



2017 & 2018  
Annual Report



# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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∞ Pastor John & Mrs. Carol Westhafer ∞



**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2019 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Council President</b>	Joan Haines
<b>Council Vice-President</b>	<vacant>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dorothy Bogumil
<b>Secretary</b>	Vicky Prince
<b>Building Trustee</b>	John Haines
<b>Grounds Trustee(s)</b>	<i>Interim: John Haines</i>
<b>Deacons</b>	Ken Fisher Ethan Allen Ruthanne Fisher Sharron Troy



<b>Website</b>	Emyrose I. Husband
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Haines Linda Allen Jan VonSild John Haines Vicky Prince Ruthanne Fisher
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Chris Parsons
<b>Custodian</b>	John Haines



<b>Northwest District President</b>	Rev. Paul Linneman
<b>Circuit Visitor</b>	Rev. Jeremy Lucke
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. John Westhafer



# Congregational President's Report

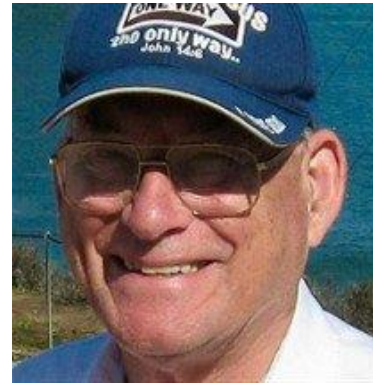
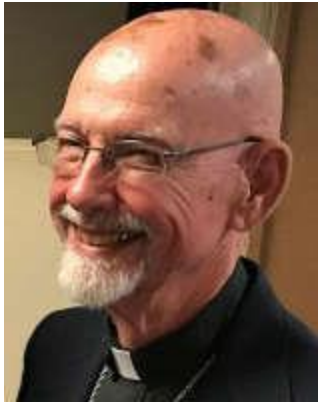
Over the last two years, we have gone through an exciting and at times challenging period of growth as a congregation. Until August 1, 2018, we had no full-time pastor to shepherd us. But the Lord God was with us and directed our steps every bit of the way (Psalm 37:23, Proverbs 20:24), since He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6), and that He will provide for all of our needs (Philippians 4:19). He has always been faithful to us and we give Him praise for all that He has done and continues to do for each of us individually, for us corporately, and for our communities through us.



## Spiritual Leadership

God faithfully provided us with spiritual leadership for every Sunday morning worship service. Our regular visiting pastors were Pastor Arden Walz, Pastor Ron Leder, Pastor David Chamberlain, and Pastor James Rehley who graciously accepted the position of Interim Pastor for our congregation while also serving as the Circuit Visitor in 2017 until his promotion to heaven in February 2018. We were so blessed by their faithfulness to their calling and by their continued ministry to us. Their continued presence and willingness to be available to lead our congregation as Vacancy Pastors provided our little congregation with much-needed continuity during this time of transition.

It saddens us on the one hand, that Pastor Leder, Pastor Chamberlain, and Pastor Rehley are no longer with us here on earth but we do not mourn as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13) but rather we anticipate seeing them again when we ourselves are promoted to heaven, and we rejoice!

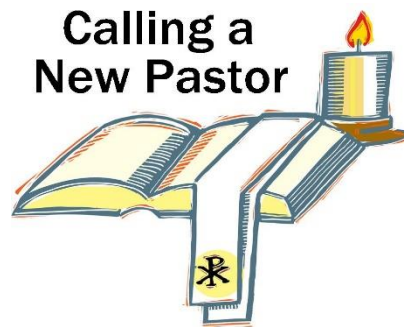


During the Lenten and Advent Midweek Services, Pastor Rehley and later the next Circuit Visitor, Pastor Jeremy Lucke, sent us the appropriate Worship Service outlines, and included sermons that read by one of the men of our church family. During Holy Week of 2018 we were blessed to welcome back our previous pastor, Pastor David Chamberlain who conducted the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Worship Service. We have definitely been blessed with beautiful spiritual leadership throughout this time by these wonderful under-shepherds, and we never had to cancel a service because God always made sure that there would be a pastor. On a couple of occasions last year, we were blessed to be led in worship by Deacon Jim Frickman as well.

