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*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.*

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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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## Beijing Mocha and Other (China) Surprises

### A Mission Trip to China

By Pr. Larry E. Thomas

My first "mission" trip, was a one day visit to Tijuana, Mexico, in 1976, with Valborg Torkelson, a retired missionary who was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Diego, California, where I served as associate pastor.

On a sunny Saturday morning, Valborg and I crossed the border into Mexico and I found myself in another country and another world. I'd never seen so many poor people in my life. It was a powerful experience.

What I remember most about that day was the heartfelt conviction that I would never ever be the same. I thought my brief mission trip to Tijuana would be a life changer, but upon returning home, I soon forgot my experience and resumed my busy life as husband, father, and pastor.

Over the years I've had the opportunity to participate in a variety of mission trips including youth mission trips to Mexico and Peru. Most recently, I've completed four mission trips to Rwanda beginning with a two week "knocked-me-for-a-loop-turned-me-inside-out life changing trip" in 2006 with Rwanda Partners.

Several years ago I became acquainted with the Revs. Peter and Jane Shen. Second career, retired ELCA pastors, Jane and Peter moved to Issaquah, Washington, joined our East King County ELCA Pastors Cluster, after serving with the ELCA Global Mission as Regional Representatives for Asia, and then joined Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Although retired from GM, Peter has continued as a volunteer, advising and consulting GM with specific focus in developing mission companionships with China since 2005 until now.

As I got to know Peter and Jane, I learned about Peter's work in China. When the devastating 8.0 earthquake struck north of Chengdu, in Sechuan Province in May of 2008, Peter was on a plane to China within hours. Peter makes five, sometimes six trips a year to China on behalf of the ELCA, working with local pastors, congregations, hospitals, and social service agencies.

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A couple of years ago, the pastors of our cluster began discussing the possibility of joining Pastors Peter and Jane Shen on a visit to China. We figured that the chance to travel to China with Peter and Jane was a once in a lifetime opportunity that we would be wise not to pass up. Last summer, our conversations got serious: what began as an idea, turned into an action plan. I was grateful that the travel dates coincided with my 2012 January-March sabbatical.

Four of us joined Peter for nine days in China in January 2012. (Due to illness, Jane was unable to travel with us.) Our group included OSLC members Dr. John Stamm (former president of Trinity Lutheran College) and his wife, Elaine; Rev. Mark Griffith, our cluster dean and pastor of Mt. Si Lutheran Church in North Bend, Washington, and myself. On Jan. 9, 2012, we flew from Seattle to San Francisco to Beijing, China. It was a long day.

Our mission was to listen, learn, and serve. We spent our first day in Beijing seeing the sights. We walked a bit of the Great Wall and toured Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. We visited a shopping mall, that except for the Mandarin signage, could have been anywhere in the U.S.

During our visit to Chengdu, we visited the Panda Research Center and while in Guang-An, visited the Deng Xiao Ping Memorial Park. (The museum was closed; it was a Monday. Monday museum closings – just like home.)

As usual with international travel, there were lots of surprises; but not what I expected. En route to our hotel from the Beijing Airport I was stunned by how westernized and modern Beijing was.

The freeway into the city was congested and packed with busses, vans and late model Hondas, Nissans, Toyotas, VWs, Audis, and Buicks. There were new factories, skyscrapers, shopping malls and billboards advertising all manner of products, things and stuff. (The following day, while visiting a shopping mall in Beijing, I took a photo of a sign in the window of a clothing shop that read, “Joyous Prices for You!”)

Truth be told, the surprises never stopped. Every day we were blessed by the grace and gift of one surprise after another. Some were mundane, like, how come my Beijing Starbucks mocha was the best Starbucks mocha I’ve ever had in my life? Or, how come the beds are so hard? (When I asked a Chinese woman about this she asked me why beds in the U.S. are so soft?)

Others surprises were profound: meeting with Pastor Zhao’s grandmother, a charter member of a church in Xi-Cong, who led over a 1,000 people to Christ and spent 40 days in jail for a crime of sharing her faith.

Meeting with pastors who served churches that gave away money they could have spent on upgrading their own facilities to help build churches for others, or, to house a Christian social service ministry came as a big surprise to this suburban Issaquah pastor.

