



OCTOBER 2017

# RESURRECTION TIMES

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## Pastor's Notes

*from Pastor Brad Stienstra*

Longtime LCR member Paul Coulter invites me on periodic kayak outings, during which I'm pretty sure he does his best to kill me! That may be a slight overstatement, but at the very least he tries to beat me up badly. We paddle around for what seems like hours on these arranged tours of the local harbors, and while the company is good and the scenery never fails to hold my interest, it is always exhausting work. By the time he leads us back to dry land and the adventure for that day comes to an end, I barely have enough strength left to load the boat back on the top of my car.

I'm sure I would have more questions about the value of participating in these trips were it not for the reward that follows. We convoy over to his favorite pizza parlor and indulge ourselves with delicious food and a shared pitcher of a cool, refreshing adult beverage. Sometimes, the thought of that pleasant meal is all that keeps me going during the workout portion of the day. Knowing what I can look forward to after we have completed our exertions is enough to sustain the effort required to get to that point.

Perhaps you have similar feelings about the length of the call process we are in. I'm sure many of you hoped that, by now, you would not have to be listening to my ramblings because a new pastor would be in place. Probably nobody thought I would even come close to completing the one-year interim contract period. But let me assure you, the leader of the church, our good and gracious God, is not attempting to kill you or even beat you up during this sometimes-trying experience. Yes, it can seem exhausting, but after finishing all the tedious chores required before we can get to the end of the journey, there will be a wonderful reward. By exercising due diligence now, the call committee members will be confident that when they present a name for your approval, you will get just the right pastor for LCR's needs. So be patient and don't worry. When that moment finally arrives, you will find it well worth the wait!

### Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, November 12, there will be a single 10:00 a.m. worship service, immediately followed by our annual congregational meeting.

### Pacifica Synod Candidates

If you are interested in serving on the Pacifica Synod Assembly Committee, please contact Pastor Brad for more information.

### Church Council

We are seeking members who have an interest in serving on Church Council beginning in 2018. Please contact Pastor Brad if you are interested or would like more information.

### First Communion

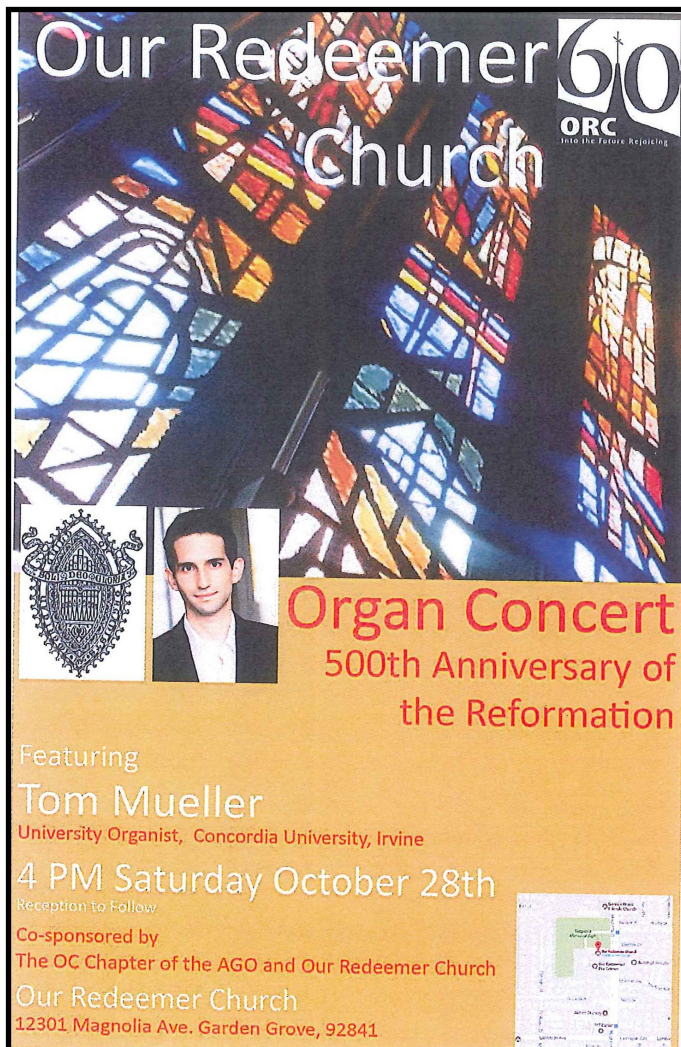
There will be two classes in preparation for first communion for those in grade 5 or older, who have not already received instruction. Classes will take place Monday, October 2, and Monday, October 16, at 4:30 p.m. If you'd like more information, please contact the church office. First communion for the students will be received on Sunday, October 29, at the 10:00 service.

