

2024 JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE



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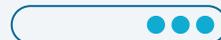


REGAN AHO

My relationship with Jesus is one that is constantly growing. I am now beginning to make decisions regarding my future and this has led me to connect more with Jesus and realize that He will lead me where He wants me to go.

Currently, I am using shepherding by working in the Youth Ministry. My motivation is to help provide a place where kids can feel comfortable and safe to connect with each other and learn about Christ. The kids are the future church and I'm very passionate about investing my energy and time into helping them build up their faith.

Additionally, a welcoming environment is something that comes naturally to me because I want everybody I interact with to feel seen, loved, and know that they belong. I try to be intentional in every conversation and be present so that others know I am there for them. I feel called by God to serve others and help them grow spiritually, while also allowing God to use this opportunity to grow me.



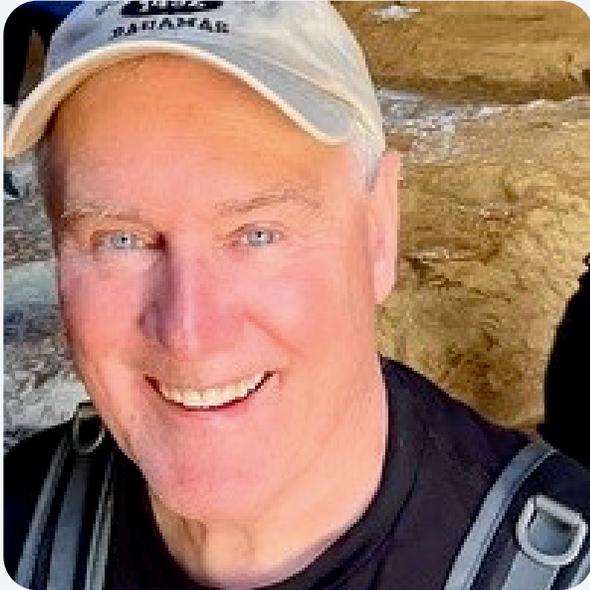
CALVIN AUGUR

My relationship with Jesus is founded on regular time spent reading and meditating on Scripture, prayer throughout my day while listening for His direction, and seeking interaction with other Christians.

I'm passionate about two things: spending time with people and bringing encouragement when appropriate and sharing how the Lord reveals His heart in Scripture.

I currently serve in the Kids' Connect ministry as a substitute leader and have formally served as a preschool Kids' Connect leader.

I've been asking God where I can serve Him more at OSLC and am excited about the possibility of expanding my role to that of an Elder.



DAN CLEMENS

Simply put, Jesus is my Lord and Savior. I am a sinner and cannot save myself from sinning nor the burden of sin without Jesus. I am lost and destined to an eternity of separation from God

without a relationship with His Son Jesus, for Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I have been and continue to be in love with Christ and want to be closer to Him each and every day. When I was younger, I invested many years into bible studies and BSF to learn scripture and discover God's will for my life as a husband, father, and public-school teacher. Now retired, I remain faithful in seeking out God and ways to serve Him and share the good news with others, though I may stumble and fall short. Over the years I have participated in many spiritual gifts assessments to try to better understand my personal gifting from the Holy Spirit and how I can be effective in using them. While there has been some change over time, I seem to consistently score higher in areas of discernment, evangelism, exhortation, helps, hospitality, and shepherding.

It is both a privilege and a responsibility to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's mission here at OSLC. I love our community at OSLC and the opportunity I have to use the spiritual gifts I have been given to help others in their relationship with Jesus. I particularly love being involved in a life group and "loving on" those in my group. It has been one of the biggest blessings to me personally and I will always be truly thankful for the opportunity to serve God in this capacity. Outside of this, I have been able to participate as an OSLC elder to shape and influence the spiritual aspect of our church through Sunday service administration, praying with congregants, visiting families in their homes, participating in Stephens Ministry, leading classes, anointing the sick, and other wonderful opportunities and blessings.



JIM FREITAG

I am honored to be considered to be an Elder at our Church. The role of Elder, for me, is one of service to our members supporting the Pastoral Office and Pastor Tim.

This can manifest itself in various forms, as needed by the congregation, as well as encouraged and delegated by Pastor Tim. It can include visiting and encouraging our members, serving others in our midst, and lending a hand in worship activities on Sunday mornings and other times. A bit about me... I'm married to a beautiful woman named Linda. We both have been in professional Lutheran ministry for most of our lives. The Lord blessed us with three children: Krista, Daniel, and Kayla, all now grown up. Linda was a wonderful parochial school teacher who last served at Concordia Tacoma. In my past, I was a Lutheran High School Religion Teacher, then a Director of Christian Education (DCE) then a Lutheran Pastor, then an Army Reserve Chaplain after 9/11, in which I served full time from 2007-2014. I retired from this last role a few years back due to age, and currently serve as the Senior Director of Religious Education at Joint Base Lewis-McChord on the personal staff of the Garrison Chaplain.

