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Weekly Word • Psalm 96:1-2

This Weekend!

MOVIE NIGHT!

Single in Christ at St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange will be hosting dinner and a movie on **Saturday, February 15, 4:30 to 7:00 pm** in the Walker Hall Dining Room. We will be watching the Iron Giant! Bring your favorite pizza, salad, or snack to share. Drinks will be provided. The movie will start at 5:00 pm.

RSVP at stjohnsorange.org/singles.

LLL 2020 GRAND CANYON DISTRICT RALLY

You are invited to attend the Lutheran Layman's League 2020 Grand Canyon District Rally on **February 15, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Peoria, AZ. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, speaker of *The Lutheran Hour*. A free will offering for continental breakfast and lunch will be taken. Child care will be provided, with a program for elementary school children. For questions and more information contact Gale Cynova at gcynova@gmail.com. Click [here](#) to register.

New This Week

CLOSURE OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-PORTLAND ANNOUNCED

Concordia University Portland announced Monday, February 10 that their Board of Regents has voted that the University will cease operations at the end of the Spring 2020 academic semester. The resolution was approved February 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. PST. The Board's decision came after years of mounting financial challenges, and a challenging and changing educational landscape. See more information from Concordia-Portland regarding the closure at cu-portland.edu/closure.

Concordia University Irvine has announced significant resources and support for Concordia - Portland students. See [President Thomas' message](#) and information on transfer pathways, financial assistance.

The LCMS issued a statement regarding Concordia-Portland's closure, available [here](#). "These are trying times, and we ask for the prayers of all as we seek to move forward according to the will of God," said the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of the LCMS. "I thank the people of Concordia, Portland, who have worked tirelessly to fulfill their vocations of love to their Lord and their neighbor. God's plans are not always our plans, and His ways are beyond our searching out. Yet we trust that He will guide us in the days ahead as we commend this situation to His gracious providence and direction."

The Concordia University System presidents also released a statement expressing "collective support for the students, faculty, staff, and administration of our sister campus in Portland, Oregon, which announced today [Feb. 10, 2020] its intention to cease operations at the close of this spring semester." The full statement can be found [here](#).

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

Faith Lutheran Church, Inglewood, CA invites you to join us for our annual Black History Program being held on **Saturday, February 22, at 3:00 pm.**

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES

St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA invites you to join us on **Sunday, February 23 at 7:00 pm** as we welcome back organist Dr. Jeannine Jordan and David Jordan, media artist. This year they will take us around the world! The concert features unique global organ repertoire by native composers. Lively anecdotes take you to remote places around the world. Enriching and engaging multi-media including live camera projection and spectacular visuals complete the experience. *Around the World in 80 Minutes* is as exciting as it sounds. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Childcare is available for children under age 5. For more information, please call 714-288-4431.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your spouse the gift of a lifetime ... You! Strong communication skills make strong marriages. Enhance your couple communication in 2020 with a Marriage Encounter experience. The next Marriage Encounter in the PSD will be held **May 29-31** in Mesa, AZ. Pre-registration is required - don't miss out! For more information and registration visit godlovesmarriage.org or contact Ted & Marty Hartman at tnmheart@gmail.com or Mick & Sandy Preston at mickersam@gmail.com.

CHRIST ON THE COAST SERVANT EVENT

Ramona Lutheran Church, Ramona, CA. invites you to participate in their Christ on the Coast Servant Event, **July 26-31**. Servants (ages 14+) will help facilitate Vacation Bible School and help with light facility repairs. Our hope is for the servants to share the Gospel with our VBS participants and the community. VBS is the largest annual outreach for our church, bringing in more participants than our regular Sunday church attendance! This is a great fellowship opportunity and we need people who are passionate about sharing the Gospel with our community. Sign up [here](#).

Previously Posted

ONE MINUTE: CORONA VIRUS SCARE

My parents met at March Airforce Base in Riverside County at a dance in 1946. My father had flown B-17 bombers during WWII and was stationed after the war at the March airbase. Later, March became a Strategic Air Command base. Now March A.B. is a Reserve base and its where the first U.S. citizens were flown from China into the U.S. in the midst of the Coronavirus scare. As of today (2/2/20) the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) has announced that there are 8 patients in the USA who have contracted the Coronavirus. They are quarantined and under surveillance. U.S. authorities have reassured us that they are working on a vaccine to combat the virus, but it may still be a year from now until it will be ready for the public. You may be feeling very scared about this virus. [Read Full Article](#)

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR

Salem Lutheran Church, Orange invites you to join us on **Sunday, February 23** on an emotional journey to experience the realities of life for persons living with dementia. After experiencing this sensory tour, you will understand the overwhelming effects of the aging process when combined with dementia. This life-changing experience can also help you make better caregiving and health decisions by knowing what your loved one may be coping with on a daily basis. Space is limited! [Reserve your spot.](#)

