

The Messenger ✦ April 2025

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

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

We're About to Sound and Look a Lot Better

Many of you have heard by now the exciting news that we are upgrading our audio and visual system in the sanctuary. Why are we doing this you might ask? Well, a piece of hardware upstairs had broken, causing a couple weeks of audio issues on our livestream. After having a sound professional come out and assess the problem, we found a temporary fix but learned that our system was old enough that more components would continue to break and malfunction.

At that point, the council unanimously decided the best course of action would be to replace and update the whole system with funds that were set aside in reserves for exactly that. Trying to replace individual components would prove more expensive in the long run, and would only prolong a system that wasn't meeting our needs and working for us. What we needed and are now getting is something that is reliable, simple, and user friendly so that those who want to help upstairs on Sundays can do so with ease.

The plans are set and the new system will be being installed during the first week of April. The company installing the system will even be leading a training so that anyone even considering helping run sound or the livestream on Sunday mornings can learn how to do it, ask questions, and be one of the first people getting to see and hear the equipment. That training is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 pm. I hope you will consider being there.

Most people who help their churches with sound and livestream are youth and elders of their church. That means you can't be too young or too old to consider serving in this way! Even if you have no prior experience or skills with this sort of thing, please don't let that stop you. The hope is to cultivate a whole team of people who could run the sound board and livestream. The more we can have different people involved in our work together as church, the stronger and better we will be. The more willing hearts say yes, the less this or any burden will fall to just one or few overly involved volunteers who are stretched thin already.

Our worship is one of the most important parts of our mission and ministry together and our livestream allows our services to reach even more people. Our livestream is regularly joined by members who are out of town, our homebound members, and new neighbors who are church shopping online. Our livestream serves our members, visitors and countless unknown others as well. You have the opportunity to join in this and help this ministry strengthen and grow.

Opportunity is calling. Will you answer?

In Peace,

Pastor Cole

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APRIL... Birthdays, Anniversaries & More

~ Birthdays ~

Savannah Salvin	4/3
Clayton Wells	4/3
Karen Fox	4/4
Sara May	4/4
Danika Bursvold	4/5
Michael Turner	4/8
Jay Rayl	4/9
Lola Davies	4/10
George Ellis	4/11
Judi Klaske	4/12
Marlene Fitzhugh	4/13
Jackie Key	4/13
April Wells	4/17
Christian Simons	4/19
Janice Tsuma	4/24
Steve Hathaway	4/26
Val Streed	4/27
Jeff Bacon	4/30

Palm Sunday
April 13th ~ 10:30am
Pancake Breakfast
Free Will Offering
Youth Fund

JOIN US FOR
Holy Week
 &
Easter Sunday

April 13 - Palm/Passion Sunday
9:30am - Worship

April 17 - Maundy Thursday
7:00pm - Worship

April 18 - Good Friday
7:00pm - *Tenebrae Service*

April 20 - Easter Sunday
8:00am - Service with CLC
@ North Beach

10:00am - Easter Service @ OSLC

Preschool Sunday
 April 13, 2025
 9:30am

Invite
someone
TO
CHURCH

from the
Council President



Hello All! Our church has had a tough few years to say the least. We have made it through Covid, said goodbye to our Pastor of 18 years, welcomed an interim pastor, welcomed our Pastor Cole, had 2 new Preschool Directors, a fire in the Sanctuary, broken water pipe in the School Classroom 6, and some other things! Through all of this there has been a core group that is growing and this group makes the church very healthy. I am so proud to be a part of this

transition. We have opened our newly renovated church, gotten the heaters working again, started a plumbing project that will bring water and toilets to the preschool that has been talked about for about 15 years, repaired the roof, have free infant care during the service etc. What I am trying to say is that we are all looking forward and have a good attitude. We are all becoming part of the solution! We have some very cool projects coming up. If YOU have any ideas, you can let me know or let anyone on council know. Thanks for coming in person and also watching us from our Sunday feeds on the internet via YouTube or Facebook. And that reminds me that we are also having a new audio visual (av) system installed in a week or so.

If you have any questions, you can let me or Pastor Cole know.

Peace,
M'Liz Kelly



Middle School Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room on Wednesdays in April at 6:30pm and go until 8:00pm. On April 2nd MSYG will not meet.

High School Youth Group (New Schedule) will meet each month on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. HSYG will not meet on April 20th. (Join us for Easter Sunday for 10:00am worship).

Confirmation Class - April 6th at 11:00am in the Founder's Room

Please contact the church office if you have any questions. (949) 492-6164 OSLSsec@sbcglobal.net



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

June 9 - June 13
Registration has begun.
Children ages 3 (as of June 9)
to Upper Elementary

Go to www.oursavioronline.net
and click on the VBS link to register.
VBS forms are also available in the
church office and Sanctuary

Worship and Celebration ✦ April 2025



As Easter approaches, there is a lot going on at Our Savior's San Clemente to get ready for the most wonderful day of the year.

