

Our Saviour's *Lutheran Church*

ORANGE, CA | NOVEMBER 2023



GREAT
Thanksgiving
FEAST

Sunday, November 12
following service

All are welcome!

Bring a friend

The annual dinner is coming up soon. We meet and enjoy a delicious meal with all the trimmings with our friends. At the same time we try to raise donations for Lutheran Disaster Response.

This agency of the ELCA sends help to where most needed. There have been many disasters this past year. Social ministry has considered the needs of so many. We finally decided that this year's cause to help is the crisis in Maui, Hawaii. Forest fires have destroyed many businesses and killed many inhabitants.

This tragedy is smaller than others, and we feel our support could be more effective on a smaller area.

Come-Invite a Friend

Contributions may be sent to OSLC Church marked Lutheran Disaster Response

Thank you! See you there
Your Social Ministry Committee

Presidents Report

The church is sure looking good with its new roof. I think it looks like a new building to me with the shingles on the church accenting the cross at the peak, the new white flat roof over the office area and the furnace room (so glad to be gone with the black tar paper and rock which was needing continued repairs) and the new sky lights. The skylights blend right into the roof now rather than stand out like the old ones. The new sky lights allow more natural light over the altar area as the old sky light was very old, yellowed, and brittle plastic. Also, metal coverings were put over the top of the exposed beams to protect them from sun damage which had occurred just in the past couple of years after they were just painted. And best of all now, no more leaking roof during the rains which resulted in four leaks this past year. The final cost of the roof was \$91,834.94. This number includes the original estimate of \$86,800 plus \$4,200 for dry rot plywood replacement and \$834.94 to the city for the permit to replace the roof. This was covered by \$29,071 given for the roof replacement either 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.



New Skylights



Metal caps on the beams



The white paper replaced the old tar paper and rock on top of flat roof.



We continue to work with the Synod for a Pastor. I was just notified that they have identified a possible candidate for us and will be in touch within the next couple of weeks. Say a prayer that this person just might be a fit. In the meantime, Jan Johnson continues coordinating supply Pastors for our Sunday worship.

November 5, 2023 will be our Music Director's 20th anniversary with us. Chelsea is most certainly a wonderful music director. We look forward to her leadership for 20 more years. Be sure and say Happy 20th and thanks to her on that day.

Presidents report continued.

Long time OSLC members Bob & Anne Pool left us the end of October for Arkansas. We will miss them and wish them "God's Speed"!

We will be having our Great Thanksgiving Feast on Sunday November 12th after church. As our plan is to share a Pastor with Christ Lutheran, we have invited Christ Lutheran to join us and they have accepted. They will come over and join us after their church service which occurs at the same time as ours. Be sure to greet them all. We will be collecting for Lutheran Disaster Response/Maui fire. It is always a fun day for eating all the Thanksgiving food. I am cooking a turkey for the feast. What will you bring to share? There is a sign-up board in the narthex.

The council has decided that we will not be holding a Thanksgiving Eve service as we use to since we do not have a Pastor. All are wished a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged to maybe worship that evening at a neighbor church which has a Thanksgiving service.

Your council has been looking into the possibility of converting our open space to the west of Moreland Hall into a community garden. Church member Nelly Walker has been spear heading the effort contacting other churches and other centers and institutions which have them already. The thinking is that we should partner with others and this would be a good community development and possibly lead to new members for the church. Things are looking positive. Stay tuned to see how this works out.

The council scheduled part one of our annual congregational meeting for December 3rd at which time we will be electing three council members and approving the 2024 budget. We lost Lawton Miller and Heather Wilkens from council this past year, who are dearly missed. Also, Christine Garcia's term is up. We hope she will run again. If any of you are interested in being on council, please contact Christine or Marsha Embree who were elected last January to service on the nomination committee. In light of the approval of our 2024 budget you will have received or will receive shortly a Stewardship Letter asking for your 2024 pledge. Pray about it and then provide the pledge card to the church as asked by the letter.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving on November the 23rd!

Continue to keep the process for obtaining an interim Pastor with Christ Lutheran in your prayers.

