



## Message from Pastor Scottie

### *April 2013: New Beginnings Like Spring is Arriving*

*“And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’”*  
(Rev. 21:5b)

Easter Sunday. The resurrection of Jesus and our lives as well. The Lord says he is “making all things new” including new people. Certainly this is seen in our lives at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. There are new happenings and discoveries.

Our youth numbers are growing. Youth are sharing with youth God’s love and invitations to join the journey to experience God’s way. The Church Council is methodically changing the culture of how we do business at LCOS providing better mission focus and improved usage of Gods’ gifts in our midst. Finances are running even. Youth are integrating with both the worship and life in general of the congregation. LCOS successfully and significantly helped bring a family from homelessness and poverty to being in a home with hope and healing. Kudos to Lord of Life Lutheran Church who did a transfer of responsibility with us for this family given their settlement in Moreno Valley. Between both congregations this family has a new beginning. Consider that Lord of Life was once a mission congregation assisted financially by LCOS. Now they are full partners in ministry with us in a mission adventure. The Men’s Group is coming back with a roar under the co-leadership of Gil Beltran and Felton Anderson. A Military Veterans Group is meeting for the first time and more mission opportunities are slated to open in the near future.

These small positive changes are like the earliest signs of spring with buds on bare limbs and baby green leaves coming out. They are the signs of greater things unfolding. LCOS is changing, morphing, evolving, and merging with its community in new ways as God’s unchanging Word changes us.

Challenges persist. The recent thefts and the additional expenses from them hurt, but the first signs of new God-events are happening. Tough decisions and sacrifice continue. But God is taking us to places and forming experiences we can only dream of presently. Get excited LCOS! A new day is dawning and God is making us new for new times. See you in worship, Bible Study, and mission adventures!

-Pastor Scottie