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Hello Church –

As the Church moves from Easter to Jesus' Ascension, and into the Season of Pentecost, we receive an annual reminder that the risen Christ does not abandon His people. Instead, He prepares and sends His Church into the world with hope, purpose, and power.



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Forty days following His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven in the presence of His disciples and, at first glance, His ascension may seem like a departure or farewell. Yet Scripture teaches something far greater... Jesus ascends not to leave us behind, but to reign over all things for the sake of His Church. Paul writes in Ephesians 1:21 that God seated Christ, *"far above all rule and authority and power and dominion..."* This means that our Savior now intercedes for us, governs His Church, and promises that He is still with us always.

The disciples likely felt uncertain as they watched Jesus ascend. What would happen next? How would they continue His mission? They were ordinary people – fishermen, tax collectors, and former doubters. Yet Jesus entrusted them with the Gospel. Before ascending, He told them in Acts 1:8, *"You will be my witnesses..."* That promise was fulfilled at Pentecost. Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples with wind and fire – and once fearful followers became bold preachers. The message of Christ crucified and risen spread across languages, nations, and cultures.

Join Us for Sunday Worship! In person or YouTube live. Traditional Service at 8:30 AM, Contemporary Service at 10:30 AM. Watch anytime on YouTube at www.youtube.com/@SOSLutheran **Wednesday Bible Study** in person or online via Zoom at 10 AM Zoom Meeting ID: 854 2429 7034 Passcode: 487951

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Attendance for April

	Trad	YT	Cont	YT*
4/2 Maundy Thurs			26	NA
4/3 Good Friday			44	5
4/5	40	3	94	7
4/12	14	1	41	4
4/19	19		49	3
4/26	15	NA	46	NA

*YT YouTube number of devices online, not number of people.

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Pentecost reminds us that the Church does not live by human strength or cleverness. The Church lives by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God and the Sacraments. The same Spirit poured out at Pentecost continues to call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole Christian Church today.

This season also reminds us of our own calling as disciples. We sometimes imagine discipleship as something reserved for pastors, missionaries, or Bible scholars. Yet every baptized believer is called to follow Christ faithfully in daily life. Discipleship is most effective in ordinary places: homes, workplaces, schools, hospitals, and neighborhoods. It happens whenever and wherever Christians pray, serve, forgive, encourage, and speak the hope of Christ to others.

The ascended Lord still works through His people – sending us into the world not alone, but strengthened by His Spirit. We may feel inadequate at times, just as the first disciples surely did. But Pentecost teaches us that God delights in using ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things through His grace.

As we celebrate Ascension and Pentecost, may we lift our eyes to the reigning Christ, open our hearts to the Spirit's work, and renew our commitment to lives of faithful discipleship. The risen and ascended Lord continues to guide His Church – and He continues to send us out in His name.

iGg,



Pastor Steve

Guardian Angel Update

Thank you to the angels who signed up in support of our confirmands. We would like to have two angels per student. If there are three more people willing to help, we'd much appreciate it. Contact Kurt or Melissa for details.



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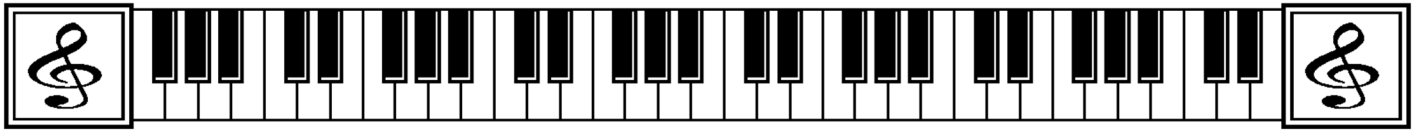
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A Joyful Noise

June is a month filled with celebration, sunshine, and reminders of the relationships that help shape our lives. As we gather together in worship, we also celebrate Father's Day and reflect on the incredible gift of our Heavenly Father. His love is constant, His guidance is faithful, and His presence is always near.

This month, we are excited to introduce two songs that beautifully point us back to the foundation of our faith and the depth of God's love:

In Christ Alone

A powerful declaration of the hope, strength, and security we have in Jesus. This song reminds us that no matter what life brings, our foundation remains firm in Christ alone.

How He Loves Us

An uplifting reflection on the overwhelming and unconditional love God pours out on His children. It encourages us to rest in the truth that we are deeply known and fully loved by Him.

Father's Day can remind us of many things — gratitude, memories, guidance, and love. It also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the relationship we have with our Heavenly Father. Just as strong relationships grow through time, trust, communication, and presence, our relationship with God grows when we spend time with Him in worship, prayer, Scripture, and quiet moments of reflection.

Our Heavenly Father invites us to come to Him with every joy, every burden, every celebration, and every question. He is patient, faithful, loving, and always ready to meet us where we are. What an incredible reason to worship with joy.

