



Our Saviour's *Lutheran Church*

JANUARY 2023 | ORANGE CA



Happy New Year

2023



January

- Jan. 1 10am Church
- Jan. 4 7pm Bells
- Jan. 8 10am Church/11am SS
- Jan. 9 4pm OSCC Board
- Jan. 11 7pm Bells
- Jan. 15 10am Church/11am SS
- Jan. 17 7pm Council
- Jan. 18 7pm Bells/8pm Choir
- Jan. 22 10am Church/11am SS
- Jan. 23 10am Bible Study
- Jan. 25 7pm Bells/8pm Choir
- Jan. 29 10am Church/ 11am Pt. 2
meeting and potluck

Social Ministry



THANK YOU!

The Christmas toys for Friendly center was a huge success. We received 63 presents and 9 gift cards. There was a \$1,133 value for toys and \$225 in gift cards. This is a total of \$1,358.

We thank all of you who participated. This includes our church members and the pre-school families. Parents, tell your preschoolers how they helped make other children have a happier Christmas! This was a wonderful way to share our love on this special holiday!



Prayer Chain

We are organizing a prayer chain to notify members who do not receive church notices on their computers. If you would like to be called concerning OSLC members' prayers request, please call the office.



January food and donation collection

Baskets are located in the narthex for each location we give to. Thank you for your continued donations.

Friendly Center

Jan. 1 Peanut Butter
Jan. 8 Hot Cereal
Jan. 15 Mac N Cheese
Jan. 22 Can Meat
Jan. 29 Canned Fruit

Children's Center

Jan. 1 Raisins
Jan. 8 Paper Plates
Jan. 15 Kix Cereal
Jan. 22 Saltines
Jan. 29 Ziplock bags

MEDICAL AIDS TO LEND

THE CHURCH HAS SEVERAL ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR LENDING FOR MEDICAL NEEDS. THESE ARE STORED IN THE SHEDS BEHIND PRE-SCHOOL.

ITEMS ON HAND:

- 3 WALKERS (NO SEATS)
- 3 PAIR OF CRUCHES
- 3 SHOWER CHAIRS (ONE WITH ARMS)
- 3 COMMODOES - 2 W/POTTY, 1 OVER TOILET BOWL

IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUCH ARTICLES TO DONATE, PLEASE LET SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE OR CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.



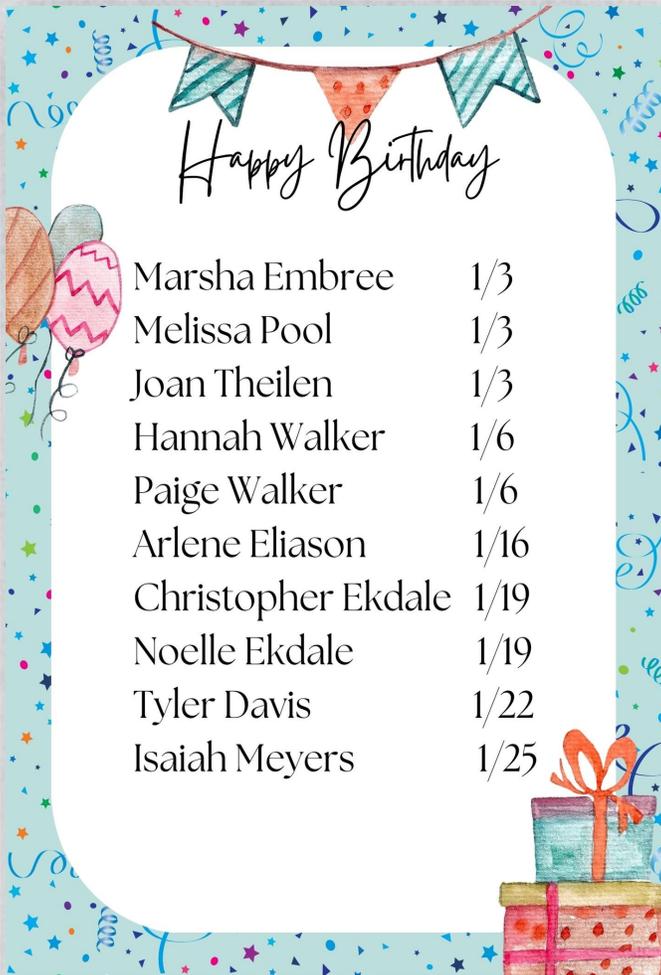
Our Saviour's Children's' Center

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We hope you all are having a wonderful holiday season. The preschool board supplied a wonderful Christmas luncheon for the preschool staff. It was very much enjoyed and greatly appreciated! OSCC is enjoying a little break. We will be back to school on January 3rd with a new and improved Infant and toddler room (thanks to very generous donations!). It's a good thing because both rooms are full! We have 57 children enrolled in the preschool with 10 children enrolled in the infant room and 9 in the toddler room. We are looking forward to seeing the preschool grow and thrive in the New Year.

