



2021 Board of Directors Candidates

Dave Barron and his wife, Lesley, have been attending Our Savior since July 2006. They started attending OSLM shortly after moving to Livermore from York, Pennsylvania, where they were members of St. John Lutheran Church for several years.

Dave and Lesley both participate in weekly adult Bible studies. On occasion, they have served as greeters pre-pandemic and temperature checkers over the last couple of months. They hope to restart *Wednesdays in the Word* once it is back live at the church. Dave is currently a member of OSLM's "Launch" program.

Dave attended Slippery Rock College in Pennsylvania, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Science and Mathematics with a major in Physics. He worked at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station from 1976 until 2006 when he took a position with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he has been an Environmental Health and Safety Team Leader on a temporary basis.

Dave believes that the highest priorities for Our Savior over the next three years would be continuing to worship God in a proper manner and to support the Pastor in his vision for the church. Other important items include making the church and our school accessible to the community, and to develop an outreach program to the unchurched of our area.



Adam Colton has been a member of Our Savior for 12 years. You can find him in the front row on any given Sunday! Adam has been a part of the Usher Team at Our Savior for four years. He recently completed the 50-hour training course and was commissioned as a Stephen Minister.

Adam has worked in the crane industry for 37 years, including assignments as a mechanic, foreman, and Service Manager, overseeing the work of 18 mechanics. He has been an OSHA-certified Crane Inspector for six years.

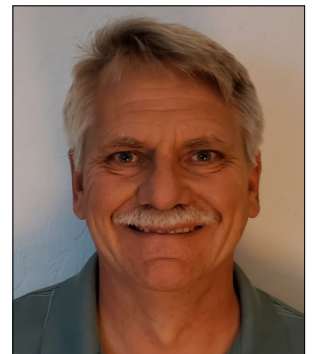
The highest priorities for Our Ministry over the next three years include:

- Building membership, particularly encouraging families and young adults to find a place at Our Savior.
- Working to support our pastor.

Matthew Cordes has been a member of Our Savior for 24 years. He is married to Germaine and has three adult children and six grandchildren. Matt has volunteered for many duties at OSLM, including being part of an usher team, substitute teacher for High School Sunday School, and substitute teacher and assistant for the High School Youth Group. Matt helped OSLM with many holiday setups and spring-cleaning events. Matt also was a participant at Monday Night basketball for many years. While a member of Good Shepherd Church in Hayward, he acted as Vice-President and then President of the congregation between 1992 and 1994.

Matt graduated in 1988 from State University of New York, New Paltz campus, with a bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering. He began his career with the Federal Aviation Administration in 1989 and recently retired in September 2020 as a National Airspace Operations Manager. Duties included being a Team Leader overseeing Air Traffic operation over most of Northern California, which included communication systems, radar/ground station Surveillance and Controller automation.

Matt has been a long-time member at Our Savior and now has the time to commit to the church and its missions. Matt's desire is to help return the church back to its prior works in the community before COVID and then expand into the community to reach people in the Tri-Valley area. Matt enjoys working with the youth and would like to assist in more programs to keep kids and young adults participating at church. The goal is to keep the missions at OSLM moving forward in God's plan for all of us.



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Heather Crawford and her family have been members of Our Savior Lutheran Ministries since 2017. She and her husband, Zac, and children Coralene (10) and Silas (6) are longtime Livermore residents and were introduced to OSLM through their participation in OSL preschool and her parents, past members David and Linda Siudzinski.

Heather attended the University of California at Santa Cruz and majored in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. She is currently a Senior Manager for Pacific Gas and Electric and has been a part of their leadership team for the past 12 years in various environmental, compliance, and safety roles. Heather also participated in the Leadership Livermore program organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to COVID, she actively volunteered at her children's elementary school, leading monthly art lessons, including taking on additional resource classes. She has participated in and coordinated volunteer events through her employer.

She is interested in serving on the board as a way to personally get more involved in our church, but also to use her skills and experiences to support Our Savior's vision and ministry. She believes that it is important to foster an inclusive environment where all members feel intimately connected through fellowship and our shared values and love for Christ. Heather would support and encourage efforts that strengthen the engagement of new and existing members, including opportunities for working families to participate in fellowship outside of worship services.

Heather enjoys spending time with her family and is actively involved with Silas's and Coralene's school and extracurricular activities. In her free time, she enjoys baking, fiber art, gardening, reading, and watching Hallmark movies. Heather has crocheted tree sweaters for the downtown sweater forest for the past three years.

Christa Even has been a member of Our Savior since arriving in Livermore in 1979. She grew up in Cleveland, OH, and then in St. Louis. After college at Valparaiso University and Northwestern University (where she met Bill), their family moved to Livermore with baby Erica. Christa was at home much of the time with Erica, Joel, and Jordan. While working at Our Savior, she played organ, accompanied the choir, and started a children's choir. By the time of her retirement, the Music Director position had become full-time.