I suppose I shouldn’t be all that surprised that thanks to the good news of Jesus Christ preached, taught, sung, served, and lived, kingdom work in China is flourishing. From rural churches in Huai-Shu and Xian-Ling to big city churches in Xi-Cong, Chengdu, Guang-An and Luzhou, Christianity is making a difference in the lives of individuals, families, communities, and the Chinese people.

There are challenges a plenty: training lay leaders and pastors; finding funding to sustain, maintain, and grow expanding ministries and new projects; managing the relationships between church, government, and the Communist Party.

My impression is the church, as we experienced it, is up to it. Again and again we met with pastors, church leaders and church members who were hungry for guidance and direction, who love to study the scriptures, and who were ready and willing to worship, study, pray and serve God and others. Spirit led and equipped, the folks we met are good to go.

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There was another big surprise: The outstanding work that the ELCA is funding and supporting in China. One day we visited the Dai-Ling Bridge that was rebuilt following the May 2008 earthquake. The roman letters "ELCA" stood out in a sea of Mandarin characters. In Guang-An we visited a rebuilt church partially funded by ELCA donations. Another day we visited the People's Hospital of Luzhou. ELCA monies provided much needed medical equipment to serve patients of this region.

We visited the Federation of Disabled People Association and Center in Luzhou. Over the course of the last seven years, the ELCA has provided some \$800,000 to support the life changing programs of this outstanding organization. These have been accomplished as the ELCA accompanies the church in Luzhou, which has helped make these linkages as it reaches out into communities in service to many human needs.

Other than cheering on members of my immediate family, I rarely say, "I'm proud" of something, lest I commit one of the seven deadly sins. I'm happy to report that after our travels in China with Rev. Peter Shen, I have never been more grateful and proud to be a pastor in and member of the ELCA.

Day after day we were treated like visiting royalty. Eventually I figured out that it wasn't about us; it was because we were (unofficial) representatives of the ELCA traveling with Rev. Peter Shen, ELCA China Consultant, project shepherd, pastor, China hand and China lover.

One night before our group left China, our new friend, John Yu, the Director of The Luzhou Christian Social Service Center and church musician extraordinaire, took Pastor Mark Griffith and me on a walking tour of downtown Guang An, a city of some 5 million souls.

It was a beautiful evening. Preparations for the Chinese New Year of the Dragon were ramping up and the streets were full of people. There were red lanterns and red dragons everywhere. Here and there fireworks exploded.

We walked by a small park where couples were dancing to recorded music, gliding across the concrete dance floor as if walking on water. As we made our way downtown, we saw bright orange prayer lanterns lighting up the night sky.

Pastor Griffith and I purchased a prayer lantern for five yuan and wrote out prayers of thanksgiving on our lantern expressing gratitude to God for our time in China, our new Chinese friends, and for the blessings of God at work in this constantly changing/unchanging country.

We lit up our lantern and launched it aloft. Seeing it trail the other lanterns was like watching stars falling up. Epiphany and the Chinese New Year, all rolled into one.





## Upcoming OSLC Youth Events

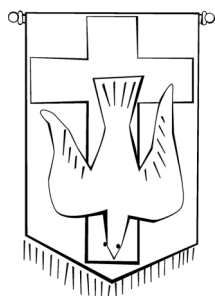
- May 20:  
Confirmation Sunday @ 11:00 worship service
- July 16-22:  
ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
- July 29-August 3:  
OSLC Camp Week @ Camp Lutherwood
- July/August:  
Midweek Community Campfire Series
- August 6-10:  
OSLC Day Camp & Jr. Day Camp  
([www.oslccdaycamp.com](http://www.oslccdaycamp.com))

### Confirmation Prayer Partner Dinner Wednesday, May 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Confirmation Prayer Partner Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd, in Anderson Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you are a confirmation student or an adult prayer partner, please contact your prayer partner and plan to attend.

### Confirmation Sunday May 20 @ 11:00 a.m.

Congratulations to this year's confirmation students who will affirm their baptism at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 15. We give thanks to God for Jennifer Hendrickson, Taylor Usselman and Russell FitzGerald.



