

Our Savior Lutheran Church Annual Report 2014



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Church Mission

To be a congregation of friendly members who set an example for this community in witnessing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Our Church Goals

Our Savior Lutheran Church firmly believing that God owns everything, (Psalms 24:1 and Psalms 89:11) and that we are managers, caretakers and stewards of what God has lovingly and generously entrusted to us, we will respond to God's love by always giving at least 10% (a tithe) of our financial budget to Mission Outreach beyond our own congregation. (2 Cor. 9:6-8)

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Left to Right: Pastor Steve Waterman, Peggy Sims (Head Deacon), Dorothy Bogumil (Treasurer), Robert Allen (Vice President), David Oetjen (Deacon), Patrice Clevenger (President), Joan Haines (Secretary)
Not pictured: Lawrence Potter (Trustee), Keith Boseley (Trustee), Jeanne Butler (Financial Secretary), Don Butler (Deacon), and Ethan Allen (Deacon)

2014 Church Directory

Pastor	Steve Waterman [REDACTED]
Home Phone:	[REDACTED]
Church Phone:	(541) 563.7729 (PRAY)
Email	[REDACTED]
Organist	Gail Schuetze [REDACTED]
Custodian	John Haines [REDACTED]
Elected Officers:	
President	Patrice A. Clevenger
Vice President	Bob Allen
Secretary	Joan Haines
Treasurer	Dorothy Bogumil
Financial Secretary	Jeanne Butler
Deacons:	Peggy Sims Ethan Allen Don Butler David Oetjen
Trustees:	Don Butler Keith Boseley Laurie Potter John Haines



Church Committees

Landscape	Laurie Potter Scott Perkins Sandy Kaufman Joe & Jan Livingstone Dave Julum
Health	David & Karen Oetjen Joe & Jan Livingstone Scott & Fran Perkins
Community & Public Relations	Joe & Jan Livingstone
Website	John Filbert Debbie Becker
Bulletin Board	Debbie Becker
Church Directory	Debbie Becker
Prayer Chain	Dorothy Bogumil, Peggy Sims, Jan Julum, Willajean Prothe, Sandy Kaufman, Jane McMillan, Sally Morris, Jeanne Butler, The Livingstone's, The Perkins, Jan Vonsild, Rosalie Raudsep, Marilyn Pratt, The High's, Karolyn Newgard, Della Schmidt, The Adie's, The Chamberlain's, Margaret Dusek, Charlie Allen, and Ruth Peterson

Church Affiliates

LWML President
 Secretary
 Treasurer

Sandy Allen
Dorothy Bogumil
Peggy Sims

Altar Guild

Tatyana Hanna, Linda Allen, Eileen Canova, Fran
Perkins, Susan Dunn

Thrivent Coordinators

Peggy Sims, Karen Oetjen, Jeanne Butler

Pastor's Report

Greetings Church Family and Friends,

Jesus made this amazing assertion in Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

As you already know, Our Savior Lutheran has been a shining light of the gospel to our community for numerous years. However, I believe that 2014 was by far our most impactful year ever. One reason we can reach out with the love of Jesus so effectively is because we are faithful with a Word & Sacrament ministry, as well as faithfully studying Holy Scripture on Sundays and Wednesday nights (along with our yummy Soup Suppers!).

While our attendance has been down a bit this year (especially due to physical illnesses and moves), the Lord's outreach through us has been extremely encouraging. Also, since my wife Susie and son Jerry finished seven years of youth ministry (often times missing out on the worship service due to teaching our youth), it has been hard finding others to teach young people consistently and efficiently. While not teaching, Susie continues to reach out with books for children and teens. Since we have been here, we have given out over 1,400 books to youth. Many kids today don't even own one book, so they are so excited to get an attractive, colorful picture Bible!

Many of us here at OSLC give of our time to our community. I continue to be on the Waldport Chamber of Commerce Board, Citizen Review Board, and volunteer at the jail on a weekly basis. I am now the most active pastor with South Lincoln Resources' Voucher Program. I am constantly meeting and ministering to new people every week.

