

Our Saviour's *Lutheran Church*

JANUARY 2023- ORANGE, CA

Part II
Congregational
meeting &
POTLUCK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
FOLLOWING SERVICE



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

- Jan 3 - Marsha Embree
- Jan 3 - Melissa Pool
- Jan 3 - Joan Theilen
- Jan 19- Christopher Ekdale
- Jan 19 - Noelle Ekdale

**Happy
Birthday**

Presidents Report

Wow what a great December. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and December as I did. There were several great activities. The Living Nativity on Saturday December 16 one of the best ever. Over 200 people took it in during the hours of 5 – 8 PM. The animals are always a big hit, especially the camel. Several of the folks from the Getsemani Apostolic Church shared in the cast duties during about an hour of the time. A couple from the church even brought their baby to the scene for a while which made it special. A thank you to all church members and friends who participated in the cast. Also thank you to those that helped setup and tear down and a special thank you to Melissa Pool who coordinated the event.

Then next day, December 17th after church service was the cookie exchange. So many homemade cookies made by church parishioners to choose from. All enjoyed. Plus, cookies were put on plates to be shared with our church family shut-ins and seniors.

Of course, our Christmas Eve church service was wonderful. Pastor Thom Johnson led us in worship and reminded us of the baby in the manger, our Savior. There were two trumpets and two trombones along with the chancel choir and bell choir to make big Christmas music. There were over a 140 at the service. If you missed it, you may watch it on the church's YouTube channel, "bit.ly/oursaviourslutheran" or on the church's Facebook site. Yes, December was a very celebratory month for OSLC.

Now we have 2024 to look forward to and yes, OSLC has a potential pastoral candidate, Pastor Scott Fielder. The council has met with him and are all excited about him and have voted to present him to the congregation to be called. So, on Sunday January 7th there will be a "meet & greet" with him after the church service. So be sure to all come to church that Sunday to meet him after the service. Then the following Sunday there will be a special congregational meeting to vote whether or not to call him. Another important Sunday for all to be there. With the vote being positive for him to be called, he would then start as Pastor of OSLC on the 1st of February. Keep all this in your prayers as we move forward.

On December 3rd we approved our 2024 spending plan at Part I of our congregational meeting. Yes, it is a deficit budget as typical. Every year I have been a member of OSLC we have always come through each year meeting all our obligations. We also elected three council members. Nelly Walker, Jon Davis, and Christine Garcia. These three are replacements for council members whose terms completed in December: Heather Wilkens, Lawton Miller, and Christine Garcia. Christine agreed to run for another term (thank you Christine) and of course we are all aware that we lost our sister Heather and brother Lawton this past year to cancer. (We know they are now with our Lord.) I know these folks along with other current council members (Melissa Pool, Steven Yoshizumi, Violet Yoshizumi, Jan Johnson, Jeanine Singer, and Bob Hunter) will do a great job.

Part II of the annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday January 21. As is our tradition there will be a pot luck after church followed by the meeting for a review of 2023 and looking forward to 2024. Reports are due to the church office, Melissa Pool, by Monday January 8 for inclusion in the 2023 annual report. Hope all of you will participate in that also.

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Last November I reported that the council has been looking into the possibility of converting our open space to the west of Moreland Hall into a community garden and that Nelly Walker is spear heading the effort. That effort is progressing and looking good. OSLC received an anonymous gift of \$8,000 to help make that happen. Thank you to that person. Stay tuned to see the progress.

I have to mention again, that I hope everyone has taken a second look at our new church roof with the new skylights over the altar. I think it makes the church look like a whole new building. The price tag was just over \$91,000, but OSLC was able to afford it with the many contributions for the roof of \$28,071 given directly or as memorials in memory of Heather Wilkens (Thanks to all who have contributed) and the loan OSLC obtained from the ELCA Mission Investment funds of \$67,000. A big thank you to Bob Hunter our church treasurer who completed the necessary paper work for the loan.

Want to also mention again that during our Great Thanksgiving feast on Sunday November 12th we raised over \$1,000 for Lutheran Disaster Response, in particular the Maui disaster. Again, thanks to all who contributed.

Looking forward to the “meet & greet” with Pastor Scott on January 7th and then the vote the following Sunday, January 14th. See you all there.

OSLC has great things coming in 2024.

Happy New Year and blessing to all!

Steve Vannier

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

This notification is in keeping with the constitution, Chapter 10, C10.02, of OSLC to serve as the official announcement of the following meeting.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 14, 2024 after the Church service to conduct a ballot vote to Call Pastor Scott Fielder to be the Pastor of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church.

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Council Members

President: *Steve Vennier*
Vice President: *Jan Johnson*
Secretary: *Carol Youngman*
Treasure: *Bob Hunter*

Christine Garcia - Nelly Walker
Violet Yoshizumi - Steven Yoshizumi
Melissa Pool - Jeanine Singer - Jon Davis



Happy
New Year!!
2024

Committee Heads

Adult Fellowship: *Melissa Pool*
Christian Ed: *Kristin Tolentino*
Finance: *Bob Hunter*
Men's Ministry: *Steve Vannier*
OSCC Board: *Nelly Walker*
Personnel: *Steven Yoshizumi*
Property: *Steve Vannier*
Stewardship: *Carol Youngman*
Social Ministry: *Janice Bosecke/
Betty Dierking*
Women's Ministry: *Jan Johnson*

**MEET AND
GREET**

Pastor Scott Fielder, potential pastoral candidate.

Sunday, January 7 following service

January

December food and donation collection

Friendly Center

Canned Fruit
Canned Veggies
Canned Meat
Mac & Cheese

Children's Center

Veggie Sticks (chips aisle)
Animal Crackers
Vanilla Wafers
Cheap Paper Plates



Keep in Prayer

HOLLY DIBELLA, (DAUGHTER OF JANICE
BOSECKE)

JOAN THEILEN, DEALING WITH ATAXIA

DARLENE STEEGE, HELEN WERNER

WES HAYES (NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR OF JANICE
BOSECKE)

January Bible Study

MONDAY JAN. 22 10AM

The New Year begins with a new study on Jesus and Nature. Jesus regularly talks of nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world.

We can't control the weather but we can learn from it. Storms, rain, drought and wind shape the lives of humans, in scripture. As we face catastrophic storms the weird weather of climate change, biblical stories of extraordinary weather convict and humble us. They show us to live faithfully, moving us to act when we feel powerless.

Everyone is welcome to Bible Study
Monday, January 22, 10 am in the
conference room.

Congregational
meeting following
service.

Sunday Jan. 14

To vote to call
Pastor Scott

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that participated in some way in making the Living Nativity a great success.



May GOD make 2024 happy for you!

**Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear
it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;**

**Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by
granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;**

**Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and
their causes need you most,**

And by making you anxious to be there to help.

GOD's love, peace hope and joy to you from the year ahead.

In JEASUS' Name, Amen

Author Unknown



JANUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10A SERVICE 11A SS 11A MEET AND GREET	8 4P OSCC BOARD	9	10 7P BELLS 8P CHOIR	11 7P COUNCIL	12	13
14 10A SERVICE 11A SS 11A MEETING	15	16	17 7P BELLS 8P CHOIR	18	19	20
21 10A SERVICE 11A MEETING/ POTLUCK	22 10A BIBLE STUDY	23	24 7P BELLS 8P CHOIR	25	26	27
28 10A SERVICE 11A SS	29	30	31 7P BELLS 8P CHOIR			



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Join us Sunday Mornings at 10am for worship service.
Live Streaming on YouTube: bit.ly/oslcorangeca
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