid from the school funds*

Thank You For Your Stewardship!

God Bless,
Bruce Quade, Treasurer

To Donate Online



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

This song (*God of Justice*, by Tim Hughes) was sung in worship recently and pretty much sums up the mission of the Social Concerns ministry:

*We must go live to feed the hungry, stand beside the broken, we must go.
Stepping forward keep us from just singing, move us into action, we must go.*

Here are some opportunities for you to serve. Pick one (or more)!

Welcome INN Meal Service Monday, September 10 & October 8 *Sent to Serve with Love*

Watch for the Sign-Up Genius email from the church office. We invite you to donate menu items & \$5 Carl's Jr. cards. We also need people to come with us to serve the dinner at Doheny State Park. Also, if you ever 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, hsworks7@cox.net or (949) 212-0803.



The rising awareness and concern for the homeless has recently raised questions about Welcome INN's meal program. Clearly, homelessness is a complicated issue. Many agencies, public and private, are struggling to understand the root causes of homelessness and the best strategies for providing lasting solutions. The leadership at Welcome INN is working cooperatively with other local organizations on broader scale solutions and, at this time, continues to provide a healthy daily meal served with love by a rotation of churches. On a recent day, our guests included Joe (a regular who lives in nearby low-income housing with his disabled wife and who always offers the meal blessing), an aged man, tired day laborers, a disabled man with a walking cane, a mother and daughter who live in their car and several people who clearly struggle with addiction. A social worker is there a few days per week to provide individual support and referrals for service. Some people have been moved into permanent supportive housing, and FAM has had success reconnecting many people with their families and sponsoring their return home. We are grateful to be able to follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry by providing the small comfort of a nutritious meal through Welcome INN. If you'd like to see for yourself, please join us.

Assemble LWR Personal Care Kits

Please help us finish getting ready for the annual Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering by assembling personal care kits between services on Sunday, September 30. The location will probably be Room 1. Thanks to the ladies who helped tie quilts last month. It was a morning of fun and fellowship and it was so nice to see so many new faces!





*Join Pastor Jeff for the
"Blessing of the Animals"
Saturday, October 6th - 10:00am*

Relay for Life - Thank you to all who participated in the Coastal Communities Relay for Life in July. Team Our Savior's raised \$2,743.52 and was the 4th place team out of 29 teams in overall fundraising. By personal observation, we also had the largest turnout of boots on the ground walking laps, hosting our information booth and decorating quilt squares. Well done!



Looking Ahead:

Sunday, October 21: 31st Annual South County Hunger Walk to raise money and awareness for Family Assistance Ministries. This family event is a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon for a good cause right here in San Clemente. Details to follow. FAM by the numbers: In 2017, FAM had 89,952 encounters with people in need. 95% were trying to not become homeless. 46% were children. 15% were seniors. 13,314 were unduplicated clients. 402 were housed or sheltered through FAM's housing programs. 44 homeless people were relocated through FAM's Homeward Bound program. 1,569,000 meals were provided to hungry people.

Friday, November 9: San Clemente Military Family Outreach Fall Fundraiser – Salute to Military Stars at Talega Golf Club. This annual event honors service members and their families at a dinner with music, silent/live 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.

*Bring your leashed or penned
pets and gather on the lawn for
a short outdoor service.
Doughnuts and fellowship
after the service.*



LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF...NO QUICK FIX!

Among the first to respond to a disaster and the last to leave the site, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has a reputation for serving communities even when other agencies have packed up. Working mostly behind the scenes, it's able to respond so readily through an extensive network of partnerships around the world.

"We often joke that long after the media's gone, Lutherans are the ones leaving the building and turning off the lights," said Michael Stadie, LDR-U.S. program director.

Last year LDR worked on 47 relief and recovery projects in 29 countries, distributing almost \$6.6 million. Without its worldwide partners, LDR wouldn't exist since there are only five full-time staff working out of the ELCA churchwide office.

In this way, LDR is often misunderstood. "The LDR office is not operational—meaning that our affiliates do the work," said Stadie, who provides training, assistance and guidance to partners in the United States. He and Joe Chu, associate program director, are known for saying: "The heroes are the ones on the ground."

Those affiliates include partners, social ministry organizations and synods, for which the organization provides training, consultation, assistance and funding. For example, Stadie and Chu traveled to Lutheran Services Carolinas last spring to train around 30 case managers in aiding flood victims of 2016's Hurricane Matthew.

LDR also works globally with such organizations as the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Church World Service (CWS) and companion churches.

"Meeting the needs of people according to what *they* need, and utilizing *their* resources and gifts is a hallmark of how the ELCA engages with people around the world," said Y. Franklin Ishida, director for Asia Pacific with ELCA Global Mission who oversees recovery work in Nepal after the country's 2015 earthquake, one of LDR's biggest projects.

Resiliency and sustainability

LDR's sustainability is intrinsic to the way in which it responds to disasters. After the 9/11 attacks in New York, it continued to help those affected for seven years, phasing out its New York affiliate in 2008. Area pastors also report that counseling is continuing for first responders in their ongoing healing from the trauma at ground zero.

"This shows that we don't forget people and communities impacted by disaster," Stadie said. "That's why we're in it for the long haul—we don't forget them."

"LDR can stay in assisting those impacted by disaster because of our understanding of the incarnation of Christ. We see Christ in those who are impacted by the disaster, following Matthew 25."

Sustaining help for those in need is a building block of the Lutheran faith, said Mark A. Anderson, assistant to the bishop in the Northeastern Iowa Synod. Anderson, also a victim of flooding in 2008, organized a synodwide collection this year of supplies for future flood cleanup needs. "This is a Lutheran thing and goes back to the Reformation, when Martin Luther said it was the church's responsibility to care for people," he said.