**The next newsletter deadline is Monday, October 23—Please submit articles to [lcr17@verizon.net](mailto:lcr17@verizon.net)**

## October Preschool News

We are back in full swing here at RLP. October is lots of fun for young children. We are making colorful fall leaves at the art table, taking walks around the campus to pick up different types of leaves that have fallen to the ground, talking about the seasons and, of course, preparing for Halloween. We will have parties and parades, and the children will get to dress up and pretend to be someone else. Children of preschool age are still learning about “pretend” and make-believe. It is fine for them to dress up and be a scary monster, a princess, or a superhero. Just one of many joys of childhood.

We have lots of fundraising events happening this month! First, our Fall Festival will be on Monday, October 30. We are so thrilled about this fun event—there will be so many exciting things to do that evening. We will have a petting zoo, bounce house, pumpkin patch, face painting, trunk or treat, bake sale, and oh-so-much more! And, if fall festivals aren't your thing but you would still like to help support our preschool, we will be sponsoring a “Mixed Bag Design” sale during the first two weeks of the month. Catalogs and order forms are available in the church office if you would like to get a head start on your Christmas shopping. This company has a ton of great things to offer, from re-useable bags to home goods, and the preschool gets to keep 50% of the proceeds. Our final fundraiser this month will be our dinner night out at our favorite BBQ house, Newport Rib Company. Come have dinner with us on Monday October 23. We truly appreciate all of your support; fundraisers allow our school to keep updated with all of the new learning materials! Happy fall to you all!



The poster features a background image of a colorful stained glass window. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'ORC 60' with the tagline 'Into the Future Rejoicing'. Below the main title, there is a portrait of Tom Mueller and a small crest. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, providing all necessary details for the event.

**Our Redeemer Church** **60**  
ORC  
Into the Future Rejoicing

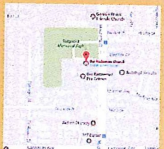
**Organ Concert**  
500th Anniversary of  
the Reformation

Featuring  
**Tom Mueller**  
University Organist, Concordia University, Irvine

**4 PM Saturday October 28th**  
Reception to Follow

Co-sponsored by  
The OC Chapter of the AGO and Our Redeemer Church

Our Redeemer Church  
12301 Magnolia Ave. Garden Grove, 92841



### **SAVE THE DATE** **October 31, 2017**

*Looking Back and Called Forward:  
ELCA 500*

*An event commemorating the  
500th anniversary of the Reformation*

Please plan to join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Tuesday, October 31, as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The event, which will include speakers and a service, will be at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Bishop Eaton will be joined by co-hosts Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice-President Bill Horne and Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod Bishop Dick Graham.

The event is open to the public and will be available online via livestream. All are invited to participate and honor the Reformation anniversary as we bear public witness to Christ, who frees us to love and serve our neighbor, and as we look to the future to which God is calling us.



The Japanese Ministry held their Memorial Worship for All People on September 17

We enjoyed a beautiful morning at the beach on "God's Work. Our Hands." Day



## What's New with YOUTH? October 2017



High School Youth volunteering at Luther Glen Farm for "God's Work, Our Hands", September 2017

We have hit the ground running coming into this new school year! We began our September heading up to Luther Glen Farm to lend a hand for "God's Work. Our Hands." weekend. We kicked off our normal meetings during the week of September 11, recapping our summers and collecting ideas of what we might want to do this year. Members of our Synod High School Leadership Team met to plan the High School Synod Leadership Retreat, coming this November at El Camino Pines. Kids' Club and our new "Little Kids' Club" groups began biweekly meetings on September 18, with a great turnout for our first time having a youth group opportunity for grades K-2. Our high school group hosted a Family Promise dinner toward the end of September, enjoying a meal and playing games with the families. We have

some changes in meeting days and times, with our high school youth now meeting on Monday nights, from 7-8:30 p.m., and our middle school youth meeting Tuesdays, from 6-7:30 p.m.

