# FOCUS Vol. 26 No. 1 Our Savior Lutheran Church C U S GROWING TO SERVE

The mission of Our Savior Lutheran Church is to live God's love in Jesus Christ through word and sacraments, worship and prayer, Christian nurture and fellowship, service and outreach.

#### Our Savior Lutheran Church

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#### Sunday Worship Services:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday School:** 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

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A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but Jesus was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. Matthew 8:24-26

#### **Seas of Change**

We live in a world that is filled with change. Some changes are expected like the drip of rain and the lash of the wind in a Northwest winter. And, other changes come as a complete surprise leaving us to grasp about in an attempt to regain our bearings. Whether we welcome changes or not, they persist in coming.

At OSLC, we have become increasingly aware of the seas of change that swirl around us. A few changes we may recognize as expected or even welcome but many of them have caused confusion and doubt. We look around for something to save us from the waters that have begun to swamp our boats. Lower levels of giving, changes in staffing, uncertainty about the needs or perspectives of those new to our community; all of these things swirl and press and expose the smallness of our faith.

There is an old story told by the founder of the Methodists, John Wesley, about his

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## One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m. Sunday, January 2, 2011

On the holiday weekend of Sunday, January 2, 2011, the Sunday after New Year's Day, there will be one worship service at 9:30 a.m. We will resume our regular schedule of worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., on Sunday, January 9, 2011.



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own experience of faith in the midst of change. As the story goes, he was a young pastor who was sent as a missionary by the Church of England to convert Native Americans in Georgia to Christianity. With high hopes, he went and fervently preached the gospel. And to his great despair, nothing happened. His attempts at conversion were a complete failure. Accepting defeat, he boarded a ship and headed back to England.

Mid-way across the Atlantic, a heavy storm pounded the ship and it nearly capsized. Wesley was terrified of the storm and feared for his life. And, it was in that moment that he realized that he did not truly believe the gospel that he had been preaching to others. Looking around, he noticed a group of Moravians (a close cousin of the Lutheran church) who were calmly gathered in prayer trusting in God's grace in the midst of the storm.

Three years after Wesley arrived safely back in England, he writes the following after attending a small Moravian church on Aldersgate Street in London:

In the evening, I went very unwilling to a society in Aldersgate Street where one was reading Luther's "Preface" to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt that I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me, that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

In the midst of troubling seas of change, John Wesley recognized the faith that he longed for in the words and actions of others, and seeing that faith he was not afraid to go out and embrace it. Lacking a sincere faith of his own, he opened his heart and allowed it to be strangely warmed by the witness of others.

Wesley's example is a very helpful one for us, here at OSLC, in our own time. Sometimes our faith is ragged and our hopes are dim. Sometimes it is simply true that we are tired and confused and our faith is small. When we doubt, we are called to turn to the witness of others who can help awaken the sleeping Jesus who rests peacefully in our boat. We are not alone, and there are peaceful seas yet to be sailed.

Facing seas of change in our own community, do we have the courage to open up to one another and wake our Lord? There are conversations to be had, and there is work to be done. In this season of light, we are called to walk with one another and to let the love of Christ warm our hearts.

In Peace, Pastor Ryan



#### **Christian Education & Small Group Ministries**

#### **Sunday School**

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Preschool—Grade 5

For students in Preschool through Grade 5, our Sunday School program ties in to the Sunday morning readings that we hear each week in worship. For more information on our Sunday school curriculum, visit www.activatefaith.org.

#### Grade 6 - 8

For students in Grades 6, 7 and 8, we have a special course of study that focuses on heroes of the Bible.

High School Java Talk

For senior high school students (grades nine through twelve), we offer a program geared towards conversation and relationship building. Each Sunday, students gather with Paul Tolo and Wes Telyea, our interim youth ministry assistant, to enjoy a beverage and discuss a faith topic.

