



Our Saviour's *Lutheran*

APRIL 2023— ORANGE, CA

EASTER Sunday



APRIL 9 2023

Join us for Easter service at 10am with
special egg hunt after service for the kids.

All are welcome!

Holy Week

- ***Palm Sunday, April 2, 10 AM*** *"Sunday of the Passion"*
Holy Communion
- ***Good Friday, April 7, 7 PM***
Jesus' crucifixion for our sin.
"It is finished".
- ***Easter Day, April 9, 10 AM***
*"He is risen. He is risen in-
deed!"*

“Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin’ down the Bunny Trail, Hippity-hoppity, Easter’s on its way.”

I learned that song when I was little. How did such things as the Easter Bunny with a basket of colored eggs become associated with the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection? The answer lies in the way Christianity was received by new cultures. Aspects of the former religion and its symbols were absorbed into the Christian practices.

People say the climate in Southern California never change. We natives can sense the subtle changes. In ancient Europe, as people witnessed the radical change of Winter to Spring, with the melting of snow and the miraculous budding of trees and plants, they were awed and mystified. Winter “death” was overcome by the “new life” of Spring, breathing new hope into their lives. Those pre-Christian ancients ascribed this miracle to the goddess Eostre, giving rebirth to the Sun god, and the festival was called Eastre. People baked special cakes, decorated hard-boiled eggs (symbols of Eostre), wore new clothes and decorated with spring flowers. The rabbit was also a symbol for Eostre representing the birth and new life. Christians came and used these symbols of “new life” to teach and to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

What of colored eggs and bunnies today? We can’t throw the chocolate bunnies and colored eggs out of the stores or our culture. But we can help others know what they represent, “**new life**” in **Jesus Christ**. **Eggs** represent the **tomb**, which could not hold the Lord. The colors each have meaning: **blue**-the color of **hope**; **green**- growth and **life**; **red**- the color of Jesus **blood** shed for us. **Chocolate**? Joyous sweet delight- our experience of God’s grace. Let these ancient symbols tell you the Easter story again.

Who will you invite to our Easter celebration? Begin praying for the opening of their heart and mind to receive your invitation. God has called us to be witnesses and to allow the Holy Spirit to flow through us with the awesome joy of Easter.

God bless your witness and fill you with Easter joy.

Pastor John



Good Friday

April 7, 2023

Service will be
held at 7pm

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We are asking you to bring flowers from your garden to add to our cross on the patio Easter morning. With everyone's flowers, it really transforms into a beautiful cross that has been the backdrop of many family pictures over the years.

Presidents Message

Another month just flew by which included 5 weeks of Lent with Easter being the second Sunday in April, April 9th. It has been really great to have our Wednesday soup suppers again during Lent which we have missed for the last three years because of COVID. Hope you have been able to participate in them as the soup has been great. After eating the soup, the Holden Evening Prayer service was held. Pastor John provided a bible reading and then a lesson on 5 different crosses of the church. The 5 different crosses studied are: (1) the Orbit cross (represents Christ's domain of the orb of the world. Interestingly this is the orb held by royalty.); (2) Fractured cross aka Crusaders cross (known as the emblem of the kingdom of Jerusalem); (3) Anchor Cross aka Mariner's cross (symbolizes hope, steadfastness, calm and composure); (4) Hunter's Cross (the cross ends represent the spears used at the crucifixion): and (5) Empty Cross (symbol of the resurrected Christ).



Thank you, Pastor John, for leading us during Lent.

During Council's March meeting it was decided that there would not be a Maundy Thursday service (all are encouraged to go to a church nearby them that has a service), but there will be a Good Friday, April 7th, service at 7PM. Pastor John will be leading us in the last seven words of Christ. Of course, we will be celebrating Easter, April 9th with organ and brass. Pastor Cate Lehr will lead the service. If you remember she was with us a couple weeks back and held up the sign "John 3:16 &17". Hope to see you all at these services.

Last month I shared council's position regarding working together with Christ Lutheran in obtaining an interim Pastor during the time we will be searching for a permanent Pastor. Christine and Steven shared our choices concerning our preferred Sunday Service time with the Bishop and Pastor Jennifer Schultz. At that time, the Bishop and Pastor Jennifer had an individual in mind, but that person is no longer available and now they are working with another possible person. They recommend that we schedule pulpit supply for the month of April, which has been done thanks to Jan Johnson. Pastor Cate Luehr will be with us on Palm Sunday and Easter, Pastor Steve Bieghler will be with us on April 23rd, and Pastor Thom Johnson will be with us the last two Sundays of April.

Melissa Pool has been serving as our interim office administrator. She is the go-to person for insuring each Sunday church service is on track with the bulletin and contacting each supply Pastor about the service. She also does the monthly newsletter, keeps the church web page and u-tube information up to date and maintains the church calendar. Subsequently, the council decided to make her permanent working 20 hours per week. Thank you, Melissa, for being there for us.

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There was a gas leak at the church a couple of weeks back. The gas pipe coming out of the ground and going into the Education Building on the east side of Hansen Hall had a pin hole leak from rust. As parents were delivering their children to the preschool, they could smell gas.

The gas company was called and sure enough they confirmed the leak and gave us 48 hours to correct it. As the leak was outside there was no concern for the preschool. Of course, as normal there were many sprinkler valve right next to the pipe so they had to be removed before the pipe could be replaced. A plumber was called and about 3' of pipe was replaced. So, all is good now. The plumbing company has not yet sent us a bill, so we are standing by for it. (Hopefully it will not be too expensive.)