Thank you for all of your support!

Jen and the OSCC staff



Staff

Director of music: *Chelsea Dehn*
Bell Choir Director: *Sara Moreno*
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OSLC Facebook: *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church-Orange*

Children's Center Director: *Jennifer Gates*

Children's Center Phone: **714-771-5040**

Council Members

Heather Wilkens - Christine Garcia

Lawton Miller - Violet Yoshizumi

Steven Yoshizumi - Jan Johnson

Steve Vannier - Melissa Pool -

Jeanine Singer - Carol Youngman

Bob Hunter

Committee Heads

Adult Fellowship: *Melissa Pool*

Christian Ed: *Kristin Tolentino*

Finance: *Bob Hunter*

Men's Ministry: *Lawton Miller*

OSCC Board: *Nelly Walker/Heather Wilkens*

Personnel: *Steven Yoshizumi*

Property: *Steve Vannier / Lawton Miller*

Stewardship: *Marsha Embree*

Social Ministry: *Janice Bosecke/ Betty Dierking*

Women's Ministry: *Jan Johnson*

Living Nativity

The saying, "It takes a village" could not be more true. This year marked year 30 since I took over putting together the Living Nativity. This year we had sheep, goats, water buffalo, donkey and, of course, a camel. We have come a long way from picking up a few animals in the back of my dad's truck. The weather was perfect with a really good, steady group of people stopping by to enjoy the Living Nativity.

There are many times when trying to gather help, I'll stop and think to myself, "Is this all worth it?" Then throughout the evening I heard so many different stories about how the nativity is a family tradition, or how a woman's son with developmental struggles feels at ease at the nativity, and made sure they came back this year. She thanked us several times for providing this wonderful event. We get so many comments and stories about how much this means to people; it really makes it all worth it. It makes you think that maybe this Living Nativity is the only "Christmas Tradition" some people have. Or maybe this Living Nativity is the only time someone spends a moment at church. I like to think that we are offering a piece of what Our Saviour's represents to every person that stops by, all for their own, different reasons.

This event could not be done without John and Wendi Gornick. John and Wendi have become the backbone to setting up and taking down the large and involved set-up. Steve and Lisa are amazing at jumping in to break down, as well. Michelle Johnson has taken over our treat table and is such a kind hostess for visitors to interact with. Steve Vannier is always willing to pick up straw for us, or doing almost anything needed for the event. Ann Pool makes sure the costumes all come together. Without all of the help, there would be nothing for me to coordinate. This is not the work of just a couple people. This is a community effort and only happens because of all of the people that help. Also, a special thank you to Pr. John Embree for playing his saxophone. His gift always adds a special spark to the night.

Thank you so much to the cast this year: Lisa Lubben—Rivera, Nelly Walker, Ashley Davis and her friend, Michelle Johnson's niece Olivia and one of her friend, Isaac and Jose Guerra, and Steve Vannier. The cast is the most difficult thing to organize each year because so many people are busy during the holidays. Without a cast we would not have the Living Nativity and we really appreciate the people that will stand out there and do the job. I cannot thank the people enough that showed up this year to be part of our cast. Many of them are not church members, but came to be a part of something awesome. Thank you for wearing the costumes, standing for long periods of time, being cold, and hanging out with stinky animals. At the end of the night, I hope everyone that participated felt the warmth inside from being able to share this special event with so many different people from our community.

Blessings, Melissa



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, it was a busy one at Our Saviours. It started out with decorating cookies and gingerbread houses. Then (22) retiree's enjoyed a ham dinner together and singing by the preschool children.

