



Our Saviour's *Lutheran*

ORANGE, CA | JULY 2025

President's Report

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is finding time to rest and recharge during these long warm days!

As we wind down from the celebratory season of Easter and enter into the long green season of Pentecost, we at Our Saviour's continue our journey of transition. I marvel at all the CHANGES we have experienced over the last few years as a congregation and as individuals; our growth, our challenges, our successes, our flexibility. Recently, I heard discussions about change at the 2025 Pacifica Synod Assembly. The theme, ***In a New Boat***, aligned perfectly with our surroundings at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Dana Point; a beautiful sanctuary that included a boat docked close to the pulpit just for our event! We could hear the sea-gulls, feel the ocean breeze and almost taste the salt in the air as we gathered to worship and work. But more importantly, the theme spoke to me of CHANGE. Specifically, how our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the world does not change, but perhaps the ways in which the Good News is shared may look different than it has in the past. Maybe the vessel changes. Maybe the boat is more nimble and able to reach those adrift at sea. Maybe the boat is hydrodynamic and able to pierce through the storms of our everyday lives. As we continue to discern the ministry at OSLC may we prayerfully consider the inevitable changes in the world around us, our never changing mission to share the Good News and the boundless Agape love that comes from our Lord Jesus Christ.

In considering new and different ways to effectively continue our ministry in the ever-changing city of Orange, five members from the OSLC Council, along with other church councils, met with Bishop Dave and Rev. Tom Goellrich at the Synod Office to learn about a potential new model for ministry in the Pacifica Synod. We spent two hours on a Saturday morning hearing about **Ministry Cooperatives**, a model that is currently being used in Northeast Pennsylvania Synod. We had time to ask questions, brainstorm ideas, and share concerns. Those of us who attended shared the information we learned at our June Council meeting. By majority vote, the council decided to work with the Pacifica Synod to form a Ministry Cooperative. Therefore, we will be working with the Bishop and DEM to form a Cooperative and put together the details of a functioning model over the next couple of months. We will be sharing the details with you, the congregation, along the way. There will be opportunities for discussions and questions, but the basic idea of the Ministry Co-op is a group of congregations that share a set group of leaders [made up of Pastor(s), Deacon(s), and Lay Minister(s)]. The Ministry start would be scheduled for 2026.

Carol Youngman

SOME INFO ABOUT MINISTRY COOPERATIVES

INITIAL TIMELINE:

JULY 2025 – Congregations put their name in to join a Co-Op.

AUGUST 2025 – DECEMBER 2025 – Construction of Congregation Teams

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 only have 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

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF MINISTRY CO-OPS:

The Ministry Co-Ops promote vitality for all 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

Our campus continues to require ongoing care and maintenance to stay in good condition. As reported in the May newsletter, three major repairs have already been completed in 2025. The roof leak over Moreland Hall was repaired at a cost of \$5,000. A water leak in the parking lot was repaired at a cost of \$3,000 and our solar system was repaired at a cost of \$900.

Now, our next important project is repairing and updating the parking lot. We need to relocate our handicapped parking spaces to be compliant with ADA requirements. The three spaces in front of Moreland Hall and the two against the Lomita wall will be moved to the center of the lot, closer to the church. New signage on posts will be installed. The major cracks in the asphalt will be filled and then two coats of seal will be applied. After that, white parking lot lines will be repainted, plus about twenty car stops will be replaced as that is how many are falling part. We received two bids for the work and selected Cal State Paving, the company that previously repaired the water leak. The total cost for this project is \$25,500.

Our church budget for 2025 had allocated \$25,000 for maintenance. To date with the three major expenses, we have spent \$12,000 which leaves \$13,000 for other property maintenance. Since the parking lot repair is going to be \$25,500, we are hoping to raise another \$12,500. Steve has talked about this during church announcements for the last Sundays in June and, wow, \$5,500 has been given as of Sunday June 22.

Thank you to those that have given so far. Hopefully, additional funds will be received in the coming weeks for this effort. If you'd like to support this effort, please make your check payable to the church and include "**Parking Lot Repair/Maintenance**" in the memo line.

A note of good news is Our roof loan with the Mission Investment Fund is down to \$31,000. According to Bob Hunter, we are on track to pay it off within 7 years or less.

Thank you for helping us care for our campus!

Staff

Director of music: *Chelsea Dehn*

Bell Choir Director: *Sarah Moreno*

Office Admin: *Amanda Walton*

Accompanist: *MinJung Seo*

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OSLC Website: **Orangeoslc.org**

OSLC Facebook: *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church-Orange*

Children's Center Director:
Jennifer Gates

Children's Center Phone:
714-771-5040

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*

July Volunteer Event at Grace Community Farm

All About Composting!