The entry way/hall into Moreland Hall was painted white and boy does it look a lot better. Also, a coat rack was mounted to the wall just west of the glass doors in the entry. Dan Steege made the coat rack. Thank you, Dan! Go check out the painted entry way and coat rack.

The preschool gained several children this last month because of a closure of one nearby. They are up to 67 now. Wow good for them as they are almost at capacity.

Keep the process for obtaining an interim Pastor with Christ Lutheran in your prayers.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter!

Steve Vannier

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Betty Dierking*
Women's Ministry: *Jan Johnson*

Our Saviour's Children's Center

Happy Easter from all of us at OSCC. We are moving past St Patrick's Day and into Easter! Leprechauns came and made a mess of our school. Traps were set but no leprechauns were caught. As our teachers say, "Maybe next year." So much fun was had by all. We are looking forward to our annual Easter celebrations at OSCC... egg hunts, class fun, and Bible lessons and stories!

We are currently holding registration for the upcoming school year. Our current families always get first priority and then we will open the registration publicly. We anticipate good enrollment numbers again next year.

Thank you for all of your support with our fundraisers. We made a little over \$300 at Rodrigo's. See's Candy fundraiser also happened in March. We don't have our totals for that yet, but we are hoping that continues to be successful for OSCC.

Thank you again for all of your support,
Jen and the OSCC staff



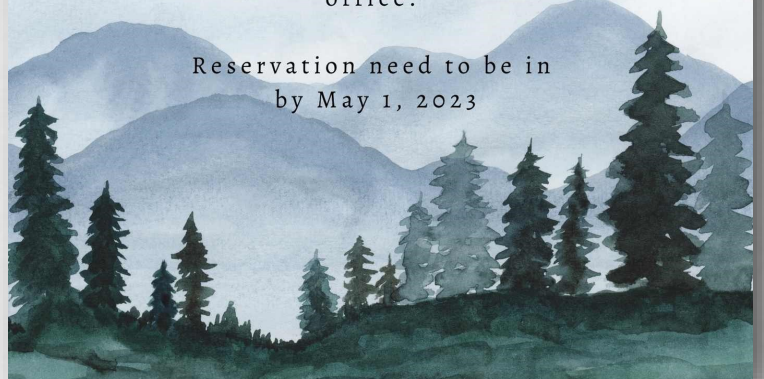
Women's Retreat

Several years have passed since the last retreat, now it's time to plan a mountain get away. A beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath cabin awaits us in Crestline CA, on September 29, to October 1.

The week-end is filled with fellowship, laughter, hiking around Lake Gregory and maybe shopping too! Delicious meals will be planned and even a dishwasher for clean-up. The cabin sleeps 8-10 adults, all linens, towels are provided. Cost will depend on how many attend, estimation \$125.00.

Make your reservation by contacting Jean Thompson-Hailstone, Jan Johnson or the church office.

Reservation need to be in
by May 1, 2023



April Bible Study

Bible Study will meet for our final session on the commandments. We will look at sayings from Proverbs to mind our tongues and other biblical references to practical ways to serve our neighbors. Everyone is welcome to come Monday, April 24, 10 am in the conference room, next to the office.



Keep in your prayers!

Lorraine Lundquist, broken wrist from fall, **Don Rehms**, immunotherapy, **Sharon Gano** (sister of Ann Pool) cancer diagnose, **Nancy Worley**, who is recovering from a fall, **Kristin Hailstone**, **Darlene Steege**, **Sylvester Vaughn**, **Heather Wilkens**, **Helen Werner**, **Wes Hayes** (next-door neighbor of Janice Bosecke), **Lance and Jean Thompson-Hailstone**, **Kristin Maxwell**, **Bishops Elizabeth Eaton** and **David Nagler**.

April food and donations collection

Baskets are located in the narthex for each location we give to.

Friendly Center

April 2 Beans/Rice
April 9 Pasta/Sauce
April 16 Dish Soap
April 23 Toothpaste
April 30 Shampoo/
conditioner

Children's Center

April 2 Raisins
April 9 Ritz Crackers
April 16 Cheerios
April 23 Kix
April 30 Cheez its



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 2 Jon Davis
April 4 Laura Tolentino
April 6 Beckett Kopczunski
April 17 Dan Steege
April 27 Mandy Meyers

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 11 Sylvester & Terri Vaughn
April 12 Ronald & Jhana Duncan
April 15 Barbara & Orlan Grunklee
April 24 Dan & Darlene Steege

Easter Concert

Join us for a special musical performance featuring



CELLIST
Edelweiss Pak

VIOLIST
Violet Yoshizumi

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST
Sijie Ling

Easter Sunday, April 9

11:00am (after church service)

- Concert is followed by refreshments.
- Everyone is welcome!
- Bring friends and family.

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Thank you

Dear Church Family,

We sincerely thank you for your support during this difficult time of Lawton's illness with cancer and his passing. Thank you for sending cards, sharing your memories of Lawton, prayers and hugs of support. We have many cherished memories of Lawton as husband, father, grandfather and friend and miss him immensely. His spirit lives on within our hearts, in part through the relationships we have shared together with you and him.
God bless you.

The Miller Family

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**10 am service
11am SS**

8pm Choir

**7pm Good
Friday Service**

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**10 am
Easter service
11am Easter
Concert**

**4pm OSCC
Board**

**7pm Bells
8pm Choir**

7pm Council

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**10 am service
11am SS**

**7pm Bells
8pm Choir**

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**10 am service
11am SS**

**10am Bible
Study**

**7pm Bells
8pm Choir**

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**10 am service
11am SS**



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

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