THE TABERNACLE EXPERIENCE

Take a life transforming journey through a full-scale replica of the Tabernacle from the Old Testament. This 50-minute interactive audio tour is available in English, Spanish, and for school age children. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Riverside is hosting this event **Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 8**. Scripture confirms that it is God's desire to dwell with man and provide restoration. The Tabernacle is evidence of His great desire. You will discover that all Scripture points to and finds its fulfillment in Christ, even within the courtyard walls of the Tabernacle. Your journey awaits! For further information and to RSVP visit ImmanuelRiverside.com. School field trips call 951-682-7613 to reserve.

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION

Are you ready to be an everyday missionary? *Joining Jesus On His Mission* will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life for Jesus to living life with Jesus. Simple, powerful and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools. You will feel both relief and hope. Join us on **Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at Orange Lutheran High School. \$15.00 registration includes conference and lunch. To register, contact Hephatha Lutheran Church at 714-637-0887.

EMPOWER FAITH COMMUNITIES TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Academics are predicting that in the U.S. human trafficking will surpass drugs in size by 2023. The challenge is that the human traffickers are organized at a level that we in the faith community are not. On **Saturday, March 21** faith communities from Santa Barbara to San Diego will be coming together to connect and learn from each other. In addition, we will be laying out a plan to organize and empower the faith community in the fight against trafficking. Our Keynote speaker, Alana Flora from Engage Together (Atlanta). If God has given you a heart for this issue, this is an event that you don't want to miss. [Register Today!](#)

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ... A LIGHT IN THE DARK!

Regional Workshops are held once a year as a way for anyone interested in learning more about Christianity and the Church. Each workshop is held at a church, taught by a Pastor, and is a full day event (8:30 am to 3:00 pm) including a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and of course lots of coffee! Leaders in the church attend, Elders, Sunday School teachers, Pastors/wives, Deacons, Parish Ministry Assistants...you get the idea. You may attend any of the workshops ... but please, register so we can properly prepare. Certificates will be distributed at the end of the day. The cost of the workshop is \$25.00. For more information, contact Victoria Waufle at vwaufle@aol.com.

Region 3 - March 7

Faith Lutheran Church
Vista, CA

Pastor Mike Hall, facilitator

Region 4 - March 14

Christ's Greenfield Lutheran Church
Gilbert, AZ

Pastor Tim Alhman, facilitator

Region 2 - March 21

Trinity Lutheran Church
Norwalk, CA

Pastor Eddie Cuen, facilitator

REGISTER WITH I-LERT

Calling all congregations who are prepared to be an evacuation center, shelter, and/or a local assistance center. The mission of the Inter-Lutheran Emergency Response Team (I-LERT) is to equip Lutheran congregations and entities to prepare for and respond in the event of a disaster. Part of how we do this is by communicating potential resources and support to those in need during and after a disaster. We can't do this without your help! By registering with us, you are not committing to anything, but you are allowing us to note what resources exist and where, and potentially connect you with someone in need.

[Follow this link to register.](#)

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Our ministry to children and families is critical. Therefore the district will be hosting a conference with presenters focusing on the issues that matter most in this area of ministry. Join us **June 16-18, 2020** on the campus of Concordia University Irvine and hear from keynote speaker, David Kinnaman of the Barna Group and others on the theme of "Rally Together."

Early Registration: \$110 - Deadline: March 2, 2020

Early Group Rate (4+): \$90 - Deadline: March 2, 2020

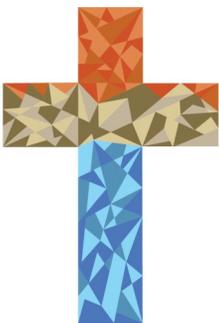
Late Registration: \$140 - Deadline: June 2, 2020

Housing is available at Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, John Wayne Airport and on the CUI campus.

Hotel Rates: King (1-2 per room) - \$119/night; Double (2-4 per room) - \$129/night

CUI Rates - Double Occupancy - \$45 for 2 nights; Single Occupancy - \$65 for 2 nights (No AC in dorms)

For more information and to register click [here](#).



SAVE THE DATES!

Make sure to mark your calendars for upcoming PSD events. Watch for more information!

Pacific Southwest District All Worker Conference:

Sunday, November 22 - Tuesday, November 24, 2020

JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort, Palm Desert, CA

Combining our Lutheran Educators Conference and Pastors Conference into one event for all PSD church and school workers, we'll join together in unity for wonderful worship, great speakers, and new insights.

