



# Our Saviour's *Lutheran Church*

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***<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.***

***1 Corinthians 13:4-7***

Often, we hear these verses at weddings. What if we applied them to our neighbor? We are still dealing with a pandemic and most of us are tired of it, as am I. However, it is not going away, and we must learn to live with it. We are called to love our neighbor.

Here is a brief history on why we celebrate Valentine's Day. "On February 14, around the year 270 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome in the days of Emperor Claudius II, was executed. Under the rule of Claudius the Cruel, Rome was involved in many unpopular and bloody campaigns. The emperor had to maintain a strong army, but he was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. Claudius believed that Roman men were unwilling to join the army because of their strong attachment to their wives and families.

To get rid of the problem, Claudius banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Valentine was arrested and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. The sentence was carried out on February 14, on or about the year 270.

Legend also has it that while in jail, St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine." In truth, the exact origins and identity of St. Valentine are unclear. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "At least three different Saint Valentines, all of them martyrs, are mentioned in the early martyrologies under the date of 14 February." One was a priest in Rome, the second one was a bishop of Interamna (now Terni, Italy) and the third St. Valentine was a martyr in the Roman province of Africa.

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Legends vary on how the martyr's name became connected with romance. The date of his death may have become mingled with the Feast of Lupercalia, a pagan festival of love. On these occasions, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed. In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius decided to put an end to the Feast of Lupercalia, and he declared that February 14 be celebrated as St. Valentine's Day.

Gradually, February 14 became a date for exchanging love messages, poems and simple gifts such as flowers.”  
<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/st-valentine-beheaded>

Love looks different to each of us. My questions for you this month is how are we loving our neighbor as we share the gospel of Jesus with them? What does this look like as Our Saviour's ventures out into the community?

In Christ,  
Pastor Jennifer

## *President's Message*

It is already February and it has been so great to see so many people at worship in the sanctuary so far this year. We will continue to follow state- and county-required processes to keep everyone as healthy as we possibly can.

For those who are enjoying the service on-line, we really appreciate your continued participation and support. Please remember to **subscribe** to the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church's YouTube channel.

Thanks to all of you for your donations that funded our audio/video technology improvements and a big thanks to Brandon Tolentino for running the system. If you would like to learn how to run the video system, stop by the sound board at the back of the sanctuary before or after services and talk to Brandon or give him a call or send him an email: 714-559-1412, [brandontolentino@yahoo.com](mailto:brandontolentino@yahoo.com).

The Council had our first meeting of 2022 on January 10. Heather Wilkins and Jan Johnson joined the Council. A big thank you to Steve Vannier and Carol Youngman for their service in 2021. I was elected Council President, Jan was elected Vice President and Kristin Tolentino, Bob Hunter, and Kathleen Berg continued in their roles as Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. Committee liaisons were also determined. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to any of the Council members.

At our Annual Meeting Part 1 in December, we approved a budget that is not fully funded. While we welcome and appreciate your offerings, we are also in need of ideas for ways we can make money to fill the budget gap. In the past year we had a few events on our campus that contributed positively to our finances. If you have any ideas of ways we can use our resources to improve our bank statement, please feel free to contact any of the Council members and/or join us at our next Council meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and talking to you about 2022. Remember to SHINE and share the light of Jesus Christ!

Steven Yoshizumi

# Staff

**Pastor:** *The Rev. Jennifer Zahnow*

**Director of Music:** *Chelsea Dehn*

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**OSLC YouTube:** *[bit.ly/oursaviourslutheran](http://bit.ly/oursaviourslutheran)*

# Congregational Council

**President:** *Steven Yoshizumi*

**Vice President:** *Jan Johnson*

**Secretary:** *Kristin Tolentino*

**Treasure:** *Bob Hunter*

**Adult Fellowship:** *Christine Garcia & Heather Wilkins*

**Christian Ed:** *Kristin Tolentino*

**Finance:** *Bob Hunter*

**Men's Ministry:** *Lawton Miller*

**OSCC Board:** *Heather Wilkins*

**Personnel:** *Steven Yoshizumi*

**Property:** *Lawton Miller*

**Stewardship:** *Pastor Jennifer*

**Social Ministry:** *Pastor Jennifer*

**Women's Ministry:** *Jan Johnson*

**Worship & Music:**

*Christine Garcia*

Happy Anniversary to  
Carol & Rick  
Youngman!

February 5

## Birthdays

- February 2– Sylvester Vaughn
- February 4– Dylan and Zachary Pool
- February 7– Roger Christman
- February 9– Elizabeth Vaughn
- February 12– Terri Vaughn
- February 12– Tommy Scully-Wilkens
- February 14– Amy Luebben-Rivera
- February 19– Chris Kopczynski
- February 19– Aldene Miller
- February 19– James Pool
- February 23– Joan Ekdale
- February 24– Karen Christensen

## February Readers

February 6– Kathleen Berg

February 13– Nancy Worley

February 20– Christine Garcia

February 27– John Embree

\*If you are unable to read for the date you are assigned, please find a replacement and let the office know.

If you are interested in being a reader for a specific date for next month, please let the office know at your earliest convenience before the 20th of every month.