One new avenue of outreach this year has been the Thrivent Action Cards. Thrivent is #335 on the 2014 Fortune 500 list and firmly believes in giving generously to others. This past year we used 70 action cards totaling \$17,500. That's in addition to what we as a congregation give! I have categorized the action cards as follows:

- Congregation – Food (St. Patrick’s Dinner, 7-3-14 BBQ), Office Supplies, Promotional (cups, pens, flashlights, magnets, Xmas cards) - \$3250
- South Lincoln Resources (vouchers, holiday food baskets) & Food Share/Pantry - \$3500
- Synod (Wittenberg Project) - \$500
- International (Military Bible Sticks) - \$500
- Medical Fundraiser for Annette led by the Parsons - \$1000
- County Charities (Samaritan House, Head Start, Lion’s, Taft Elementary; Foster Kids) - \$1750
- Educational (Thrivent, Model A Meeting) - \$750
- Local Fundraisers (WHS, Fireworks, Chamber, Christmas Toys; Golf Tournaments - \$4000
- Religious Literacy/Ministry (Prison & Jail Bibles/Books/Supplies, Youth Books) - \$1750
- Out of the Area Charities (St. Jude’s Hospital, PARR Rehab - \$500

Let’s keep trusting God to do a wonderful work in our congregation and community ... all by His amazing grace and tender mercy!

Looking forward to a glorious 2015 at Our Savior,

*Pastor Steve
Waterman*



President's Report

Again, I want to thank the members of OSLC congregation for entrusting me serve as your Church Council President for another year. We have seen changes over the past year in membership with some of our key leaders moving away. Others have simply chosen another path in their Christian journey. Whatever the reason for leaving, they will be missed greatly.

As I look back at 2014 I can't help but be proud to be a part of OSLC. We are a definite light in the community of Waldport and throughout the central Oregon Coast. Part of that recognition comes from the Thrivent Action Cards that so many of our congregation have generously shared with other non-profit organizations and other wonderful causes which help others. We have seen seed money go to not only our own congregation outreach but to such things as helping with fundraisers for Siletz Head Start, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Recovery Homes, the Samaritan House for homeless families, Cancer Patient Assistance, just to name a few. Our congregation through these Thrivent Action Cards have truly touched many lives here and across the nation. How proud each of you should be to be a living part of that "giving". This next year we have another opportunity to reach out and help others. I encourage each of you to become involved in this kind of "outreach" this coming year.

I am also thankful for our outreach and assistance to our young people here at OSLC as we help them attend college each year. Without your generous giving and the giving of those who had the foresight to think of our college students and the need that each of them have to purchase books and pay fees and tuition. I'm sure that each of the students who have received a scholarship from our church is thankful for the extra we have provided for them.

This year I am encouraging each of you to give from your heart. Some of you have many skills you can share at the church. Many of you have been blessed with financial standing that you can give in that way. I know that if each of us give what we can with "joy", our church will be blessed abundantly.

Thank you again for the trust you have given me to lead this wonderful, giving congregation.

Blessings, *Patrice A. Clevenger*

Deacon's Report

It is well known that Our Savior Lutheran Church is a great place to worship the Lord. This is possible because of our congregation showing their compassion and love for Jesus to members and visitors. Worship service is at 9:30 AM on Sundays with Bible Study after coffee time. On Wednesday at 6:00 PM is Soup Supper with Bible Study following at 7:00 PM. Events that happened in 2014 included various holiday celebrations, an annual garage sale, progressive dinner, harvest dinner and game nights. These are not only attended by our local congregation but also by others from the community. Our events are always open to all.

Again we would like to thank the volunteers that help us in order to keep the church going...greeters, altar guild, kitchen help, music department, custodians, photographers, website managers, picnic volunteers and especially cookie makers.

Ethan Allen, David Oetjen, and Peggy Sims are the Deacons of our church for 2014. We would like to thank you for taking part in our congregation. We miss our other Deacon Don Butler who moved mid- year to Albany.

Remember, Our Savior Lutheran Church is the greatest because of all that "you" do!

Blessings,

Peggy Sims



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Our Savior's LWML group met monthly during the fall, winter, and spring months of the year. The primary activities the group sponsored in 2014 included the election of Joan Haines as co-president, two ladies luncheons and the nativity set display. Members also attended two special events, the Spring Rally hosted by Zion in Corvallis and a coastal fellowship time hosted by All Nations in Newport. Funds were accumulated through donations, mite box collections. Through the efforts of many, mite box collections exceeded \$602 in 2014. These funds are forwarded to the regional LWML organization and used to support various regional, national, and international mission projects.



The following projects were supported through the use of LWML funds this year:

Options Pregnancy \$50

Samaritan Purse (postage for Christmas boxes for children) - \$1200

Member Gifts \$150

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Allen

Co-President



OSLC Webpage

You can find our webpage at www.oregoncoastlutheran.org

As of 12.23.14 we had 4,479 hits on our website. I would like to take the opportunity to thank John Filbert for his patience in teaching me how to keep our web page up to date.