As we move through this cheerful summer season, may our worship continue to grow deeper and stronger. Let us sing boldly, love generously, and celebrate the unshakable relationship we have with the Father who calls us His own.

Make a joyful noise this June and let every song remind you just how deeply you are loved.



STEWARDSHIP = TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, AND PRAYER

Stewardship Notes – June

I had originally thought I would talk about Talents this month and remind members that, in the past, the Stewardship Committee had requested that everyone complete a questionnaire indicating various areas of the Church's Mission where you would be willing to be involved. Putting this on hold for now. Instead, in my role as Treasurer, I need to focus on another of the three T's = Treasures.

As you can see from the chart in the Treasurer's Report, we are continuing to fall further behind in our offerings, and this is particularly concerning as we move into the summer months where giving has traditionally lagged. Unfortunately, our bills do not take a vacation, particularly our electric bill. I know that I am asking a lot as your own costs have increased, but could you prayerfully consider giving an additional offering this month and keeping your offerings current when you go on vacation this summer? Anything that you can do to help close this gap will be appreciated.

In His Service,
Kurt Anderson

Treasurer's Update

Offerings Through April 30th

	Giving Year-To-Date	Budget Year-To-Date	Plus/(Minus)
Offering Envelopes	\$74,312.00	\$83,250.00	(\$8,938.00)
Loose Offerings	\$1,442.59	\$4,995.00	(\$3,552.41)
Electronic Offerings	\$8,364.05	\$4,995.00	\$3,369.05
TOTAL	\$84,118.64	\$93,240.00	(\$9,121.36)

At any time, if you have any questions regarding the church's finances, please contact me at treasurer@soslutheran.org or by texting me at 909-553-3070.

Peace,
Kurt Anderson

Happy Birthday to . . .

3 -Shelby Corey	27 – Kay Mullen
4 – Abby Brossia	29 – Matthew Ball
4 – Lorna Kenney	29 – Bob Bell
10- Richard Tomasso	
11 – Marian Marshall	
12 – Raven Cervantes	
12 – Shirley Nelson	
21 - Melani Rivera	
22 – Eric Tomasso	
23 – Shannon Williams	

**Happy Anniversary to . . .**

18 – Dick & Martha Brossia
19 – Robert and Lois Ellinger
22 – Pastor Steve & Arlea Anderson
24 – Edward “Bud” & Megan (Schmitz) Waldner

Congregational Household Prayer list for June

Week 1: Richard & Lisa Gutierrez; BreeAnna Hale; Rebecca Hofflund; Bill & Tracy Hubbard, John & Susan Jay

Week 2: Rod & Jenny Jones; Rich & Amy Kamiyama; Lorna Kenney; Chris & Joan Knowles

Week 3: Kathy Langer, Marian Marshall, Gigi Meltzer, Ethel Mohler; Kay Mullen

Week 4: Emelie Neher, Ed & Chris Neighbors; Shirley Nelson; Bob & Margaret Nilson; Eric & Heather Ogaz; Benton & Orine Paine



Women of the Church News (WELCA) BY MELISSA ANDERSON

Special thoughts that were recently shared by a pastor friend. "Fast from hurting words. Say kind words. Fast from sadness. Be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger. Be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism. Be filled with hope. Fast from worries. Trust in God. Fast from complaints. Contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures. Be prayerful. Fast from bitterness. Fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness. Be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges. Be reconciled. Fast from words. Be silent so you can listen .

MARY BIBLE STUDY GROUP – We meet on the second Thursday of the month from **10:00 - 11:30 A.M. or so), but this month we will again meet at Shirley Nelson's house, 28317 Carriage Hill Drive in Highland (June 11th)**. Turn onto Surrey Lane from Highland Avenue, take the first right and the street will wind around to Shirley's house. The Summer 2026 Bible Study begins with the lesson "I Am: Worthy," Session One: I am created in God's Image (no matter what anyone says) by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. In this study participants share what things they admire or love about themselves. This is important because we have been trained not to talk about ourselves like this. It could be a challenge. Our goal is to understand how scripture reflects life-giving, affirming messages of our inherent goodness, whereas the negative, diminishing messages that often come from society can deny that God-given goodness. We will study Genesis, 1Timothy, and Ephesians. The study is from Gather Magazine and copies are duplicated for you, so you do not have to have the magazine to participate. Come join us for Bible Study, fellowship, a cup of coffee and a snack.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD BIBLE STUDY GROUP – This group meets the 4th Thursday from **10:00 – 11:30 in the library (June 25th)**. If we complete The Pharisee and the Tax Collector from Luke 18:9-14 in May, we will move onto the Parable of The Rich Fool from Luke 12:13-21 in June. The lesson is from the book Parables: The Greatest Story Ever Told by John White. Copies of the lesson are duplicated so you do not have to have the book to come and join us for Bible Study, fellowship, and a cup of coffee.