Elders - Jim Freitag

The important thing in my life, however, is the grace of God in Jesus. This is something we all should share and encourage in one another. The service of the Elder gets to do this perhaps in a more formal way on behalf of the congregation, but the calling to do so rests on all of us as God's children who are loved by him and forgiven. I look forward to the possibility of serving you and with you in this role of Elder.



JOHN MCKINLEY

Jesus is my Lord and Savior;
He lives in me and walks
with me like a shadow
through my tribulations
and triumphs. He is my
protector, redeemer,
comforter, encourager,

and friend. He loves me unconditionally and helps me through the good times and the bad. He is the foundation and the light and through Him, all things are possible. I am a current co-leader of a life group, former youth and junior high school Sunday school teacher, and a former congregational president. Faith and prayer that the will of God be done is what motivated me to consider being an elder. Additionally, to be more involved in our church body and to be a steward of the Christian faith and the congregation.



NEF ROBLEDO

Neftali (Nef) is married to Clara and together they have two children, Dariana and Jacob. Since joining Our Savior, they have become great friends with so many people.

Family Camp has brought joy and laughter. Nef has a heart to serve others. Before coming to Our Savior, he served as a deacon and financial secretary. You can usually find him and his family worshipping together at the 10:30am service. Over the last several years, he has helped with several facility projects. Nef enjoys working with his hands, helping others with projects, and being with other people. He and Clara love being involved in their kids' school events and getting together with friends.



LUKE STIPPICH

I have been walking with Jesus all my life. I grew up in the Lutheran faith with wonderful parents to help guide me. As I got older my lifestyle changed and my walk was less concentrated on Jesus.

Everything changed when my wife and I had a son. Being a husband and now a father the responsibility of walking with Jesus as a family really set in. I knew that my son's faith in Jesus would be a direct result of what he saw in my life and my walk.

I love serving in hands-on ministries both inside and outside the church. Currently I am working with Concordia Christian Academy in building their covered playshed. I also participate in monthly Faith in Action projects and the Car Shop ministry here at OSLC. I help with Backpacks 4 Kids as time schedules allow. My heart is to serve the members of OSLC through the role of Elder.



KIRK VANNATTA

I was born in Iowa but moved to South Hill Puyallup when I was 5. I attended Woodland elementary, Ballou Jr High and graduated from Rogers in 1977, PLU in 1981,

Faith Seminary in 2010 I presently reside in Midland. I have served as a Hospital Chaplain, a prison chaplain out at McNeil Island, and presently called by the board of Missions for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and serve as a hospice Chaplain for Providence South Sound Hospice. I have served 2 years as a volunteer for the Central Pierce fire department as a chaplain. I am married to Lyn and we have 7 children (one adopted). I still have two at home, one heading to Kuwait for the Army as I write this BIO and the other finishing her training for Occupational Therapist Assistant. I have attended Our Savior Lutheran Church since 1963 and previously have served as an elder of the church for several years and am looking at coming back to serve as an elder. I feel OSLC is a church strong in scripture. It keeps it simple: Love God, Love People and Live like Jesus. I am God's humble servant and just want to show his love to others without judgment or forcing my views. I am looking forward to serving OSLC as an elder.

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**BOARD OF
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JULIEANN DETWEILER

My relationship with Jesus is the most important part of my life. I live to be like Him each day and choose to serve Him over myself

Although I fail each day in one way or another My daily conversations, prayer time and worship help remind me that failure in society does not keep me from His love or acceptance as a Christian. I currently serve on the OSLC Board, I am a part of the OSLC Women’s Committee and help out each Wednesday night at a high school youth leader. I am committed to inclusion and love using my spiritual gifts of administration and discernment as He leads. God’s prompting and enjoyment of serving this last term is what motivated me to serve again this year.