Christa has volunteered in several areas at Our Savior. She served on the School Board, participated in VBS, helps with seasonal sanctuary decorations, and is currently a Stephen Minister. Since retiring from Our Savior, she has accompanied the choir regularly and plays in the brass and handbell groups. Outside of Our Savior, Christa has been the site coordinator for the Music Teachers' Association annual music theory testing and honors performance recitals for piano students and has accompanied students for Livermore School District's annual Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Christa is beginning training for the Alameda County CASA program (Court Appointed Special Advocates) – volunteers who speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the dependency court system. This might just be a new avenue to share Christ's love with vulnerable children!

COVID-19 has brought many challenges to all of us, including the ministries of Our Savior. Now is the time for us to ask ourselves (and God!) where the opportunities are to increase our ministry and service not only to the community involved at Our Savior, but to others in Livermore. We are here to share Christ's love in everything we say and do. What might God be guiding us to do in the coming months and years to be Christ's hands, feet, and heart to those around us? It is Christa's prayer that the Board of Directors will be seeking out and encouraging these areas.



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Randy Hall has been a member of Our Savior Lutheran Ministries for over 40 years and has been involved in many different areas of ministries. Randy was baptized and married at OSLM. He is married to Sara, the current preschool director, and has three adult children that were baptized and confirmed at OSLM and graduated from Our Savior Lutheran School. With involvement in the ministries over the years and connections with the school programs, Randy has a passion for the combined connection between church and school ministries. In the past, he has been part of youth ministries, Sunday School, and was a previous School Board member. Randy has been at his current employment for nearly 30 years, performing estimating and budgeting duties for parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and similar outdoor gathering spaces.

Randy has a passion to encourage and support contemporary services that will engage both current members, school families, and new membership communities. COVID has provided new ways to minister and reach people that God desires to be part of His family. We cannot miss this great opportunity to look for God's hand to spread His love throughout the world and our local communities.

Donna Kossow and her family came to Our Savior when their son, William, was four years old and ready to start preschool. Through the ensuing thirty years, they have seen a lot of changes. Thankfully, some things never change: Our Savior Lutheran School remains an active mission field, God's Word is preached and studied, and music (even with the lockdown) remains a big part of our worship of the Lord. Donna looks forward to being able to sing God's praise as a part of in-person worship service again.

Donna's volunteer work for OSLM has consisted of working with the scrip program, counting offerings, organizing craft boutiques, and assisted with assembling a cookbook that was done in collaboration with the church and school. She also helped with the most recent cookbook and has volunteered as a Greeter. Donna participates in Women's Bible study, Contemporary Choir, Women's Ensemble, Praise Band, and Adult Choir.



Donna worked as a partnership accountant prior to William's birth. She was a stay-at-home mom until William started school at Our Savior. She worked several part time jobs, and in 2012, went back to school to earn her AS in accounting.

Donna hopes and prays that we can once again have in-person Bible study during the week and as part of our Sunday time with the Lord. Zoom has been a real blessing during the pandemic, but nothing can truly replace in-person worship, Bible study and fellowship time. She would like to see more opportunities for community outreach activities.



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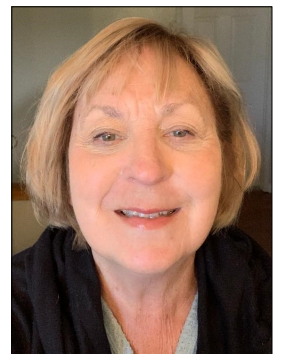


Frank Mitchell II joined Our Savior in 2019 with his wife, Ann Marie, who is a teacher at OSLS. They were raised and confirmed in LCMS churches. Frank has been a worship volunteer and has helped with greeting, ushering, and video slides.

Frank has worked as a garbage man for the last 23 years. He also spent 14 years in USMC Reserve and 7 more in the California National Guard. He retired in 2014 as a Sargent First Class with more than 20 years of service.

Frank says, "Our Savior Lutheran Ministries shines the light and love of Christ into the community of the Tri-Valley. We need to engage and strengthen both church and school through the use of technology. By doing so, we can engage, communicate, and grow with the local community. We need to grow and support youth worship and social activities and can do this through collaboration with the school. We can also use Pastor Kevin's Equip series to engage and strengthen the congregation."

Betty Thoe came to her Lord during an evangelical meeting at First Baptist Church in Dallas and was immediately baptized and started attending church every Sunday and Wednesday night. She attended Baylor University where she met her husband and began attending a Lutheran church with his family. When her family moved to Tennessee and her family dynamics changed, Betty was confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge, TN.



During the decades of church membership as well as different congregations, Betty served in the following positions: choir, midweek school teacher, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, craft center, co-director.

From the first year she came to Livermore, Betty was drawn to Our Savior Lutheran. Betty was the 8th grade teacher at Our Savior Lutheran School from 1990-1998. She realized then that the experience of working in such a Christian environment had transformed her from a "believer of Christ" to a "disciple of Christ." When she retired from teaching, Betty joined Our Savior Lutheran Ministries.

Betty is struck by the kindness and the caring shared by the congregants. She states, "This is a most nurturing church. The school is wonderful; students leave here, go to high school, and soar – all the while maintaining friendships and Christian values found at OSLM." Betty is a trained Stephen Ministry Leader and has continued in that role for the past four years. Her hope for this church would be that younger people find their way here, such as the parents with children in OSLS. If it is God's will, she would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors.