

# Our Saviour's *Lutheran*



APRIL 2024 | ORANGE, CA

## *President's Message*

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Those are truly wonderful words. He not only forgives us but has given us eternal life. Hope you all had a very good Easter.

We thank Pastor John Embree for leading us in worship at our soup-suppers and Good Friday service. Not only was the soup and bread delicious on the Wednesday evenings but Pastor John's review of Luther's small catechism was really enlightening as I had forgot so much since I was in confirmation quite a few years ago. 😊 We Lutherans need to review and reinforce our beliefs in our Risen Christ. And I must say thank you to the confirmation band (Tommy on piano, Becket on flute, Laurie on guitar, and Pastor John on sax) for accompanying us for the hymns we sang on the Wednesdays.

We are continuing to work with Pastor Jennifer Schultz at the Synod office in obtaining a Pastor. She asked that we do a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) so that it can be posted on the ELCA web site for all possible Pastors to see. Your council took the MSP which was done back in 2018 and updated it adding some additional information. That MSP was approved by the council on March 25, 2024 and is now with the Synod. (If any of you would like see it, let me know and I can make you a copy or email it to you.) Pastor Jennifer is working all avenues for us to call a Pastor. Yes, in the meantime, we continue to utilize supply Pastors and have them set up now through June 9<sup>th</sup> which is the date we will be celebrating OSLC's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The celebration is planned for Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> where we will have a catered meal and program. Then on June 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop Dave Nagler will preach and we will have an anniversary cake after the service. Put June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. More information will be provided as we get closer to that date.

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The community garden project is going forward. To date \$13,300 has been given for the garden. The council has authorized an additional \$3,276 to be added to that for a fence to be built around the green area to the west of the shed by Moreland Hall. The fence installation is set to begin the first part of April. It should be completed by the end of April at which time that area will begin to be worked and planted. Yes, a lot of work to be done. We are partnering with CRECE Urban Farms who is running a community garden at a church in Santa Ana. See Nelly Walker's article on the garden project for more information. Also, if you have any questions about the garden, you may ask any council member along with Chris Kopczynski or Carol Yoshizumi.

Want to add a couple of reminders to this article concerning property. Please if you use Moreland Hall be sure to turn off **all** lights, including the patio lights if they are turned on, when you leave along with locking all doors. Also, if you see anyone dumping stuff in the church dumpster that is not related to the church or preschool, in particular tires, please let the church office know or myself as these are not taken by CR&R. It could cost the church up to \$50 a tire for their removal.

Again, Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!!

Blessing to all!

## Staff

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## Council Members

**President:** *Steve Vannier*

**Vice President:** *Jeanine Singer*

**Secretary:** *Carol Youngman*

**Treasure:** *Bob Hunter*

*Christine Garcia- Jan Johnson  
Melissa Pool-Nelly Walker - Jon Davis  
Violet Yoshizumi - Steven Yoshizumi*

## Committee Chairs

**Adult Fellowship:** *Melissa Pool*

**Christian Ed:** *Sarah Moreno*

**Finance:** *Bob Hunter*

**Men's Ministry:** *Jon Davis*

**OSCC Board:** *Nelly Walker*

**Personnel:** *Steven Yoshizumi*

**Property:** *Steve Vannier*

**Social Ministry:** *Janice Bosecke/  
Betty Dierking*

**Women's Ministry:** *Jan Johnson*



## An Introduction to the Community Garden at Our Saviour's:

How do we respond to the spirit today? If we are God's hands and feet, how do we listen to the community around us? What are the needs of the community and how can we feel more connected?

These words are in contrast to the old question of "How do we get more butts in the seats?" We should ask ourselves: "How can we find a ministry that helps others in our community and invites people to join us in that ministry?"

A garden or an urban farm would turn an unused lot of land into a ministry that feeds the hungry and could also invite the community to our campus to participate with us. Making this dream a reality could help grow food for those in need and have an opportunity of fellowship and shared bonds that could help our congregation grow.

I believe there is a lot of interest in our surrounding community in gardening. I also believe many people would be attracted to the idea of helping those less fortunate via a gardening volunteer opportunity.

Since we are a small congregation which does not have a lot of farming experience, we have reached out to partner with Crece-Coop. Crece-Coop is a non-profit in Santa Ana that strives to create gardens and help those who are food insecure.

The garden would be developed in 2 or 3 phases, not all at once. It would include, vegetables, fruit trees, some raised bed planters, a garden for the preschool kids and a community gathering space.

With Crece-Coop's experience, we have a great amount of knowledge and assistance, however we will still need to apply for funding through grants, donations and other fundraising methods to finance the development.

Imagine: Our empty lot could turn into a wonderful ministry that grows food for those in need, such as the families assisted by the Friendly Center. Our empty lot has the possibility of community engagement and outreach. Our empty lot has the prospect of a ministry that could invite others to our property and grow our congregation.

A few months ago, Pastor Glen Eggertson ended his sermon with an inspiring challenge. He talked about having enough confidence in our faith to take risks in Jesus' name. Although by investing our time and effort into a garden, we may face some obstacles, but what better way to strengthen our faith than by nourishing our community?

