



ORANGE, CA | MAY 2024

President's Message

Good grief where did the month of April go? Time sure does seem to fly by. After the 7th Sunday of Easter on May 12th, it will be Pentecost on May 19th.

Last month I shared that the council updated our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which is the ELCA's official document used when searching to call a pastor. It was forwarded to the Synod for posting on the ELCA web site. The Synod returned it for a couple of adjustments which were done by the council, approved and returned to the Synod. Bishop Dave approved the update and it is now posted on the ELCA web site. Any Pastor looking for a church across the nation can see the posting and respond. Yes, this is an on-going process in search for our Pastor. We stay in touch with Pastor Jennifer Schultz at the Synod office and she is hopeful that she may have a couple of candidates for us since the MSP was posted in the next weeks. Keep this process in your prayers. In the meantime, we continue to utilize supply Pastors and have them set up now through August.

Sunday May 19th is going to be music Sunday. The chancel choir will be singing several songs, the bell choir will be playing and we are hoping to hear from the "confirmation band" which was established by our confirmands during lent. It is going to be a joyous music Sunday during our Pentecost service. See you all there.

OSLC is celebrating 70 years in June. As shared last month, on Saturday June 8th we will have a catered meal and program in celebration. Then on June 9th Bishop Dave Nagler will preach and we will have an anniversary cake after the service. Put June 8th and 9th on your calendar. See you all at the celebration.

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We had an anonymous donor that funded the repair of the water damaged north wall in the church conference room along with repair of the water damaged south wall of the church narthex. After they were repaired, they both received a coat of paint and now look great. Thank you to the anonymous donor. (PS: Thank heavens we replaced the church roof this past year as all this water damage was from the rains in previous years due to roof leaks.)

This past month we also had some graffiti issues on the west block wall of the parking lot. The city graffiti hotline was called hoping they would come out and paint over the graffiti and take a vandalism report. As it turns out that hotline is only good to call when one sees graffiti on city owned property. When graffiti occurs on private property, the owner is responsible to paint over it and file a vandalism report with the Orange Police department. So, the graffiti was painted over and a vandalism report has been filed. If any of you see people doing stuff to our property they should not be doing, please call the police and report it.

All you mothers, have a Happy Mother's Day on May 12th!

Steve Vannier

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Betty Dierking*

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IT'S GRADUATION TIME

Do you have a loved one graduating this year? We would like to celebrate them in our June newsletter. Please send the church office the graduates information by May 20th.



Our Saviour's Lutheran

Celebrating
70
years

1954-2024

All are welcome! Current & former members & friends of OSLC!

Celebration Dinner

When: Saturday June 8

Time: 4pm

Place: OSLC Lawn

Cost: \$10pp

RSVP by: June 2

Catered Dinner,
Kids & Adult Activities,
Memorabilia, Stories,
Friends.

To RSVP: Sign-up on patio at OSLC, through our website: orangeoslc.org or emailing the church office office@orangeoslc.org

To Pay: Check, Cash or through link on our website.

Monetary donations are also accepted to help fund this special event.

Celebration Worship Service

Sunday June 9, 10am
with special music and
Bisop David Nagler leading worship

"Sowing the Seeds of God's Love for Seventy Years"

Our Saviour's Children's Center

April is almost over and with that comes prepping for the summer program and preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. Our summer calendar is almost complete and we are looking forward to a fun summer program. Our caterpillars arrived at the end of April so we are watching them and anxiously awaiting our butterflies! We also had a visit from the fire department which the children loved! Check out the preschool facebook page for pictures of that visit. The beginning of May will bring Teacher Appreciation Week. That is always a fun week celebrating our staff and showing them how much they are appreciated! Trike a Thon date is still TBD but planning on the end of May.

Happy Mother's Day and thank you again for all of your support.

Jen and the OSCC Staff

MAY

Bible Study

The May study is on Mental Health and Wellness. As long as humans have existed there has been mental illness. In biblical times the disease was often misunderstood. Now in modern times there is help for the afflicted along with care for their wellbeing. Please join the group May 20, 10 am in the conference room.

Celebrating Mother's
May 12th





Happy Easter Season

As we look forward to resurrection Sunday, we rejoice in the good news that Jesus Christ showed his love for us, not only by his death on the cross for our sins, but also in his resurrection! We celebrate that he tore down the barrier that once separated us from him, giving us free access to eternal life surrounded by his goodness and mercy!

Spring 2024

At Chapel on Wheels (also known as Released Time Christian Education), our purpose is to share the Good News of our salvation with as many children as possible. This school year is our 70th!

