



Our Saviour's *Lutheran*

ORANGE, CA | AUGUST 2025

Presidents Message

On August 2, the council will have a planning retreat at the synod office. Even as my mind and body gear up for the start of Fall activities, I plan to enjoy the lazy days of August. I hope the same for you.

Members of OSLC council continue in conversation with DEM Tom Goellrich and Bp. Dave Nagler regarding the formation of **Ministry Cooperatives**, a model that is being developed in Pacifica Synod to expand ministry by bringing congregations together to share resources.

By August 31st, a council approved letter of interest will be shared with Bishop Dave and Rev. Tom so that Cooperative Ministries can be created in September. Memorandums of Understanding will be created and signed for each formed Cooperative in October. A Council of Councils will be created in November. This will include members from each of the congregations within a Cooperative who will work together to oversee the functioning of the Ministry Cooperatives. Pastoral Care staff will be selected in November and December with a plan to have Ministry Cooperatives start in January of 2026.

Congregations within a Ministry Cooperative will maintain their autonomy as congregations and will also allow the expansion of mission and ministry. We believe we are stronger together!

As stated in the July newsletter, congregations will share Pastors, Deacons and Synodically Authorized Lay Leaders. If you feel called to lead as a lay leader or know of someone who has the gifts for leadership, we encourage you to lift these people up (metaphorically). The synod office will be organizing ongoing training and mentors for lay leaders in the Ministry Cooperatives.

Please reach out to a council member with any questions or concerns you have with regards to the Ministry Cooperatives. We may not have the answer to your question, but the questions and concerns that are shared early on in the process will be helpful in developing successful Cooperatives.

Blessings,
Carol Youngman

SOME INFO ABOUT MINISTRY COOPERATIVES

TIMELINE:

AUGUST – Council Approved Letters of Interest

SEPTEMBER – Cooperative Ministries Created

OCTOBER – MOU's Created and Signed

NOVEMBER – Council of Councils Created

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER – Pastoral Care Staff Selected

JANUARY 2026 – Ministry Begins

THE PLAYERS:

CONGREGATIONS Ministry Co-ops can be large or small congregations, those currently with full-time staff as well as those in a pastoral vacancy or who typically have only part-time staff. Ministry Co-ops can also happen with Ecumenical partners as well as ELCA congregations. Ideally, there will be a handful of congregations within 30 or so minutes of one another.

PASTORS – ordained to Word and Sacrament

DEACONS – ordained to Word and Service

LAY MINISTERS – ongoing training and mentoring will be available

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF MINISTRY CO-OPS:

The Ministry Co-ops promote vitality for all of the congregations by providing:

- A collective pool of resources to support full-time pastors and deacons, in a time of clergy shortage
- A training structure for lay ministers and interns allowing for a natural flow of trained leadership – some of whom may discern a call to public, rostered ministry
- A means for staff and members to practice teamwork in a familiar network as they will have to rely on one another to fully support and sustain ministry
- Built-in support for re-identifying values, mission, and community in the wake of an ever-changing landscape.
- A deeper and broader training and accountability structure for councils, officers, committees, staff, rostered ministers, and lay ministers.
- Insight into the Church universal as congregations partner together for the sake of the Gospel, reaching beyond their individual doors and into the broader community.
- Increased opportunities for worship, Bible study, small groups, service, fellowship, other faith practices.

OSLC Property Update

I am sure, if you have been in church the last few Sundays you have seen that the parking lot has been redone. Many cracks were first filled with tar and then two seal coats were applied. After the seal coats dried, the handicap spaces were moved to the center of the lot with signs (We are now ADA compliant!), then the parking lines were repainted. Boy does it look good now!

As reported last month, the bill for that was \$25,500. The council approved that expenditure with the hope of raising \$12,500 to add to funds already allocated in the CY25 church budget. Well, you all came through with flying colors because as of July 20th, \$19,050 has been contributed. A BIG thank you to all who contributed!

Our campus continues to need our care and the next project to tackle is our lawn/lawn watering system. The additional funds over the \$12,500 we needed will definitely help with this.

Again, thanks to all who contributed to the parking lot repair!

Blessings,
Steve Vannier

Staff

Director of music: *Chelsea Dehn*

Bell Choir Director: *Sarah Moreno*

Office Admin: *Amanda Walton*

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Jennifer Gates

Children's Center Phone:

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Council Members

President: *Carol Youngman*

Vice President: *Steve Vannier*

Secretary: *Christine Garcia*

Treasurer: *Bob Hunter*

Asst Treasurer: *Nelly Walker*

Christine Garcia - Sarah Moreno

Jeanine Singer - Jon Davis

Steven Yoshizumi - Brandon Tolentino

Committee Chairs

Adult Fellowship: *Christine Garcia*

Christian Ed: *Sarah Moreno*

Finance: *Bob Hunter & Nelly Walker*

OSCC Board: *Christine Garcia*

Personnel: *Jeanine Singer*

Property: *Steve Vannier /
Brandon Tolentino*

Social Ministry: *Jon Davis*

Stewardship: *Steven Yoshizumi*

**Happy
Birthday!**

Finn Kopczynski 8/2

John Embree 8/15

Chelsea Dehn 8/23

Katie Vaughn 8/25

Christine Garcia 8/29

Tony Ekdale 8/30

**Happy
Anniversary!**

Don & Dolores Rehms 8/7

Bob & Ann Pool 8/15

Bob & Barbara Hunter 8/24

Please Keep In Prayer

Shirley Fuller, Marion Hallquist, needs continued prayer to regain her strength, **Brian Potter**, recovering from surgery, **Jerry Dierking**, Parkinson's, **Laura Tolentino**, complications from long covid. **Joan Theilen**, dealing with Ataxia, **Wes Hays** (neighbor of Janice Bosecke)

OUR SAVIOUR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

School Supply Drive

This August and September, the Social Ministry Committee is collecting school supplies to support students at local elementary schools, including Cambridge and Handy. Your donations will help equip young learners with the tools they need for a successful school year.

