



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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*Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory:
blaze, Spirit blaze, set our heart on fire.*

(The refrain from Shine, Jesus, Shine ELW 671.)

Pentecost marks the birth of the church when the disciples were instructed to go and spread the good news of Christ to the world. This was not an easy task. It was risky business. Those spreading the gospel were killed. Do you remember the story of Stephen? Stephen was a Hellenistic Jew and one of seven ordained deacons in the early church. Stephen was the first martyr. He was stoned to death for preaching that Jesus was the Christ. You can read the entire story of Stephen in Acts, chapters 6 and 7. Stephen risked it all for the sake of the gospel. Are you willing to take a risk for the gospel? Most of us would say “yes” we are, but there is limit to our risk taking. Stephen didn't put limits on his risk-taking and was killed.

Shining the light of Christ and being filled with the Holy Spirit has a cost. The cost can be big, or it can be small. Either way you look at it, following Jesus is risky business. It is not easy. Are you ready to take a risk?

We need to take risks for the sake of the gospel as well. This means that we need to be open to the Holy Spirit entering our lives, the church, and the lives of those in our community. If we want to spread the gospel we need to look toward the future. That means changes will happen. What worked in the past is not necessarily going to work today. The disciples never said: *We have never done it that way before*. The disciples certainly took a risk for the sake of the gospel. Taking a risk for the gospel is about our mindset.

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What is your mindset? The word mindset is defined as the established set of attitudes held by someone. When it comes to learning new things, mindset is important. In school these days students learn that failure is okay and risk taking is necessary. Below you will find examples of what questions people with a growth mindset and a fixed mindset are thinking.



<https://www.movementality.com.au/blog/growth-fixed>

We are called to share the message of Christ in our lives as well. In Matthew 28:16-20 we are given the Great Commission in which Jesus says: ¹⁶ *Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.* ¹⁷ *When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.* ¹⁸ *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* ¹⁹ *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* ²⁰ *and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (NRSV)

The church, including Our Saviour's, is called to go and make disciples of all nations.

Today, making disciples and shining the love of Christ looks a lot different than it did ten, five, even two years ago. There are more innovative ways to share the gospel. It is up to us to take the risk, try something new, and share the gospel of Christ with the world! Are you ready?

In Christ,
Pastor Jennifer

Mark Your Calendars

Food & Donation Collection for June

Friendly Center

Children's Center

June 5 Canned Fruit

Saltines

June 12 Dry Beans

Vanilla Wafers

June 19 Dry Rice

Plastic Bags (qt & gal)

June 26 Canned Soup

Animal Crackers

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

Birthdays

- **June 2**—Richard Youngman
- **June 5**—Nicholas Meyers
- **June 10**—Trevor Gornick
- **June 10**—Robert Hunter
- **June 13**—Lorraine Lundquist
- **June 14**—Coral Walker
- **June 29**—Janice Johnson
- **June 30**—Abigail Vaughn
- **June 30**—Marshall Vaughn

Anniversaries

June 6—Brian &
Chelsea Dehn

June 22—Betty & Jerry
Dierking

June 27—John &
Marsha Embree

June 27—Wendi & John
Gornick

June 27—Michael &
Nelly Walker

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Youth Bowling Event

For Grades K - 6

July 17, 2022

More Information to Come!

President's Message – Everyone is a Masterpiece

June is here and it marks the beginning of the Green Season, between Holy Trinity Sunday and Reformation Sunday. The colors on the altar may not change, but this year we have an opportunity for change during the Green Season. Some changes may be a return to things we have done in the past – in July our Book Worm child reading outreach is being revived!! Other changes are steps toward something new – in June we are beginning our “New Mover” outreach by sending welcome postcards to people who move into our area. We also have the opportunity to spend more time together:

On Sundays during worship

After worship at Sunday School

On a Saturday Work Day to spruce up the sanctuary and grounds

At the Youth Bowling event in July

And in any other ways you'd like to suggest.

In May the Adult Fellowship Committee put together a wonderful painting event the day before Mother's Day. Moms and children and grandmothers spent a few hours together creating beautiful works of art that will surely grace the walls of many members' homes. Although everyone was painting the same scene, every painting was different and every one was a masterpiece because of what the artist brought to it that was uniquely themselves.

Each of us is also a masterpiece. No two of us in the congregation are alike. We all have different skills and gifts. And our church, our congregation NEEDS everyone to contribute their skills and gifts to make Our Saviour's as good as it was before the pandemic and even better than that. Our church will grow and succeed with the participation and involvement of all of our members – each one contributing in their own way. We are blessed to have an amazing music program with members as part of the choir and bell choir. We are blessed to have members volunteer to manage our large campus and keep it running day after day and year after year with only a thank you as compensation. We are blessed to have members volunteer their time and skills to keep our church and our children's center in good financial health with the same thank you as their compensation.

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We are also blessed to have committees who plan events for us so that we can have some fun and enjoy each other's company. We need to show up for these events to make them successful.