See you all in church and Blessings,

Steve Vannier



Staff

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Office Administrator: *Melissa Pool*
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Council Members

President: *Steve Vennier*
Vice President: *Jan Johnson*
Secretary: *Carol Youngman*
Treasure: *Bob Hunter*
Christine Garcia - Violet Yoshizumi
Steven Yoshizumi
Melissa Pool -Jeanine Singer

Committee Heads

Adult Fellowship: *Melissa Pool*
Christian Ed: *Sarah Moreno*
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*

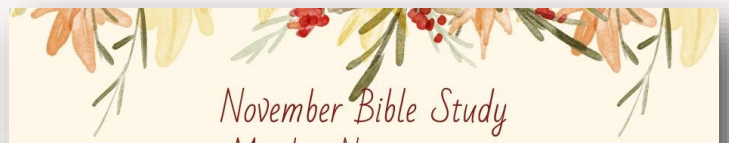


BOB & ANN POOL

**Have moved
to Arkansas.**

NEW TEMPARY ADDRESS:

**24 Killdeeen Rd
Rogers, AR 72756**



*November Bible Study
Monday, Nov. 27 10am*

We will continue our study of "Holy Places." Last month it was sanctuary, this month the holy place is Pilgrimage. A journey to a sacred place, is a spiritual practice with a long history in Christianity. In the Bible, pilgrimage is not only about the destination but also about the "holy places" of the journey itself. Considering the journey of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, we'll ponder how pilgrimage can inspire, challenge and transform our faith and our lives. Everyone is welcome to Bible Study Monday, November 27, 10 am in the conference room.

Women's Retreat

11 women headed up to Crestline, Ca for the weekend at the end of Sept. The weekend included, bible study, many conversations, walks around Lake Gregory and surrounding area. Kathleen shared about her recent trip to Israel. There was coloring, puzzling and good food. The view from the cabin was absolutely amazing. Hopefully those that were not able to attend this year will make sure to attend next year.



Keep in Prayer

Jean Thompson-Hailstone, as she mourns the death of Lance
Family and friends of Diana Hartwig Hines, (former member)
as they mourn her death

Richard Yoshizumi (Steven's father) in hospital with lung and heart distress

Joan Theilen, dealing with Ataxia,

Kristin Hailstone, Darlene Steege, Helen Werner

Wes Hayes (next-door neighbor of Janice Bosecke),

Our Saviour's Children's Center

OSCC will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will also be closed on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day.

PreK successfully completed a field trip to the Orange Public Library in October. We are looking for more walking or in house field trips we can do with the children as prices for bus rentals have drastically increased. One of our infant/toddler strollers broke and had to be replaced so we purchased a new 6 seat stroller for our littlest friends. Hopefully this one will last us another 20 years like the last one did!

We had a picture day scheduled in October but that had to be rescheduled due to unforeseen events on the photographer's part. We are rescheduled for mid November so here's to hoping that all goes well.

Our preschool children are beginning their practices for our annual Christmas program. This is always an event that we all look forward to each year!

Our next fundraiser will be Nov. 14 at Miguel's Jr on Tustin Ave. Mention you are with the fundraiser when you order.

Thank you for all of your support and Happy Thanksgiving!



"How does a turkey travel?"

"By gravy train."

What did the autumn leaf say to the tree?

I'm falling for you.

OSLC Celebrates 70 years!

Leading up to the 70th Anniversary in June. We step back to how it started.

In the Summer of 1953, the Board of American Missions of the CA Synod of the United Lutheran Church of America commissioned the Rev. Harold Schluntz to organize a Lutheran congregation in Orange, CA. Orange at that time was a small city of about 10,500 people. (1950 census), rural in nature with orange groves and packing houses at the city's outskirts. There were no freeways or large shipping centers. The Circle was the city's center and commercial area.

German settlers had come to Orange and started congregations affiliated with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Our Saviour's was begun to serve other Lutherans and new residents in the community. The city of Orange grew rapidly from 1950 to 1970 to become a city of 83,00 people.

Pastor Schluntz surveyed the city of Orange that first summer calling on virtually ever one in the community. In one of these homes he found a very receptive Lutheran, Mrs. Mabel Tart, the oldest charter member of Our Saviour's. Advertisements were placed in local newspapers advising residents about the infant congregation.

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, 1953, the first worship service was held with 63 people present. The worship service was conducted in the local Young Women's Christian Association building on Grand and Maple streets. Services have been held continuously since that day.

November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 7pm Bells 8pm Choir	2	3	4
5 10am Service	6	7	8 7pm Bells 8pm Choir	9	10	11 11am Lance's Service
12 10am Service 11am Great Thanksgiving Feast	13 4pm OSCC Board	14 Avail. all day OSCC fundraiser at Miguel's Jr	15 7pm Bells 8pm Choir	16 7pm Council	17	18
19 10am Service 11am SS	20	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25 10am Service 11am SS
26 10am Service 11am SS	27 10am Bible Study	28	29 7pm Bells 8pm Choir	30	1	2

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

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