

THANK YOU!

The OSLC Church Council extends its deepest appreciation to all the volunteers who have helped create, organize and implement the multitude of programs, projects and ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



The Council extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to the staff of Our Savior's. Our success would not have been possible were it not for the countless hours of support you have provided.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Staff

Pastor Kim Frenz, Lead Pastor
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Annual Report 2016



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the 13th chapter of Numbers we read how the Lord instructed Moses to “send some men to explore the land of Canaan...” So Moses selected one man from each of the 12 tribes to explore the land and bring back a report. After forty days of exploring the men returned and presented their report. Ten said that “Canaan was a good land, flowing with milk and honey, but the people living there are powerful, of great size, and compared to them we are nothing more than grasshoppers.” Two (Caleb and Joshua) agreed that it was a good land, but they encouraged Moses to enter the land and take possession of it for it surely can be done.

The above is an abbreviated introduction to the story that would end with Israel entering the land, conquering it and fulfilling a promise God made to Abraham centuries before. The story can be appreciated on many levels, one of which is that people can see the same thing but arrive at different conclusions. We mention this because last fall members and friends of Our Savior’s were invited to participate in a Congregational Vitality Survey. Ninety-three people participated. Most respondents were over the age of 60, with a ratio of 2 females to every male. Like the story from Numbers our story is that people see our congregation differently. Nevertheless some general observations can be made. These observations come from the report and/or the interpretation of the results from Synod staffer, Rev. Michael Keys.

Generally speaking we view ourselves as a healthy, stable congregation. Over 70% of respondents view our congregation as stable, strong and steady, or thriving. Certainly our worship attendance over the last five years bears this out. Since moving to Quarry Road our average yearly worship attendance has ranged from a low of 148 to a high of 160 – presently our weekly average attendance is 162. (These figures do not include special services like Easter, Christmas Eve, Lent, and Thanksgiving) Digging deeper it appears the fluctuation in yearly average attendance is likely due to the fact that in some years Sundays fall on or near special days like New Year’s Day or Fourth of July. Attendance on those Sundays is lower thus bringing down the yearly average. Another sign of our stability is that nearly every respondent indicated s/he financially supports the church. Financial giving is a response to what God has done and is doing and to have nearly every respondent report they give is a sign of healthy, stable congregation.

In the survey nearly two thirds view Our Savior’s as a spiritually vital place, while 24% are not growing but content or stalled but wanting to grow. In addition, 60% of respondents view Our Savior’s as very good at welcoming visitors.

Seventy-six percent of respondents have a strong or very strong connection to the church, and nearly 90% have a strong or very strong sense of belonging. The survey also reveals that over 85% of us feel encouraged or strongly encouraged to use their gifts in service. When it comes to our congregation’s future 73% are excited and look forward to what God has in store for us.

While the above are positives we are not without our challenges. One such challenge is in regards to our children and youth. We rate ourselves rather low when it comes to involving children and youth in decision making. Two factors may have bearing on our low rank. First, we may be comparing what is with what was. It wasn’t that long ago that we had active ministry and large numbers of children and youth involved. That’s no longer the case so interpreters of the survey have suggested that we may be comparing our past with our present. The other factor that likely has a bearing is that we don’t have many children and youth in the church, and those present aren’t always visible to the vast majority of our congregation. These factors likely shape our perceptions, however it should be pointed out that the many of the parents who have children and youth in our programs are happy with what’s being provided. That being said, church leadership certainly wants to expand and improve our ministry to the younger members of our congregation.

Another area church leadership wants to address in the coming year is an undercurrent of tension. The survey indicates that there is some unresolved tension. The tension is not confined to a small group who are simply

2015-2016 CHURCH COUNCIL

Jim Knees, President
Joe DeBlois, Vice President
Carol Nordahl, Treasurer/Secretary
Cyndy Attinasi, Member
Larry Rausch, Member
Fran Gray, Member
Jim Townsend, Member
Shelley Zoller, Member
Pastor Kim Frenz, Member

Personnel Committee

This year the Personnel Committee hired two new employees. They performed an employee review with Pastor Kim and are currently in the process of developing a new employee handbook.