# Stewardship - Gifts

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them to everyone. I Corinthians 12:4-7*

Sally was shy, an accountant. She loved her church and volunteered to help everywhere but she was burning out. Every Sunday she was there to help usher, serve as greeter and help with refreshments afterwards. Being naturally shy she had trouble dealing with people each week. She began to dread coming to church. Her pastor recognized her mismatched gifts and invited her to give up the greeting and ushering and help with the finances; counting, recording, and assisting the treasurer. Soon she felt renewed and excited to come and help at church because she was using her talents in the right environment. When your gift matches the need, you never burn out!

What are your talents, your gifts? Do you have the gift of hospitality, to easily welcome people and sense their needs or make calls to our shut ins or those recovering at home? Do you have the gift of music, to sing or play an instrument like bells which brings you joy? Do you love to work with children: teaching, doing crafts, playing? Do you like things neat and orderly? Serving on altar guild or helping with worship space decorating would fit. Do you like technology and systems? We need sound and video help. Match your gifts to the many needs of our church to be the mission station God wants us to be here in Orange County.

*If you'd like to share your time & talents with the church, scan the QR codes below.*

Child Time & Talent:



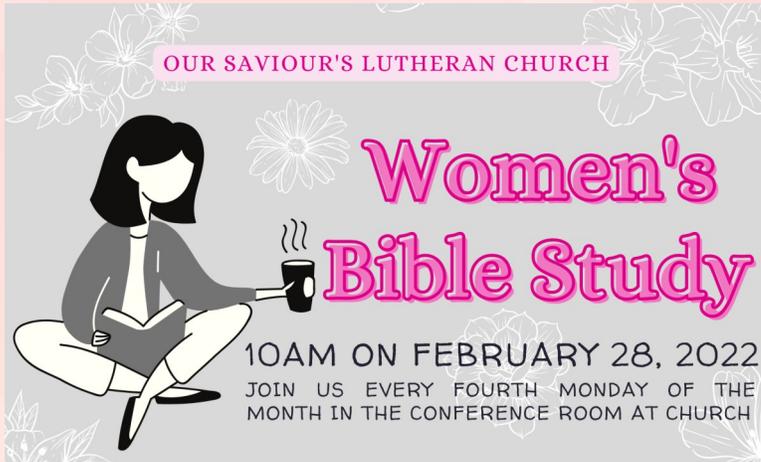
Adult Time & Talent:



# Announcements & Upcoming Events:

## Pacifica Synod:

We are in need of 1 person to represent Our Saviour's during the assembly. This year the synod will be electing a new Bishop. If you are interested in being a part of this process please contact Pastor Jennifer by Feb. 15, 2022.



## Our Saviour's Children's Center Updates:

Happy Valentine's Day! January brought a few new students to OSCC. Our Infant room has 8 children enrolled. We are looking for another teacher to round out our Infant/Toddler staff.

We are looking forward to getting new woodchips installed on our playground this month. The funds we raised with our winter fundraisers are helping to cover the cost of the installation.

This month we will be having a fundraiser dinner at Woody's Diner on Thursday, February 10th. Flyers can be found on the last page of the newsletter. You can use it digitally or have a paper copy in hand. We will begin registration for next school year in March for our current families. We will open registration to the community in April.

Thank you all for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at Woody's!

- Jenn & the OSCC Staff



# Social Ministry Response

## *Souper Bowl Sunday – February 13*

One of the most anticipated day of sports is coming up: the Super Bowl. Alongside that same day comes one of the most anticipated days to help those in need: the *Souper Bowl*! For years the ELCA has set aside this special day to respond to the appeal for contributions to appease world hunger. This is the way that we the church can remember that while we are fortunate in our lives, hunger still exists in this world. We as God's helpers are called to look to others in need and help to make their daily lives easier.

We as a church are also participating in this day to make a special contribution for this cause. Any size gift is welcomed and appreciated. Look for the table on Sunday, February 13 to leave your donation. You can also send your donations in to the church office beforehand.

Thank you for all your support during this confusing time in our world.

God bless!

- Social Ministry Response Team



## *Remember in Prayer*

**Daniel Dunn, Kristin Hailstone, Darlene Steege, Sylvester Vaughn, Heather Wilkens, Kay Boatman, Helen Werner, Wes Hayes (next-door neighbor of Janice Bosecke), Lance and Jean Thompson-Hailstone, Kristin Maxwell, Rebekah Simmet, Greg Peck, Bob & Dorothy Daw, Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Andrew Taylor. All who have been affected by COVID-19, fires, and storms. Police officers, firefighters, medical professionals and all who are serving on the front lines during these uncertain times. All military chaplains and all others serving in the military.**

**Fundraising  
at Woody's**



**BRING THIS FLYER WITH YOU TO YOUR  
FUNDRAISING EVENT.**

**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**

*Offer only valid on the date and location printed on flyer. Dine in only, not valid with other offers, specials, discounts or alcohol. Flyers must be distributed prior to event.*

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**Our Saviours Children's Center**

**THIS FLYER MUST ACCOMPANY MEAL ORDER FOR  
YOUR ORGANIZATION TO GET A 20% CREDIT.  
PLEASE GIVE TO YOUR SERVER BEFORE ORDERING.  
THANK YOU AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!**

***Store Location***

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Live streaming on YouTube: [bit.ly/oursaviourslutheran](https://bit.ly/oursaviourslutheran)

Videos are also uploaded to our website – [orangeoslc.org](https://orangeoslc.org)

The church office is open M-W 9am-2:30pm. All other times by appointment only.

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