



The Good Word October 2023

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From the Pastor

On the bookshelf by my desk at home, I have various Bibles and study aids. One of my favorites is *The Parallel New Testament*, which offers eight translations and versions of the texts. Sometimes, the word choices of one translation feel like a stumbling block to understanding a passage, but another translation chooses a different word, and the proverbial light clicks on over my head.

I've found that no single translation or version is always helpful for me. I like the modern language of *The Message*, but I find it lacking for many of the more lyrical texts, like the Psalms. On Christmas Eve, I like to hear that the shepherds were "sore afraid," as the King James Version puts it, because it reminds me of watching the Charlie Brown Christmas special every year. While that might seem a silly reason to prefer a translation, I find that many of us have some kind of emotional connection to a particular passage in a particular translation, and it's often because we're used to hearing it in those words since our childhood.

There's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to the words we use to read about, sing about, or speak about God. That's one reason we occasionally change the liturgy music and words, and it's why we offer two versions of the Lord's Prayer each week.

We also change the liturgy to reflect the changing of the church year seasons or particular festivals.

As always, I welcome your feedback about worship matters and am happy to talk to you about how those choices are made.

Pastor Sue

Worship Updates

Sunday worship is at 10 am. This service is live-streamed on Facebook. The video, as well as worship materials, can be found on our website, oslc-seaside.org. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

Texts for October:

1: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Texts: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

8: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Texts: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

15: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Texts: Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

22: Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Texts: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

29: Reformation Sunday

Texts: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Important Note for Ushers and Worship Assistants

Following worship on **Sunday, October 1**, we will have a brief meeting for Ushers and Worship Assistants. We will gather in the sanctuary. Updated Usher and Worship Assistant instructions will be distributed and this will be a time for questions or concerns you may have about serving in this capacity.

Getting to Know You

This is the first in what we hope will be a long series of articles that will help us get to know each other better. Our thanks to Karen Tye for being willing to offer her gifts in this way.

Richard Rasmussen attends the Ecumenical Bible Class that I do, so he seemed like a likely candidate for me to interview. Fortunately he agreed so if you haven't already got to know him I hope this will entice you to make to make his acquaintance.

Richard has been attending Our Saviour's Lutheran for a few years and spent most of his life in Oregon, mainly near Astoria. A college education took him to Pacific Lutheran College where he majored in Education and upon graduation became a grade school teacher. In time, the lure of "something more" took him to Trinity Lutheran College and from there to Nepal where from 1989 to 1998 he taught the children of missionary parents serving there.

Moving back to Oregon, Richard moved to his grandparent's farm where he now raises twenty head of cattle, tends a vegetable garden, and renovates the "antique" house. When it is berry season, you will find him enjoying a favorite past-time, making delicious jelly and jam.

Have a cup of coffee with Richard, I know you will enjoy making a new friend.

Karen Tye

Small Groups

Quilters meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am. See Claudia Halliburton if you are interested. ***NO sewing experience necessary!***

Book Group will meet on Thursday, October 19 at 7 pm on Zoom to discuss . They will be reading *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto. See Pastor Sue if you're interested.

Prayer Shawl team meets on the **second Thursday**, October 12, at 1 pm, in the West Hall. See Becky Nelson for more information.

Girls' Movie Matinee will meet on Friday, October 20 at 1 pm in the East Hall. See Mary Kemhus for more information.

Happy Birthday to:

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| 1 | Teresa Ford | 10 | John Woerndle |
| 2 | Lori Blake | 11 | Paul Heibel |
| 8 | Tim Irvin | 20 | Linda Sugano |
| 9 | Myrna Henry | 23 | Rob Bjornstad |



Office Request

If you have completed your Funeral Planning information forms that were put in your mailboxes earlier this year, please return them to the church office. Those will be kept in your file in the office. We can make copies if you would like to keep one at home. Thank you!



We're looking for some helping hands for some projects around the church.

Are you handy with a camera, even if it's the one on your phone? Are you comfortable asking people if you can take their picture? Do you know how to go about getting pictures printed, or are willing to learn? We need someone to help take pictures for the church directory, family tree, and Council Corner, and keep them updated as people come and go. See Pastor Sue for information.

Do you enjoy creating order out of chaos? How do you feel about boxes covered in dust, filled with who knows what kinds of paperwork? Does the thought of creating an organizational system sound like the kind of thing you'd enjoy? We're looking for a team of people to help with our church archives and records. Over the course of the next few months, we'll have a few workdays where we spend a few hours digging through the piles of paper that a congregation collects over the decades, and creating a system to properly store our congregation's archives. See Pastor Sue for information.

South County Food Bank

We have a year-round collection for the Food Bank. For October, we are collecting canned yams, canned pumpkin, and evaporated milk.

Please leave your donations in the bin in the front entry hall.

Church Council Update

Beginning in October, the Church Council will move their monthly meetings to the second Monday of the month. This will better allow information from the meetings to appear in the upcoming newsletters.

Just scatter little deeds of love as you pass along your way,
And sweet flowers of grace and beauty will spring up day by day.
Just give a sunny smile and speak a cheery word,
And the joy of helping others will bring its own reward.
Just remember all the blessings which fall in gentle shower,
And share them with your neighbors to the utmost of your power;
Just seek to be a sunbeam –
Shine the whole year through –
The joy of blessing others will be joy enough for you.

From "Forget-Me-Not"
Augsburg Publishing House 1910(?)

I may have aches,
I may have pains,
But thanks to God
I have my brain.

I still can think,
I still can rhyme,
And it make sense,
Some of the time.

Submitted by Jeanne Nordmark,
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