PLTS “Centering” Newsletter recognizes Our Savior’s for making a contribution which allowed the seminary to purchase and place works of art in classrooms and gathering places.

As we await the arrival of new and returning students this month, and see faculty taking up their office hours again, and gradually come back into the “busy season” of seminary, we also celebrate the population of the seminary campus with more art!

By the beneficence of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in San Clemente and funds from our own Chapel Fund, we have been able to place additional meaningful and beautiful art in our classrooms and gathering spaces.

In the Ubuntu gathering room, we have installed two large works by Los Angeles artist, John August Swanson, entitled Psalm 85 and The Annunciation. Their bright colors are accented against our wooden wall, and provide many details for contemplation and delight.

In the Liberacion classroom, there is a trio of Oakland city scenes by local artist Cleo Villett, the metal sculpture by noted artist Norman H. Grag called “New Life,” a gift of the Class of ’66 which formerly hung in the entry way of the Chapel, and a trio of Jewish mandalas also by a local artist, Meir Rotbart.

The La Lucha classroom now permanently hosts the bronze sculpture “Moses Striking the Rock” by noted Native American artist Retha Walden Gambaro, which used to stand in the Sawyer Hall outside atrium and was given to PLTS by the Price family of Morgan Hill. In addition, there are six mounted prints by John August Swanson addressing the issues of immigration, the death penalty, building bridges instead of walls, protecting the earth’s ecosystem, health care access and climate change.

Our main business at the seminary is forming students for parish and public ministry. Our hope is that the visual arts will complement that formation, through beauty, inspiration, fascination and the expression of the ineffable.

Thank you again for your partnership in this endeavor!

Yours,

Rev. Brian Stein-Webber
Director of Seminary Relations



4TH ANNUAL RALLY DAY CAR SHOW

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Preschool Open House
Sunday ~ September 9th
11:30am to 1:30pm
Come Tour Our Incredible
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Is the Perfect Place For Your Child!

September 2018 Preschool News... Summer seemed to fly by here at Our Savior's. What a blessing it is to me on this campus with the beautiful trees and the ocean breeze. Summer Camp brought us 31 students and we had a great four weeks of Science experiments in Science week with a Visit from Mad Science. During Sports Week we played baseball, golf, badminton, basketball, soccer and on the last day joyfully ran through the sprinkler for Water Day. We learned about Van Gough, Picasso, Pollock, Monet and Matisse. Eric Carle week we read so many books and did great tissue paper art. It was a joy to spend the month in the classroom. We also spent a great deal of the summer cleaning and organizing classrooms for fall and to include the three newly licensed rooms.

We are thrilled and ready to begin a new school year and we welcome our new teachers and families and pray they have a wonderful year here at Our Savior's Preschool.

We have some new and exciting after school programs this year; Soccer Shots, Dancing in Harmony, Fit Kids and Lingo Train: Spanish. We also have a drop in half day or full day program for our currently enrolled students.

Back to School night is September 6th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Everyone in the Congregation is welcome to stop by and visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. The classrooms will also be open on Rally Day if you would like to visit.

Since we successfully were able to add three rooms; we now are licensed for 96 students so please continue to spread the word our developmental, Reggio-inspired preschool to your friends and neighbors and if you are on Facebook be sure to like us.

Blessings,
Joan Lundbohm



Rally Day September 9th
IN-N-OUT will be here

Menu and the prices of each meal:

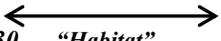
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Cheese Burger Meal:	\$11.00
Double-Double Meal:	\$12.00
Grilled Cheese Meal:	\$9.00

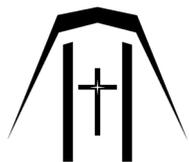
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SEPTEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>First Sunday of the month</i>	 <i>Third Sunday of each month</i>	 <i>Last Sunday of the month</i>	 <i>Served every Sunday</i>			1
2 World Hunger 8:30 Bold Worship 10:30 Classic Worship No HSYG	3 We will be CLOSED TO OBSERVE Labor DAY	4 8:00 OWLs Walk	5 9:00 Sprout, Rm 5 11:00 Manna Bible Study, FR 6:00 Youth Band 6:30 MSYG, YR	6 9:00 Sprout, Rm 5	7	8 7:00 Men's Breakfast @OSLC 8:00 FAM Food Distribution
9 "Rally Day" 8:30 Bold Worship 9:50 Adult Education 10:30 Classic Worship 11:30 Rally Day 6:00 HSYG, YR	10 4:00 Welcome Inn Dinner	11 8:00 OWLs Walk 6:00 Gilchrist House 6:30 Council Meeting	12 9:00 Sprout, Rm 5 11:00 Manna Bible Study, FR 6:00 Youth Band, YR 6:30 MSYG, YR 6:45 Celebration Singers, Sanc 7:15 6th Gr Confirmation, FR	13 9:00 Sprout, Rm 5	14	15
16 "Building Fund" 8:30 Bold Worship 9:50 Adult Education 10:30 Classic Worship 6:00 HSYG, YR	17 9:30 Women's Bible Study, Evey Thomsen	18 8:00 OWLs Walk 11:30 OWLs Luncheon	19 9:00 Sprout, Rm 5 11:00 Manna Bible Study, FR 5:30 Adult Bible Study, FR 6:00 Youth Band, YR 6:30 MSYG, YR 6:45 Celebration Singers, Sanc 7:15 6th Gr Confirmation, FR	20 9:00 Sprout, Rm 5	21	22 
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8:30am ~ Bold Worship, Sunday School

10:30am ~ Classic Worship, Sunday School

6:00pm ~ High School Youth Group

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

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