Suggested items include: Crayola products (crayons, markers, watercolors), Ticonderoga #2 pencils, Elmer's glue (white & purple sticks), pink bar erasers, wide-ruled notebook paper, notebooks, highlighters, folders, and any other basic classroom essentials.

Thank you for helping us make a positive impact in our community!



APPLICATIONS OPEN

Know any youth that may be interested in learning about urban farming?

Share the link to apply to CRECE's youth ambassador program, Sembrando Cambios!

tinyurl.com/cambios2

Applications close Wednesday, August 6th!



AUGUST FOOD AND DONATION COLLECTION

There are two separate baskets in the entryway for your donations.
Thank you for your support!

Friendly Center

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothpaste
Dish Soap
(no travel size)

Children's Center

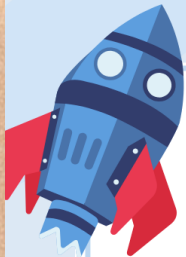
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Raisins
Cheez-It
Kix/Cheerios



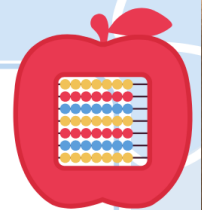


SUMMER FUN

At Our Saviour's
Children's Center



Our Saviour's Children's Center

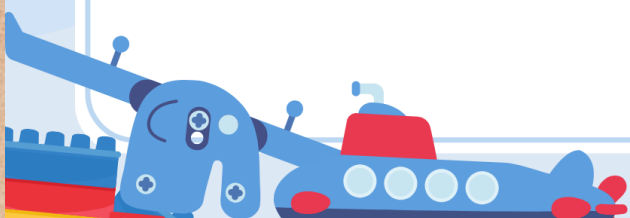


We are making our way successfully through the summer program. We have had very full and fun days and are looking forward to enjoying the last few weeks of our summer activities before the school year starts back up. We are still doing tours and enrolling new friends for the upcoming school year and hope to have a few more join us before the year begins.

We have hired a new staff member for the Toddler program. Her name is Ms. Kendra and she will be working alongside Ms. Nicole (Coco as the kids call her) and will take over the closing role as soon as her training is complete. We are potentially looking for a closing teacher for the Preschool as well for the upcoming school year.

We hope you all are enjoying the pictures posted on our Facebook page!

Thank you for all of your support. We appreciate you all so very much!
Jen and the OSCC Staff






GRACE COMMUNITY FARM




Thank you to CRECE Urban Farms for being wonderful stewards of our property. The farm is thriving, with a variety of fruits and vegetables growing beautifully.



In June we had the first farm "pop up" where many people were able to "purchase" produce through suggested donations, the proceeds help offset the farm costs. Additionally, surplus produce was donated to families experiencing food insecurity.

On July 19th there was a composting workshop offering hands-on knowledge and demonstrating the composting techniques at use around the farm. Yes, we have a worm bin!

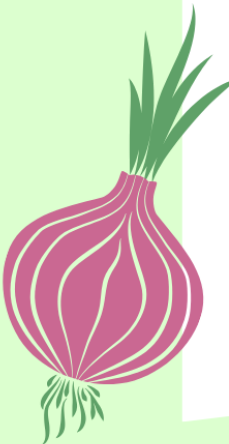
Work continues on the Gathering Area thanks to Eagle Scout David Alvarado, who is leading the project as part of his service. Alexis Moreno's Girl Scout troop also came by the farm in July for a tour and are planning a project for the farm.




Our next event at the farm will be held on August 16th from 10am-1pm. There will be a cooking demo using fresh produce from the farm. Bring your friends and family.

All are welcome to join us at the farm-
Wednesday's 8:30am – 12:30pm and 5pm-8pm
Saturday's 8:30am-1:30pm.
Please come and volunteer or just sit and relax.

Thank you for your continued support of Grace Community Farm. We're growing, learning, and serving together—with your help!



*Grace Community Farm Team:
Nelly Walker | Steve Vannier
Chris Kopczynski | Jeanine Singer
Carol Yoshizumi | Steven Yoshizumi
Michelle Johnson*



AUGUST

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Happy Birthday Finn Kopczynski
3 9 AM Worship	4	5	6	7 Happy Anniversary Don & Dolores Rehms	8	9
10 9 AM Worship	11 4PM OSCC Board	12	13	14 7PM Council	15 Happy Birthday John Embree Happy Anniversary Bob & Ann Pool	16 10AM-1PM Grace Community Farm Volunteer Event
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24 9 AM Worship Happy Anniversary Bob & Barbara Hunter	25 Happy Birthday Katie Vaughn	26	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Christine Garcia	30 Happy Birthday Tony Ekdale
31 9 AM Worship						



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Join us Sunday mornings at 9am for our worship service.

Live streaming on YouTube: bit.ly/OSLCOrangeCA

Videos are also uploaded to our website – orangeoslc.org

Church Summer Office Hours

7:00am – 1:30pm | Monday through Wednesday

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