The painting event was VERY well attended. Everyone had a lot of fun and there was a lot of laughter – a very welcome sound after two years of COVID restrictions. Let's keep doing these things. The Men's and Women's Ministries have been active in the past and we look forward to seeing events organized by those committees.

Everyone's time is precious, so if you are not hearing about something that fits into your schedule, PLEASE suggest something that will. Undoubtedly someone else is struggling with the same conundrum. 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 thing that made Our Saviour's such a wonderful place to gather was all the wonderful people.

As always, I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and talking to you about 2022. 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

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Pastor: *The Rev. Jennifer Zahnow*

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Congregational Council

President: *Steven Yoshizumi*

Vice President: *Jan Johnson*

Secretary: *Kristin Tolentino*

Treasure: *Bob Hunter*

Adult Fellowship: *Christine Garcia & Heather Wilkins*

Christian Ed: *Kristin Tolentino*

Finance: *Bob Hunter*

Men's Ministry: *Lawton Miller*

OSCC Board: *Heather Wilkins*

Personnel: *Steven Yoshizumi*

Property: *Lawton Miller*

Stewardship: *Pastor Jennifer*

Social Ministry: *Pastor Jennifer*

Women's Ministry: *Jan Johnson*

Worship & Music: *Christine Garcia*

GRATITUDE

**We want you to know brothers and sisters, about
the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of ...**

2 Corinthians 8:1

How do you show your gratitude to someone? They can range from little things to more grand things. We leave tips for waitresses; we offer a bottle of water to a postal carrier on a hot day; we give goods to the Friendly Center and the Lutheran Thrift store; we give a gift to a neighbor who has taken in our mail while we're on vacation; we pay a teenage neighbor who watered our garden while we were on vacation; we tip our pedicurist after our pedicure. There are so many ways you can show your gratitude via your actions as well as dollars.

How do you show your gratitude to your church and God? There are so many ways to do that. Even a member who is incapacitated in any way can show gratitude by making phone calls, stuffing envelopes, or addressing the newsletter. A friend who was bedridden kept a list by her bed and prayed daily for her fellow congregants. What about you? You can serve on the church council, serve on a committee, provide a Sunday morning service such as reading the lessons, providing refreshments after service, singing in the choir, playing bells, usher and/or counting the offering after service. All this can be a reflection of gratitude that you have for God and for your church.

The one thing that we can ALL do and need to do to make sure our church is a living church is TITHE. It's easy and it is satisfying. It is a way to thank God for all that God does and continues to do for us and our church. God's 10% is taken off the top of our money and we promise that once it becomes a habit of yours, you will not even miss that money and you'll feel great giving it.

If you would like to give to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, you can scan the QR code on the page or go to our website and give online.



Gratitude– In Action!

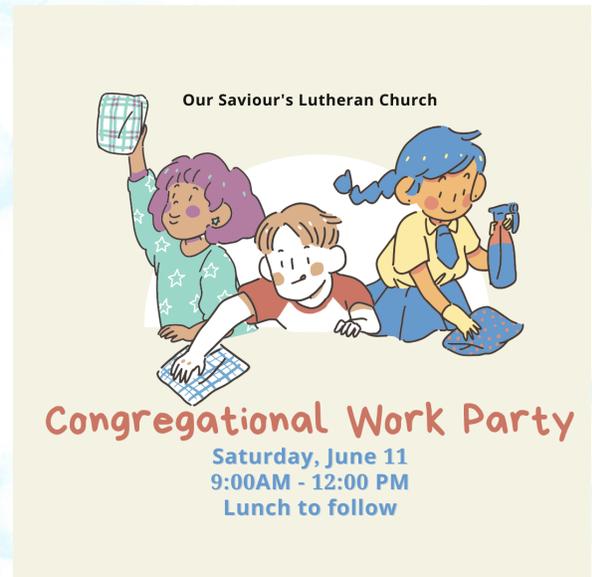
Did you Know?

We are so fortunate to have such a talented Director of Music, Chelsea Dehn and a talented pianist/organist, Kevin Phan, in our congregation. Did you know that Chelsea sang the Star Spangled Banner at an Angel game while directing the multiple choirs accompanying her? Did you know that Kevin entered a contest and played a 20 minute Bach piece, which he played at church as a recessional but only 5 minutes, both without music and WON the contest? Take the time to thank these two amazing “employees” of Our Saviour’s.

Announcement:

Congregational Work Day

A congregational work party is scheduled for **Saturday, June 11th** from 9:00 am to noon. The plan is to spruce up the buildings and grounds. There will be plenty of tasks to do including cleaning, organizing and work on the grounds. Due to COVID, it has been a long time since we as a group have had a work party. Join us if you can and bring your own lunch. We will have lunch social around noon.



Remember in Prayer

The Daw family as they mourn the loss of Bob and Dorothy, Orlan Grunklee (recovering from surgery), 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.



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

Live streaming on YouTube: bit.ly/OSLCOrangeCA

Videos are also uploaded to our website – orangeoslc.org

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

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