#### **Mid-Life Spirituality Group**

The Mid-Life Spirituality Group will meet on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue and Doug Friddell. We will view and discuss the *Becoming A Good Samaritan* video, *Loving the Forsaken*, as well as talk about ideas for our next book study. Contact Marilyn Larson at (425) 392-6954 or marilyn.larson@gmail.com for more information about this group.

# Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Book of Exodus



Pastor Thomas leads the Thursday morning Bible study. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. On Thursday, January 6, 2011, we will begin a new study of the book of Exodus. The book of Exodus tells the story of the pivotal event in Old Testament history. That event is identified in the title, which comes from a Greek word meaning "going out." It refers to the "going out" of the Israelites from Egypt. God's faithfulness and mercy in delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt is referred to throughout the Old Testament as the prime example of God's love and mercy. Copies of our text, *Exodus and Leviticus for Everyone*, by John Goldingay are available from a variety of on-line vendors.

#### OSLC's Book Club

Barnes & Noble – Pickering Place, Issaquah 7:30 p.m.



Here are the dates and books for our reading schedule in 2011:

January 17, 2011 Missing by Karin Alvtegen
March 21, 2011 Sima's Undergarments for

Women by Ilana Stanger-

Ross

May 16, 2011 Plum Wine by Angela

Davis-Gardner

August 15, 2011 October 17, 2011

Please join us this year and read some great books and join in our lively discussions. Send me your suggestions for books you'd like to read for August and October. For more information please contact Marilyn Larson, at marilyn.larson@gmail.com or call her at (425) 392 -6594.

#### **Hope Circle**

Friday, January 21 9:30 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, January 21, 2011 at the home of Jo Hess and our leader will be Jane Shen. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.



Monday, January 17 7:30 p.m.

On January 17, 2011, Faith Circle will meet at the home of Evelyn Sneva and our leader will be Gerri Steele. Faith Circle meets on the third Monday of each month, from September to May, at 7:30 p.m., in different member's homes. (We break for the summer months – June through August.) We use the Bible study found in *Lutheran Woman Today*. If you need more information or would like to join Faith Circle, please contact Rita Hansen at (425) 392-2108 or ritahansen@brigadoon.net.



#### A Deeper Well

January 25

Join us for this gathering that takes place on the last Tuesday evening of each month. This is a time, for those 21 and older, to talk about faith and life and experience some refreshment for both body and soul. Watch the bulletin announcements and the weekly email for a new location. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ryan at (425) 392-4169, ext. 105 or rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org.

# **Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be between services on Sunday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the back closet in Anderson Hall to bless newly completed shawls. If you knit or crochet, please come and join us! We have plenty of yarn thanks to a grant from Thrivent. This wonderful ministry provides warm, comfy shawls to those in need.

New knitters and crocheters are welcome. Contact Karen Hansen or Muriel Brown for more information.

#### **Mission Quilters**

Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall and assist us making quilts.







#### Catatonic? or Cataclysmic? No, Catechism for Real Life!

February 4-6, 2011 Rainbow Lodge, North Bend

It is not too early to begin thinking about attending the annual women's retreat at Rainbow Lodge in nearby North Bend.

Pastor Heidi Fish will be our retreat leader throughout the weekend. You can count on great conversation, solid information and enough down-time to absorb and digest together. *Catatonic? or Cataclysmic? No, Catechism for Real Life* will focus on Martin Luther's Small Catechism, a gold-mine of practical interpretations of the basics of the Christian faith. You'll discover both little nuggets and sparkling streams of theological riches to get you through daily life at home, work, in congregational life and in the wider community.

Come away to a quiet place to study, play confirmand again, and to share meals and fellowship with your sisters in faith.

Registrations forms are available on the tables in the narthex. You can also contact Kimberly Montague at mkmontague@hotmail.com or 425-277-1093 with questions or for more retreat information.