We will be going in depth about the 2 methods of composting we use in the farm. Make sure to bring questions and some food scraps :)



WELCOME
TO ALL



July 19



800 N Cambridge St
Orange 92867



10am-1pm



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Please Keep In Prayer

The family of Mavis Crissinger, 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)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Wednesday
7am – 1:30pm

Happy Birthday!

Violet Yoshizumi 7/1
Don Rehms 7/15
Thomas Yohizumi 7/21
Ruth Fields 7/22

Attention: Parking Lot Closure



Due to the refurbishment of the parking lot, there is absolutely no parking allowed in the lot Friday July 10th through Saturday July 12th.

Thank you for your cooperation!



GRACE COMMUNITY FARM



Exciting things are happening at Grace Community Farm!

In June, we had a volunteer event that invited Grace Farm volunteers to the church sanctuary to help spruce up the atrium. It was a great day for all and the atrium looks beautiful! Thank you to all who helped!

On June 22, after the service, Pastor John Embree led the dedication of the memorial fruit trees and their dedication plaques. It was such a meaningful ceremony and a wonderful celebration of the farm.

We also had two Saturdays in June introducing Grace Produce Pop-Up Stand, where our produce was sold for a suggested donation. Neighbors and friends were invited to the farm to partake of the bounty, consisting of onions, beets, carrots, lettuce and Swiss chard. The farm stand was well received! We will announce on Friday's email which Saturday the Produce Pop-up Stand will be open.

Grace Community Farm welcomes Clorissa Lepe, CRECE's Land and Food Care Coordinator! She will be here regularly, to plan and coordinate the happenings at the farm. Feel free to stop by and say hi to Clorissa when you have a chance!

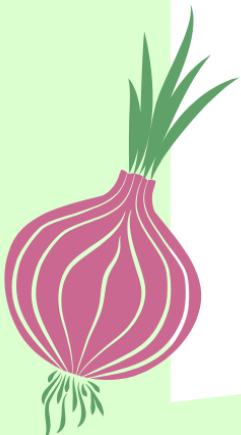
Grace Farm is open to volunteers and visitors every Saturday from 10 to 1. Additionally, we hold a focused event one Saturday per month. This month, on July 19, we will have a special day at the farm to learn all about composting! All are welcome to join, please see the flyer in Sunday's bulletin for more details.

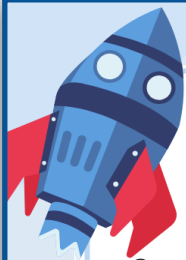
The Eagle Scout project continues with David Alvarado, a Life Scout from Troop 28. His project is to build 4 picnic tables and 8 benches for the farm's gathering area. David is currently fundraising for this project. Checks can be made out to OSLC with "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo line. Online donations can be made through our website.

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

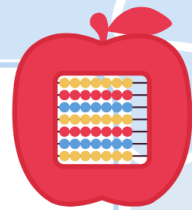
Grace Community Farm Team:

Nelly Walker | Steve Vannier
Chris Kopczynski | Jeanine Singer
Carol Yoshizumi | Steven Yoshizumi
Michelle Johnson





Our Saviour's Children's Center



Happy Summer from all of us at OSCC!

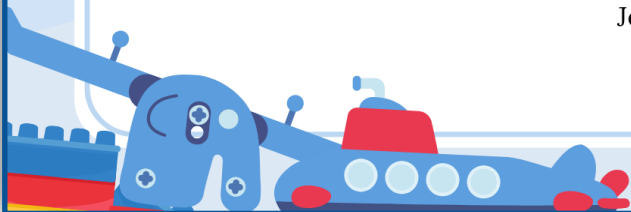
Our 2024-2025 school year has ended and our Summer program is in full force. We have quite a few children enrolled in the preschool side for the summer program and are looking forward to a fun filled time.

We have several events planned for the children including a reptile show, water play days, a foam party (a fan favorite) and some bounce houses! Please follow along on our Facebook page to see weekly updates.

We have begun enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year and are off to a good start already. We have a full toddler room, 4 enrollments for the infant room, 10 in the Jr Preschool, 13 in the preschool class and 10 in the PreK class. So we still have room in several of the classes but are doing tours weekly and hope to add a few more enrollments before the school year begins.

The children are loving the garden and are enjoying using the gloves and shovels provided via a grant secured with the help of Nelly! We have harvested pumpkins, zucchini, and green beans so far! In the future we are planning on planting cucumber, tomatoes and watermelon.