Finance Committee

For the eight months ending April 30, 2016

Unrestricted Revenues	\$ 278,713
Operating Expenses	\$ 289,980
Operating Net Loss	\$ <11,267>

Total Restricted and General Fund Benevolence Distributions for the eight months ending April 30, 2016 \$40,099

(This does not include the hundreds of pounds of food donated to our Food Pantry, or the hundreds of pounds of clothes and household items donated to House of Zion and Letty Owings, or the many quilts made by our members for Lutheran World Relief. It also does not include the sponsorships of children through the Hope for Kidz program that are donated by our members directly to RMI – an amount in excess of \$40,000.)

Attendance -

Average Sunday attendance 2015 - 153 (less than 1% increase over 2014)
Christmas Eve attendance 2015 – 415 (9% increase over 2014)
Easter Sunday attendance 2016 – 297 (19% decrease from 2015)

(Note: Average Sunday attendance excludes Easter Sunday)



PROPERTY RESOURCE

Property Resource Ministry Chair - Rusty Carter

The main project completed this past year was the moving of the screens and adding viewing capability at the rear of the sanctuary for those participating in worship services. Special appreciation is extended to Patrick Brewer for assisting in this project. This summer we plan to clean and paint portions of the church exterior to protect the integrity of the building. To alleviate some of the clutter in the fireside room, storage cabinets are being researched to house contributions for Letty Owings and House of Zion. The Ministry continues to explore lighting options for the sanctuary, fireside room and parking lot. The garden continues to be maintained and updated under the supervision of Suzie Carmichael.

Facility Use -

- School Bus Driver Parking
- Waluga Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Trillium Woods Homeowners Association Meetings
- Capernaum - Young Life for the disabled
- Girl Scouts Meetings
- Guitar Recitals
- CPR Courses for Local Businesses
- AA Meetings



We also -

- Open VBS to neighborhood participation.
- Help at LO Adult Community Center.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Foundation, created in 2003 to manage endowment funds, supports programs, missions and activities in furtherance of the vision of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the growth of its community. The Foundation strives to be a force in achieving social stability in our local community and those communities supported by Our Savior's. Ministries or organizations that seek support from the Foundation may fill out a Grant Request Form.

The Foundation is committed to achieving the strongest performance possible within the constraints of reasonable risk guidelines. The investments are well diversified and long-term performance has been strong.

Total Assets as of March 31, 2016 - \$477,477.60

Over the past twelve months the Foundation made the following distributions:

\$ 500	Goplerud Scholarship to Tobias Holstein
\$ 525	Haiti Water Filtration Systems
\$1,500	House of Zion
\$ 750	Backpack Snack Program
\$ 750	Letty Owings
\$ 500	OSLC Thanksgiving Baskets
\$ 500	Royal Family KIDS

Help the Foundation continue its work by creating a lasting legacy.

OSLC Foundation Board 2015-2016

Carol Nordahl, President; Karen Sykes, Vice President; Dick Cronn, Secretary; Wayne Pederson, Treasurer; and Directors Fritz Camp, Phil Fischer, and Lisa Sindlinger.

unhappy. It's broader in scope, but it's not identified, at least through the survey. To help flush this out the council will be engaged with synod help to likely establish 'listening posts' to assist in getting to some of the root issues.

Finally, the survey indicates that we need to do a better job communicating. Church leadership has taken some steps over the last year or two to help bridge the communication gap such as establishing a staff position focusing on communication and hosting once a month forums, but more needs to be done and council will look at ways to further improve our communication.

Of course communication is not just reporting or talking; it's also listening and receiving. This second function involves the congregation. The congregation needs to engage and to that end we encourage you to read all pages of this report. Doing so will give you brief snippets of the ministry that we are proud to say is Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

In Christ,

With much appreciation,

Jim Knees

Jim Knees
Congregational President

Kim Frenz

Kim Frenz
Pastor



EDUCATION MINISTRY

Children's Education

Our Sunday School Program has had a very good year with the numbers of children enrolled gradually increasing. We are very blessed to have an outstanding team of teachers. Our third through fifth grade teacher is Judy Stafford who uses a multidimensional approach to enrich the Bible lessons, including the use of MAPS! Our kindergarten through second grade class is taught by a two person team per class with Kathy Ellickson and Cathy Hood being lead teachers and Murt Bickett and Sissy Hook substituting. Because the children in this class love doing crafts with their lessons, it's great to have two teachers working with them. On Palm Sunday, we also had a play with two "visitors" from the Holy Land sharing the Easter Story with both classes.