Pacific Southwest District Convention:

Wednesday, June 23 - Friday, June 25, 2021

Faith Lutheran Middle & High School, Las Vegas, NV

Our triennial District convention will be held in a new location in the Summerlin area of metro Las Vegas. This incredible facility showcases how God is at work in amazing ways in our District - don't miss it!

Contact Us

Subscribe to eNews: Keep up-to-date on happenings in the Pacific Southwest District as well as resources for congregations; installations and ordinations; and prayer requests.

Send an email to psdenews@psd-lcms.org with the words "subscribe" in the subject line.

Job Site: Access information on jobs available in PSD congregations and schools. The Job Site can be accessed on the PSD [website](#). Subscribe to bi-weekly email notification by sending an email to psdenews@psd-lcms.org noting "Job Site subscription" in the subject line.

Submit News, Information & Job Postings: Email psdenews@psd-lcms.org with the 'who, what, when, where, and why' of the news item or job posting. Items must be received by 2:00 pm Wednesday.

The Pacific Southwest District will NOT sell, give or otherwise transmit your email address for any reason other than its intended purpose.

Prayer & Praise

Prayer & Praise also includes information on Installations, Ordinations, Retirements & Anniversaries

Submit Prayer Requests to Kelly DeJongh at kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org

Prayer Requests

The Family of **Rev. Robert Persson** of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Safford, AZ was Called to Glory on Sunday, February 9. Rev. Persson was recently ordained as a Lutheran pastor, through the Concordia Seminary Deacon Colloquy program. After retiring from Honeywell in 2006 he and his wife, Judy moved to Safford, AZ where they helped found Our Savior Lutheran Church. He first served the new congregation as their Deacon, before officially becoming their pastor in August of 2019. In addition to church activities, he volunteered at the American Legion, helping to cook turkey and ham dinners for hundreds of people in a day, as well as a board member and volunteer at Our Neighbors Farm & Pantry food shelf. There will be a viewing only on Saturday, February 15 from 5:30-7:30 pm at McDougal's Chapel, Safford, AZ. He will be interred at a later date in Minnesota. Cards may be sent to Judy & family – 117 W. Safford-Bryce Road, Safford, AZ 85546.

The **Concordia University - Portland community** at the announcement of its closing at the end of this academic year. We pray for the faculty, staff, students, and all who are affected by this sad news. (Information on the closure is available from [Concordia-Portland](#), the [LCMS](#) and the [Concordia University System](#).)

Ordinations & Installations

Rev. Michael Pavich will be Ordained and Installed at Trinity Central Lutheran Church, Los Angeles on **Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 pm** with a reception following. Pastors, please wear red stoles. RSVP to Jessie Freeman at 213-458-0590.

Rev. Dominic Rivkin will be Installed as Pacific Southwest Mission Executive on **Sunday, February 23, 2:00 pm** at Hope LA. A luncheon will be served before the event, beginning at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP so that we can be sure there is plenty of food for all. Clergy, please note, Hope is non-traditional in their worship - so no robes are necessary. If you'd like to wear a red stole that would be fine!

Rev. Calvin Kapels will be Installed at Christ Lutheran Church, Rancho Palos Verdes on **Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 pm**. A reception will follow to welcome Pastor Kapels and his family. Christ Lutheran gives all the honor and praise to God in directing His shepherd to Christ Lutheran Church. We give thanks and praise to God for sustaining us in ministry during our time of vacancy. Please RSVP to 310-831-0848 or email office@clschool.org by March 9. If you are unable to attend, please remember to keep Rev. Calvin Kapels and family in your prayers as we embark together into a new stage of ministry!

Continued Prayers

Rev. Edward Ambrose – vascular/orthopedic issues

Jo Ambrose – fighting bone cancer

Owen Arizmendi - battling Krabbe Leukodystrophy

Rev. Charles Brady - recovering from two strokes and neurological issues

Rev. David Byler - fighting emphysema, congestive heart failure, liver and kidney problems

Dora Collins - chronic pain due to auto-immune issues

Rev. Alfonso Conrado - dementia, paralysis and diabetes

Noah Gerdes - recovering from Valley Fever
Rev. Dave Gruenhagen - fighting cancer
Rev. Michael Harnack - suffering from CIDP
David Hendry – suffering from dementia
Kim Ingwersen - battling ALS
Rev. Ray Kibler – immunodeficiency disease & cancer
Jenny Lawson - fighting cancer
Marla Lichtsinn - fighting cancer
Rev. Johnny Lopez - fighting cancer
Rev. Harry Matelski - fighting agent orange diabetes
Susan Matelski - inoperable deteriorating spine
Rev. Dr. Herb Mueller - treatment for a brain tumor
Mark Nadeau - fighting cancer
Gail Scar - recovering from a heart attack & surgery
Rev. Hal Teuscher – fighting cancer
Rev. Gary Trickey - fighting cancer