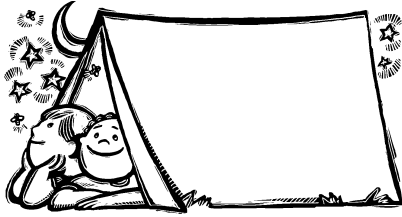
### OSLC Day Camp & Jr. Day Camp August 6—10, 2012

Mark your calendars, registration is now open for OSLC's Day Camp and Jr. Day Camp! Both of these wonderful week-long camps take place at OSLC from August 6-10 this summer. For our older kids (entering Grades one through six), Day Camp is a joint effort between our congregation and Lutherwood Bible Camp (Bellingham, WA). Lutherwood staff, together with people from our congregation, will create a fun and memorable experience for all involved. For our younger kids (ages three, four and five), Jr. Day Camp is a half-day version tailored specially to their interests. If you pre-register, the cost is only \$45 for the week of Day Camp and \$25 for the week of Jr. Day Camp. To register go to [www.oslccdaycamp.com](http://www.oslccdaycamp.com).



### ELCA National Youth Gathering New Orleans, Louisiana July 18-22, 2012

Excitement is continuing to build among youth and families about the Gathering in July. Our work of fundraising continues. Presently, the youth are doing an Arts/Crafts Sale and they are selling gift certificates to Taco Time. The Council also designated the Midweek Lenten, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter special offerings to go towards fundraising for the Gathering. Please note that costs for air travel have recently risen and our costs have gone up accordingly. We have faith that our final fundraising goals will be met, but the task is a considerable one. If you have a desire to help out simply through donations or by helping with leadership on fundraising events, your participation is certainly welcome!



## **OSLC Camp Week @**

**Camp Lutherwood, Bellingham, WA  
July 29—August 3, 2012**

All children and youth are invited to join us at Camp Lutherwood this summer (July 29-August 3) for an incredible week of camp and fun where youth can grow and have a blast! Don't miss out! Pastor Ryan will also be at Lutherwood this same week serving as the camp resource pastor. For more information or to register, contact Camp Lutherwood at [www.camlutherwood.org](http://www.camlutherwood.org) or contact Pastor Ryan at (425) 392-4169 ext. 105 or [rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org).

## **OSLC Scholarships for Camp Lutherwood:**

Starting this year, the Youth Ministry Committee is offering summer camp scholarships to all children and youth who are members or active participants at OSLC. These scholarships cover half the cost of a week of camp at Camp Lutherwood in Bellingham, Washington. All you need to do is register for camp and fill out the simple OSLC Camp Scholarship form. These forms are available from the church office ([office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.org)) and can be returned there, as well. For information on Camp Lutherwood programs visit [www.camlutherwood.org](http://www.camlutherwood.org). For more information on this or other programs at OSLC for children and youth, contact Pastor Fletcher ([rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org)) or the head of our Youth Ministry Committee, Gerrie Hendrickson ([teamhendrickson@msn.com](mailto:teamhendrickson@msn.com)).



## **Newly Forming Children's Ministry Committee**

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Based on the success of the Youth Ministry Committee over the past couple of years, there has been a growing awareness of the need for a committee that focuses on children's ministries at OSLC (Birth through Grade 5). That need is going to be addressed in part by the emergence of a new group, the Children's Ministry Committee. They will meet monthly, develop vision for children's ministries at OSLC, and shepherd some key programs and events. Presently, there are about five individuals who have indicated strong interest in being a part of this group. They are currently meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the OSLC library. Childcare is provided. Watch the bulletin and weekly email for their May meeting date. If you have a passion for helping to build relationships with and among our young families at OSLC, please contact Pastor Ryan, at [rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org) or (425) 392-4169, ext. 105.



## Congregational Business

### Church Council Budget Forums

May 20 and June 3 @ 9:45 a.m.

In preparation for the June 10 congregational meeting, members of the church council will host two congregational budget forums on Sunday, May 20 and Sunday, June 3. The forums will be held between worship services at 9:45 a.m. in the church library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

*Sunday, June 10, 2012*

On Sunday, June 10, 2012, there will be one worship service at 9:30 a.m. Members of the church council will be presenting the 2012/2013 OSLC mission and ministry budget for congregational review and approval.