Our Confirmation Program is led by Lisa Sindlinger and we will see 5 students confirmed during our Pentecost Service on May 15. Having students confirmed is such a blessing to the future of our church and represents much hard work by Lisa Sindlinger and her students. Pastor Kim is assessing the best use of middle school/high school Christian education for next year. Ideas range from another Confirmation class to a Sunday School class, or some type of combination.

Ben Loverin, a college student and Eagle Scout, leads Children's' Hour during the 11:00 service. The kids really like Ben.

VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be held July 11-14. Last summer's VBS was a great success and could have only happened with many volunteers and a lot of planning and hard work. It was led by Ginny Anderson, Cathy Hood, Kathy Ellickson, and a team of volunteers.

Education Committee also includes amazing, self-directed leaders for Shepherd Groups, Adult Education, Women's Bible Study and Men's Bible Study. Women's Bible Study leader, Patti Ryall, reports that they studied John the Apostle and his works, the Gospel, Revelations, and his letters.

Shepherd Groups

This past year our seven Shepherd Groups spent time in fellowship and study, growing and socializing together in the Christian faith as they expanded their spiritual lives. Study material last fall included *Titus* and *I & II Timothy* by Max Lucado.

All are invited to join a Shepherd Group. They meet at different times and in different locations to accommodate a variety of schedules. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining a group. Appreciation is expressed to Pastor Kim and all the Shepherd Group Leaders for preparing study materials and providing guidance and leadership to their groups.

Adult Education

A variety of opportunities were offered to the adult members of our congregation to further their knowledge and understanding of our faith. The Sunday Book Discussion Group has spent many hours exploring the pages of *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road?*, by Brian McLaren.

Last fall Pastor Kim shared insight into the formation of our church through a class titled "Christian History Made Easy."

Fellowship Ministry

This ministry coordinates Sunday morning coffee, cookies, birthday cakes, Thanksgiving Pie Fest, Advent Breakfasts, and Lenten Soup Suppers that have brought us together for fellowship throughout the year. These special times are made possible by the generosity of many who help keep the kitchen clean, set-up for events, bake cookies and pies, prepare soup and most importantly help clean-up after events.

February saw the addition of a "Lasagna Dinner" where fun and fellowship overflowed. The Spring Fling on May 15th will provide a special opportunity for attendees to shine with the addition of "Karaoke." Look for more fun social activities to be planned in the future.



Intercessory Prayer Ministry "... they prayed unceasingly..."

Commissioned long ago these dedicated individuals have been 'prayer warriors' for many years. They are essentially a 'behind the scenes' ministry whose current members include: Pastor Art and Kathy Ellickson, Helen PicKell, Jim and Pat Shaw, Pastor Louie Brunner, Pastor Kim, Don and Lynda Wienk, and Bernice Gustaff.



The "Thursday Pray-ers" continue to meet on Thursdays for a time of quiet meditation and prayer in the Sanctuary and include Sissy Hook, Susie Sommers, Mary DeBlois, Patti Ryall, Murt Bickett, Terence Miller, and Bernice Gustaff. It is a most meaningful time for those in attendance. ALL ARE WELCOME. Weekly thoughts are sent to both teams as well as the Scriptures for the upcoming Sundays (and Lenten services). Prayer is becoming an increasingly important function of our church family and that is truly a blessing. Please let a team member know if you have any interest in answering the call to this ministry. Our thanks to Bernice Gustaff for guiding this ministry.



Have you noticed the shiny new brass elements accenting our worship services?

The new brass Bible stand on the altar was purchased with money given in memory of Doug Nelson.