I would like to begin this article with a "thank you" to our wonderful church musicians. Our Music Director, George, spent the month of March in his country of origin, Brazil. In his absence, Dick Hoye, Greg Gardner and Ben Gardner kept us singing and making a joyful noise at our Sunday worship (and thank you, Dick, for sharing your gifts on Ash Wednesday). For our Wednesday evening Lenten Midweek services, the accompaniment is provided by Pastor Rich Ajer, who served Our Savior's as Interim Pastor while we were going through the call process which led Pastor Cole to our church. Pastor Rich is currently serving as Interim Pastor at Christ Lutheran while they are starting the process of calling a new pastor.

If you have not worshipped at one of the Wednesday Lenten Midweek Services, I invite you to do so. It is a meaningful, short service that gives me an extra opportunity to focus on what the 40 days of Lent are really about. The location alternates between Our Savior's and Christ Lutheran and I have really enjoyed worshipping with the Christ Lutheran folks. ***Shameless plug - I also enjoy seeing the Christ Lutheran folks, as well as others who want to learn more about wine, at the 1st Thursday of the month wine club meeting at Christ Lutheran***

Be sure to come to the Wednesday night services early (5:30pm) for delicious soups and wonderful fellowship.

The "artist" behind the seasonal visual art in our Sanctuary is Karen Fox who is assisted by her husband, Ed (recently appointed to the Church Council Treasurer position). On Palm/Passion Sunday, the beautiful wall art on the patio side of the Sanctuary will be replaced by banners that reinforce the events of Holy Week.

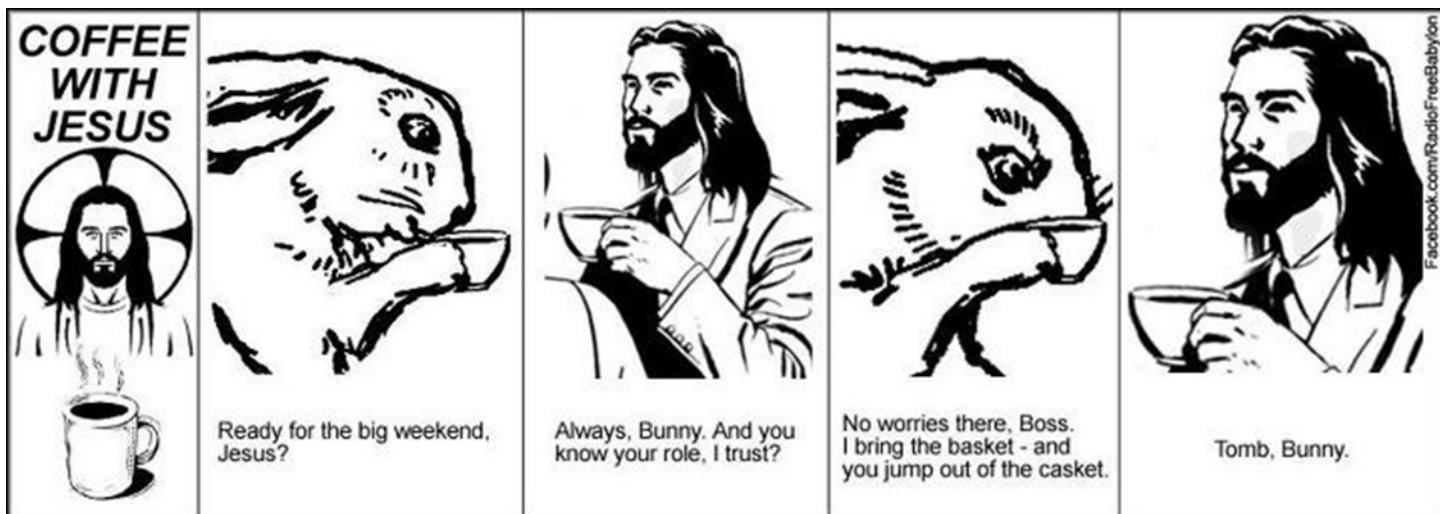
I also encourage you to read the prayers that are on the large, purple paper covered cross and pray for the people/situations that our members have posted on it. Add your own prayers if you like. Also, be sure to look at the contributions that our preschoolers have made as they claimed their faith in Jesus and the significance of that cross. Jesus died and rose again for the young, the old and everyone in between.

Our church is full of wonderful, faith led people and I am grateful to be serving our congregation as Chair of Worship and Celebration.