## Call Committæ

Upon finding ourselves without an incumbent pastor beginning November 1, 2016, we as a church

immediately formed a Call Committee, and began to prayerfully search for the pastor that we thought God would want us to have. Pastor Rehley was highly instrumental in getting us on the right track in all of this by helping us to wade through the morass of denominational, technical, and financial requirements. Finally, in the Spring of 2018, we were blessed when Pastor John A. Westhafer accepted the call to be our new under-shepherd. We could not be more blessed to have him leading us spiritually, and to welcome his very sweet wife, Carol. He officially started leading us as our Pastor on August 1, 2018. Hallelujah!



Throughout this time, our members have looked out for one another, taken care of one another, been faithful in both their giving and their attendance, and have come together as a church family in good times, in bad times, on Sundays and on other occasions for various activities.



*Willajean Prothe  
Earl Maier  
Harrel McMillian  
Laurie Potter  
Marilyn Pratt  
Jack & Greta Prince  
Peggy Sims  
Gene Weigant*

For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

*(2 Corinthians 5:7-9)*





Church Picnic



# Church Calendar



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## OSLC Annual Fellowship and Community Involvement Activities 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Lead &amp; contact</u>
1. March 17	St Patrick's Dinner	Dorothy Bogumil <i>Recipient: Citizens' Patrol</i>
2. April 1	Easter Breakfast Potluck	Congregation
3. May 5 Oetjen	Garage Sale	Karen & David  <i>Recipient: Seashore Lit. Cntr.</i>
4 June 16-17	Beachcombers Breakfast, Parade	Congregation
5. July 3 Waldon	Barbeque / Potluck	Sharron Troy & Merilee
6. August 26	Church Picnic	Karen & David
7. September 22	Progressive Dinner	Sharron, Dorothy, Jane, Karen & David  <i>Recipient: My Sisters Place</i>
8. October 13	Early Bird Christmas Bazaar	Ruthie, Carla & Joan  <i>Recipient: OSLC Altar Guild</i>
9. October 18	Game Night Potato Bake	Ruthie and Ken Fisher
10. November 15	Harvest Dinner	Dorothy , Karen & David  <i>Recipient: S. Lincoln</i>
<i>Resources</i>		
11. December 1	Xmas Tree Decorating Pty	Altar Guild
12. December 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Nativity Scenes Display	Altar Guild
13. December 31	New Year's Eve Party	Congregation



# OSLC Weekly Activities Calendar

2017 – 2018



Sunday Morning Worship

10 AM



Sunday School/Adult Instruction

11 AM

Sunday Nights

7 PM



Adult Fitness Class – Tuesdays  
& Thursdays 10 AM



Wednesday Night Soup Supper 6 PM

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7 PM



# OSLC Monthly Activities Calendar

2017 – 2018



First & Third Sundays of the Month



Church Council Meetings: Second Sunday of the Month



Ladies' Craft & Chat: Third Friday of the Month

# Other Things That Happened in 2017 & 2018



We now have a very good Prayer Chain!

Phillippians 4:6 says: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." We do that for one another because the Bible says, "Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ," in Galatians 6:2.

A fully dedicated group of people consisting of Dorothy Bogumil, Chris & Bill Parsons, Angel Denson, Ruthanne Fisher, and Ken Fisher



put together minds, hearts, and resources to give some local children an opportunity to learn about our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Debbie Becker did a wonderful job taking pictures of most of our congregation and putting all names, addresses, and telephone numbers into a beautifully organized Church Directory!



# Deacons & Deaconesses





## Deacon David

David Oetjen  
and loving servant of



## Oetjen

has been such a faithful the Lord! Over the years, he has helped keep the church ship on course with that which the Bible teaches and Luther preached. He has always pitched in wherever needed in the church, and he and his charming wife, Karen, have opened their home every year for events such as the White Elephant Sale after the Progressive Dinner, and for the Annual Church Picnic in August. He was also very much involved in the parade for our local Beachcomber Days. 2019 will be the first year in over twelve years that he has not served our Church Family as Head Deacon. Fortunately, he and Karen are staying with us in church and will continue to be much-loved and much-respected Elders of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Waldport, Oregon.



OSLC DEACONS REPORT  
2017

This year, even as we have been without a permanent Pastor, it has again been very comforting, cheering, and spiritually uplifting to be a member of a congregation so committed to the study of the Word of God and our Sunday Worship services conducted by guest Pastors as available and then by our permanent Interim Pastor James Rehley, the Sunday school study ( when a Pastor available ) and the soup supper Wednesday evening Bible study ( being conducted by Joan Haines ).

Through this year, Deacons and Congregation members participated in visitation of present and past member of our Congregation, individually and with our Interim Pastor Rehley.