The new brass altar Cross, offering plates and communion bread trays were purchased from a contribution given in memory of Cliff and Caryl Johnson.



PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WELLNESS FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH LIFE MINISTRY

Physical and Spiritual Wellness Ministry

This ministry is launching a “Dementia Care Respite Pilot Program” this month. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor and a \$1,000 Creative Ministry Grant from the Oregon Synod Endowment board, these dedicated volunteers will be able to provide relief to those caring for loved ones. In addition to educational seminars, a voucher program is being developed that will pay for one day of adult day care allowing dementia care givers to take a day off.

The ongoing programs of this ministry include:

- Pastoral Care – provide back-up assistance to Pastor Kim.
- Health/Parish Nurse – provide education, physical activity programs, blood pressure checks, hospital or home visits, assessment and assistance with illness or surgery concerns, including help with rides to appointments and other related errands.
- Befrienders – assist, support, listen, and befriend those experiencing physical, spiritual and emotional needs.
- In Home Communion Service – trained volunteers provide communion or visits to those who are homebound.
- Caring Card Mailings – send cards to the homebound, the hospitalized, those on the Church Prayer List, and those experiencing grief from loss of a loved one.
- Grief Recovery Program – support throughout the first year of loss of a loved one, through cards, phone calls or in person contact, and by providing a series of Grief Recovery booklets on a regular schedule.
- Heavenly Entrée Program – “ready to go” meals prepared and stored in church freezer to distribute to families during times of crisis.



- Drivers for Riders – provide transportation to church services and activities for those unable to drive.
- Gentle Yoga Classes – weekly sessions with trained instructors in our church Fireside Room.
- Health Ministry Bulletin Board – provide monthly topics for information and education on health related issues.

Physical and Spiritual Wellness Ministry Chair, Susan Schenk



Anyone wishing assistance from the Physical and Spiritual Wellness Ministry please contact the church office at (503) 635-4563.

Women’s Bible Study

The women's study group is available for any woman who would like to be involved in short term studies lasting from 8 to 10 weeks. The group includes several women who are not members of Our Savior’s. The group conducts book studies or intensive Bible studies based on materials from LifeWay Christian Store. A favorite author of the group is Beth Moore. Recent topics have included her book, *John the Beloved Disciple*. Women of all ages are invited to join the group to share a time of fellowship, study, and intercessory prayer.



Men’s Discipleship

Every two weeks early on Saturday mornings 8 men gather in the church conference room for fellowship. The group is currently on a bible study of Romans. The group, composed of attendees from OSLC and Community of Faith, is open to any interested male. The group meets at OSLC and provides an opportunity to study various books of the Bible and other texts in a confidential environment that also includes time for sharing of joys, prayer concerns, and camaraderie. Contact Dean Gustafson for more information.

Women’s Circles

Once a month the women of Our Savior’s gather for fellowship and Bible Studies. Grace Circle meets the second Monday of each month in the evening at various member’s homes. Ruth Circle meets the third Monday of each month in the morning at Our Savior’s. These groups have been together for many years but always welcome new members. Women of all ages interested in Bible studies and fellowship are welcome to join a circle. Contact Jackie Wischmeyer for information about Ruth Circle and Carol Carpenter for information about Grace Circle.

This next year our Education Ministry will be guided by Fran Gray. Anyone interested in helping with or participating in the various educational programs of our church should get in touch with Fran.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

The generosity of Our Savior's and its members is reflected in the seemingly unending gifts of time, talent and treasure in support of our many local, regional, and global mission activities. Through the efforts of the Missions Ministry team many of the organizations we support are intertwined creating mutually beneficial outcomes.

Backpack Snack Program



Our Saviors has been helping River Grove Elementary School with its backpack snacks program since January of 2012. We have recently added Oak Creek Elementary to the program. Children who participate in the schools' free breakfast and lunch programs can only do so on school days. So, Our Saviors purchases healthy snacks, delivers them to schools, and they're placed in these children's backpacks every Friday to have over the weekend. We try to provide snacks which are high in protein, vitamins, and calories. We also include snacks for the students' siblings. Thanks to the generosity of members of Our Saviors, we are currently providing healthy snacks for 67 students and siblings.

