



The Good Word March 2024

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From the Pastor

Last month, I took a few days of time away for a study retreat. I enjoyed having some quiet time for rest and study before the beginning of Lent. This month, I want to share with you a few nuggets of wisdom I came across during my retreat.

A quote from the author Alice Walker: "Anybody can observe the Sabbath, but making it holy surely takes the rest of the week."

Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, writing about Leviticus 19:18, which she calls the heart of Torah (the teachings of God): "The most important act of spiritual service that you can do is to love other people with all the compassion and engagement that you would wish someone else to offer you, that you would offer to yourself."

The Rev. Tish Harrison Warren, an Anglican priest, in her wonderful book *Prayer in the Night*, writes: "Our task is to take up practices where we name, with utter honesty, the brokenness of the world and the promise of what's to come."

In her new book of blessings, *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day*, Kate Bowler writes: "It's the strangest phenomenon and one all understand because we have seen it up close. The more we love...then the more we love. There is no scarcity in love. There is a scarcity of time and resources, yes, but love grows and grows."

As a few of you know, I'm a fan of Kate Bowler's writings in general. The epigraph of her new book is one of my favorite quotes: "Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid." (Frederick Buechner)

What nugget of wisdom have you come across recently? Drop a note in the basket on my door, send me an email or text. I'd love to hear it!

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 March:

3: Third Sunday in Lent
Texts: Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

10: Fourth Sunday in Lent
Texts: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

17: Fifth Sunday in Lent
Texts: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

24: Palm/Passion Sunday
Texts: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

31: Easter
Texts: Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

South County Food Bank

We have a year-round collection for the Food Bank. For March we are collecting canned fruit, pork & beans, soup, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, syrup, pancake mix. Please leave your donations in the bin in the front entry hall.

New Church Council for 2024

At the Annual Meeting of the church, the following members were elected to serve on the church council for 2024.

President - Jay Blake
President Elect - Vacant
Treasurer - Debbie Walter
Secretary - Tami Olson

Team Liaisons for the year are **Education:** Jay Blake, **Hospitality:** Michael Barnet and Becky Nelson, **Outreach:** Tami Olson, **Property:** Mary Kemhus, **Small Groups:** Julia Fanning, **Social Ministry:** Mitzi Loukkula, **Stewardship:** Cathy Peinhardt, **Worship and Music:** Pastor Sue

Please pray for them as they serve in their positions for this coming year.



Friendly Reminder for the Colder Months

It's that time of year! Help us practice good stewardship of our resources by keeping doors throughout the building closed when rooms are not in use. If you turn a thermostat up, please turn it back down when you leave.

Happy Birthday to:

- 5 Steve Larkins
- 12 Jim Moyer
- 30 Jackson Bassett

Happy Anniversary to:

- 14 Steve & Kelly Larkins



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 March 21 at 7 pm, on Zoom. See Pastor Sue for more information.

Prayer Shawl team meets on the **second Thursday**, March 14, at 1 pm, in the West Hall. See Becky Nelson for more information.

Girls' Movie Matinee will meet on March 15 at 1:00 pm in the West Hall.

Getting to Know You

Last Sunday I had a delight full time visiting with Lorri Trucke who has been an active member of OSLC after leaving San Diego where she was born and raised. She has a son, Rich, who was baptized here at Our Saviour's, and lives in Seaside with his wife and eight year old son. Until retiring in 2022 Lorri owned and managed a gas and convenience store on Highway 101.



One of my favorite subjects when interviewing for GETTING TO KNOW YOU is 'what makes you YOU?' After a short pause Lorri said, "I like to travel and be in or around water and my favorite trip was to Portugal"—her ancestral home, Funchal, Madeira Island. Before long my head was swimming with film style pictures of Lorri and her 72 year old Aunt Isabel hiking up a very steep hill to the house her grandfather had lived in—complete with a stone oven in the wall and grandfathers bedroom with a tiny Bible on the bed side table and an old cross hanging above the bed. What a wonderful step back in history to savor!

A tour guide recommended by Lorri's hair dresser in Seaside told her about a replica of the Santa Maria that toured around the island and would allow her and her sister to jump off and swim in the indigo blue water of the Atlantic then climb a 30 foot rope ladder to get aboard. Not an easy job but worth the swim. Needless to say, she looks forward to returning some day. This summer, however, she will stay a little closer to home and visit some of the states she has not seen. Happy travels, Lorri!

Blessings,
Karen Y. Tye

Our Saviour's Easter Cross

The beautiful floral Easter Cross is a long-standing tradition at Our Saviour's. The striped trunk of a Christmas tree is used for a Cross during Lent, as a Lenten reminder, then transformed into the Easter Cross on Easter morning to celebrate Resurrection Day.

This does not just "happen" but takes many hands and lots of work. We have had a faithful small group working on this each year. Our trusty group is getting smaller. This year especially, we need more help. If you have any flowers, blooming trees, we need them. If you have time to help place the flowers on the cross, we need you. **Flowers** can be dropped off Friday, March 29th, or Saturday March 30th by 10 am. If no one is at the church please leave them on the front porch, in front of the office door. **Assembling the Cross** will begin Saturday, March 30th at 10 am. It usually takes an hour or two depending on how many volunteers show up. No real "skill" is needed, just a willingness to help and have a good time. If you have questions please call Terri, 503-791-0602.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of or in honor of someone special, please pick up an order form, fill it out and return with payment to the church office by Sunday, March 3.

