



The Lamplighter



Our Savior Lutheran Church - ELCA, Quincy, CA

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Labor of Love**
5/11 & 6/8
- **Mother's Day**
5/12
- **Pentecost Sunday**
5/19
- **Father's Day** 6/16



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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church Family,

Sometimes for no obvious reason, things we normally do without much effort, are harder than usual. That's where I'm at with this month's newsletter article. Thus, the delay in getting this edition out to you.

While I love the church seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, I also feel a sense of relief that at the end of May, we enter into "Ordinary Time" in the church year. "Ordinary" comes from the root, ordinal, which means "counted." We are counting the days in between the festival of Pentecost Sunday at the end of May and the festival of Christ the King Sunday at the end of November. This time is also known as "The Season after Pentecost," and our lectionary readings focus on the "Story of the people of God" or in other words, "The time of the church." This year (Year B from the rotation of years A, B, and C), our gospel lessons focus primarily on Mark, with some readings also from John.

As you may recall, Mark is believed to be the first gospel written (around 60 C.E.), and is closest to the time Jesus actually lived. According to the *Lutheran Study Bible*, the primary question Mark tries to answer for the people of his day is this, "If Jesus Christ did such wonderful things and has overcome death in his resurrection, why can things often be so bad for us today?" (Many folks are still asking this question.) The answer comes through focus on the cross and how we experience Jesus as the crucified Messiah. The gospel of Mark encourages those who are struggling with their faith to be steadfast and become more faithful disciples of Jesus. The *Lutheran Study Bible* says, "it is precisely in serving, in being last, even in dying for Christ's sake, that we discover the true meaning of life." So there you have it—no less than the answer to the ageless question of the meaning of life!

Together, during this "Ordinary Time," I hope we will all learn more about what it means to be a faithful disciple of Christ. Together, we are the body of Christ for the world, doing God's work with our hands, minds, words, and spirits. Let us bring light and love into the beautiful world God has created. In Jesus' name. Amen. May God bless each one of you.

-Pr. Kendrah

CALENDAR: MAY 2024

May is Mental Health Awareness month

- Wed. 5/1 Chair Yoga 11 am
- Sun. 5/5 6th Sunday of Easter
- Mon. 5/6 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 5/8 Chair Yoga 11 am
- Wed. 5/8 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm
- Thur. 5/9 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Thur. 5/9 Ascension of Our Lord
- Thur. 5/9 Women’s Cancer Support Group 6:30 pm
- Sat. 5/11 Labor of Love project 9 am to Noon**—meet at Pioneer Park
- Sun. 5/12 Mother’s Day / 7th Sunday of Easter**
- Mon. 5/13 Dress-a-Girl meets at OSLC 10 am to Noon
- Mon. 5/13 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 5/15 Chair Yoga 11 am
- Sun. 5/19 Pentecost Sunday** (Pr. Kendrah off, Dave preaches)
- Mon. 5/20 P.E.O. Women meet at OSLC Noon to 4 pm
- Mon. 5/20 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 5/22 Labor of Love Core group meets 5:30 pm
- Wed. 5/22 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm
- Thur. 5/23 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Sun. 5/26 Trinity Sunday
- Mon. 5/27 Memorial Day**
- Mon. 5/27 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 5/29 Chair Yoga 11 am



May Birthdays

Marty Walters 13

May Anniversaries

Kari O’Reilly & Dax Albrecht 1
 Toni & Tim Kelley 29
 Lori & Marvin Simpson 30

Men’s Coffee
 meets at Mid-
 town Coffee,
Mondays at 8
am.



CALENDER: JUNE 2024

June is LGBTQ+ Pride month

“Ordinary Time” or the “Season after Pentecost” in the church



- Sun. 6/2 Church Council meets 11 am
- Mon. 6/3 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 6/5 Chair Yoga 11 am
- Thur. 6/6 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Fri. 6/7—Sun. 6/9 Synod Assembly in Fresno
- Sat. 6/8 **Labor of Love project** 9 am to Noon—meet at Pioneer Park
- Thur. 6/9 Women’s Cancer Support Group 6:30 pm
- Mon. 6/10 Dress-a-Girl meets at OSLC 10 am to Noon
- Mon. 6/10 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 6/12 Chair Yoga 11 am
- Wed. 6/12 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm
- Sun. 6/16 Father’s Day**
- Mon. 6/17 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 6/19 Chair Yoga 11 am
- Thur. 6/20 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Mon. 6/24 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 6/26 Chair Yoga 11 am
- Wed. 6/26 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm



June Birthdays

Susan Donald	7
Heidi Belnap	11
Diana Howard	15
Gina Rock	15
Toni Kelley	22



June Anniversaries

None

Women’s Bible Study

Our current Bible Study from the Women of the ELCA’s *Gather* magazine is entitled, “Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith” by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith.



Dates and sessions are scheduled as follows:

5/9 and 5/23 Rivers—Through stories of biblical rivers, we receive a vision of flourishing creation.

6/6 and 6/20 Food—Our faithful stewardship of the earth includes paying attention to the ways we eat.

Financial Secretary's Report through April 12, 2024 by Karla Burnworth

Month	Regular Plate Offering	Hall Rental	Recycling & Refund	ELCA World Hunger	LWR Baby Kit Fund	Total
Jan.	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 193.00				\$ 2,133.00
Feb.	\$ 5,690.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 8.96			\$ 5,741.96
Mar.	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 37.68	\$ 15.40		\$ 24,617.08
Apr.	\$ 3,234.00	\$ 330.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 3,664.00
May						\$ -
June						\$ -
July						\$ -
Aug.						\$ -
Sep.						\$ -
Oct.						\$ -
Nov.						\$ -
Dec.						\$ -
Totals	\$ 35,364.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 46.64	\$ 15.40	\$ 100.00	\$ 36,156.04



God's Work, Our Hands Mission Project continues: Collection of Items for Baby Care Kits through Lutheran World Relief



Two lightweight cotton T-shirts



Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers



Two receiving blankets



One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap



Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred



Two pairs of socks



Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz.



Two diaper pins or large safety pins



One hand towel, dark color recommended

Please bring any of these items to the church or donate money toward shipping. Thank you!

Treasurer’s Report through March 2024 by Kathy Osher

GENERAL EXPENSES:		BUDGET-ED	January	February	March	YTD Spent	BAL-ANCE
	Bank Check Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Household Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	Insurance - State Farm	\$3,870.00	\$3,870.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,870.00	\$0.00
	Office Expenses (includes web domain)	\$1,500.00	\$159.68	\$133.35	\$77.10	\$370.13	\$1,129.87
	Sierra Conference	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
2.5% of regular offer-	Sierra Pacific Synod	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Registration for 2 people + Fresno hotel	Synod Assembly	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
	Taxes	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Worship Musician (\$65/ service)	\$4,225.00	\$195.00	\$455.00	\$585.00	\$1,235.00	\$2,990.00
	Worship Supplies	\$750.00	\$18.99	\$335.86	\$60.33	\$415.18	\$334.82
	Education Supplies (VBS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES		\$13,795.00	\$4,243.67	\$924.21	\$722.43	\$5,890.31	\$7,904.69
PASTOR COMPENSATION							
	Housing	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$3,750.00	\$11,250.00
	Salary (+\$6,967 Pastor's pre-tax) *	\$30,873.00	\$2,696.08	\$2,561.54	\$2,561.54	\$7,819.16	\$23,053.84
TOTAL PASTOR COMPENSATION		\$45,873.00	\$3,946.08	\$3,811.54	\$3,811.54	\$11,569.16	\$34,303.84
		\$52,840.00					\$6,967.00
PASTOR EXPENSES							
	Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mileage	\$1,200.00	\$12.46	\$116.58	\$15.41	\$144.45	\$1,055.55
(Health, Dental, Re-	ELCA Portico (includes Substitute Pastor	\$24,000.00	\$2,037.19	\$2,037.19	\$2,037.19	\$6,111.57	\$17,888.43
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PASTOR EXPENSES		\$25,200.00	\$2,049.65	\$2,153.77	\$2,052.60	\$6,256.02	\$18,943.98
UTILITIES							
	Electricity	\$900.00	\$100.13	\$133.92	\$122.24	\$356.29	\$543.71
	Garbage	\$250.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$66.00	\$184.00
	Heating	\$3,000.00	\$513.19	\$487.19	\$281.13	\$1,281.51	\$1,718.49
	Telephone & Internet	\$1,700.00	\$253.22	\$253.79	\$109.00	\$616.01	\$1,083.99
	Water & Sewer	\$750.00	\$63.84	\$63.84	\$63.84	\$191.52	\$558.48
TOTAL UTILITIES		\$6,600.00	\$952.38	\$960.74	\$598.21	\$2,511.33	\$4,088.67
TOTAL EXPENS-		\$91,468.00	\$11,191.78	\$7,850.26	\$7,184.78	\$26,226.82	\$65,241.18



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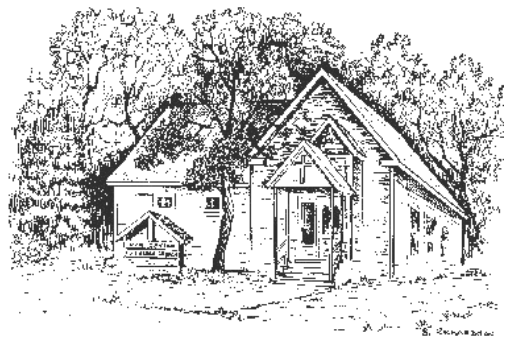
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Mission Statement: *We are a church family who worships together, serves our neighbors, and shares the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Theme Verse: **Isaiah 54:10:** *“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.”*



Does God Answer Prayer? By Lyn Walters

WHEN WE PRAY, GOD HEARS MORE THAN WE SAY, ANSWERS MORE THAN WE ASK, GIVES MORE THAN WE IMAGINE IN HIS OWN TIME AND IN HIS OWN WAY.

Last week, God answered a prayer very dear to my heart. He got my son a job, something I've been praying for, for ages. When I mentioned to my doctor in Reno that my son had finally found a job, She said, "Oh I just went through that with my son. I know how you feel. It was up and down, a rollercoaster of emotion for two whole months!" And I thought you don't know anything lady. Try living with your son unemployed for over two whole years.

When my son called me and told me he was working, I felt an overwhelming gratefulness to God. But the comment by my doctor left me thinking that for almost three years God didn't answer my prayer.

Whenever I get in the car, I pray that God will let me have a trip without incident. Well, last week a guy grazed my car. I praised God that it was so minor an incident but clearly God did not answer my original prayer.

We know that despite the prayers of good people, bad things happen to them. They lose loved ones to illness, accident, homicide, and war. Children die young; people are maimed for life.



Yet as believers, we still pray. And when we pray for daily things, God answers us just often enough to keep us praying; to keep us leaning on God. And that is the way He would have it.

That life is deeply challenging is a profound mystery. To live with hardship is the state of being alive on this planet. Prayer cannot alter this existential mystery. But leaning on God through daily prayer gives us a road through the carnage which is life.

By praying to God, we show our intention to live a life mindful of God. Prayer gives us the courage to become a warrior for Christ. It helps do the right, bright, and true thing when challenged by the powers and forces of this world. Keep praying!

Sometimes prayer moves the hand of God, and sometimes prayer changes the heart of the person who is praying.