REBECCA QUILTING GROUP – This group meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday from **10 – 3 in the Parish Hall (June 4th & 18th)**. If you wish, bring something to share for lunch, though it is not required. This is an important fellowship where we make different kinds of quilts for those in need as social outreach that benefits a local veteran's hospital in Loma Linda and raises money for Lutheran Social Services of Southern California. Even if you have never quilted before, we invite you to join us and learn something new to help others as there are many different tasks to be done to complete each quilt. Come and stay for as long as your schedule allows.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP – We meet weekly from **10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the library and via Zoom**. We are continuing our study during Pentecost on the Re-

vised Common Lectionary A, which involves reading the scripture and discussing important questions. Pastor Steve sends out information in an e-mail at the beginning of each study week. If you are not already on the list, let him know so you can be included. Also, copies of the lesson are available on the day of the study. I invite you to join us for the study led by Pastor Steve. If you want to join via Zoom the Meeting ID is 854-2429-7034 and the Passcode is 487951 for the study.

EVENTS / SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES / INFORMATION

***San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus (formerly known as Central City Lutheran Mission or CCLM)** – They are allowing churches to become involved, which includes cooking and serving dinner. We provide bottled water. Watch for more details.

***Triennial Gathering** is July 16 – 19, 2026, in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme is "I Am Worthy" from Psalm 139:14 which says, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." This is a reminder of God's promise to always be with us. By repeating the phrase "I am worthy," we can recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. Scholarships are available. Any questions, ask Viola Angebrandt or me and watch for more information.

****Special Outreach Opportunity** – Once again I will be running in the 5K (3.1 miles) Run, Walk 'n' Roll (people in wheelchairs are pushed) at the Triennial Gathering. This is an effort to support The Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls Health Initiative. The work of this initiative continues to keep us focused on the heart of the emotional, spiritual, and physical wellbeing of women and girls. If you want more information or would like to financially support me, please let me know.

***Fall Synodical Convention** this year will be November 6-7 at Good Shepherd Lutheran, 7082 Crescent Avenue, Buena Park. Watch for details in the coming months.

***Check Out These On-line Sites:** Pacifica Synod Notes and Newsletter and Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA Pacifica Partners are both available on Facebook. You may also email questions to the Pacifica WELCA President's e-mail at welca@verizon.net

Questions or Need More Information – Contact Melissa Anderson at 909-213-1059 or e-mail at custernut@aol.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/1 M	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Dance, PH
6/2 Tu		Mary's Table
		Polls Open, PH
6/3 W	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study, L/Z
6/4 Th	10:00 a.m.	Rebecca Quilt Group, PH
6/6 Sa	6:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast setup, PH
	7:00 a.m.	WPNA Pancake Breakfast, PH
6/7 Su	8300 a.m.	Traditional Worship, S/YT
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, S/YT
	1:00 p.m.	HKBP, S/PH
6/8 M	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Dance, PH
6/9 Tu		Mary's Table
	5:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee, Z
	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Cheer, PH
6/10 W	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study, L/Z
6/11 Th	10:00 a.m.	Mary Study Group, Shirley's
6/13 Sa	9:00 AM	My eWaste Recycling, PL
6/14 Su	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, S/YT
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, S/YT
	12:30 p.m.	Church Council, IMCR
	1:00 p.m.	HKBP, S/PH
6/15 M	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Dance, PH
6/16 Tu	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Cheer, PH
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leaders, IMCR
6/17 W	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study, L/Z
6/18 Th	10:00 a.m.	Rebecca Quilt Group, PH
6/19 F		HKBP Wedding, S/PH

6/20 Sa	9:00 a.m.	Synod A-Zoom-bly, Z
6/21 Su		Father's Day
	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, S/YT
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, S/YT
	1:00 p.m.	HKBP, S/PH
6/22 M	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Dance, PH
6/23 Tu	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Cheer, PH
6/24 W	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study, L/Z
6/25 Th	10:00 a.m.	Light of the World, L
6/28 Su	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, S/YT
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, S/YT
	1:00 p.m.	HKBP, S
6/29 M	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Dance, PH
6/30 Tu		Mary's Table
	5:15 p.m.	Young Champions Cheer, PH

IMCR: Irma Miller Conference Room

L: Library

PH: Parish Hall

PL: Parking Lot

S: Sanctuary

Shirley's: 28317 Carriage Hill Dr, Highland

WPNA: Wildwood Park Neighborhood Association

YT: YouTube

Z: Zoom

My eWaste is back in the church parking lot on Saturday, June 13 from 9 AM to noon. Bring your old TVs, computer equipment, etc. for proper disposal. The congregation receives a small portion back based on weight.



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