Our congregation has supported with their attendance and contributions the continuance of our “**Annual Fellowship/Community Involvement Activities**” including; March 17 St Patrick’s Dinner lead by Dorothy Bogumil, May 6 Garage Sale lead by Karen & David Oetjen, July 3 Barbeque/potluck lead by Sharron Troy and Merilee Waldon, August 27 Church Picnic lead by Karen and David Oetjen, September 30 Progressive Dinner lead by Karen & David Oetjen and Dorothy Bogumil, October 19 Game Night lead by Ruthie & Ken Fisher, November 16 Harvest Dinner lead by Dorothy Bogumil and Karen & David Oetjen.

Proceeds from these events have been contributed to local organizations including the Waldport Library, South Lincoln Resources, Seashore Family Literacy Center, and the Waldport Fire Dept.

The OSLC Fitness Program, which was begun in 2005, continues meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00AM to 11:00AM. These free classes are open to all the community. The balance, aerobic, and strength exercises have on occasion been self-lead on a volunteer basis.

Again this year, the community involvement fund raising golf tournament was participated in by some of our congregation in our name. This event was co-hosted by members of the Waldport Ministerial Association with proceeds going to world relief, South Lincoln County voucher program and the Waldport fireworks program.

Respectfully submitted  
David Oetjen

From the earlier time of 2006 when the membership of Deacons increased from two (being Bob Kosta and Brad Roy), to five with the addition of Don Butler, Peggy Sims, and David Oetjen, and then decreased to three with Bob Kosta moving away and the passing of Brad Roy, the group set as their goal, beyond those defined in the OSLC constitution, an annual program of activities intended to include all congregation members in a way that would promote a Christian family fellowship, helping members to become acquainted with one another and to have fun as a Christian family unit. An activities list was developed and has come to be known as **OSLC Annual Fellowship and Community Involvement Activities**, having an event each month (or so).

The event of that year was, of course, the calling of a Pastor, culminating in the installation of Pastor Steve Waterman on 2 July 2006.

This year, as in the years past, our congregation has responded with enthusiasm to each and every activity including some extras thrown in (e.g. the fitness program, Craft and Chat, participation in the community fund raising golf tournament, the Christmas tree decorating, and others).

An attachment is provided to give a review (incomplete) of the **activities program** in past years, giving some small insight into our Congregations involvement in our community, and perhaps provide some guidance for the future. Hopefully the Game Night Potato Bake could remain simply a time for **fun** and games Christian fellowship, fundraising and politics free.

As in all past years, members of the Council and of the Congregation have been involved in visitations to Congregation members as the need has arisen.

The event of the year is, of course, our calling of a Pastor, culminating in the installation of Pastor John Westhafer on 29 July 2018.

Pastor and his wife Carol are the answer to our collective prayers and a relief to the two year void resulting from Pastor Steve Waterman's departure. Pastor Westhafer has landed running, with the Church services, Sunday School class, Wednesday Bible study, membership visitations, exciting new services for Advent et al. We thank you God and we thank you pastor.

At the closing of this year, we recommit ourselves to our God, our Church, and each other, with the Advent Services, the Christmas Caroling, and the Christmas Services.

Respectfully Submitted

David Oetjen

**OSLC EVENT ACTIVITIES SUMMERY 2008 THRU 2018** *supplied for reference only since not complete*

<u>2008</u>	Event	event Donations \$	Thrivent match \$	Recipient of income	attendance
3-19	St Pats Dinner	243.00	200.00	citizens patrol	43
4-27	No bake sale	105.00	100.00	Good Shephard Home	?
5-3	Garage Sale	1,155.00	900.00	Waldport Fire Dept.	?
6-15	Waldport Lions Club Bkfst	707.00	200.00	Waldport Lions Club	?
7-3	Fireworks BBQ	352.00	300.00	Child evangelism OSLC	71
9-27	Progressive Dinner	384.00	300.00	nametags OSLC	35
10-3	Baked Potato Dinner	202.00	300.00	nametags OSLC	25
11-13	Harvest Dinner	339.00	200.00	SLC Resources	55

<u>2009</u>	Event	event Donations \$	Thrivent match \$	Recipient of income	attendance
3-17	St Pats Dinner	250.00	100.00	citizens patrol	45
4-19	No bake sale	103.00	100.00	Oregon therapy animals Seashore Literacy	?
5-2	Garage Sale	2015.00	500.00	SLC Resources	?
6-20	Waldport Lions Club Bkfst	731.00	200.00	Waldport Lions Club	?
10-3	Progressive Dinner	609.00	400.00	OSLC Scholarship	
11-12	Harvest Dinner	370.00	300.00	Waldport foodbank	76

