

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

As I write these words, I am reflecting on the wonderful events that took place in May. We had around 50 people from at least 7 other congregations in Oregon come to the Engaging the Community workshop. There was much networking being done. We networked and learned a bit about the Latino Ministries, Oregon LWML and the Lutheran Hour Ministries. A lovely luncheon was prepared by the congregation. I was personally blessed by Pastor Todd Kollbaum's Sunday sermon. He was very blessed by all of you folks here at OSLC. He indicated that he would be willing to come back next year. This is already in the works.

We also blessed all the ladies of the congregation with a single stemmed carnation. The young children of the church did a grand job handing out the flowers. Thank you Azura, David, Scarlet and Colton.

The next weekend was equally grand. We were able to honor Pastor Chamberlain as our first called Pastor and his wife Jean. One of Jean's comments struck me as very dear and sincere. "Both David and I still feel as though Our Savior Lutheran Church is still our home church. He really loved it here on the coast." A wonderful Italian style potluck was prepared. Thank you to all.

Thank you to Joan Haines who put together the annual report. Please take time to read this document. There is much good information. If you need a copy please stop by the church and we can make you a paper copy or forward you an email copy.

The last Sunday of the month we honored our Veterans and those who still serve in our armed forces. We also launched a ministry biblestick opportunity. For \$25 an MP3 player with the New Testament and selected Psalms and ear buds can be given to men and women serving overseas. A Bible or a Children's Bible will also be given to those family members living state side. This offering will be done through Father's Day Sunday.

In the month of June, we will remember our Fathers. I will be gone for a short family business trip to California followed by a bit of a vacation to Virginia to see the new granddaughter. (Yes, someone is very happy.)

Our Sunday Bible Class will be concluding the study of Daniel and the Wednesday Bible Class will continue to study the epistle to the Romans.

God continue to bless you!

Pastor John A. Westhafer