

The Interocean In Church and Community



From the Senior Pastor Out of the Blue



Imagine that you're driving down the highway. You miss your exit. With a little tug in the pit of your stomach, you realize that you're now heading somewhere new.

Imagine that you're at a concert. A piece of music keeps surprising you with fresh chords and new sounds. The composer leads you somewhere you didn't expect, and you can't help but follow, curious to discover what comes next.

Imagine that you've gathered with a group of people for ballroom dancing. The music shifts; it's time to change partners. You're ready to sit this one out, but someone meets your eyes and holds out their hand. The moment is electric. You accept the wordless invitation and spin into motion.

Change is at hand. Something unexpected is happening, and we're in the midst of it.

Out of the blue, something new is arriving like lightning: transformation, wonder, justice, joy. From generation to generation, God has been dreaming of this moment. Inevitably, it

catches us by surprise, just like it surprised our ancestors in faith: Sarah, Abraham, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Mary, Joseph. God's time is now. It's here to reorient our expectations and to sweep us into a future of hope and promise, even if we didn't expect it, even if it wasn't part of our plans.

This November and December, we invite you to join the flow of an Advent season that sweeps us off our feet, carries us forward, and invites us to join God in God's creative work. We'll trace God's plans for justice and peace with the

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Ministry Spotlight

Fall Generosity Revival: Giving to God, Growing Our Impact

If you're reading this, you are either a member or friend of Our Savior's, one of many partners whose support is crucial to carrying out our mission to proclaim Christ and nurture faith that connects to everyday life. Thank you for your faithful support. Together we make an impact in many peoples' lives through a multifaceted ministry and that impact is growing as participation in congregational life is slowly increasing following nearly three years of pandemic-related uncertainties.

This ministry is made possible through generous donations of all sizes from folks from all walks of life. Without sufficient contributions, the impact of our ministry is reduced. However, when OSL members and friends like you pool their resources in a spirit of generosity, the vision we hold close to our hearts of connecting faith to everyday life becomes a blessing for all whose lives are touched by the mission we share.

The reality we are living with right now is that the income we are receiving through contributions is falling short of what is needed to fully fund our vision for ministry.

This table helps illustrate our current situation:

Weekly Giving at Our Savior's		
Offering (\$)	No. of Households	Percent of Total
Less than 5.00	756	55.51%
5.00–9.99	78	5.73%
10.00–19.99	123	9.03%
20.00–29.99	94	6.90%
30.00–39.99	65	4.77%
40.00–49.99	54	3.96%
50.00–74.99	58	4.26%
75.00–99.99	59	4.33%
100.00–149.99	35	2.57%
150.00–249.99	20	1.47%
250.00–399.99	12	0.88%
400.00 or more	8	0.59%

More than half of OSL households are contributing less than \$5.00 per week. About 70% of OSL households are contributing less than \$20.00 per week.

trust **let GO!**
GOD!
rise **UP!**
Stewardship 2022

By comparison, our annual ministry plan (budget) calls for an investment of about \$1.9 million from its ministry partners. While that's a large number, when it is shared equally among all OSL households, it averages out to \$27.00 per week per household.

It is true that we voted at the congregational meeting in July to adopt a ministry plan with an operating deficit, but the message we heard loud and clear from those in attendance was twofold:

1. As a congregation in mission together, we do not want to reduce the impact of our ministry; and
2. Many hands make light work.

In that spirit of rising to meet this challenge, and at a time of gathering the harvest and giving thanks to God for an abundance of blessings, every member and friend of Our Savior's is called to consider prayerfully whether increasing their investment in the ministry we share is an opportunity for them this fall. A 10 to 20% increase in the amount invested will expand our ministry impact by:

- fully funding our Youth and Family Ministry, including hiring a **Director of Youth Ministry** and calling a **Pastor of Youth and Family**;
- broadening the reach of our Spiritual Care Ministry by hiring a **Faith Community Nurse**;
- providing a **full-service nursery** during worship for families with young children;

- developing our broadcast and streaming options for worship to achieve greater audience engagement through more interaction; and more.

Our Savior's has experienced seasons of challenge in the past but has always risen to the occasion and, with God's guidance and providing, found a way to continue serving the mission God has entrusted to this congregation.

We now have that same opportunity; this is our time to "let go, trust God, and rise up" so that this ministry God has called us to provide will continue to impact the world with a message of gospel hope. Will you be part of this generosity revival?

As you lift up this opportunity in your prayer life, you may find the table below helpful in discerning your level of support. Regardless of the amount of your gift, know without a doubt that any gift given to God in faith will become a God-sized blessing through this ministry we share in a world filled with suffering and pain. ♦

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genealogy of Jesus and the witness of the saints who followed him. We'll be surprised by a thicket of new shoots from the stump of Jesse. We'll find God beguiling us by inviting us to imagine something new, regardless of what came before. And if we're worried about the future and afraid of letting go of the familiar outlines of our lives, God will meet us there too.

The highway has always extended past the familiar exit. The music is already written. The dance is underway. But the moment of change seems to come out of the blue, altering our expectations and creating a future we never thought possible.

It's Advent, and change is coming out of the blue. What will God reveal to us this season? ♦

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Current Offering			Revival Offering with Percentage Increase (weekly)					
Weekly Offering	Monthly Offering	Annual Offering	10%	12.5%	15%	20%	25%	30%
\$5	\$22	\$260	\$5.50	\$5.63	\$5.75	\$6.00	\$6.25	\$6.50
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$11.00	\$11.25	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$13.00
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$22.00	\$22.50	\$23.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$26.00
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$33.00	\$33.75	\$34.50	\$36.00	\$37.50	\$39.00
\$40	\$173	\$2,080	\$44.00	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$48.00	\$50.00	\$52.00
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$55.00	\$56.25	\$57.50	\$60.00	\$62.50	\$65.00
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$82.50	\$84.38	\$86.25	\$90.00	\$93.75	\$97.50
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$110.00	\$112.50	\$115.00	\$120.00	\$125.00	\$130.00
\$150	\$650	\$7,800	\$165.00	\$168.75	\$172.50	\$180.00	\$187.50	\$195.00
\$200	\$867	\$10,400	\$220.00	\$225.00	\$230.00	\$240.00	\$250.00	\$260.00
\$250	\$1,080	\$13,000	\$275.00	\$281.25	\$287.50	\$300.00	\$312.50	\$325.00
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$330.00	\$337.50	\$345.00	\$360.00	\$375.00	\$390.00
\$400	\$1,733	\$20,800	\$440.00	\$450.00	\$460.00	\$480.00	\$500.00	\$520.00
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$550.00	\$562.50	\$575.00	\$600.00	\$625.00	\$650.00



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