#### **Congregational Business**

#### **Social Concerns Committee Update**

Once again, because of your extreme generosity, the Social Concerns Committee was able to bless 27 families during Thanksgiving. A total of 73 individuals had a brighter and bountiful dinner plus extras for their cupboards. The Social Concerns committee spent \$1500, which included designated funds donated by congregation members and visitors as well. Thanks to Paul Tolo and his timely requests, Thrivent will match \$400 after receipts are submitted.

Dianne Tanner secured non-perishable items for the Meals Program. Meals for December 2010 and January 2011 and possibly other months will benefit from these. Our thanks to Dianne Tanner and Judi Russell for taking care of this. The Issaquah Food Bank also received 216 pounds of non-perishable food donations and four packages of diapers from our Thanksgiving collection boxes. We also want to thank Fred Meyer for saving and giving us all the boxes used in our Thanksgiving Food Baskets project. Another big thank you goes to Safeway, managers and employees, for supporting our project. The Front Street Market, Costco, Issaquah Target and the Dollar Tree in the Renton Highlands have also been good partners in our projects.

We are working on our Christmas Giving Tree as I write this article. I will submit my report on our Christmas Giving Tree final numbers on the February issue of our Focus newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to join us in one or two or more projects just talk to any of our Social Concerns Committee members, call me (425) 829-4675 or send me an email at ana.inman@comcast.net. We will be more than happy to welcome you any time of the year.

Wishing you a happy and blessed Christmas, Epiphany, and New Year 2011! Margot Inman and the Social Concerns Committee

#### **Automate Your Regular Offering**

Our Savior Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving provides convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Getting started is easy. Authorization forms and additional information are available in the church and from the church office. Or, you can check it out by clicking the "Contribute to OSLC Now" button on the church's home page (www.oslcissaquah.org).

### OSL Preschool Fundraising Committee

OSL Preschool is going to be having two large fundraisers this year. The first will be a Rummage Sale in February. The other will be a 30 year celebration luncheon to be held in April. We are looking for volunteers who would like to plan and help run these events. A meeting will be held at the church on Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. for those interested in taking part. If you have any questions, please contact Brook Gouge at (425) 313-4633.



#### **OSL Preschool Rummage Sale**

Are you going to be cleaning out your closet after Christmas? If so, please consider donating your unwanted items to the OSL Preschool Rummage sale. Donations can be brought to Room 5 in the church beginning Monday, January 3rd through Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be held on Saturday, February 12th in Anderson Hall.

#### **Fall 2011 Preschool Registration**

The preschool board and staff are currently making plans for the registration of preschool for the fall of 2011. We take three, four and five year olds as well as a few older two year olds with permission of the director. Please check out our web site at www.oslpreschool.org, call (425) 392-1201, Ext. 4 or email Connie at preschool1201@hotmail.com to get your questions answered.

#### **Treasurer's Update**

Nov. 2010

We are 5 months (42%) through our fiscal year.



#### What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (35.9% of operations budget)	\$ 167,500
We have spent YTD - (36.9% of operations budget)	\$ 171,500
Deficit - We have spent more than received	\$ -4,000

#### Compared to what we budgeted:

We are behind	budgeted giving by	\$ 26,600
We are under b	oudgeted spending by	\$ 22,300

#### Compared to last year's actual:

Our contributions were less than last year by \$ 33,900

Respectfully, Bruce Mathias, Treasurer



#### 2011 OSLC Council

At the November 21, 2010 Congregational Meeting, the following persons were elected to terms on council, as voting members to the 2011 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly and to the 2011 nominating committee:

#### Council Officers

President – Sandy Nygaard (1st term expires 12/11)
Vice President – Paula Seeger (1st term expires 12/12)
Treasurer – Randy Halter (1st term expires 12/12)
Administration/Personnel – Shari Lundberg (1st term expires 12/12)
Youth – Stephen Moore (1st term expires 12/12)
Building and Grounds – Mark Cron (1st term expires 12/12)

#### 2011 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Voting Members

(Synod Assembly to be held at the Lynnwood Convention Center, May 13 & 14, 2011)
Synod Assembly Voting Member, female—Marilyn Larson
Synod Assembly Voting Member, male—Ray Harbolt

#### 2011 Nominating Committee

According to Chapter 13 of OSLC's constitution, page 13 (see C13.02), "A Nominating Committee of six voting members of this congregation, two of whom shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election."

Kathy Ziegler (outgoing council member), Margot Inman (outgoing council member), Mary Fricke, Connie Fletcher, Craig Gillin, Richard Lock

#### Continuing Church Council Members are:

Secretary – Kathy Ziegler (2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 12/11)
Social Concerns – Margot Inman (2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 12/11)
Fellowship – Judi Russell (2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 12/11)
Outreach – Barbara Extract (2<sup>nd</sup> term expires 12/11)
Financial Secretary – Joanne Suttmeier (1<sup>st</sup> term expires 12/11)
Worship – David Carlson (1<sup>st</sup> term expires 12/11)
Stewardship – Wendy Winslow (1<sup>st</sup> term expires 12/11)
Christian Education – Paul Tolo (1<sup>st</sup> term expires 12/11)
Global Missions – Cheryl Hauser (1<sup>st</sup> term expires 12/11)



1/1	Robin Vergillo	1/17	Pauline Montague
	Cynthia Holmberg	1/20	Rachel (Christopherson) Snell
1/3	David Flatness	1/22	David Gretch
	Glenn Smith		Wendy Winslow
	Marilyn Nickelsburg	1/23	Breanna Wood
	Morgan Wood		Debbie Sladek
1/4	Patty Christopherson		Eldon "Pick" Pickering
	Taylor Usselman		Rodger Jessen
1/5	Jim Kramer	1/24	Jon Mogensen
	Margot Inman		Paul Crawford
1/7	Becky Brooks	1/25	David Hersey
	Rosanna Fry	1/26	Chris Byar
1/9	Dag Garrison	1/28	LaRue Nelson
	Melina Hughes	1/29	Frank Troutman
	Tina Collum		Kathi Perkins
1/10	Paula Swanson	1/30	Paul Tolo
1/15	Jay Mogensen		Ron Bue
	Lydia Fletcher		Sue Spence
	Ginger Grette	1/30	Beth Garrison
1/16	Dustin Fry		Calen Muñoz
	Jane Tierney		



1/1 Wayne & Bev Price
1/6 David & Debra Wagner
1/23 Howard & Raemarie Schmidt

Sunday morning worship services with Holy Communion begin at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages (preschool through adult) begins at 9:45 a.m.

#### One Service @ 9:30 a.m.

Lena Schaper

Sun., January 2—2nd Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel: John 1:1-18

#### **Worship Schedule**

Sun., January 9—Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9
Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Sun., January 16—2nd Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel: John 1:29-42

Sun., January 23—3rd Sunday of Ephiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Sun., January 30—4th Sunday of Ephiphany

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



# January 2011

# Happy New Year & Happy New Year & Happy New Year

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2 9:30 AM Wor- ship	3 10:00 AM OA (Room 7) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop & Parent Meeting (Anderson Hall, Room 7) 7:00 PM Girl Scouts (Rooms 14, 15)	6:00 PM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Room 7) 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Committee Meeting (Library)	5 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 6:00 PM Youth Handbells (Narthex) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation Group Meeting (Youth Rm)	6 7.45 AM TOPS (Rooms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 10:00 AM Al-Anon (Room 7) 7:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Cub Scout Parent's Meeting (Room 7) 7:00 PM OSL Preschool Board Meeting (Library)	7	8:00 AM Stewardship Meeting (Narthex)
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16 5:45 AM-8:00AM Hammond House Break- fast 8:30AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School / Adult Education 11:00 AM Worship 6:30-10:45 PM OSLC Middle School & High School @ Coffee & Compline @ St. Mark's	Martin Luther King Holiday OSLC Office & Pre-School Closed  10:00 AM OA (Room 7) 7:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Evy Sneva	18 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Room 7)	9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Handbells (Narthex) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation Group Meeting (Youth Room)	20 7:45 AM TOPS (Rooms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 10:00 AM Al-Anon (Room 7) 7:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)	21 9:30 AM Hope Circle @ Jo Hess' Church Council Potluck	22 Church Council Retreat
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#### We remember in prayer...