1. Our home page has been updated to a colorful Martin Luther seal with the same picture of our church. We have added the map for location to help others find us.
2. The Welcome page has remained unchanged this year.
3. The Calendar & Events page changes weekly with many folks in the congregation sending e-mails with information to share. This is so helpful.
4. We have an Anniversary and Birthday tab. I added this because we no longer receive a monthly newsletter to inform our members and friends about upcoming anniversaries and birthdays.
5. We have a special section for Sermon Notes which is also updated each week.
6. There is a Women of the Bible page which is submitted each month by one of our members who would like to remain "anonymous".
7. The Photo tab is been great fun. I add picture's from church activities that others submit.
8. The Links Tab has links to other Lutheran Links as well as to our members who have businesses.
9. We have a Wit and Wisdom link for individual prayer requests, letters from members, announcements and cartoons,
10. This is a tab for Suggested Readings. This includes Susie's recommended reading for children, suggestions for gift giving and just...great books for all.

The updating takes quite a bit of time, the website is wonderful in connecting members from Otis to Florence and beyond. With a good number of our membership who travel a lot during the year, the website is a great way for them to stay connected while away.

I've contacted the Hostsite.com (our housing site) and have both "how to" books printed and bound so that we can maintain our website.

It has been a pleasure to work on the website. I have learned so much. I thank the good Lord for blessing me with typing and computer skills.

Sincerely,

Deborah Becker

Church Directory

This is my third year publishing the Church Directory. We've decided mostly to continue with last year's plan...which would be colored cover and black and white photos. It's not what all would want. I think the color looks better but the cost is prohibitive especially if we were to continue to publish a new Directory every year. With the color cover, we actually get 4 pages of color. This allows a few other color photos in our directory.

This last year, our directory was approximately \$140.00 for 100 copies. I hope you enjoyed it.



Sincerely,

Deborah Becker

Financial Report

OSLC 2014 Budget

ITEM	ACCOUNT	BUDGETED	SPENT
DEACONS	SALARY/HOUSING	\$70,600	\$ 61,000
	INSURANCE PLANS	\$17,450	\$ 17,900
	AUTO MILEAGE	\$4,320	\$ 4,320
	GUEST SPEAKERS	\$800	\$ 200
	NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE	\$500	\$ 56
	ORGANIST	\$4,000	\$ 3,290
	WORSHIP SUPPLIES	\$650	\$ 435
	OREGON UNEMPLOY.	\$750	\$ 438
	CONF. & CONVENTIONS	\$1,000	\$ 620
	TOTALS	\$100,070	\$ 88,268
TRUSTEES	BUILD. MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,052
	INSURANCE	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,865
	PHONES	\$ 575	\$ 627
	ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,449
	WATER	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,128
	GARBAGE/DISPOSAL	\$ 300	\$ 295
	CUSTODIAN	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,650
	BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$ 150	\$ 91
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,721
	HOSP/MISC	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,230
	BAYSHORE DUES	\$ 690	\$ 690
	LANDSCAPE	\$ 750	\$ 267
		TOTALS	\$ 16,465
PUBLICITY	PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$1,000	\$847
STEWARDSHIP	NW DISTRICT	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
	S.L.R. FIREWORKS	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	ALASKAN MINISTRY	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
	SO. LINCOLN RESOURCES	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
	WALDPORF FOOD SHARE	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
	YOUNG LIFE	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
	PASTEGA HOUSE	\$ 600	\$ 600
	COMMUNITY CARE	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	SPECIAL MISSIONS	\$ 700	\$ 700
	TOTALS	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,921
EDUCATION	S.S./BIBLE STUDY	\$ 300	
	PUBLICATIONS	\$ 500	\$ 673
		TOTALS	\$ 800
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 131,135	\$ 116,774

OSLC 2014 Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2014

INCOME	GENERAL	\$ 118,876
	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 13,923
	THRIVENT	\$ 1,018
	TOTALS	\$ 133,817
L.C.E.F. ACOUNTS	SAVINGS	\$ 9,087
	BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,000
	SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 6,308
	TOTALS	\$ 16,395
	C.D.	\$ 23,877
EXTRA GIVING	L.W.R.	\$ 1,200
	THE GIDEONS	\$ 350
	SAMARITAN HOUSE	\$ 1,240
	MY SISTER'S PLACE	\$ 1,240
	WITTENBERG BUILDING	\$ 500
	SO. VOUCHERS	\$ 841
	WALDPORT SIRRS	\$ 401
	SOUTH LINCOLN FOOD BASKETS	\$ 302
	FITNESS CLASS FOOD SHARE	\$ 600
	FITNESS CLASS GOLF TOURNAMENT	\$ 60
	TOTALS	\$ 6,734

Every year I am amazed at how our congregation gives and shares with others in the community and beyond. We have reached deep and given much. It is an honor to serve as the treasurer of this fine church.

May God continue to richly bless our congregation as we share our finances and talents with others.

Dorothy Bogumil