Please join me in embracing this ministry opportunity together.

Nelly Walker

+ Garden Committee

Steve Vannier, Chris Kopczyński, Jeanine Singer, Steve Yoshizumi, Carol Yoshizumi



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

*Prayer*

**Jean Thompson-Hailstone**, Recovering from shoulder surgery. **Joan Theilen**, dealing with Ataxia, **Darlene Steege**, **Helen, Werner, Wes Hayes** (next door neighbor of Janice Bosecke)

**APRIL**

*April food and donation collection.*

<b><u>Friendly Center</u></b>	<b><u>Children's Center</u></b>
Canned Fruit	Veggie sticks (chips aisle)
Canned Veggies	Chex Mix
Canned Meat	Ritz Crackers
Mac & Cheese	Goldfish



**OSCC FUNDRAISER DINNER**

**Streamliner Lounge & Café**  
**186 N. Atchison St, Orange**  
**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**4pm – 8pm**  
 20% of sales go back to OSCC  
 \*No other discounts may be applied  
 \*The purchase of alcohol does not count in the total to go back to OSCC  
 \*Must have flyer present for sales to count

**Our Saviour's Children's Center**

March was a month of fun at OSCC! We had St Patrick's day festivities. The Leprechauns came to visit and caused lots of mischief. Just a short week later we had our Easter celebrations. The children had parties in their classes and an Easter egg hunt too. We are still collecting Summer and Fall registrations for the preschool to see what our attendance will look like for this summer and the upcoming school year. On April 10th, we will have a fundraiser dinner at The Streamliner Restaurant. Flyers will be coming out soon for that.

We will also be ordering our butterflies for the preschool which is always super exciting for the children. Another exciting event coming up will be the OSCC Trike a Thon fundraiser. We will keep you updated as to what the date for that will be!

Thank you all for everything you do to support OSCC.

Jen and the OSCC Staff

## The Story of Adam & Eve's Dog

Adam and Eve said, 'Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you anymore. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us.'

And God said, I will create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unloved you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves.'

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve.

And it was a good animal and God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail.

And Adam said, 'Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.'

And God said, 'I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG.'

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them. And they were comforted.

And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, 'Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well.'

*And God said, I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.'*

*And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.*

*And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings.*

*And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved.*

*And God was pleased. And Dog was happy.*

*And Cat . . . Didn't care one way or the other.*

## The Lord's baseball game

Freddy and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate whose name was Love.

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because Love never fails.

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love.

The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked, because Godly Wisdom never swings at what Satan throws. The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to Freddy and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Freddy said, "He sure doesn't look like much!"

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen. But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; then it continued over the fence for a home run!

The Lord's team won!

# Bible Study

In the isles of the grocery store we forget the ways our food first comes to us – from fields, flocks, forest and farms. We will explore stories of how food in scriptures offer us ways of faithful eating, that are responsible and celebratory. Everyone is welcome to join the Bible Study, Monday, April 22, 10 am in the conference room, next to the office.

## SAVE *the* DATE

### OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CELEBRATES 70 YEARS

Saturday June 8th 4pm  
Celebration dinner

Sunday, June 9th 10am  
Celebration Service  
Bishop David Nagler leading

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

### *The 12th Annual Bonhoeffer Festival*

Hosted by and located at: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
1700 N. Towne Ave., Claremont, CA.

Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**Theme: "The Battle over Bonhoeffer"**  
**Debating Discipleship in the Age of Trump**



Dietrich  
Bonhoeffer

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stephen R. Haynes**

*Professor of Religious Studies, Rhodes College*

*Author, The Battle over Bonhoeffer, 2018, Co-Author, Armchair  
Theologian: Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**Sponsored by Southwest Calif. Synod (ELCA) Pacifica Synod (ELCA) & Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Claremont**

#### Festival Schedule:

**12:30pm** Commemorative Lunch in honor Bonhoeffer's martyrdom

**1:30pm** Program: Keynote Presentation: Dr. Haynes  
"Battle over Bonhoeffer: Debating Discipleship in the Age of Trump"

**2:45pm** Panel Discussion/Q & A - led by Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson

Respondents: TBA

**3:30pm** Reception/Table Talk at Good Shepherd Patio

**Free and Open to Public** (Donations are appreciated)

Please RSVP at [TJohnson@cst.edu/909-802-9549](mailto:TJohnson@cst.edu/909-802-9549)

## HAPPY Birthday

4/2 Jon Davis  
4/4 Laura Tolentino  
4/6 Beckett Kopczynski  
4/17 Dan Steege

## HAPPY Birthday

4/12 Ron & Jhana Duncan  
4/15 Barb & Orlan Grunklee  
4/24 Dan & Darlene Steege



# APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 7p Bells 8p Choir	4	5	6
7 10A Church 11A SS	8 4:30P OSCC Board	9	10 7p Bells 8pm Choir OSCC Fundraiser at Steamliner 4-8	11 7pm Council	12	13
14 10A Church 11A SS	15	16	17 7pm Bells 8pm Choir	18	19	20
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**Join us Sunday mornings at 10am for our worship service.**

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