**On the horizon**...we are looking forward to Family Apple Picking in Oak Glen on October 8 following the 10 a.m. service, and our Community Fall Festival on **(note change of date)** Monday, October 30, 5-7 p.m. We have a busy year ahead of us, full of faith, fellowship and fun! Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our ministries!

### Apple-Picking in Oak Glen

Join us for another opportunity to build relationships within our congregation and enjoy fun fall festivities! Next Sunday, October 8, immediately following the 10:00 service we will head out to Oak Glen for an afternoon of apple picking, cider-making, botanical gardens, lunch and more! Please contact Jamie Buffkin at [lcryouthhb@gmail.com](mailto:lcryouthhb@gmail.com), or call the church office if you would like to join us!

### Joy's Book Club

Joy's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 3, at 2:00 p.m., in T. Hall. Please bring the book you selected at the book exchange and be prepared to relate your opinion of that book. Also bring any other books you want for the book exchange table. Hope to see you there. Questions? Call Gail Perkins at 949.548.1044 or 949.400.6174.





## CCN Updates – October 2017

- Cheers to friends one and all! **Fall has come and Oktoberfest is here!** It's time to celebrate with brats, pretzels and beer! Join us Saturday, October 7 at 5:00pm. You must have reserved your spot to attend.
- **Nordic Pole Walking! Our next educational seminar is Thursday, October 19 at 11:30am.** There's nothing like a good brisk walk to feel energized and alive; however, common health problems, as well as just feeling older and more tired, sometimes stop us from venturing outside. How can we make it easier and also ensure it's so enjoyable we want to do it again and again? Nordic Pole Walking is the ideal activity for all ages! It is an enhanced walking experience that uses poles to work your upper body as well as your legs. The result is a highly effective all over workout that doesn't feel like one! Our presenter is Gerred Popejoy, D.C. a master instructor. Lunch will be served, but you must pre-register. There is no charge for the seminar or for lunch, and all are welcome. Sign up by calling the CCN office 714.962.9346.
- **CCN/RLP Story Time!** Enjoy a morning reading stories to Resurrection Lutheran Preschool students on Mondays from 11:00 – 11:30 beginning September 25. Call the CCN office 714.962.9346 for more information and to schedule your time.
- **Game Day!** All are welcome. Bring a favorite game and a snack to share with the group. We meet Thursday, **October 5 from 1:00-3:00** in Bercaw Hall, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.
- **CCN Care Committee forming.** Interested in supporting your fellow CCN members during times of need with friendly visits or meals? Contact the CCN office for more information.
- **Chair Yoga!** Join instructor Linda Turner Monday mornings at 8:50 for in Bercaw Hall, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 9812 Hamilton Avenue, Huntington Beach. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel. Cost is \$10 for CCN members and \$12 for nonmembers. Your fifth class is free!

### Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, October 8  
9:00am – 11:30am

Bercaw Hall

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Free flu shots are provided by Hoag Hospital, a Care Connections Network Community Partner

Speak to your doctor before getting a flu shot if:

- You are allergic to eggs
- You have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- You have had a serious reaction to a flu shot

Flu shots will not be given to pregnant women, children under nine years of age or to anyone who is ill

Questions? Call the CCN office at 714.962.9346

GET YOUR  
**FREE**  
FLU SHOT\*

### Los Angeles Museum Row Tour

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

We will travel by chartered motor coach to museum row in Los Angeles. Take your pick of one or more of the following museums to tour: La Brea Tar Pits, Los Angeles County Museum of Arts and the Petersen Automobile Museum.

