

# Our Savior Lutheran Church Annual Report 2015



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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)

## 2015 Church Directory

Pastor

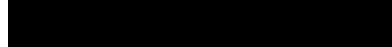
Steve Waterman



Church Phone:

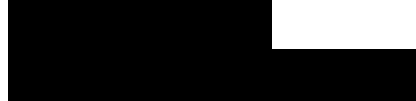
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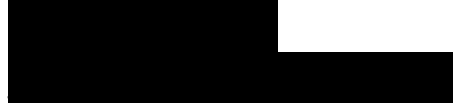
Organist

Gail Schuetze



Custodian

John Haines



Elected Officers:

President

Patrice A. Clevenger

Vice President

Bob Allen (vacant 9/2015)

Secretary

Joan Haines

Treasurer

Dorothy Bogumil

Financial Secretary

Jeanne Butler (vacant 6/2015)

Deacons:

Peggy Sims

Ethan Allen

Don Butler (vacant 6/2015)

David Oetjen

Trustees:

Don Butler (vacant 6/2015)

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

Debbie Becker  
 John Filbert as needed

### Bulletin Board

Debbie Becker

### Church Directory

Debbie Becker

### Prayer Chain Jan Julum,

Dorothy Bogumil, Peggy Sims,

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	Sandy Allen (vacant 9/2015)
	Secretary	Dorothy Bogumil
	Treasurer	Peggy Sims
Altar Guild		Tatyana Hanna, Linda Allen, Eileen Canova, Susan Dunn
Thrivent Coordinators		Peggy Sims, Karen Oetjen





## Pastor's Report

Greetings Church Family and Friends,

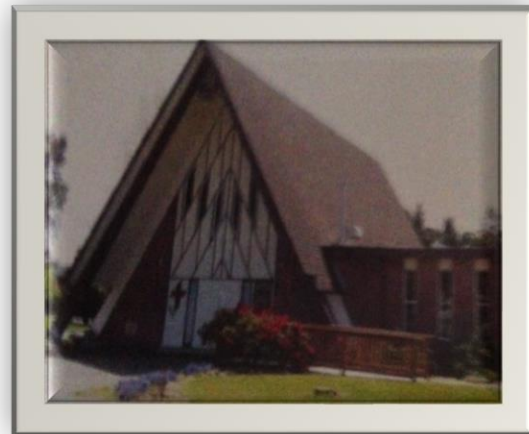
One verse, Jeremiah 33:3, that I share regularly with others is my favorite on petitionary prayer, which records Yahweh's words to His people:

"Call unto Me and I will answer you,  
and show you great and mighty things that you do not yet know."

You will notice that the first clause is a command, while the second is a promise. God wants us to take everything to Him in prayer; nothing is too big or too small for Him to handle and take care of. And, yes, what a promise! His "great and mighty things" are there to surprise us, to inspire us, to encourage us to ... keep coming to Him!

God has truly blessed us in 2015. Our "bread and butter" is a Christ-centered Word & Sacrament ministry, as well as faithfully studying Holy Scripture on Wednesday nights (along with our yummy Soup Suppers!).

We have also been helping out our sister congregation in Newport, All Nations Lutheran Church, since July of this year. This has been going well, and I believe they will get a more permanent pastor in early-mid 2016. I am surprised that a retired pastor or licensed deacon has not stepped in already. Let's see what the Lord does.



Nonetheless, Our Savior has been receiving a check from All Nations for \$2,000 per month. We will decide what to do with those funds soon.

As you know, we are strong supporters of solid community involvement here at OSLC. I continue to model this by being on the Waldport Chamber of Commerce Board, Citizen Review Board, and volunteering at the jail on a weekly basis. I am also the most active pastor with South Lincoln Resources' Voucher Program. It is a blessing to meet and minister to new people (including many unbelievers) every week.

We have also continued using Thrivent Action Cards. Last year we used 70 action cards totaling \$17,500. However, Thrivent changed its policy in which only full members can use up to two \$250 cards per year. Associate members can use just one card per year and a total of three dating back from February 1, 2015. Even with those stringent limitations we used over \$8,000 of Action Cards for service projects, educational

seminars, Christian literature, congregational and community fundraisers, and outreach tools like the ever-popular penlights. Think about it → That's over \$8,000 in addition to our regular giving!

More important than all of the above is this → Lives are being wonderfully transformed by the gospel and love of Jesus. I have seen numerous people come to saving faith in Christ this last year, as well as believers strengthened in their faith and knowledge of God's Word. I'll share just one example → Jack Baird. I met Jack years ago in the Lincoln County Jail; now he resides in the Three Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla, Oregon. Linda Allen, Debbie Becker, and I write regularly to him. In fact, I used a Thrivent Action Card to publish a 48-page booklet Jack and I wrote entitled "Smoking the Bible and Other Stories from Prison." If you want a copy, just let me know. Our Savior has "adopted" Jack; we are saving up for him when he is released in November of 2016, 2017, or 2018. (We will find out this May.)

Let's keep trusting God to do "great and mighty things" in our congregation and community!

Looking forward to more miracles in 2016 at Our Savior and beyond,

Pastor Steve Waterman





## President's Report

Again I want to thank the members of OSLC congregation for entrusting me to 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. In addition we have gathered new members in to our congregation. Just when you think you know everyone's name, you get a challenge to learn new faces and names. It is always a joy to receive new membership whether new Christians or more mature Christians just looking for a new Christian home. Whatever the reason, we feel blessed to have you as a part of our congregation at Our Savior Lutheran Church. WELCOME!

We continue to be a light in the Waldport Community and throughout Lincoln County as we share the blessings of the Thrivent Action Cards. Many organizations and non-profits have greatly benefitted by our sharing of these Action Cards. They provide additional incentives for fund raisers and educational presentations as they become seed money for something bigger and better. Our own church family has benefitted from these Action Cards as they have provided food and other incentives so that our community can see how churches give back to the community in so many ways.

Again our church has provided scholarship money for our families who have children attending college. Students receive \$500 each year they attend college and remain full time students. We are blessed by those who have gone before us and planted seed money so that these academic scholarships could continue. As a parent of a recipient of these scholarships over the last few years, I can say that our family is extremely grateful for the additional support. I am also thankful for our outreach and assistance to our other young people here at OSLC as we help them attend college each year.

This year I am making it a priority to give more financially to the church. I have not always given monetarily what I should so I am challenging myself to do better this year. Yes, I give a lot of time and talents but I know that's not enough. I know God expects and certainly deserves more from me. I'm encouraging each of you to also reconsider your giving by seeking God's direction and giving from your heart.

All of you have skills you can share at the church. Right now we are in need of your help in many areas. We need families and individuals to adopt color spots. We



desperately need help on the Altar Guild. We also need people to bring in cookies on Sundays so we can fellowship with one another after service. If you have time or talent, we can use you. Please don't wait to be asked, see one of the church council members or one of the deacons, they would be happy to give you a small job that would help our congregation more than you know!

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

Blessings, *Patrice A. Clevenger*

**Church Council President**



## Deacon's Report

Ethan Allen, David Oetjen and Peggy Sims were the Deacon for 2015. We are very aware that our volunteers help us to keep the church going. Those volunteers help as Greeters, Kitchen Help, Ushers, Music, Altar Guild, Photographers, Web Site Production, Cookie Contributors, and Flowers and are always willing to help whenever asked. Thank you for making our congregation NUMBER ONE!

Everyone should be happy to know that our church is known as a place to worship in Waldport. It makes one so happy to hear our visitors comment on how friendly the Our Savior Congregation is.

Deacons are responsible for having things ready for Church on Sunday, Bible Study and Soup Supper on Wednesday evening, Easter and Advent activities, and the Annual Church Picnic. We pray that all of our endeavors are done with a grateful heart and to the Glory of God and His son Jesus.

The Deacons would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and for their help during 2015. Our church is as good as members and friends that we have. This is why our church is the best!

Blessings,

*Peggy Sims*



## Trustee's Report

We have accomplished the following during 2015:

1. Spread bark around shrubbery on church grounds
2. Repaired loose railing and post exiting from upper parking area and cleared area around steps.
3. Completed weed whacking when necessary.
4. Cleaned up drain field for septic system, burned all brush piles. This includes on -going clean- up of brush, blackberries, small trees and scotch broom.
5. Additional scotch broom will be eradicated when at appropriate time by Sheila and Darron friends of the church.
6. Boundary posts (flagged) will be installed at later date.

*Laurie Potter and Keith Boseley Trustees*



## Altar Guild

The official membership roll of Our Savior Lutheran Church's Altar Guild has declined sharply in 2015 due to members leaving the church; members' illness, fatigue, and other commitments.

At this time, there are two (2) active **members**:

- Joan Haines, President
- Linda Allen, Secretary

Other members of the Congregation who **participate**:

- John Haines (John helps out frequently with weekly preparations for the Sunday service)
- Curtis Lake has offered to help when needed.

The **financial status** is included in OSLC's financial statement.

We continue to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ by **taking care of the following**:

- setting up for the festivals and seasons of the Church Year
- hanging the appropriate banners (weekly)
- laying out, cleaning and storing paraments and linens (weekly)
- filling candles with oil (weekly)
- preparing the wine and bread for communion (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)
- cleaning and storing the sacramental vessels and linens (weekly)
- setting out floral arrangements (weekly)
- preparing for baptisms
- coordinating the decorating of the Christmas tree and the Easter Cross with the Congregation
- maintaining the plants in church
- setting up a functioning volunteer schedule
- other duties as needed





A big thank-you to **David Oetjen** who faithfully gets the Communion wine, and to **Linda Allen** who is always willing to get supplies that are needed (oil, etc.).

Plans for 2016 include increasing membership in the Altar Guild, and doing it in such a way that no one feels overwhelmed or intimidated.

In His Service,

*Joan Haines*

President



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Our Savior's LWML group met monthly during the winter, and spring months of the year. The primary activities the group sponsored in 2015 included the Spring Rally held here at OSLC. We provided music, food and programs as well as gifts for each attendee.



Unfortunately due to a lack of interest the LWML at OSLC came to an end. Should others become interested again in the future, we will again have LWML at our church.

A big thank you to all the women of the church who have worked so hard over the years to make LWML a big part of our church activities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Sandra Allen and Joan Haines*  
Co-President



## Thrivent Report

We only held two events scheduled with Thrivent in 2015 because of the cut back on the Thrivent budget. It was decided to raise money for the Waldport Public Library and for South Lincoln Resources.

**Garage Sale:** It was held in April. We made \$1,364.00 and Thrivent sent us another \$1,000.00. To our surprise Thrivent also sent us a check for the Waldport Library for \$389.00, so the total for the Library was \$2,753.00.



**Harvest Dinner:** It was held in November. We made \$450.00 and Thrivent sent us another \$300.00. Again Thrivent surprised us by sending an additional \$389.00 so the total received was \$1,139.00. This went toward Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

This will be the end of this program from Thrivent. In the future Thrivent will only be providing funds through their Thrivent Action Cards. Our community will miss the Thrivent program but look forward to the use of the Action Card



Program. If you are interested in participating in the Action Card Program, talk to Pastor or one of your Deacons.

Other projects we do that don't receive matching funds are our St. Patrick's Party, July BBQ, the Lion's Breakfast and the Progressive

Dinner. We would like to thank the congregation and our community for

volunteering to make ALL these events special. Next year looks to be a little



different, but who knows, it might be even better. Thank you THRIVENT!

*Peggy Sims and Karen Oetjen*

**Thrivent Coordinators**

## OSLC Webpage

You can find our webpage at [www.oregoncoastlutheran.org](http://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 out 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 has 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

During 2014 we decided to wait until the beginning of 2016 to publish a new Church Directory. Anyone who is in need of a 2014 directory please let Pastor know. We look forward to our new directory coming out at the beginning of 2016.

Sincerely,

*Deborah Becker*



## Financial Report

## OSLC 2015 Budget

ITEM	ACCOUNT	BUDGETED	SPENT
DEACONS	SALARY/HOUSING	\$71,420	\$ 71,420
	INSURANCE PLANS	\$18,317	\$ 18,351
	AUTO MILEAGE	\$4,320	\$ 4,320
	GUEST SPEAKERS	\$600	\$ 175
	NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE	\$150	\$ 59
	ORGANIST	\$4,000	\$ 3,525
	WORSHIP SUPPLIES	\$500	\$ 456
	OREGON UNEMPLOY.	\$450	\$ 447
	CONF. & CONVENTIONS	\$1,000	\$ 1,225
		TOTALS	\$100,757
TRUSTEES	BUILD. MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,500	\$ 195
	INSURANCE	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,051
	PHONES	\$ 600	\$ 609
	ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,387
	WATER	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,401
	GARBAGE/DISPOSAL	\$ 300	\$ 312
	CUSTODIAN	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600
	BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$ 150	\$ 240
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 2700	\$ 2,498
	HOSP/MISC	\$ 1,200	\$ 665
	BAYSHORE DUES	\$ 720	\$ 690
	LANDSCAPE	\$ 500	\$ 1,945
	TOTALS	\$ 16,070	\$ 14,593
PUBLICITY	PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$1,000	\$520
STEWARDSHIP	NW DISTRICT	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
	FAITH and HEARING	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	ALASKAN MINISTRY	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
	SO. LINCOLN	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
	RESOURCES		
	WALDPORT FOOD	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
	SHARE		
	YOUNG LIFE	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
	PASTEGA HOUSE	\$ 600	\$ 600
	COMMUNITY CARE	\$ 700	\$ 700
SPECIAL MISSIONS	\$ 700	\$ 700	
	TOTALS	\$ 12,600	\$ 12,600
EDUCATION	S.S./BIBLE STUDY	\$ 300	\$90
	PUBLICATIONS	\$ 500	\$ 498
	TOTALS	\$ 800	\$ 588
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 131,227</b>	<b>\$ 128,279</b>



## OSLC 2014 Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2015

INCOME	GENERAL	\$ 99,966
	MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 19,730
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 119,696</b>
	All Nations	\$ 12,000
DESIGNATED FUNDS	LENT	\$ 560
	LWR-LCMS	\$ 3,620
	BIBLES/JAIL	\$ 1,000
	DRAINFIELD	\$ 1,000
	ADVENT	\$ 350
	CHRISTMAS	\$ 266
	THRIVENT	\$ 657
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,543</b>
	C.D.	<b>\$ 24,418</b>
LCEF ACCOUNTS		
	SAVINGS	\$ 9,333
	BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,000
	SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 4,900
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,233</b>
EXTRA GIVING		
	SOUTH LINCOLN RESOURCES	\$ 1,800
	WALDPORT LIBRARY	\$ 2,689
	LWR-LCMS	\$ 3,620
	BIBLES FOR JAIL	\$ 720
	FITNESS CLASS	
	Food share	\$ 800
	Golf Tournament	\$ 60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,689</b>

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 Bogomil*



Grateful  
to God