<u>2010</u>	Event	event Donations \$	Thrivent match \$	Recipient of income	attendance
5-1	Garage Sale	1,600.00	1,000.00	Seashore Literacy	?
6-19	Waldport Lions Club Bkfst	945.00	200.00	Waldport Lions Club	?
11-11	Harvest Dinner	400.00	300.00	SLC Resources	55

<u>2011</u>	Event	event Donations \$	Thrivent match \$	Recipient of income	attendance
6-18	Waldport Lions Club Bkfst	754.00	200.00	Waldport Lions Club	?
7-3	Fireworks BBQ	400.00	300.00	My Sisters Place	
9-24	Progressive Dinner	406.00	400.00	Seashore Literacy	
11-10	Harvest Dinner	510.00	300.00	SLC Resources	66

<u>2012</u>	Event	event Donations \$	Thrivent match \$	Recipient of income	attendance
5-5	Garage Sale	2030.00	1,000.00	Waldport Library Crestline children in need	
6-16	Waldport Lions Club Bkfst	200.00	250.00	Waldport Lions Club	?
11-8	Harvest Dinner	430.00	215.00	SLC Resources	66

<u>2013</u>	Event	event Donations \$	Thrivent match \$	Recipient of income	attendance
5-4	Garage Sale	2,014.00	1,000.00	Friends of Waldport Seashore Literacy Center	
6-116	Waldport Lions Club Bkfst	200	200.00	Waldport Lions Club	?
11-14	Harvest Dinner	315.00	300.00	SLC Resources	?

<u>2014</u>	Event	event Donations \$	Thrivent match \$	Recipient of income	attendance
5-3	Garage Sale	1618.00	800.00	Samaritan House My Sisters Place	?
6-16	Waldport Lions Club Bkfst	921.00	200.00	Waldport Lions Club	?
10-26	Progressive Dinner	401.00	400.00	Waldport Search and Rescue	
11-12	Harvest Dinner	370.00	300.00	SLC Resources	?

<u>2015</u>	Event	event Donations \$	Thrivent match \$	Recipient of income	attendance
4-25	Garage Sale	1364.00	1,000.00	Waldport Library	?
6-16	Waldport Lions Club Bkfst	921.00	200.00	Waldport Lions Club	?
11-13	Harvest Dinner	450.00	300.00	SLC Resources	

**TOTALS**

OSLC Scholarship	1,009.00	
Citizens Patrol	1,196.00	
Good Shepherd Home	205.00	
Waldport Fire	205.00	
Waldport Lions Club	1,400.00	
OSLC Child Evangelism	652.00	
OSLC nametag	1,186.00	
SLC Resources	5,918.00	
Oregon animal therapy	203.00	
Waldport Foodbank	670.00	
Waldport Library	1,170.00	
Seashore Literacy	4,467.00	
My Sisters Place	1,909.00	
Crestview Child in Need	1,507.00	
Samaritan House	801.00	
Sophie Therapy dog (2017)	1,100.00	
Library (2017 Garage Sale)	1,500.00	
Coast Fire ( 2017 )	1,040.00	<b><u>\$ 32,871.00</u></b>

Note the above account does not include proceeds from many events where records were not available, such as some of our activities in years 2010 thru 2018 where Thrivent was not involved.

Respectfully Submitted David Oetjen 9 Dec 2018



*If God*  
*Is for Us*

WHO CAN BE

*Against us?*

Romans 8:31



A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring two pink piggy banks at the bottom corners. Between them are various banknotes and coins, including \$20, \$10, \$5, and \$1 bills, and \$1 and \$2 coins, all arranged in a circular pattern with swirling lines.

## 2 Corinthians 9:7

Every man  
according as he  
purposeth in  
his heart, so let  
him give; not  
grudgingly,  
or of necessity:  
for God loveth  
a cheerful giver.

(KJV)

# Treasurer's Report

By

Dorothy Bogumil

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 30, 2018

	BUDGETED 2018	BUDGETED TO DATE	SPENT TO DATE	PROPOSED 2019
<b>DEACONS</b>				
SALARY/HOUSING	\$72,000	\$66,000	\$27,000	\$72,000
INSURANCE PLANS	\$20,000	\$18,333	\$12,819	\$31,200
AUTO MILEAGE	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,850	\$ 1,400	\$ 4,200
GUEST SPEAKERS	\$ 1,000	\$ 917	\$ 9,275	\$ 2,000
ORGANIST	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,667	\$ 3,120	\$ 4,000
OREGON UNEMP	\$ 500	\$ 458	\$ 94	\$ 500
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	\$ 500	\$ 458	\$ 303	\$ 1,000
CONF. & CONV.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,808	\$ 1,200
	<u>\$103,400</u>	<u>\$94,783</u>	<u>\$55,819</u>	<u>\$116,100</u>
<b>TRUSTEES</b>				
BUILDING MAINT.	\$ 500	\$ 458	\$ 407	\$ 2,500
INSURANCE	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,742	\$ 1,958	\$ 2,000
TELEPHONE	\$ 700	\$ 642	\$ 504	\$ 1,000
ELECTRICITY	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,833	\$ 1,604	\$ 2,000
WATER	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,022	\$ 1,200
GARBAGE DISPOSAL	\$ 400	\$ 367	\$ 357	\$ 500
CUSTODIAN	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,600
BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$ 250	\$ 229	\$ 249	\$ 300
SECRETARY	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,150	\$ 5,093	\$ 7,800
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,292	\$ 2,730	\$ 3,600
HOSP/MISC	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,100	\$ 732	\$ 1,200
LANDSCAPE	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,813	\$ 2,000
	<u>\$23,550</u>	<u>\$21,588</u>	<u>\$19,769</u>	<u>\$27,900</u>
<b>PUBLICITY</b>				
PUBLIC RELATIONS	\$ 500	\$ 458	\$ 581	\$ 1,000
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>				
NW DISTRICT	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
ALASKA MISSION	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
S L RESOURCES	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,600
FOOD SHARE	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,600
YOUNG LIFE	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,200	
PASTEGA HOUSE	\$ 800	\$ 733	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
COMMUNITY CARE	\$ 600	\$ 550	\$ 600	
SPECIAL MISSIONS	\$ 600	\$ 550	\$ 600	
	<u>\$12,800</u>	<u>\$11,733</u>	<u>\$12,800</u>	<u>\$ 1,580</u>
				<u>\$14,580</u>
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
SS/BIBLE STUDY	\$ 200	\$ 183	\$	\$ 500
PUBLICATIONS	\$ 400	\$ 367	\$ (1283)	\$ 500
	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$ 550</u>	<u>\$ (1283)</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
	<u>\$140,850</u>	<u>\$129,112</u>	<u>\$87,686</u>	<u>\$160,380*</u>
				*\$13,365 per month



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT      NOVEMBER 30, 2018

INCOME

GENERAL	\$84,889*
LENT	\$ 333
RENT	\$ 460
THRIVENT	\$ 1,651
GARAGE SALE	\$ 1,600
KNEELERS	\$ 2,406
HARVEST DINNER	\$ 345
THANKSGIVING EVE	<u>\$ 88</u>
	\$91,772

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SAVINGS	\$24,213
SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 7,000
JACK BAIRD	<u>\$ 2,451</u>
	\$33,664

CD	\$25,825
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EXTRA GIVING

SEASHORE LITERACY	\$ 1,600
S L RESOURCES	\$ 345
FITNESS CLASS	
FOOD SHARE	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
	\$ 2,945

\*\$7,717 per month



**Building  
&  
Grounds  
Ministry**

**EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN**

**VAIN THAT BUILD IT: (PSALM 127:1A)**

# BUILDING TRUSTEE REPORT

BY

JOHN HAINES

The last two years have been exciting here at OSLC! We were able to complete many projects to keep our building and grounds safe and clean, as well as to improve the property!

## Projects to date include:

- ❖ The **sign** at the entry of the property has been rebuilt. It had fallen apart. We used new, pressure-treated lumber to build a new sign. All that might still be needed is new plexiglass.
- ❖ Our plan is to eventually transition all light fixtures in the building to **LED lighting** to reduce our electricity costs. At this point, it is also a matter of waiting for the costs of LED lighting to come down some more before we purchase more. For now, we replaced the lighting on the sides of the sanctuary and on the Cross with LED lights.
- ❖ The **exterior light fixtures** at the entry to the church have been repaired and the fixtures replaced, too.