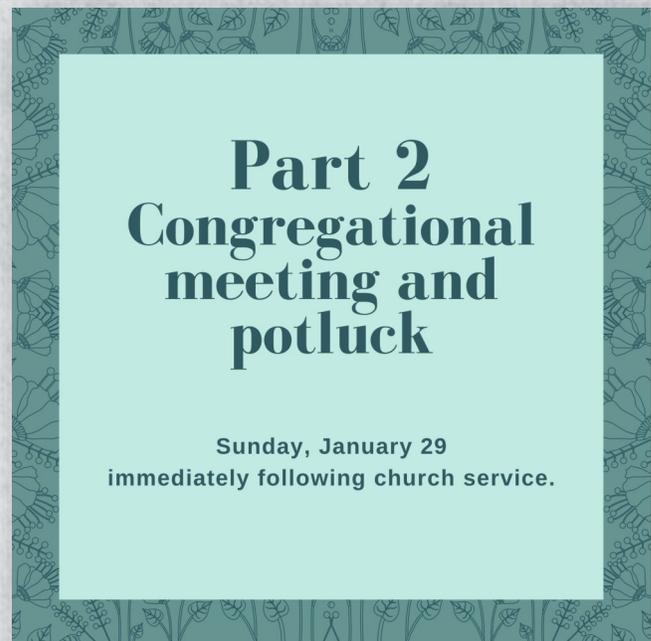
Hopefully, everyone came out to see the Living Nativity and all the animals. The Shepherds tended the cow, the many sheep and a camel as Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and the angel looked over them. A big thank you to Melissa Pool for once again, coordinated the event.

Christmas eve service was glorious, as voices sang joyfully, accompanied with harp and organ. The poinsettias and Christmas tree adorned the sanctuary. Thank you to everyone for your part in the service.

On December 11, we approved the 2023 spending plan at Part 1 of our congregational meeting. We elected new council member: Melissa Pool, Jeanine Singer, Steve Vannier, Carol Youngman for a three-year term. Lawton Miller, Steven Yoshizumi and Violet Yoshizumi have agreed to run again for another term. They will join current council members: Christine Garcia, Bob Hunter, Jan Johnson, and Heather Wilkens. All will continue to serve, with God's help to lead our congregation.

As we reflect on 2022, Our Saviour's has experienced many changes. We prayerfully continue to work with the Synod for an interim pastor to lead us. Your support, giving of your time and talents, the roles that you provide to our church are grateful for all of you. We look to 2023 with great expectations as we continue God's work together.

Jan Johnson



Remember in Prayer

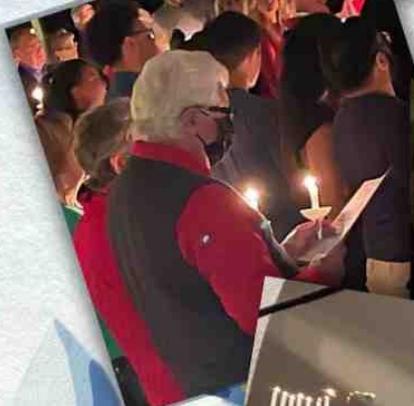
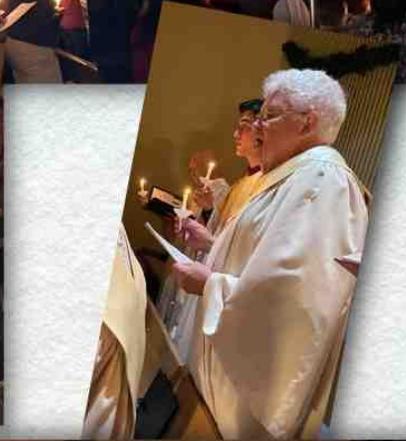
Chelsea Dehn, easy & speedy recovery after out-patient surgery on 12/29, **Dan Steege**, healing from surgery to repair his ankle, **Lawton Miller**, immuno-chemotherapy, **Pr. John Embree**, continued healing from a stroke. **Don Rehms**, immunotherapy, **Sharon Gano** (sister of Ann Pool) cancer diagnose, **Nancy Worley**, who is recovering from a fall, **Daniel Dunn**, **Kristin Hailstone**, **Darlene Steege**, **Sylvester Vaughn**, **Heather Wilkens**, **Helen Werner**, **Wes Hayes** (next-door neighbor of Janice Bosecke), **Lance and Jean Thompson-Hailstone**, **Kristin Maxwell**, **Bishops Elizabeth Eaton** and **David Nagler**. 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 those serving our country.



THANK YOU TO A
WONDERFUL 2022
Christmas Season



Christmas Eve 2022





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

Live streaming on YouTube: bit.ly/OSLCOrangeCA

Videos are also uploaded to our website – orangeoslc.org

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