### Summer Sunday Morning Worship Schedule Begins June 10 @ 9:30 a.m.

We will begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 10 with one worship service at 9:30 a.m. through Sunday, September 2, 2012.

### Altar Flower Orders

If you have a request for flowers to be placed on the altar, please contact Judi Case at judirussell56@gmail.com or (425) 445-2803, or sign up in Anderson Hall to request a date. Flower orders will not be placed with our florist until we have receipt of funds to cover the purchase. Checks can be made out to OSLC - FLOWER FUND, and should be dropped off one week prior to the date of display. The price for altar flowers, including delivery is \$52.00.

*Thanks! Judi*



### Treasurer's Update

March 2012

We are 9 months through our fiscal year.

#### What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (96% of budget)	\$ 300,579
We have spent YTD - (98% of budget)	\$ 305,886
Deficit - We have spent more than received	\$ (\$5,334)

#### Compared to what we budgeted:

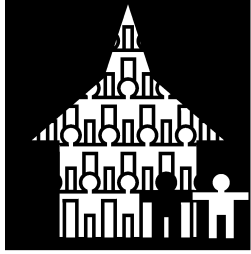
We are under budgeted giving by	\$ 11,343
We are under budgeted spending by	\$ 6,009

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

Our contributions were \$3,413 less than last year (excluding *give an extra month* request.)

*Respectfully,  
Randy Halter, Treasurer*





## **Become Part of Our Church Family**

### **New Member Orientation**

Sunday, May 6th @ 9:45 a.m.

This informal event is for those persons who are interested in learning more about the life of this congregation and how they may formally join us in mission and ministry. This is a great opportunity for getting better acquainted with others who have been a part of our worshipping community for a while and with those who have been

members for a long time. To sign up or to find out more, please contact Pastor Thomas at 425-392-4169, ext. 106. New members will be received at the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, May 13th.



## **KITCHEN REMODELING PROJECT**

### **OSLC Kitchen Remodel Informational Meeting**

Sunday, May 6 @ 9:45 a.m.

#### *Mission of the church kitchen:*

*The purpose of the kitchen is to provide food, beverage and hospitality for events including: wedding and funeral receptions, Sunday coffee hour, full meals for up to 150 people, and other gatherings.*

- In February 2009 a full committee was convened and created a mission statement for the OSLC kitchen. The committee consisted of Pastor Thomas, Lisa Gillin (co chair), Connie Fletcher, Marilyn Larson, Janette Singley and Judi Russell (co chair). Plans were put on hold in late 2009 by council.
- In late 2011 council approved moving ahead.
- New drawings were created.
- Contacts with city and other boards were refreshed, Plan of Use document was created for submission to the county.
- Form and Function designs were begun - the kitchen takes shape!
- Designated GTS Funds were marked for the remodel totaling ~ \$72,000

Today, we have new plans, estimates and a solid team to move this project into reality. Jan Setterlund, Certified Kitchen Designer and Judi Case, Certified Project Manager, will hold an informational meeting on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the church library. Come join us and review the drawings, plans and full color schemes. We are excited to be moving towards new beginnings, so come and lend your enthusiasm, comments and support.



## Christian Education & Small Group Ministries



Come to Sunday School

### Sunday School

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Preschool—Grade 5

Sunday school for ages preschool through fifth grade are tied to the Sunday morning readings that we hear each week in worship. For more information on our Sunday school curriculum, visit [www.activatefaith.org](http://www.activatefaith.org) or contact Pastor Fletcher at [rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org).



### Middle School & High School Sunday Morning Java Talk

For students in grades six through twelve, we offer an on campus program geared towards conversation and relationship building. Each Sunday, students meet in the new upstairs youth room for Java Talk.

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### Mid-Life Spirituality Group *The Screwtape Letters*

May 6 and 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

OSLC's Mid-Life Spirituality Group meet Sunday evenings, twice a month. We are currently reading and discussing, *Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis. The book is available from a variety of on-line vendors. Contact Marilyn Larson at (425) 392-6954 or [marilyn.larson@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.larson@gmail.com) for more information about this group. Ann and Larry Thomas will host the 7:00 p.m. May 6th meeting. In preparation for our discussion, please read chapters 22-26 in *Screwtape Letters*.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Letters of John

Thursday Mornings @ 10:00 a.m.