BARB ILLMAN

My name is Barb Illman, and I have been attending OSLC since 1998. We had just moved to area, and I was invited to moms n tots bible study. I attended bible study and vacation

bible school with my children each year. It wasn't until 5 years later that I realized I was regularly attending a church each Sunday, but our family was being consistently spiritually fed at OSLC. So, that's when we became members. My husband Jeff and I have 4 adult children who were able to be part of the great ministry programs at OSLC their entire lives, and we have been richly blessed by the relationships we have made here. Over the last 15 years, I have served in a variety of ways at our church. I served on the women's ministry team and assisted with vacation bible school in our early years before realizing God was calling me to be a part of our youth ministry. I love youth ministry, and it is always incredible working with teens as they learn more about their identity as a child of God and are developing personal relationships with our Lord and Savior. I have had the privilege of being involved in camp 46 as a counselor, summer mission trips, national youth gathering, youth ministry team, middle and high school wed night

Board of Directors- Barb Illman

programs, SR high Sunday school and small groups, and community service with kids at Tacoma rescue mission. My professional background for 25 years has been a banker and those skills have proved useful in many ways at the church assisting with fundraising as well as planning and maintaining budgets for trips. I also help serve communion on Sunday mornings, and you will usually find me at the 11am service. Simply said OSLC is family. I am looking forward to the opportunity of continuing to serve our church body and community in the coming years.

Blessings, Barb Illman



**ENDOWMENT
COMMITTEE**



CURTIS CHRISTIANSON

I would say that my relationship with Jesus is in somewhat of an evolving stage. I am somewhat in an evolving stage of life because I am not a child anymore

and I am not quite a fully independent adult living on my own. I believe that confirmation in 8th grade was the first time that my faith started to become my own but in the last three to four years I would say that it has really taken hold in me and I have made it my own because of Jesus working in my life. I think now my relationship with Jesus is the best it has been and I think it will continue to grow and evolve as some more big life changes come my way in the next few years. I can share my spiritual gifts of administration and leadership and administration to help the endowment committee.

I currently volunteer with a youth group on Wednesday nights and help with the middle school boys group specifically. I have enjoyed being able to lead those boys because I really enjoyed my time in the youth group and have built great relationships with the people who were my leaders when I was younger. I want to be able to help them in the same way.

Endowment Committee - Curtis Christianson

I am also active in our young adult life group. I am the middle school athletic director at Concordia Christian Academy where I use my gifts of administration and leadership to make sure that everything is organized and planned well. I love being in that role because participating in sports at Concordia as a student was one of the most important things in my life so I want to give the current students the same opportunities I had.

I feel that it would be a good opportunity for me to serve on the endowment team because I enjoy being able to help plan things from behind the scenes and use my gifts to help others.



LAURA HEMMINGER

Jesus is my Savior. He is the most important relationship in my life. Even though I am not always perfect at showing it, Jesus is the foundation for all that I try to do. I was baptized when I was 17 days old and

I have never known life without Jesus by my side. He is constant even when I am not and even when life is not. He has shown me love, grace, and mercy when I don't deserve it and I am humbled and thankful that he has rescued me from my sin through his blood on the cross. Everything I have is a gift, including my family, the vocations I have in life, and the ability to serve him. I have been given the spiritual gifts of leadership and knowledge. I have experience using those gifts in serving the church through several nonprofits, both as a staff member and as a board member. I have experience with major gifts fundraising, grant writing, budgeting, and program management and evaluation. I am so blessed to be able to serve at OSLC in the worship team and on the women's ministry team. I also help lead music for Women's Bible Study. Beyond that, I have served as a member of the board of regents at Concordia University Irvine since 2019. I am a planner for the upcoming 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering.

Endowment Committee - Laura Hemminger

I was asked to serve because of my nonprofit experience. I would love to be able to use that experience to grow the ministry of OSLC and serve our congregation and community.



LARRY MCCOLLUM

I believe that God's only Son, Jesus Christ, is my Lord and Savior and lives within me! He knows me by name and has watched over and blessed me in so many different ways in my lifetime!

He has always held me in the palm of His scarred hands through the good and the bad times and I thank and give Him praise and glory every day during my study and prayer time. I have been an active church member in 2 Lutheran churches over the past 45 years in various leadership, administrative and ministry positions all with the Lord's guidance and support. I love Him and I know that He loves me!! My wife and I have been active members of OSLC for the past 14+ years. Since joining, we have assisted in being greeters and serving communion during Sunday worship services. I recently was on the OSLC Board of Directors for 6 years. We believe in tithing to our church plus provide resources to other local community organizations. We also have participated in and financially supported OSLC Outreach Ministry programs such as B4K, More than Camps, Faith in Action and Back to School Fair. We have also been members of an OSLC Life Group for at least the past 10 years. I Love OSLC! I want to make an impact in the future!!



MARCIA NEWMAN

Jesus is my lord and savior. It is a personal relationship and he guides me in my life and actions I belong to a lifegroup and enjoy learning and sharing.

I currently serve as an usher on Sunday mornings frequently-part of that is welcoming others to worship. I help with packing bags with Backpack 4 Kids. I assist with Young at Heart and memorial services. I also attend bible studies offered to meet others and learn. I am recently retired and have more time to serve. I have worked as a Third-Party Administrator for my entire career and those skills will aid in serving.