CCN Members \$20 / Non-Member \$30

Purchase admission at the  
museum of your choice:

Tar Pits \$9, LACMA \$10, Petersen \$12

Lunch following at Callender's Grill  
(at your own expense)

Meet at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
9812 Hamilton Avenue Huntington Beach at  
9:15am

We return at 4:30pm

Call the office to register at 714.962.9346



# October Birthdays

- 2 Madi Switzer
- 3 Hailey Tripodo
- 4 Andy Ross
- 5 Barb Kaping
- Cherie Ludwick
- 6 Leisa Komyo
- Sara Linder
- 7 Danielle Crosser
- 8 Robert Ichiyama
- 9 Rick Sepulveda
- 11 Glen Miller
- Chris Nelson
- 13 Karen Ursini
- 15 Ed Uehara
- 16 Joy Shigaki
- June Shigaki
- 19 Debbie Trout
- 20 Kanako Kusano
- 22 Sallie Justl
- 23 Hiroko Schwartz
- Jennifer Greenwald
- 24 Tad Trout
- 26 Donna Nerhus
- 28 Doug Krueger
- 30 Jean Sayles

# October Anniversaries

- 9 Bob and Sheila Wenzel
- 10 John and Kirsten Valenta
- 14 Barry and Donna Nerhus
- 16 Jim and Carol Weepie
- 18 Pete and Danielle Crosser
- 26 Jerry and Laura Marroquin
- 30 John and Terrie Hendrickson



## Family of the Day

**Please keep these families in your prayers:**

- 1 Stuart & Noriko Payne
- 2 Gail Perkins
- 3 Steve & Krystal Peters
- 4 Lillie Pettey
- 5 Brad, Karen & Justin Plantiko
- 6 Phil & Sue Pohl
- 7 Frank, Kim & Megan Pollock
- 8 Bruce Porter
- 9 Jason, Shannon, Jameson & Lilah Redmond
- 10 Dorothy Rice
- 11 Hearld, Kim, Steven, Nick & Sam Rice
- 12 Sandy Roberson
- 13 Mike, Carolyn, Nick & Andy Ross
- 14 Marilyn Rowe
- 15 Gordon & Ginny Rozen
- 16 Inge Rudman
- 17 Linda & Marty Trujillo
- 18 Ed & Jean Sayles
- 19 Val Schmidt
- 20 Susan Schultz
- 21 Jenelle & Everett Schultz
- 22 Galen & Barbara Schumacher
- 23 Hiroko Schwartz
- 24 Rick & Eileen Sepulveda
- 25 Cheris Seward
- 26 Quinten, April, Stone & Reed Sharp
- 27 Peggy Sheldon
- 28 Nozomu, Toyomi, Joshua, Joy & Jane Shigaki
- 29 Jeanne Shimonishi
- 30 Jack & Mari Simonson
- 31 Lynn Sims

***Is your name missing from the October lists? If you have a birthday or anniversary in the month of October and we have not included your name, we would appreciate you bringing it to our attention.***

***Please email: [lcr17@verizon.net](mailto:lcr17@verizon.net) or call the church office at 714.962.5005.***

# STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION



## FINDING GOD IN A PARKING LOT

One Sunday every month, a small group of Lutherans congregates in the parking lot of the Home Depot in Passaic, N.J., before services start at St. John Lutheran Church. They're not there to buy home supplies—they're there to worship.

Four years ago when St. John was looking for a way to become more integrated in its community, the congregation came up with the idea of a breakfast ministry. Their first attempt at breakfast after church didn't bring any visitors. Then a member suggested taking food to the Home Depot parking lot, as there were always day laborers who waited there to be picked up for jobs, and they could use a good breakfast.

"Sure enough, they welcomed us," said Jay Unzaga, the congregation's former pastor. "From that Sunday on, St. John hasn't stopped going there in four years and feeds hot breakfast to about 40 to 50 men every week."

In addition to sharing breakfast, the community worships together once a month. "We do a

holy service of word and sacrament in about 15 minutes right there in the parking lot," Unzaga said. They call the ministry *Misión Pan de la Vida* (Mission Bread of Life).

The worship services are led in Spanish, and Unzaga always invites the men to take part by reading a lesson or helping serve communion. "Imagine how hard it is to get a reader out of a parking lot when most of them didn't go past elementary school," he said. "But the Holy Spirit always provides and these men do it for the glory of God."

Holding worship in a parking lot brings an array of variables that can't be controlled—whether it be interruptions when a van approaches to pick up some workers or if store security asks the group to move.

"To go to a parking lot and claim that as the house of the Lord is powerful and beautiful, especially in the dead of winter," Unzaga said. "To share the cup of salvation with our immigrant neighbors in the snow is just a humbling and beautiful sight."

For more stories of faith in action, click on <https://www.livinglutheran.org/>