Bridgeview Community

Food donations from members help provide a greatly appreciated Thanksgiving dinner for residents of Bridgeview Community, a transitional housing program in downtown Portland.

Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry serves local residents who are in need of basic nutrition. We supply a food basket that feeds a family three meals a three day for three days. The food is donated by church members or by financial support where we shop for needed items. Last year we served approximately 30 individuals a month. The 2nd Sunday of each month is designated Food Pantry Sunday for bringing food and donations. The Pantry is open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

House of Zion Ministries

HOZ, an ELCA mission serves those in need within the greater Woodburn, Oregon. area. During the annual House of Zion Christmas party, OSLC provided 300 chicken dinners and 250 hooded sweatshirts to the children and families. Ten members of OSLC participated in the party and brought Santa Clause who had his picture taken with 150 individual children. Twice a month members from OSLC deliver a pick-up truck load of clothing. The contents are donated by members of OSLC, Friends of Newberg, RiverGrove Elementary & Lake Oswego Middle School's lost/found, Value Village, and Sam's Attic. The OSLC Foundation also contributed a cash donation.

This year in August, 100 backpacks, \$2000.00 for socks, underclothing, school supplies, 300 hooded sweatshirts and coats will be distributed. God has richly blessed us with this service to Marta and Polo Garcia and their House of Zion mission.

House of Zion (continued)



Decorations/Team Exalt Him!

A dedicated group of volunteers provide meaningful decorations for our sanctuary and building throughout the Church Year. This year the team hung new Advent banners for the sanctuary aligned with the theme of the week, installed a new Nativity set in the courtyard in front of the church at Christmas, and designed new banners for the Easter season, in addition to their ongoing work in beautifying our spaces. New volunteers are always welcome – please contact Nancy Klein if you are interested in helping out.



Altar Guild and Communion Servers

OSLC thanks Murt Bickett for her many years of continuing leadership to the Altar Guild and Communion Service. Thanks also to those who have recently stepped up to provide continuing care for our altar and communion set up and service. More volunteers are needed: please contact Murt or Pastor Kim if you are interested in serving or would like more information.

Ushers/Greeters/Lay Readers

Thanks to our group of ushers and greeters for the service you provide to all who attend our services—welcoming and assisting everyone from long-time members to first-time visitors. Thanks too for all those who share the Word of the Lord through reading the Scriptures at our services. More people are always needed in these important roles—if you can help, contact the church office or Phil Fischer (usher coordinator first service) or Gary Miller (usher coordinator second service) or Mike Carmichael (lay reader coordinator).

Goodbye and Welcome

I extend my thanks to the congregation for the opportunity to serve as OSLC's Worship and Music Chair for the past three years, and express heartfelt appreciation to our incoming Worship and Music Co-Chairs for 2015-16: Megan Burt and Patti Ryall!

Worship and Music Ministry Chair, Marcia Fischer

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

OSLC's 2014-2015 Worship and Music Ministry included Megan Burt, Becky Brown, Jeff Hook, Susan Hook, Patti Ryall, Phil Fischer, Marcia Fischer, Becky Warner, Kim Kroeger, and Pastor Kim. We extend our thanks to our music and sound staff for using their gifts in our congregation: Gregor Ralston, Patrick Brewer, Becky Warner, Kim Kroeger and Marcia Fischer.

But even such dedicated committee members and staff cannot do it all! Did you know that over 100 volunteers participate annually in our worship and music life—whether planning/organizing services, reading scriptures, decorating our building and sanctuary, providing flowers, serving on the altar guild, ushering, serving communion, greeting members and visitors, participating in our musical ensembles or providing special music? Worship at OSLC definitely “takes a village,” and offers opportunities for all of us to use our diverse gifts in God's service.