In His service,

Karen Skipper,
Worship and Celebration Ministry

One of my favorite "Coffee with Jesus" cartoons



WHAT'S HAPPENING

MANNA

Manna Bible Study

Tuesdays at 1:00pm (*Pastor Cole's office*)

April 1, 15, 22, & 29

Manna will not meet on the 8th

Newcomers are always welcome!



Men's Breakfast Saturday

April 12, 2025
8:00am - 9:30am

Meet in the kitchen...

You are invited to join us for a Men's Breakfast, Bible Study and Fellowship at OSLC. Pastor Cole & Ed Fox will be preparing this months breakfast.



Join In...

Audio and Livestream Training
Thursday, April 10th at 6:30pm

We will meet at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
in the Sanctuary



Our Savior's will be offering Easter flowers to adorn the Sanctuary and Altar area for Easter Sunday Worship. Flowers may be bought in honor or memory of a loved one or dedicate to family and friends. An insert will be included in the Easter Sunday Worship folder remembering those who have had flowers bought on their behalf. The flowers may be taken home after Easter.

Easter Flowers are \$25.00 each
Orders & payment are due no later than Thursday - April 10th

You may Venmo us @ OurSaviorsSanClemente or make your check payable to: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Memo: "Easter Flowers"

Forms are available on the church website at www.oursaviorsonline.net or you may click [here](#) to access the form

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Order Name _____

Phone # _____

Qty _____

Please circle below In Memory of or In Honor of.

In memory of/honor of _____

In memory of/honor of _____

In memory of/honor of _____

In memory of/honor of _____



**Wednesday,
April 16, 2025
2:00pm to 5:15pm**

You are invited to volunteer at
Laundry Love in San Clemente.

**Laundry Basket South
2405 S El Camino Real
San Clemente, CA 92672**

Laundry Love helps pay for people
in need to do laundry.

To sign up for a 90 minute shift please
send an email to Pastor Cole.



**Beach Wine Club
Thursday, April 3rd at 5:00pm
Christ Lutheran Church**

Hosted by Louise and Pat Gilliam.
We will be sipping and discussing Rhone
wines. Red and rose Rhone wines are made from
Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre grapes. These
wines are typically fruity, sweet, and spicy
packed with ripe red berry flavor. The white wines
are made from Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Marsanne,
Roussanne, Bourboulenc, and Viognier. These
whites offer notes of lemon curd, stone fruits, and
melons. This is a brief description of this unique
style of wine. We have lots to talk about!

We suggest a bottle limit of \$25.00 and please bring
an appetizer to share.

All are welcome to join us for fellowship and fun.
Please RSVP as soon as you can, and let us know if
you have any questions.

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY?

The **ELCA SYNOD WIDE ASSEMBLY** is
asking members to offer their homes to those
attending the assembly who may not be able to
afford a hotel.



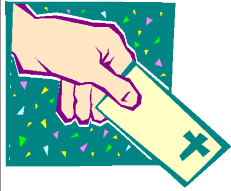
In a New Boat

DATES ROOMS ARE NEEDED

**Thursday, May 15
and/or
Friday, May 16, 2025**

**Sign-up list is available in the
Church Narthex or you may email or call
Deacon Daneen at
Daneen-deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org
(949) 290-0281**

(You are not required to provide meals)



**OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT
FEBRUARY 2025**

Offering	Feb 2025	FY July-Feb
Unrestricted Gifts	\$36,133.50	\$170,175.78
Budget	\$20,250	\$162,000

Our members and visitors continue to be faithful in their stewardship. We collected 178% of our February 2025 budgeted amount. Fiscal year to date we have funded 105% of the approved budget. We truly appreciate your dedication to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We continue to be prudent in our spending.

Thank You For Your Stewardship!



The Social Concerns Ministry thanks you for benevolence gifts given in February 2025 over and above general giving:

- ◆ **Family Assistance Ministries:** \$163 (Souper Bowl Sunday)
- ◆ **Habitat:** \$50
- ◆ **Laundry Love:** \$301
- ◆ **Pacifica Synod:** \$301
- ◆ **Third Avenue Charitable Organization:** \$301
- ◆ **World Hunger:** \$254

Your generosity very much appreciated!



To donate electronically
Venmo us at
OurSaviorsSanClemente
When asked please select
"Friends & Social".
Thank you!



**Church Council
Notes
March 2025**

- ◆ Soup Suppers continue throughout Lent. Some yummy soups have been prepared.
- ◆ Pastor Cole said he is preparing First Communion classes for one young person and is inviting any adult who would like to attend classes.
- ◆ Ed Fox has agreed to become our Treasurer. Welcome, Ed.
- ◆ Easter Sunrise service will be held at North Beach at 8:00am. April 20. Both Pastor Cole and Interim Pastor of Christ Lutheran, Rich Ajer will hold a joint service. Any members from Our Savior's are invited to attend. Standard Easter service will be held at Our Savior's at 10:00am
- ◆ Pastor Cole is coordinating summer activities for high school youth group with Youth council member James Simons.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lola Davies,
Congregation Council Secretary

Next Meeting - Thursday, April 24 at 6:30pm

Church

www.facebook.com/oursaviorsonline



School

www.facebook.com/osls.sc



Dear Families,

Spring has sprung, and April is blossoming with exciting activities and learning opportunities at Our Savior's Lutheran Preschool and Infant Center!