We remember in prayer OSLC members: Joe Acker; Sandy Aldworth; Maury Clark and family; Chris Cummings; Connie Downey; Gene Elfstrom; Edward Fish; Virginia Fraas; Christine Fry; Rita Hansen; Carol Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Lois Jacobson; Marian James; Josee Jordan; Leotagail Kramer; Lyle Lewis; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Jerry Nack; Helen Nychay; Colleen Petersen; Nancy Peterson; Pastor Eldon 'Pick' Pickering; Jeff Saathoff; Mary Swanson; Pam Travis; Linda Wallace; Gwynn Wilkinson; Odin Witsoe.

#### We ask for peace and comfort for those mourning the death of loved ones:

Joel Calvo (Kimberly Montague); Carl Mogensen (uncle of Jon Mogensen); Pat Sneva (sister-in-law of Evy Sneva); Ann Olds (Dave and Georgeanne Park); Sandra Jones (Bill and Carol Bergsma); Tom VanderHoeven (Randy and Linda Baseler); Darrell Thompson (step-son of Selma Thompson); Mary Rudolph (Margot Inman); Cullen Rogers (Joan Schlemlein)

We pray for expectant mothers: Nicole Marsh (Cheryl Neeb); Michelle McIntyre (Cheryl Neeb; Nichol Ramires (Breanna Wood); Heather Matthews (granddaughter of John and Rita Hansen); Katie Citrom (Shelley Howe); Heidi Acker (granddaughter-in-law of Joe and Lucy Acker); Karina Zasueta (Howe Family); Jessica Browning (niece/cousin of Montague family); Katy Ulland; Laura Suttmeier (daughter-in-law of Bill and Joanne Suttmeier); Colleen Darnell (daughter of Bruce and Norma Byrkett); Heather McKimmey (sister-in-law of Becky Mogensen); Teri Hice Lampert (Vern & Connie Van Houten)

#### We promise to nurture new members received December 5, 2010:

Rev. Richard 'Dick' Christensen; Glenn and Heather Curtis; Tim and Libbie FitzGerald and children Russell, Jane and Brian; Steve and Cynthia Holmberg; Bernice Jensen; Cheryl Landers; Rev. Peter and Rev. Jane Shen; James and Glenna Usselman and daughters Taylor and Jordan; Eleuther Veeveart.

We pray for the safety of OSLC members and friends serving in the military here and abroad.

We pray for and give thanks for the ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Preschool.

We pray for our missionaries and global missions: Henrik & Patty Christopherson; Rwanda Partners; Sister Congregations: St. Catherine's Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, Russia and Mekelle Lutheran Church in Mekelle, Ethiopia; for the congregations in Chicalyo, Peru: Pepe at Las Brisas, Merci in San Antonio and Harold at Las Lomas. MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania..

We offer thanksgiving to God: For the joyous birth of Blake Marie Ferguson, daughter of Bill and Brenn (Ann and Larry Thomas) and for the joyous birth of Sullivan Dutch Korsak son of Rachel. (Cheryl Hauser)

Prayer is putting our faith into action, and prayer is pleasing to God. Link up with our prayer chain if you have a need or if you want to share a thanksgiving or praise. Call Jill Naegle, (425) 392-0116.











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Time	9:30	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00
Date	Jan. 2	Jan. 9		Jan. 16		Jan. 23		Jan. 30	
Service	2nd Sunday of Christmas	Baptism of Our Lord		2nd Sunday of Epiphany		3rd Sunday of Epiphany		4th Sunday of Epiphany	

When you arrive, please sign-in on the worship sign-in sheet located in the sacristy.





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