Some Highlights from 2014-15

- Hiring our Music Director, Kim Kroeger, and updating other Music position descriptions in collaboration with the Personnel Committee
- Development of combined services using musicians from both first and second services-- Pentecost 2014 and the Advent 2014 program “Celebrate the Wonder”
- Development of special services throughout the year, including the Longest Night service, the Easter sunrise service, candlelit service for Good Friday in the Fireside Room, and the “visit” of Martin Luther for Reformation
- New format and theme of Lenten services including “burying the Alleluia”
- Purchase of needed items for our Altar and sanctuary utilizing dedicated Memorial funds
- New banners and symbols designed to make our worship spaces meaningful
- Incorporated use of a “cantor” and multiple liturgical settings in the first service

Musical Ensembles

Chancel Choir had a great year with new director Kim Kroeger, and is enjoying singing on the risers recently provided through the work of the Property Resource Ministry. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings and are open to all who enjoy worshipping the Lord through song! Handbell Choir was reinstated during the fall 2014 season and looks forward to picking up bells again in the fall of 2015. Contact Kim Kroeger if you are interested in singing in Chancel Choir, ringing handbells, or both.



Contemporary Worship Team continues under the leadership of Becky Warner, with rehearsals held on Tuesday evenings. Members led the “Way of the Cross” Good Friday service, participated in Lenten services, and have joined with the Chancel Choir in the special combined services. Contact Becky if you are interested in joining the Worship Team in leading the praises at the second service.

Solos and special music provided by musicians from both our services as well as from occasional guest musicians beautify our congregational worship. Anyone with instrumental music skills interested in participating in our services is encouraged to contact the OSLC music ministry staff: Gregor Ralston, Kim Kroeger, Becky Warner, or Marcia Fischer.

Thanksgiving Baskets

This past Thanksgiving, thirty-five families in the Lake Oswego school district received holiday food baskets. Each basket was filled with a turkey and all the trimmings for the Thanksgiving day meal. In addition canned vegetables, fruits, soups, cereals, grains and cake mixes, personal care items were added to the boxes as well. These foods were donated by OSLC and our partners at the RiverGrove Elementary School. Baskets were delivered to families who were unable to pick them up at church. Over thirty-five church members, including the entire confirmation class helped with the assembly and distribution of the Baskets. This ministry is a reality because of you, the members of OSLC. The families thank you all. Your generosity plants the seeds of hope.

Haiti Mission

Our dedicated team of 10 (?) missionaries spent ten days in February meeting with the men, women, children, Deacons, teachers, and Hope for Kidz students of: the MEBSH Church of Les Anglais; the Satellite MEBSH Church of Colse; the Les Anglais MEBSH school; the Les Anglais Beach Village; and the community of Les Cayes.

Together we prayed, worshiped, broke bread, sang songs, danced, preached, gave testimonies of faith, gave gifts, showed them how to set up water filter units, showed the students and teachers how to do circuit board projects, and played soccer with the youth - and the Pastor!



Passion For Haiti Goat Program kids just north of Les Cayes

In these various communities we:

- Gave \$2,400 in scholarships for a special youth camp, \$5,000 to help finish the new church building, and money for our agronomist, Etienne Francois, to buy more goats;
- Helped install 8 Water Filtration Units;
- Repaired 6 water wells;
- Distributed 26 home and away Timbers uniforms; bags of food, bolts of cloth, clothing, electrical supplies, electronic circuit teaching kits, youth T-shirts emblazoned with Les Anglais, plumbing supplies, school supplies, sewing supplies, teaching equipment, and wedding dresses.

What we brought back with us was a priceless experience that has changed our lives forever. We invite you to join in this experience. Next year's mission trip will take place February 2-11, 2017.

Hope for Kidz

Hope for Kidz is a ministry that works in conjunction with Reciprocal Ministries International (RMI). Its purpose is to provide yearly sponsorships for students in the Les Anglais, Haiti area which includes 5 elementary schools and one secondary school. These are church schools which provide Christian education in their curriculum. A sponsorship provides a year's education, books, a uniform, shoes, a backpack, daily lunch program, emergency medical treatment, a deworming program, and a small part of teachers' salaries.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church provides 10 children with sponsorships each year. In addition there are more students provided a year of education by generous people pledging to provide the amount of \$336 per child. This year Hope for Kidz had a record 157 sponsors. This was an incredible outpouring of compassion and generosity! The number of sponsorships grew by over 13%! The goal each year is 10%, so it was very exciting to see the this kind of growth. With your help the children have a chance at making their lives better, which, in turn, improves the life of their community. We are hoping for those numbers to grow by at least 10% again this year.