Here's a glimpse of what's happening in each of our incredible programs this month:

Infant Center: Our little ones are busy exploring the world around them by stacking blocks and toys. They're also discovering new ways to manipulate objects, sparking curiosity and encouraging cognitive development. And big news—our Infant and Toddler learning environments have been upgraded! We invite you to visit and see the wonderful new changes. Don't forget to spread the word about our excellent care for children aged 3 months to 6 years. Enrollment for the year 2025-2026 is now open!

Lower Preschool: In Lower Preschool, children are enhancing their communication skills by expressing ideas and basic needs. We are also focusing on self-help skills, with increased emphasis on dressing independently. Our young learners are engaging in associative play with peers and learning to seek assistance in resolving conflicts, fostering social-emotional growth.

Upper Preschool: Our Upper Preschool students are diving into nutritional education by identifying different types of foods and understanding healthy versus unhealthy eating habits. They are also mastering positional words like over, under, and behind, and proudly identifying at least 10 letters of the alphabet.

Whole School Activities: April brings us the joy of Easter celebrations, where children will learn "The Story of Easter" through music and movement.

Special Events:

- ⇒ **Week of The Young Child:** March 31st - April 4th
- ⇒ **Spring Break Closure:** April 7th - April 11th
- ⇒ **Good Friday Closure:** April 18th

Summer Care: We still have spots available for our preschool summer care program, and we encourage you to secure your child's spot for a summer filled with fun and learning. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community. We look forward to an engaging and joyful month ahead!

Warm regards,

Michelle Wohlfarth



Our Savior's Lutheran
Preschool / Infant Center

Spring Break

April 7 - 11

School will resume on Monday, April 14



Infant Center



Our Savior's Lutheran Infant and Toddler Center Update!

Now enrolling 3-24months



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL

**KIDS SUMMER
CARE 2025**

To register for please contact Michelle Wohlfarth at:
M.Wohlfarth@oursaviorsschoo.net



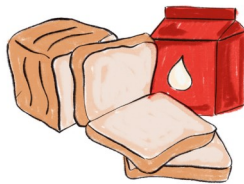
Teatime treat



Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ ↓ _____
2. H → ↑ → _____
3. V ↑ → ↓ _____
4. I ← ← ↑ _____
5. T ↑ ← ↑ _____
6. P ↑ → → ↓ _____
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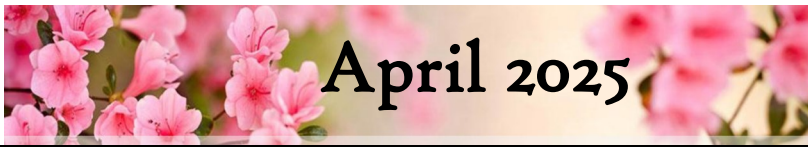
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us







_____ into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

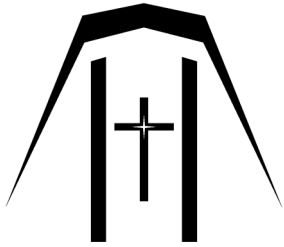
1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00 Manna, Office	2 5:30 Soup Supper @ OSLC 6:30 Lenten Service @ OSLC 6:30-8:00 MSYG	3 5:00 Wine Tasting Event @ Christ Lutheran	4	5
6 <i>World Hunger Sunday</i> 9:30 Worship 11:00 Confirmation, FR 6:30 HSYG	7	8 Manna will not meet	9 5:30 Soup Supper @ CLC 6:30 Lenten Service @ CLC	10 6:30 Audio and Livestream Training	11	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast
Preschool/Infant Spring Break will begin April 7 - April 11						
13  9:30 Worship, Preschool Sunday 10:30 Pancake Breakfast	14 <i>Preschool / Infant Center Resumes</i>	15 1:00 Manna, Office	16 2:00 Laundry Love 6:30 MSYG	17  Maundy Thursday 7pm Worship	18  Good Friday 7pm Worship Tenebrae Service of Darkness	19
20  8:00 @ North Beh w / CLC 10:00 Easter Service @ OSLC	21	22 1:00 Manna, Office	23 6:30 MSYG	24 6:30 Council Meeting	25	26
27 9:30 Worship	28	29 1:00 Manna, Office	30 6:30 MSYG		 <i>First Sunday of the month</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>  <i>Served every Sunday</i>



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