

Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church

Candidates for Elections to be held November 17, 2024

*(2-year terms January 2024 to December 2025; * denotes incumbent)*

Nominee for Vice President

Joe Lupia

I am honored to be considered for the position of Vice President of the MMSLG. I have been a member of OSWLC for over 25 years, dating back to when our church first met at Broad Run High School. My wife, Janice, and I had the privilege of working alongside the Laborers for Christ to help build our first sanctuary when we broke ground at our current location. Our son, Jared, was part of the first class attending Open Arms CCDC.

Professionally, I serve as Director of Government and Strategic Partnerships at Mavenir Systems, where I lead initiatives in delivering 5G technology. Over the years, I have brought my leadership skills to serve our church as a former member of the Board of Governance for Open Arms, and I currently serve as an usher and assist with the distribution of communion.

If elected Vice President, I am committed to supporting OSW's mission and our members. I will do my best to leverage my skills and experience to continue strengthening our church community and ensure our shared vision flourishes.



Nominee for Secretary

Belinda Haagsma

Belinda Haagsma has been a member of Our Saviors Way for over 20 years. Belinda served on the Board of Governance (BOG) for four years; two as the Chairperson. Her professional life is focused on people as an HR professional. She and her family are native NOVA residents. Her children, Mitch and Sammie, are both in college and are Open Arms alumni. Her favorite fun things to do are wine tasting (Cab. Sav.) with her husband Andy, reading (especially on the beach), walking their dogs, and watching all Washington professional sports teams, especially the Commanders (#HTTC).



Nominees for MMSLG – Member at Large (2 Openings)

Lanoria Toms

I have attended OSW for approximately 15 years. I have a husband and 2 children, ages 17 and 20. I work in Finance at Marriott International, where I've been employed for over 31 years. I love to travel with family, read, go to movies and spend lots of time outdoors hiking and enjoying the Lord's amazing creation! I've been walking with Jesus since I was a child. He has always been there for me so I would like to contribute more to him, and this would be an opportunity to do so.



Will Davis*

My wife, daughter, and I have been members of Our Savior's Way since February 2015. Over the course of that time, I've served as the 2nd grade Sunday school teacher and I'm currently the 8th grade boys confirmation class instructor. Recently we participated in the Open Arms/OSWLC Fall Festival on October 22, 2022, where we led an arts & crafts table for the preschoolers based on 5 miracles that Jesus did. We also handed out children's Bibles to all the families who participated. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the story of Jesus with children and their families. My daughter was baptized at OSWLC back in 2017 and I frequently attend the adult Sunday school class and the Men's virtual Bible Study on Thursday mornings. We've come to really love OSWLC and consider it an honor and privilege to serve the Lord in answering the needs of our church and community. For those of you who attend the 11:00 am service, you may have seen me serve as an Usher, Communion Assistant, or occasional Scripture reader. If re-elected as an MMSLG member, I will faithfully and prayerfully carry out those responsibilities.



Jim Kane

I have been worshipping at OSW for over 14 years and am humbled to be nominated. I currently serve as an Elder and lead the Sunday morning Adult Bible Study. I also serve in the Men's Ministry and frequently assist in Sunday worship as a scripture reader. I am a Grief Share facilitator, and I have previously served on the MMSLG, and the Listening Committee at the beginning of our call process. I have enjoyed fellowship with the Cooking With Spirit DLT group as well. In previous congregations, I have served in several leadership roles including Church Council, president, Call Committee, Worship Committee, and Youth Committee. Professionally I am an independent consultant for the government. My wife, Diana, and I live in Leesburg and have 3 grown children.



Nominees for Open Arms Board of Governance (3 Openings)

Margaret Wong

My children started at Open Arms in 2007 when we moved to Virginia, and we have been a part of this wonderful community through the years and members of Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church. I enjoy serving on the Missions Board at OSWLC, providing support to our missionaries in the field. I work as a licensed clinical psychologist and licensed school psychologist at Ashburn Psychological & Psychiatric Services, providing therapy, psychological and educational evaluations, and consultation with the public and private schools in our area. Additionally, I am a clinical supervisor to graduate students in the School Psychology program at George Mason University.



Alex Yarbrough

Hi! I am Alexandra (Alex) Yarbrough. I was born and raised in Quito, Ecuador, and have lived in Ashburn, Virginia, for 19 years. I am married with two daughters (15 and 19 years old) and have a playful puppy. I earned a bachelor's degree in advertising and worked as an Account Manager for a large advertising company in Quito for four years before marrying my husband and moving to Sweden, where I continued my studies in the English language at a higher level. After having kids, I learned how much I enjoy being around children and I decided to switch careers from advertising to education. I have been teaching Spanish to youth for the last nine years. I studied Primary Montessori education at Barrie Institute of Advanced Montessori Studies in Maryland and received my Montessori Early Childhood Credential from the American Montessori Society (AMS-MACTE). This will be my 8th year teaching at the Montessori School of Leesburg. I also have 15 years of experience volunteering with youth from age kindergarten to 12th grade and eight years of teaching Sunday school. I was raised and attended Catholic school (K-12) and have been part of Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church for the last 14 years. My hobbies are reading, exploring nature, walking with my family, photography, traveling, and being a very active Girl Scout Troop Leader with the same group of girls for the past 11 years. I am also serving as Girl Scout Service Unit 70-10 and Association 70 Board Member. I truly believe God is leading me to serve the church, and I would be honored to serve on the Open Arms Board of Governance.



Robin Vander Voort *

I have been a member of OSWLC since 2001, when we moved to Loudoun County. Both of my children attended Sunday School and have been confirmed here. I participate in Bible Studies, the Bell Choir, and serve as an usher during the 11:00 am service. I have been active in the school community as a parent and a teacher. I served on the Loudoun Citizen Advisory Committee in 2013-2015. This committee created and submitted the plan for what is now The Academies of Loudoun. I am currently in my 13th year as a special education teacher with Loudoun County Public Schools. I am honored to be nominated and, if re-elected, will use my education experience while serving on the Board of Governance.