- ❖ The **mixer board** that is used in our church **sound system** was repaired. This allows the members of the congregation to hear the pastor through a microphone, allows the choir can be heard, and makes it possible for people in the Sunday School Room to also hear the service.
- ❖ Our **flooring** had seen so much use over the years (hallelujah!) that the congregation voted to replace all flooring. The members of the congregation voted for the current burgundy carpet from a variety of carpet swatches and we hired a local company, based in Waldport, to install not only the new carpet but also the vinyl flooring for the kitchen and restrooms. The color and the pattern of the vinyl flooring was chosen so dirt and spills will not show as much.
- ❖ The **glass side door** to the church on the east side of the building had to be repaired because the bottom hinge broke. The other glass doors were also checked. The Newport-based glass company lubricated the other doors.
- ❖ The **kitchen sink drain** got clogged. After trying to fix the problem in-house, we hired a Newport-based plumber with a longer “snake” to come in and fix the problem.
- ❖ The **parking lot** was re-stripped.
- ❖ The **paint** in the sanctuary was touched up.
- ❖ We bought a quality **artificial Christmas tree** that is hypoallergenic to not upset the congregants’ allergies.
- ❖ All other aspects of the **continual upkeep** required to maintain the building and parts of the outside of the property were done .

Respectfully submitted,

John Haines

Building Trustee

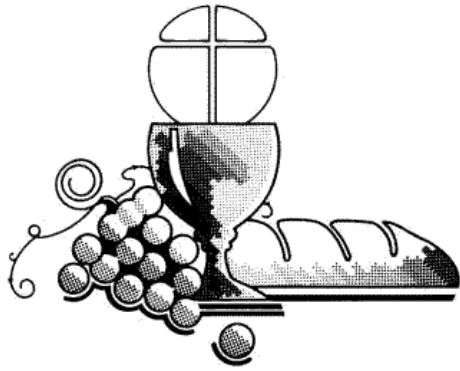
†† We mourn the passing of our beloved brother in Christ, **Laurie Potter**, in August, 2018. He served his Lord and his church family faithfully for decades, and his love for God and for his fellow man was always evident in everything he said. We look forward to the time when we will all be reunited with him and our other loved ones. Before he went to be with the Lord, he gave his last report as the Grounds Trustee. ††

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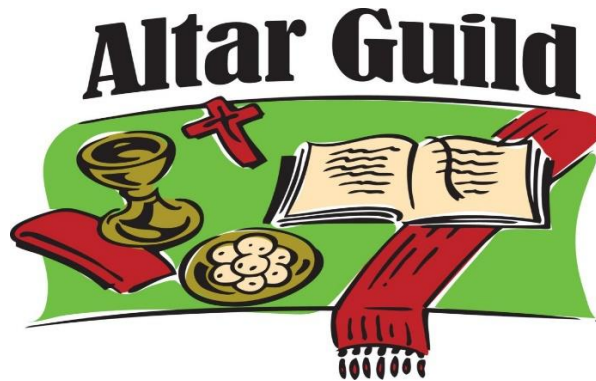
##### Outside Maintenance – church only

1. Hired Darren Goodrich 541-961-3613.
2. Removed two trees – some more removal indicated.
3. Trim up evergreen on driveway coming into church
4. Replace any rotted railroad ties.
5. Do ground maintenance once monthly.
6. Keep hedges trimmed to proper height along south side & east side.
7. Keep blackberries & Scotch Broom removed .
8. Mark corners of drain field if needed,
9. Fertilize when necessary.
10. Check with Darren for landscape license plus herbicide license.
11. Prompt service cost to Dorothy Bogumil (Treasurer).
12. Keep entryway to church trimmed and neat.
13. Shrubbery around immediate confines of church need to be kept and sprayed, pruned, and replaced if necessary.

# Altar Guild



## 2017 - 2018 ALTAR GUILD REPORT



In 2017, the Altar Guild of Our Savior Lutheran Church consisted of the following active members:

- ❖ Linda Allen
- ❖ Jan Vonsild
- ❖ Ron Vonsild
- ❖ John Haines
- ❖ Joan Haines

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- ❖ Joan Haines
- ❖ Vicky Prince
- ❖ Ruthanne Fisher

As an Altar Guild, we have done a lot of things with joy because we were able to serve the LORD in His House. Our duties and gifts include:

- ❖ Preparing and cleaning up the Communion elements;
- ❖ Setting out flowers for the Worship Services;
- ❖ Laundering the linens;
- ❖ Making sure that the ashes were ready for Ash Wednesday, the palms for Palm Sunday, and the small candles and candle holders for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service;
- ❖ Hanging the appropriate paraments according to the current color of the Church Year;

- ❖ Keeping the candles on the altar filled with oil, maintaining the wicks and keeping the brass polished;
- ❖ Having an appropriate inventory of Communion wafers, wine, grape juice, oil, Baptismal candles, and other things that are used to promote a worshipful atmosphere in the House of God;
- ❖ Tending to the plants in the church;
- ❖ Setting up the wooden Cross draped in black in the sanctuary for Lent and decorating it with flowers for the Easter season, as well as asking the members of the congregation for Easter Lilies;
- ❖ Organizing the decorating of the Christmas tree, asking the members of the congregation to bring poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary, and maintaining the Advent wreath;
- ❖ Organizing a fundraiser Bazaar in the Fall to benefit the Altar Guild for needed supplies;
- ❖ Organizing an Annual Nativity Scenes Display as a means of outreach to the community.

We have a sign-up sheet every year for members to write down the dates they are available. We all took turns on Saturdays, Sundays and other special occasions with no lapse in coverage thanks to the faithfulness of the members.

Some of our supplies came from donations from members of the congregation. The Altar Guild funds were managed by the Treasurer of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Haines

President, Altar Guild of Our Savior Lutheran Church





2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nativity Scenes  
Display

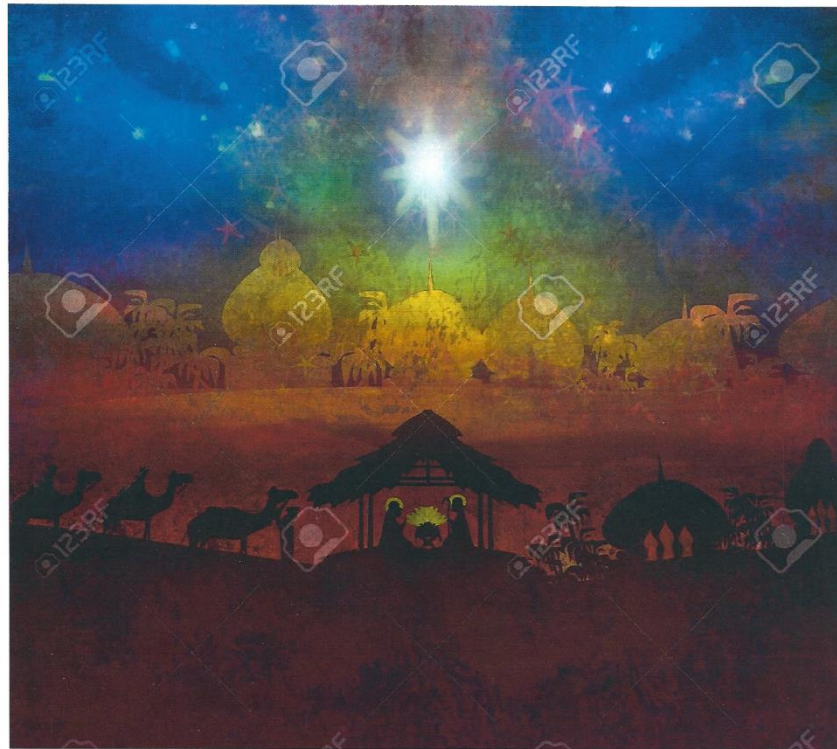


Saturday, December 15,  
2018



9 AM to 3 PM

at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Waldport



We will offer coffee, tea, hot cider, cookies, and soup.

We are located just north of the bridge on the east side of the highway.



For many years, Our Savior Lutheran Church enjoyed the Music Ministry of many people in the congregation.

Our regular **pianists/organists** were **Marilyn Pratt** (†) and **Gail Schuetze**. Another person who filled in was Betsy Maxfield of Yachats.

Members of the **choir** included **Dorothy Bogumil, Patrice Clevenger, Scott Clevenger, Gary Schuetze, John Dunn, Susan Dunn, James Bissell, and Debbie Becker**.

Both Scott Clevenger and Gary Schuetze were wonderful **cantors**. They are both missed after moving out of the area.





