

Our Saviour's *Lutheran Church*

MARCH 2022 | ORANGE, CA

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices of Christ, displaying our devotion to Christ in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection. This year our theme is In View of God's Mercy.

On Ash Wednesday, March 2, In View of God's Mercy: Ashes. *Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2:13*

On Sunday, March 6, In View of God's Mercy: Temptation. *God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

On Sunday, March 13, In View of God's Mercy: Suffering. *By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24*

On Sunday, March 20, In View of God's Mercy: Betrayal. *Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9*

On Sunday, March 27, In View of God's Mercy: Relationships. *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32*

On Sunday, April 3, In View of God's Mercy: Service. *God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. Hebrews 6:10*

On Palm Sunday, April 10, Mercy in Palms. *So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" John 12:13*

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On Maundy Thursday, April 14,
Mercy in Bread and Wine. *For as
often as you eat this bread and
drink the cup, you proclaim the
Lord's death until he comes. 1
Corinthians 11:26*

On Good Friday, April 15, Mercy in
the Cross. *God made us alive
together with him, having
forgiven us all our
trespasses, by canceling the
record of debt that stood against
us with its legal demands. This he
set aside, nailing it to the cross.
Colossians 2:13-14*

On Easter Sunday, April 16, Mercy
in the Open Tomb. *Do not be
afraid, for I know that you seek
Jesus who was crucified. He is
not here, for he has risen, as he
said. Come, see the place where
he lay. Matthew 28:5-6*

On Wednesday evenings we will dig
deeper into the Sacraments of Holy
Baptism and Holy Communion. We are
all in need of a refresher course. Each
week the service will be posted on our
YouTube Channel. My hope is that next
year we will be able to gather for a meal
during Lent.

I pray that in the midst of this
ever-changing world, you are
experiencing the presence of Christ in
your life.

In Christ,
Pastor Jennifer

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Worship & Music: *Christine Garcia*

President's Message - "Why Not!"

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has a proud 65+ year tradition of worshiping the Lord and serving our community. My family and I have been part of that tradition for the past 10 years, but some of you have been here 20 years, 30 years, 50 years, or since the beginning.

You have seen this church grow and flourish and be an important part of the community. And it still is, just in a different form than 65 years ago.

As a congregation, we can write the next chapter in the history of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. With the talents and enthusiasm of our family of worshipers, we can reinforce our commitment to SHINE – Share, Help, Include, Nourish and Exalt –in our community.

At the February Council Retreat, we received a lot of INFORMATION and INSPIRATION from the Reverend Dr. Marta Poling Schmitt regarding our community and our opportunities to connect with them in meaningful ways.

Throughout the year the council will be tapping into the power of our congregation to be a valuable resource to the community – a shining light that is here to serve them.

Some of the things that were discussed include reviving our very successful Book Worm summer reading program, connecting with new Orange residents, investigating the opportunity to partner with Chapman University, and creating Community Service options for students who need them for service hours or college and scholarship applications.

But these are just the first set of ideas and are far from being the only choices we have for reaching out to our community to serve them. We haven't yet heard from you about your ideas for serving.

Please reach out to Pastor Jennifer or any council member with your ideas for what our congregation can do for and with our neighbors. I promise you that we will be receptive. We will not ask "Why?" We will say "Why not!"

As always, I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and talking to you about 2022. Remember to SHINE and share the light of Jesus Christ!

Steven Yoshizumi

Stewardship– Give Proportionally

“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have.”

2 Corinthians 1:12

Do you realize the dynamic nature of our faith? As our faith grows so will our blessings and our responsibilities. Completing a pledge card is a sign of our faith and trust that God will provide. It helps the council plan for the future of our ministry and it challenges our continued faith. Posting a copy of that pledge card wherever you will see it regularly can help remind you of your commitment.

Challenging youth to tithe brings into focus how it works for older adults. “How much should I pledge when my income changes weekly?” Instead of pledging a set amount, pledge to tithe, give 10% of what you get. Then, if your income varies, your giving amount varies but your faith commitment remains the same.

Remember Sally in last month’s article? She found her gift and had a new commitment to her church. But then she was laid off for a while. “I can’t give as I intended.” Sally, remember your commitment to tithe. When your income dips your giving will dip but your commitment remains the same. When you get a new job and your income increases your giving amount will increase as you keep your commitment to give proportionately. Tithing is about faith, not about amount. It is God’s challenge to us.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

Announcements

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Women's Bible Study

10AM ON MARCH 28, 2022

JOIN US EVERY FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CHURCH

Birthdays

- * March 3– Dean Birdsell
- * March 4– Mica Garcia
- * March 4– Lisa Luebben-Rivera
- * March 5– Joseph Pinson
- * March 5– Lance Thompson-Hailstone
- * March 7– Darlene Steege
- * March 7– Hayden Scully-Wilkens
- * March 10– Betty Dierking
- * March 10– John Gornick
- * March 17– Bob Pool
- * March 18– Wendi Gornick
- * March 20– Janice Bosecke
- * March 22– Mavis Crissinger
- * March 24– Bryn Gornick
- * March 25– Jerry Dierking

*Happy Anniversary to
Jon & Gina Davis*

March 10

REMINDER

Pastor Jennifer is part-time and will not be available on Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays.

THANK YOU!

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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT

Following our Worship Service
on April 16, 2022



BEGINNING ON MARCH 13, YOU CAN RESERVE YOUR

EASTER LILIES

Lilies will adorn the Sanctuary of our Church on Easter.
We will have forms located in the front table on Sundays
to reserve your plants on the date noted above.



Our Saviour's Children's Center Updates:

Happy Spring!

February brought some challenges to OSCC. We had a few closures of classrooms due to staff members testing positive for Covid. We also lost our newest staff member so we are back to hiring for our Infant/Toddler rooms again.

However, our Infant room is now full and our 2 year old room has had some new enrollments. We currently have 53 children enrolled with a few set to start in March.

March also brings registration for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year for our currently enrolled families. Open enrollment for next year begins in April for anyone looking to enroll that is not currently an OSCC family.

Our new website is up and running and is linked to our Facebook page.

Our fundraiser dinner at Woody's was a success raising a little over \$150. We thank you for your support of our events and look forward to seeing you at the next one!

- Jenn & the OSCC Staff



Remember in Prayer

Daniel Dunn, Kristin Hailstone, Darlene Steege, Sylvester Vaughn, Heather Wilkens, Kay Boatman, Helen Werner, Wes Hayes (next-door neighbor of Janice Bosecke), Lance and Jean Thompson-Hailstone, Kristin Maxwell, Rebekah Simmet, Greg Peck, Bob & Dorothy Daw, Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Andrew Taylor. All who have been affected by COVID-19, fires, and storms. Police officers, firefighters, medical professionals and all who are serving on the front lines during these uncertain times. All military chaplains and all others serving in the military.



Join us Sunday mornings at 10am for our worship service.

Live streaming on YouTube: bit.ly/oursaviourslutheran

Videos are also uploaded to our website – orangeoslc.org

The church office is open M-W 9am-2:30pm. All other times by appointment only.

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