Pastor Thomas leads the Thursday morning Bible study. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. We are studying the Gospel According to St. John. Copies of our text, *John For Everyone (Part 2 - Chapters 11-21)* by N.T. Wright is available from a variety of on-line vendors.

### OSLC's Book Club

Raven's Books in  
Gilman Village, Issaquah  
May 14th, 7:30 p.m.



Our next gathering will be Monday, May 14th at Raven's Books in Gilman Village at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the book, *Mink River* by Brian Doyle. An Oregon author writes about a small town on the Oregon coast with several characters blending Native Americans and Irish Immigrants.

Be sure to bring your book selection ideas for our next book club read. Upcoming book club meeting dates are: July 9th, September 10th and November 12th.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you know someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl? Boy, girl, man or woman? There are several shawls to choose from. They are made with love and comfort knitted into every stitch. We also have yarn if you would like to make one. If you know of someone who could use a **HUG**, please let the office or the staff know.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team will not meet in May. Please join us on June 3 between services to bless newly created shawls. If you need yarn or labels, please contact Karen Hansen or Muriel Brown.

## A Deeper Well

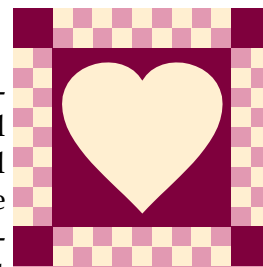
*May 31*  
*8:00 p.m.*

A Deeper Well is a time to talk about faith and life and experience some refreshment for both body and soul. We meet at Sunset Ale House on Front Street (20 Front Street, next to Flying Pie Pizzeria and Front Street Market) on the last Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.. If you want more information about A Deeper Well, contact Pastor Ryan at [rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org), (425) 392-4169, ext. 105).



## Mission Quilters

Join us Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until noon in Anderson Hall and assist us making quilts. The Mission Quilters make simple patchwork quilts that are donated to people in need. Contact the church office for more information, 425-392-4169, ext. 100.



## Hope Circle

*Friday, May 18*  
*9:30 a.m.*

Hope Circle will meet Friday, May 18, 2012 at the home of Randi Strom. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or [mtnlady@comcast.net](mailto:mtnlady@comcast.net).

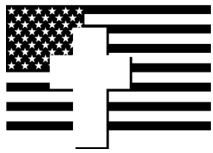


## Faith Circle

*Monday, May 21*  
*7:30 p.m.*

On May 21st, Faith Circle will meet at the home of Karen Hansen. 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 the Lutheran magazine, *Gather*. If you need more information or would like to join Faith Circle, please contact Rita Hansen at (425) 392-2108 or [ritahansen@brigadoon.net](mailto:ritahansen@brigadoon.net).





## Comfort Boxes

Your donated items for the VFW Comfort Boxes for our service men and women are appreciated. The collection box for VFW is in the hallway by the library. Needed items continue to be nail clippers, dental floss, small individual packets of Crystal Light and socks. Questions can be directed to Dave and Georgeanne Park, who can answer your questions in person, by phone (425-392-7275), or by e-mail ([parkd@q.com](mailto:parkd@q.com)).



TC4 moved to Woodinville on April 21st. While members of OSLC have continued to show their support through clothing and food donations, it is time for us to put the bin away until TC4 returns to Issaquah area. Thank you for your generous support of TC4. TC4 questions can be directed to Dave and Georgeanne Park, 425-392-7275 ([parkd@q.com](mailto:parkd@q.com)).