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



JULY FOOD & DONATION COLLECTION

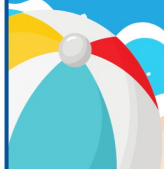
There are two separate baskets in the entryway for your donations.
Thank you for your support!

Friendly Center

Jelly
Peanut Butter
Dry Potatoes
Canned Tuna & Meat

Children's Center

~ Veggie Sticks
Ritz Crackers
Vanilla Wafers
Tissue Boxes



Raspberry Lemonade Slushie



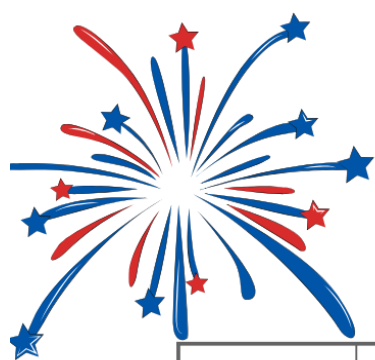
Prep Time: 15 mins
Servings: 4 portion

Ingredients:

12 ounces fresh raspberries
1 cup sugar substitute
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
5 cups of ice cubes

Procedure:

1. In a food processor or blender, process the raspberries, sugar substitute and lemon juice until the raspberries are pureed.
2. Add the ice cubes and process until the mixture is mostly smooth and has a slushie-like consistency. Don't overmix!
3. Divide the slushie into cups. Serve immediately.

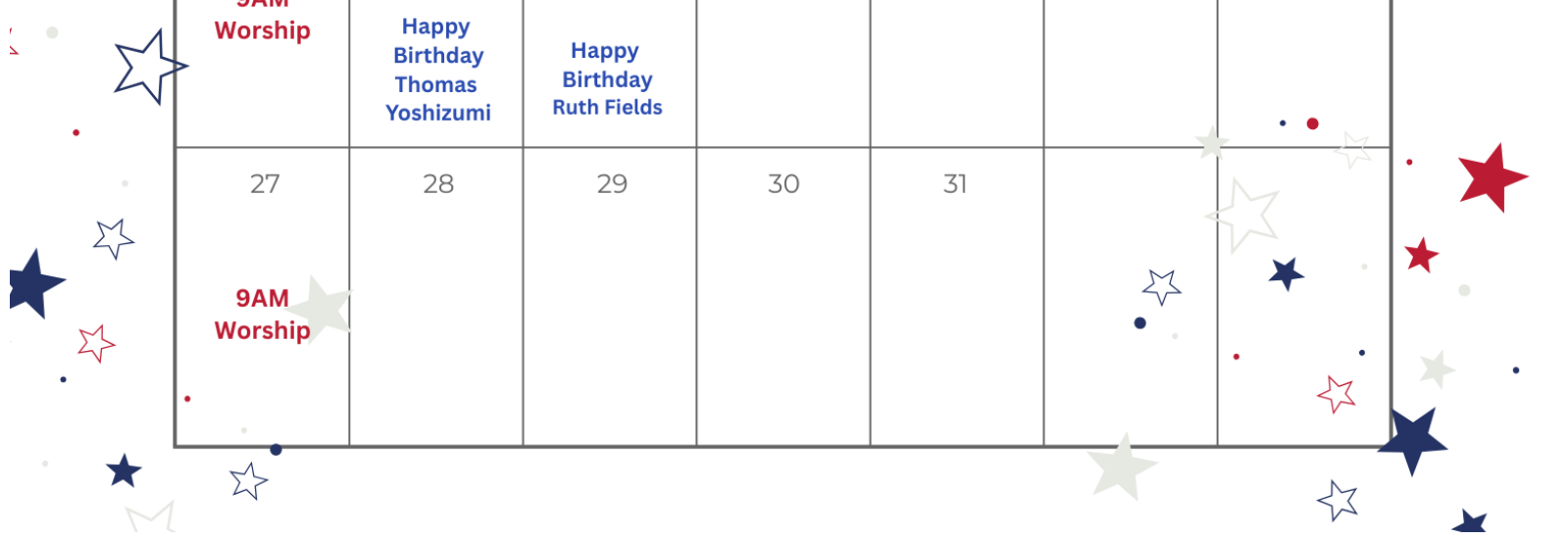


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		1 Happy Birthday Violet Yoshizumi	2	3	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	5
6 9AM Worship	7	8	9	10 7PM Council	11	12
13 9AM Worship	14 4PM OSCC Board	15 Happy Birthday Don Rehms	16	17	18	19 10AM -1PM Grace Community Farm Volunteer Event
20 9AM Worship	21 Happy Birthday Thomas Yoshizumi	22 Happy Birthday Ruth Fields	23	24	25	26
27 9AM Worship	28	29	30	31		





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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