We currently have 180 registered students attending chapels in Orange Unified School District and a Charter School.



URGENT: Support has not returned to pre-pandemic levels, causing a \$15,500 shortfall of our proposed budget, putting the next school year in jeopardy of continuing. We need your help!

Now more than ever, our future generation needs to hear the message of salvation and hope in Christ, which is what they are taught weekly at the chapels. Please help us continue spreading the gospel in our public schools.

How to donate

Because we are not funded by any other source, we hope you will consider joining us in spreading the love of Christ to students by:

- Make **check** payable to "Released Time Christian Education"
- Donate **online** at www.orangert.org
- **Commit to monthly** contribution or **one time donation** and indicate the amount on the enclosed form

Please share this with fellow believers and your church. We appreciate your prayers for this ministry and the future children of His Kingdom.

Follow us on Facebook at: Released Time Christian Education-Orange

With Glory to God in the Highest,

Alicia Helwig, Director
Chapel on Wheels



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HAPPY Birthday

- 5/4 Nelly Walker
- 5/9 Dolores Rehms
- 5/9 Carol Youngman
- 5/20 Brandon Tolentino
- 5/26 Carol Yoshizumi
- 5/29 Bob Theilen
- 5/30 Ashley Davis

HAPPY Anniversary

- 5/21 Brandon & Kristen Tolentino
- 5/24 Roger & Carol Christmas

May food and donation collection.

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

Friendly Center

Canned Tuna
Dried Potatoes
Stuffing
Soup

Children's Center

Vanilla Wafer
Animal Crackers
Ziplock Bags
Raisins



PLEASE KEEP IN

Prayer

Ann Pool, diagnosed with early stage lung cancer, **Laura Tolentino**, struggling with complications from long covid. **Joan Theilen**, dealing with Ataxia, **Darlene Steege, Helen, Werner, Wes Hayes** (next door neighbor of Janice Bosecke)





“Grace Community Garden –Coming Soon – a ministry with the community to feed the community”

So announces, via a large sign on our empty lot, Grace Community Garden, Our Saviour’s garden ministry. Exciting times, indeed! Soon thereafter we saw the beginning of the construction of the garden fence around the empty lot, which is the first step in the development of the garden.

Other developments:

For Easter Sunday, Jeanine Singer created posters for our sanctuary patio, showing an illustration of the initial draft of the garden development, to be completed in phases. These posters are to help inform the congregation in more visual detail about the garden plan.

Another exciting element of our garden ministry was an addition to the OSLC website: a page about Grace Community Garden. Thank you to Melissa Pool and Jeanine for this important and beautiful addition to our website. Check it out at www.orangeoslc.org. There is a description of the garden ministry and an opportunity to donate to the garden via the website. There is also an opportunity to sign up as a volunteer. We have already had donations and volunteer sign ups. Great news!

We are pleased to note that the neighborhood response to the garden has been very positive with multiple people asking how they can be a part of this ministry. We are taking names and email addresses so we can reach back out to them when the time comes to bring in volunteers.

Our partnership with Crece continues with the fence building during this stage. In addition, the Friendly Center folks have reached out to continue discussions on how we can help benefit the Friendly Center families and collaborate with them. Fundraising efforts in the form of donations are encouraged during this initial stage. Thank you to all who have donated to the garden thus far! We will continue to pursue grants and other forms of fundraising. Thank you to Pastor John and Marsha Embree for applying to Thrivent and receiving a grant of \$250.

Hopefully we can put our gardening hats on soon! We will keep everyone informed on when the volunteer opportunities will begin with this important ministry. There has been much enthusiasm and interest, for which we are grateful.

Thank you for your support of Grace Community Garden at Our Saviour’s Lutheran.

Grace Garden team:

Nelly Walker
Steve Vannier
Chris Kopczyński
Jeanine Singer
Steven & Carol Yoshizumi



MAY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7P Bells 8P Choir	2	3	4
5 10A Church 11A SS	6	7	8 7P Bells 8P Choir	9 7P Council	10	11
12 10A Church 11A SS	13 4P OSCC Board	14	15 7P Bells 8P Choir	16	17	18
19 10A Church 11A SS	20 10A Bible Study	21	22 7P Bells 8P Choir	23	24	25
26 10A Church 11A SS	27	28	29 7P Bells 8P Choir	30	31	



Join us Sunday mornings at 10am for our worship service.

Live streaming on YouTube: bit.ly/OSLCOrangeCA

Videos are also uploaded to our website – orangeosl.org

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