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## Emerald City Ringers

Handbell Concerts

May 6 and May 12

Emerald City Ringers is a nonprofit, non-auditioned, community based choir of handbell musicians, directed by Brian Tervo. This group will present two concerts this May titled *Life's A Happy Song*. The varied repertoire will delight concert goers of all ages with the recognizable tunes of *Life's a Happy Song*, *The Rainbow Connection*, *The Muppet Show Theme* and *Mah Na Mah Na*, as well as classical pieces and more. Both concerts will present a unique and fun opportunity for participation by children. Concert dates and locations are:



**Sunday, May 6 @ 3:30 p.m.**

University Temple United Methodist Church  
1415 N.E. 43rd St., Seattle

**Saturday, May 12 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Grace Lutheran Church  
22975 – 24th Avenue S., Des Moines

## Bells of the Sound

Handbell Concert

May 6

Bells of the Sound is a nationally acclaimed handbell ensemble that has been pioneering handbell artistry and excellence since 1989. This group of 15 auditioned musicians is known for their high caliber, energetic and entertaining performances. They will present a handbell concert, *All That Jazz*, on Sunday May 6th at 4:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 23855 S.E. 216th Street, Maple Valley, Washington. More information can be found at [www.bells of the sound.org](http://www.bells of the sound.org).

## Worship Schedule

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

**Sunday School for ages  
preschool through high  
school begins at 9:45 a.m.**

### Sun., May 6—5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40  
Second Reading: I John 4:7-21  
Gospel: John 15:1-8

### Sun., May 13—6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48  
Second Reading: I John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 15:9-17

### Sun., May 20—7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Second Reading: I John 5:9-13  
Gospel: John 17:6-19

### Sun., May 27—Day of Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21  
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27  
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

5/1	Jean Duven Leotagail Kramer Virginia Fraas	5/15	Alyssa Thao Marshall Inman
5/2	David Carlson Ernie Hughes Katrina Walker	5/16	Laura Veevaert Pam Moore
5/3	Karen Gerde	5/17	Bill Fields Ken Konigsmark Scott Irving
5/4	Carina Nygaard Karen Quinn	5/18	Betty Evans Joan Schlemlein
5/5	Robin Timmerman	5/19	Mikey Inman Kevin Brown Masame Francois Fletcher
5/6	Emily Waltzer Glenn Curtis Steve Krogh	5/20	Ralph Case
5/7	Mark Cron	5/23	Lucille Hersey
5/8	Marcy Wood	5/27	Alexander Ulland Jenna Kneepkens Richard Lock
5/9	Bob Gerde Courtney Jonas Lisa Thomasson	5/28	Alaina Irving
5/10	Muriel Brown	5/29	Jeff Hendrickson Andrea Marshall Joanne Suttmeier
5/11	Kimberly Peters	5/30	Mackenzie Gouge
5/12	Brook Gouge		
5/13	Gene Elfstrom Matt Wray		
5/14	Steve Moore		



5/5	Bernie & Kathy Guthmiller
5/10	Henrik & Patty Christopherson
5/14	Steve & Cynthia Holmberg
5/15	Alan & Ann Byar Bill & Carol Bergsma Scott & Debbie Irving
5/18	Garth & Kristi O'Brien James & Glenna Usselman
5/19	David & Georgia North
5/20	Bill & Shannon Small
5/21	Mike & Lisa DeVogel
5/27	Gerald & Lucille Hersey

# May 2012



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Sat

		<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom) 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Committee (Youth Room) 7:00 PM Constitution Committee (Narthex)	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30-8:00 PM Confirmation Prayer Partner Dinner (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>3</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM New Member Orientation (Narthex) 9:45 AM Kitchen Re-model Information Meeting (Library) 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Mid-Life Spirituality Group @ the home of Ann and Larry Thomas	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Library Committee (Library) 10:00 AM OA (Downstairs Classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 5:30 PM Girl Scouts (Rooms 14, 15) 7:00 PM BSA Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	<b>8</b> 5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station 6:00 PM Executive Committee (Library) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Library)	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Confirmation Group Meeting (Youth Room) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>10</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship / New Members Received 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship Group Meeting (Narthex)	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM Avant Designer's Guild (Anderson Hall) 10:00 AM OA (Downstairs Classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Library) 7:00 PM BSA Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	<b>15</b> 12:00 PM "Focus" Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom) 	<b>16</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Confirmation Group Meeting (Youth Room) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>17</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 6:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Randi Strom	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Confirmation Dinner and Rehearsal (Anderson Hall)
<b>20</b>  Confirmation Sunday Education Appreciation Sunday 5:45 AM Hammond House Breakfast 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Budget Forum (Library) 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Mid-Life Spirituality Group	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM OA (Downstairs Classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 5:30 PM Girl Scouts (Rooms 14, 15) 7:00 PM BSA Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom) 7:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Karen Hansen	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Confirmation Guides Meeting 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>24</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 6:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)	<b>25</b> <div style="text-align: center;">        Synod        </div>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Pentecost Sunday  8:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship	<b>28</b> Memorial Day Holiday OSLC Office Closed  10:00 AM OA (Narthex)	<b>29</b> 10:00 AM Children's Ministry Committee (Library/Nursery) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom) 8:00 PM A Deeper Well @ Sunset Ale House	<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>31</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 6:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)		<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">         OSLC          facility use          printed in          bold print.       </div>

