



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

JULY 2022 | ORANGE, CA

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

We are called to rejoice in the blessing which God has given us daily, not just once a week, but daily. Martin Luther understood the importance of being renewed daily and refreshed in God's Word. One resource to guide you in your daily worship may be found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Morning Prayer (Matins), pages 298-308, however this is not the only way we worship daily. In Luther's Small Catechism we are provided with a form of worship that is more practical for use in the home. Luther suggests that "In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: 'God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.'

Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you wish, you may in addition recite this little prayer as well: 'I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.' After singing a hymn perhaps (for example, one on the Ten Commandments) or whatever else may serve your devotion, you are to go to your work joyfully."¹

Luther also reminds us that we are to worship at the end of the day as well. Luther suggests that "In the evening, when you go to bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: 'God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.'

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Worship is more than showing up to church on Sunday morning. Worshipping the crucified and risen Christ is an everyday thing. It is something we are all called to do daily. "For Lutherans, worship matters. In fact, worship lies at the heart of how we understand ourselves together. Today worship practices among Lutherans reflect different patterns, different pieties, different ethnic backgrounds and experiences, and some influences that are not." ³

We are not here to serve ourselves, but to be servants in a broken world, so that others may know the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Think about our mission statement. Are we living it out through our worship? In our daily life? In the activities and programs that are carried out through the congregation? Think about what worship means for our congregation, for our public life and for you as part of the body of Christ. Is our worship time preparing us for mission in the world or are we keeping it to ourselves?

In Christ,
Pastor Jennifer

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President's Message – *Don't Miss Out*

It is summertime and nobody wants to miss out on summer fun. There will be barbeques and beach days with friends. There will be summer vacations (remember those?) and weekend getaways.

And there will be fun things to do at Our Saviour's.

July means the return of Book Worm, our Social Ministry Outreach to the children of our community. We will be here throughout July to sit and read with children and teach them to read to us. This has been a VERY successful ministry in the past, and although we have no idea what to expect in this (post?) pandemic world, we are hopeful that the community will accept the gifts that we have to share. So if you love reading or you love kids or you want to know that you are helping your community, please join us for Book Worm in July. Talk to Christine Garcia. You don't want to miss out. (*Flyer on pg. 7*)

We are also looking forward to our Youth Bowling event in July. If you want to bowl, come join us. If you have friends that want to bowl, ask them to join you. You will have lots of fun and have the opportunity to hang out with your friends from Our Saviour's. Nobody wants to miss out on that.

Our June work day was a great success! The pew cushions were vacuumed, the pews were cleaned, trees were watered, pew pencils were put in place, the tree in the atrium was trimmed, and Dean Birdsell washed the atrium windows! Thanks to Dean and to **everyone** who came out to shine up our sanctuary. There isn't another work day on the calendar, but if another day is planned, there will be an announcement on a Sunday before because we don't want anyone to miss out on joining us the next time.

We are still looking for ideas to bring people together and contribute to our community or our church property. If you are not hearing about something that inspires you, PLEASE suggest something that will. And if you know someone who hasn't been back to Our Saviour's in a while, invite them to join you at one of our events. The magic of Our Saviour's is all the wonderful people. We hope you find an opportunity to rejoin us for Sunday services.

As always, I look forward to seeing you on Sundays (now that I am on the mend after a bout with pneumonia) and talking to you about the rest of the year. If I don't see you, feel free to reach out to me via email at: sayorange714@gmail.com or call/text me at 714-497-6224. Remember to SHINE and share the light of Jesus Christ!

Steven Yoshizumi

Work Day Recap

A big **thank you** to the 12 adults and 4 youth that helped on Work Day last month on June 11. The many hands did make the work light and checked off items on the to do list. The sanctuary pews were polished and cushions vacuumed (both sides). The youth vacuumed the inside of the hymnal holders. Dean Birdsell, a professional window washer, cleaned the large sanctuary windows. The Atrium was given a much needed trim and branches hauled to the dumpster. Parking lot trees were given a much needed hand watering, as there are no sprinklers out in the parking lot. The kitchen silverware was organized and sorted in anticipation of our next event.

Books from the storage shed were sorted for the July Bookworm program. They found many of the books were damaged or not approbate, it has been many years since our last bookworm. We are in need of new or used books for children ages 5-12 years of age. Bookworm will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings in July. This is a community service to encourage children to come and read with us. (*Flyer found on pg. 7*)

At the end of our Work Day, we were rewarded with subway sandwiches in Moreland Hall, compliments of Layton Miller. It was a good day working together, to keep our church a welcoming place of worship.

- Jan Johnson

Snack Donations Needed for Summer Book Worm Program

We will need cookies, granola bars, and juice. A sign-up sheet will be available on Sundays in the entrance table. For questions, contact Christine Garcia, (714) 469-4767.



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Personnel: *Steven Yoshizumi*

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Women's Ministry: *Jan Johnson*

Worship & Music: *Christine Garcia*

Mark Your Calendar

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ACOLYTE TRAINING

July 10, 2022

after Sunday Worship Service

 OPEN FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED 

Birthdays

- July 1– Violet Yoshizumi
- July 11– Arthur Makayla
- July 15– Don Rehms
- July 18– Alison Johnson
- July 21– Thomas Yoshizumi
- July 22– Ruth Fielis
- July 25– Lawton Miller
- July 26– Barbara Grunklee

Food & Donation Collection for July

Friendly Center Children's Center

July 3 Hot cereal Box Pretzels

July 10 Peanut Butter Tissue Boxes

July 17 Mac n Cheese Chex Mix

July 24 Canned Meat Cheerios

July 31 Canned Vegetables Kix Cereal

There are separate
baskets located in the
entry way for donations.

Thank you!



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Youth Bowling Event

For Grades K - 6

July 17, 2022

More Information to Come!



SACRIFICE

...according to their means, and even beyond their means...

2 Corinthians 8:3b

When we taught our children about giving to the church, we emphasized percentage giving. Their income was inconsistent, varying with the type and amount of work they found themselves in, like babysitting. So, if they were tithing and giving 10% of their income, their commitment to God would be constant but the dollar amount would vary based on income. This is true through our whole life. Our commitment to tithe remains the same but the amount given goes up as income rises or goes down when income decreases. Youth understand this concept and can feel good about their variable giving pattern.

“What about pledging to the church? How does that work?”

A friend was lamenting he could not fulfill his financial pledge because he lost his job. I reminded him that the pledge is not a legally binding document. It is a commitment based on income. When he started a new job, then his giving would restart at the level of his new income. His commitment to God and God’s church did not change. In between jobs there are lots of other ways to support our ministry by giving our time and abilities.

When making your decision to pledge to the church, think of your commitment to God in terms of a percentage and let the dollars reflect that commitment. You will be blessed to be a blessing.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rose Zemanek (Marge Boelman’s sister) who is in hospice, 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, 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.

BookWorm Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays

July 7-July 28

Time: 10-11:30am

All are welcome, at no cost!

Find the club at

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

800 N Cambridge, Orange, CA.

Come join us and sharpen your reading skills!



Bernie The Bookworm Loves To Read!

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

Live streaming on YouTube: bit.ly/OSLCOrangeCA

Videos are also uploaded to our website – orangeosl.org

The church office is open T-W 9am–4:30 pm. All other times by appointment only.

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