



The Good Word May 2024

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 320 1st Avenue, Seaside, Oregon (503) 738-6791

From the Pastor

On Sunday, May 19, we will welcome seven people as members of the congregation. Ben and Linda Benjamin, Kam and Dave Padlina, and Jeanne Hyatt will be joining as voting members of the congregation. Lynn Wadnizak and David Sweeney are joining as associate members.

What's the difference between voting and associate membership? All of them have expressed a desire to participate in the life and mission of our congregation. Voting members have voting privileges at called meetings of the congregation, may serve on Church Council, and may serve as delegates to Synod Assembly. Associate members typically hold membership in another congregation, where they would have those privileges.

When I meet with them to discuss membership, I often tell people that membership is making commitment to being a part of a community of believers. They make a commitment to being part of *us*, and *we* make a commitment to *them*. Just as they commit to living out their baptismal promises in the community, the community promises to support and pray for the new members.

Every time we welcome new members, both the gifts and the needs of the congregation shift. Sometimes they shift in obvious ways, sometimes in ways that are more subtle, as new ideas, new understandings, new questions arise. How we navigate those changes is a part of the way we offer grace to each other, a part of the way we practice peace within the walls of the building.

My favorite part of the ritual is the promise all of us make at the end: **"Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world."** It's a reminder that we are all part of the Body of Christ, with a shared hope and mission.

Welcome to our new members!

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 May:

5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

12: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

19: Pentecost

Texts: Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

28: The Holy Trinity

Texts: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Getting to Know You

When do you know you are in a church as opposed to any other building? What makes it different, even feel different and sound different? For most of us I'm sure its when we see a large cross or the altar. These are permanent structures, but at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church there are many things that change in the course of a year. Most obvious are the banners and the color of the altar cloth, not to mention the spotlessly clean area. And on Sundays we have music; the selection of which changes according to the church season and the sermon topic.

Who knows about all this and takes care of it? At OSLC it's the Worship and Music Committee, of which Dennis Allwein is a dedicated member.

Dennis was raised in Modesto, California, learned to play the trombone in the fourth grade and went to Lutheran Bible School. He joined the Navy in 1963, and served on the troop ship USNS Weigel in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Johnston Island for a total of six years.

Upon returning to civilian life Dennis recalls, with great satisfaction, being a scout master from 1980 to 1989 and continuing his education at PLU. Majoring in English and history led to teaching, but that did not suit him. A better fit was at Central Lutheran Church in Portland where for 18 years he was their sacristan. A move to Seaside brought him to our church, which he joined in 2010, plus giving him the opportunity to participate in three local music groups that he happily gives many hours of practice. Seeing this as an opportunity to promote the first concerts this year, he wanted you to know:

Cannon Beach Chorus at Seaside Methodist Church, April 26 at 7:00 pm

North Coast Chorale at the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts, May 17 at 4:00 pm
and at the Methodist Church in Nehalem, May 5 at 3:00 pm

Cascade Opera has yet to set a date.

For more information ask Dennis. By the way, if you enjoy that morning cup of coffee at Bible Study, Dennis is the one to thank!

Blessings, Karen Y. Tye

Happy Birthday to:

5 Jacob Bassett	16 Doug Sugano
7 Ben Olson	18 Kelly Larkins
8 Jeannette Knispel	18 Jeremy Stevenson
8 Lyn D'Amelio	21 Mitzi Loukkula
8 Fischer Stevenson	26 Al Peinhardt
9 Claudia Halliburton	29 Dennis Allwein
9 Chris Layeux	29 Judy Garrett

Happy Anniversary to:

23 Pastor Sue & Tim Irvin
23 Susan & Chris Layeux
26 Becky & Phil Nelson



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 May 23 at 7 pm, on Zoom. This month they are reading *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. See Pastor Sue for more information.

Prayer Shawl team meets on the **second Thursday**, May 9, at 1 pm, in the West Hall. See Becky Nelson for more information.

Girls' Movie Matinee will resume in the Fall.

Musical Opportunity

Are you interested in playing in Our Saviour's Handbell Choir? Please sign up on the sheet located on the white board in the East Hall or talk with our Music Director, Beth Adee.



South County Food Bank

We have a year-round collection for the Food Bank. For May we are collecting canned fruit, pork & beans, soup, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, syrup, and pancake mix. Please leave your donations in the bin in the front entry hall. For updates on needed items, please watch the Sunday bulletins.

Parking Reminders

Parking on Sunday morning in the church lot (west side of building) is **free** for all attending worship. If you are staying downtown after worship, don't forget to park in a "church parking only" spot and display a church parking tag on your dash.

Spots marked "church parking only" are available for member use anytime. Green tags to hang off your rearview mirror can be picked up in the entry area.