Good Samaritan Ministries

Opportunities for volunteerism are many at Good Samaritan Ministries. Peggy Gordon volunteered 2 days a week as a Receptionist at the Ministry Office in Beaverton, while Lynda Wienk volunteers in several ways for the ministry. Don & Lynda Wienk as well as Ruth Baker and Bob Stowell volunteer approximately 20 hours a week at the ministry's Thrift Store "Sam's Attic". The Thrift Store donated "a full pickup load monthly" of clothes and other household items to the House of Zion mission. Cliff Hamlow and Bill Saltzman transport these items to the Woodburn mission. The store also supplies baby clothes to the Letty Owings Center mission. Suzie and Mike Carmichael helped at the Wienk's GSM International Education Garage Sale.



Several OSLC members attended classes presented at the Beaverton headquarters office and experienced the spiritually rewarding "Good Friday Luncheon". Bettie Mitchel, founder gave an inspiring message at a Fellowship Forum.

The annual "Family Camp" was blessed to receive \$1,000 from the "Mission Discretionary Fund". These funds were used to provide participants partial scholarships. Good Samaritan Ministries local emphasis is to aid individuals with counseling and relationship nurturing.

LETTY OWINGS CENTER

The Letty Owings Center (LOC) is a residual treatment center in Northwest Portland where young women and their children are helped on a path free from addiction, poverty and homelessness. Our Savior's volunteers lead arts & crafts projects, take the women out to coffee and hold babies. In addition to these hands-on activities, OSLC has:



- Provided gift cards to each mom on Mother's Day.
- Donated over 16,000 diapers from our month-long Diaper Derby where the women and men of OSLC competed to see who could build the highest stack of diapers.
- Provided funds and volunteers for the LOC & LOC alumni picnic held at Montevilla Park.
- Full-filled Christmas wishes requested by every mom, providing gifts for the moms and children.
- Welcomed the LOC clients to church services the 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Donated quilts from the Quilters, wooden cross necklaces carved by one of our members as a gift to the ladies who attend our services, crocheted baby blankets, gently used baby clothes acquired at a discount from Sam's Attic, gently used women's and children's clothing, toiletries, toys, books, three front packs, and 2 bouncy rocker seats for the nursery.

There is a perpetual need for volunteers to maintain OSLC's involvement with LOC. The center continually welcomes new clients as current clients move on to transitional housing. There are always new people who need our love. Volunteer help is needed with crafts and coffee dates. It is not a big time commitment and you would only be asked occasionally.

THANK YOU, OSLC, FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF THESE!!!

Lutheran World Relief and Quilters

In 2015 the Lutheran World Relief "Ingathering" (collecting, procuring, assembling) project at OSLC collected 148 School kits, 56 Baby-Care kits and 46 Personal-Care kits. These welcomed gestures of good will and care were produced by Grace and Ruth Circles along with help from the Congregation. They were packaged and shipped out together with 46 Quilts for world wide distribution.

There will be another Ingathering on May 6 here at the Church. While the care kits have been successful and popular with the recipients, going forward this ministry will shift its focus of involvement to making quilts for the needy. Faye Nelson and Lene Leslie are the contacts for the Quilters and Lutheran World Relief.

Royal Family Kids Camp

A week- long camp for local foster children held in north Marion County. Members and friends of Our Savior's helped sponsor 32 foster children. A total of 14 people from the OSLC community gave up some or all of one week in the summer to help ensure the kids had a wonderful camp experience. In addition, our church provided many of the snacks enjoyed by the kids and volunteers during camp. As a church family, we generously donated 15 presents, four Christmas dinners and over \$200 for stocking stuffers for the annual Kids Club Christmas party! OSLC Foundation awarded RFKC with \$500 to help cover Christmas party expenses. Our fifth camp runs August 1-5, 2016!

Missions Ministry Chair, Don Wienk