## **We remember in prayer...**



### **We remember in prayer OSLC members:**

**Joe Acker; Sandy Aldworth; Maury Clark; Chris Cummings; Gene Elfstrom; Marie Foss; Virginia Fraas; Carol Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Gerald Hersey; Shelley Howe; Marian James; Josee Jordan; Florence Kinnune; Jeannie Lindquist; Jim Marshall; Carol McMurray; Jerry Nack; Gloria Olson; Jeannette Patterson; Kathi Perkins; Colleen Petersen; Pastor Eldon 'Pick' Pickering; Marlene Pickering; Don Rentschler; Jeff Saathoff; Steve Setterlund; Jane Shen; Mary Swanson; Dianne Tanner; Frank and Tommie Troutman; Gwynn Wilkinson; Shirley Witsoe.**

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

**Marv Hurtgen** (Dave and Georgeanne Park); **George Mogensen** (father/father-in-law of Jon and Becky Mogensen); **Mark Mueller** (Rollie and Sherry Kiefel); **Paul Metzdorf** (Dave and Georgeanne Park); **Mike Reeves, George Davis, Jim Hayes** (Bill Bergsma); **Herb Herrington** (Ray and Carol Harbolt); **Mary Stanley** (Pastor Thomas); **Maxine Fravel** (Aunt of Rowan Hinds)

### **We pray for expectant mothers:**

**Laura Moynihan** (Joyce Craig); **Nicole Marsh** (Cheryl Neeb); **Heidi Acker** (granddaughter-in-law of Joe and Lucy Acker); **Angie Tolliver** (Cheryl Neeb); **Christy Aguirre** (daughter of Vern and Connie Van Houten); **Sarah Parlin** (daughter of Jane Wuest); **May Robertson** (daughter-in-law of Don and Lorna Robertson)

### **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 **Keaton Isop Collom** son of Wescott and Martina and grandson of Paul and Bodil Isop; and, for the joyous birth of **Truman Thomas Struck** son of Sean and Hope. (Ann and Larry Thomas) For **Ann Kofol's** new residence and for the blessings her daughter **Sarah** has received. That **Sandy** has found a new job. (Dave and Marilyn Carlson)

*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.*

# May 2012 worship Assistants



Sunday Service	Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Lectors	Communion Assistants
Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 6	8:30	Mary Fricke (425-313-1582)	Don Robertson Jeff Lucas	Shari Lundberg 425-392-4169	Mary Fricke
		11:00	Don & Nancy Cumming	Paul & Joyce Craig		Rita Hansen
Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 13	8:30	Diane Nelson Bonnie Brice	Mark & Tami Cron	Doug Downey	Doug & Lori Downey Sue Friddell
		11:00	Vicky Jacobson Muriel Brown	Christine & Larry Fry		Rita Hansen
Seventh Sunday of Easter	May 20	8:30	Don & Jean Chaney	George Kuipers Don Chaney	Judi Case	Judi & Ralph Case Mary Fricke
		11:00	LaRue Nelson Bill Hall	Richard Lock Bill Suttmeier	Maury Clark	Sue Friddell
Day of Pentecost	May 27	8:30	Nancy Peterson Selma Thompson	Dave & Georgeanne Park		
		11:00	Jerry & Linda Nack	Jim & Leslie Kramer	Karen Hansen	Karen Hansen



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