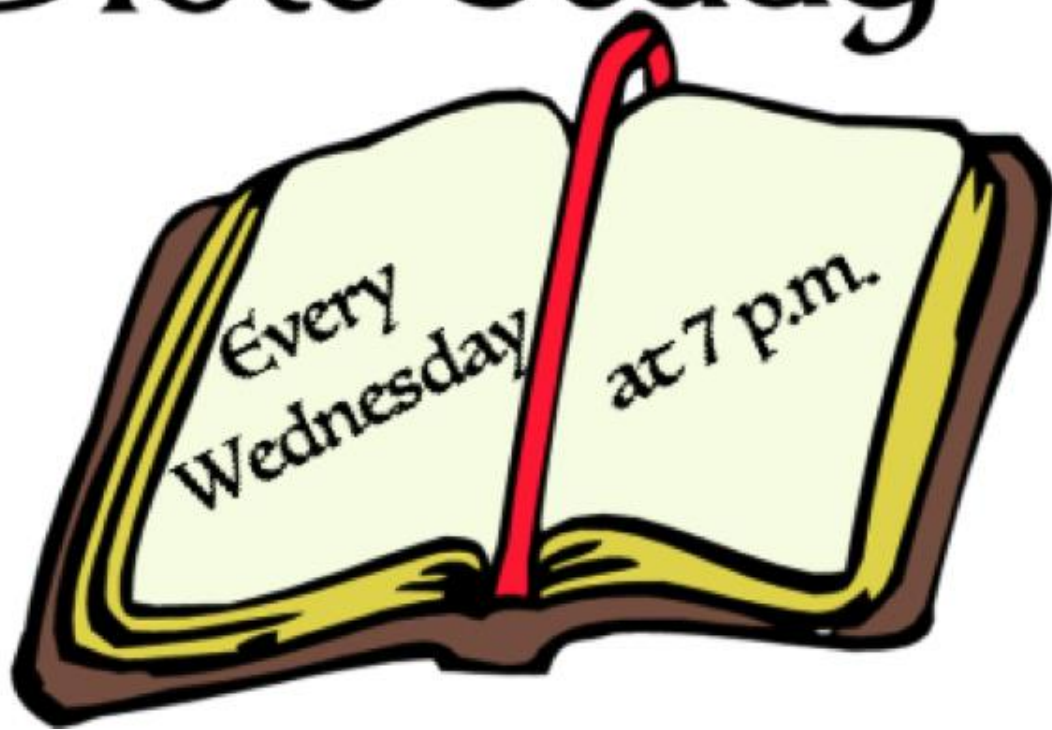
Every Sunday after the Worship Service, we would come together to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and some cookies, cupcakes and other pastries that were generously donated by our members.

None of this would have been possible without the faithful work of setting everything up by **Kathy Potter** and **Sandy Kaufman**, as well as **David and Karen Oetjen**. We are so grateful to them for always making sure that we could enjoy our fellowship time with one another with a cup of coffee in one hand and a cookie in the other!

Many others have helped to put together meals and then cleaned up afterwards – they are too many to mention, and we thank God for each of them!



# Bible Study



## 2017 - 2018 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY REPORT

In 2017, regular members of the congregation, regular visitors from other churches, and interested seekers met on Wednesday nights to share a Soup Supper meal at 6 PM, and then immerse themselves in the study of God's Holy Scriptures at 7 PM.

The meals have been delicious, thanks to the efforts of so many faithful and great cooks and bakers! There have been a few times when we had more desserts than soups, and vice versa. One time we had no soups and a lot of desserts. It is always a special time of fellowship when we gather together, chat and laugh while we eat, and have the opportunity to get to know one another better. Friendship bonds are strengthened, and friendship circles are widened.

Over the course of the year...

We studied and learned about Sacred Hymns of the Church, their origins and the composers who were inspired to write them. We also enjoyed singing some of them.

We studied and learned about The Meanings of the Colors and Symbols in Worship. We had a great time coloring the handouts according to the examples given.

We had previously attended A Survey of the Old Testament on Wednesdays in 2016. After taking a survey, we voted and decided to continue studying and learning the Bible. We began our new study, A Survey of the New Testament. By the end of the year, we had concluded a brief overview of the New Testament, completed the Gospel of Matthew which taught us about Jesus Christ the King, and begun our study of the Gospel of Mark which focuses on Christ the Suffering Servant.

In 2018 we continued our study of God's Word to us by studying the Book of Acts. We finished this study in the fall soon after Pastor Westhafer joined us.

During the weeks of Lent and Advent we continued to enjoy our time of fellowship with Soup Supper. We paused our Bible Study and worshipped God with Lent and Advent Services which each focus specifically on that season in the church year.





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**JOSHUA 24:15**

