# FOCUS Vol. 27 No. 6 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.

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#### Sunday Worship Services:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

#### Summer Worship Times:

June 10 – September 2 9:30 a.m.

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#### A Change in Season

By Scott Hafso, Interim Choir Director

How welcome the arrival of summer is. There appears to be consensus: we're ready for it. Ah, summer. At the beginning of the season, it's an expanse of possibility. There is time, it seems, for everything.

Which brings to mind the familiar passage from Ecclesiastes 3: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." I love that text. It tells us our faith forebears were a lot like us. Life had its complexities then as now; our struggles to balance it all, to make sense of it all, are nothing new.

Summer reminds me that my personal Ecclesiastes 3 is a work in progress. There is time to reflect upon the year, even as preparations are made for the year ahead. Time for hanging around home, and time to journey to reconnect with family and friends. A time for cleaning out the garage, and a time for hitting the beach.

Beyond a break from activities on the church calendar, there is a change of season in the life of our faith community as well. I believe OSLC is in the midst of an awakening. There are signs of it all around us: conversations about what's possible in the days to come, how can we support children and youth in this place, what parts of our facility need some love and care, who are we called to be as a people of God in this time and place, and in the world around us?

A part of the conversation is about worship, an activity that is central to all we do at Our Savior Lutheran Church. It is a joy and duty that both reflects who we are, and shapes who we are. In the months ahead, you will be hearing about a renewed focus on worship at OSLC. What does vibrant worship look like? We're entering an exciting season. Stay tuned.

There is a time for listening, and a time for giving voice. There is a time for restraint, and a time for growth. There is a time for introspection, and a time for looking ahead. There is a time for silence, and a time to sing.

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The winter is past; we're ready for summer.

Scott Hafso Interim Choir Director

#### One more change in the season:

There is a time to welcome new faces, and a time to say Godspeed. Kevin Kaukl, choir accompanist and musician extraordinaire, concludes his time with us, as he prepares for his Doctoral studies at Shenandoah University in Virginia in the fall. The gifts he has brought to our community – including his kind heart and generous spirit – will be dearly missed. His departure saddens us, even as we cheer him on in this next, great chapter of his life.

### Church Council Budget Forum

June 3 @ 9:45 a.m.

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

# **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.

#### Worship Service June 10, 2012

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

On Sunday, June 10, 2012, there will be one worship service at 9:30 a.m. The congregational meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Members of the church council will be presenting the 2012/2013 OSLC mission and ministry budget for congregational review and approval.

#### **Praying the Lord's Prayer**

Beginning Holy Trinity Sunday, June 3, we will pray the "traditional" version of the Lord's Prayer on Sunday mornings. We will continue this practice through Christ the King Sunday, November 25, 2012. On the First Sunday in Advent (December 2, 2012) we will resume praying the ecumenical version of the Lord's Prayer. It has been our practice to pray both versions of the Lord's Prayer over the course of a year: approximately six months praying one version, and then, six months praying the other.

#### **Congregational Business**

#### 2011/2012 OSLC Annual Report

Throughout the past year, OSLC committees have been hard at work beautifying our building, weeding our gardens, providing food for those in need, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, inviting people to OSLC, preparing the operating budget and overseeing its use, reaching out to others all over the globe and providing us fellowship opportunities within our worshipping community. Members of the OSLC council and committee chairs have diligently prepared reports of the activities that their committees have done this past year. It is important that we (as members and friends of OSLC) read and keep ourselves aware of the hard work of the committees within this ministry. It keeps those that are working on committees accountable to the members they serve. OSLC staff members and OSL Preschool have also prepared reports that are included. This report has been sent out by email. If you aren't on email, stop by the table in the narthex and pick up a copy of the 2011/2012 OSLC Annual Report. I think you'll enjoy what you read. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation to vote on the proposed 2012/2013 mission and ministry budget takes place on June 10th beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Janet Heck, Parish Administrator



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

April 2012

We are nine months through our fiscal year.

#### What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (96% of budget)	\$ 339,092
We have spent YTD - (98% of budget)	\$ 341,098
<b>Deficit</b> - We have spent more than received	\$ (2,006)

#### Compared to what we budgeted:

We are under budgeted giving by	\$ 7,488
We are under budgeted spending by	\$ 5,542

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

Our contributions were less than last year by \$ 4,782\*

Respectfully, Randy Halter, Treasurer

\* Excluding the "give an extra month" request.



July 16-22:

ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

July 29-August 3:

OSLC Camp Week @ Camp Lutherwood

July 25 – August 29:

Midweek Community Campfire Series August 6-10:

OSLC Day Camp & Jr. Day Camp (www.oslcdaycamp.com)



#### 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 www.camplutherwood.org or contact Pastor Ryan at (425) 392-4169 ext. 105 or rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org.



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

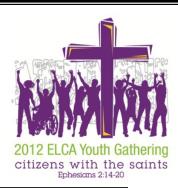
Mark your calendars, registration is now open for OSLC's Day Camp and Jr. Day Camp! Both of these wonderful week-long camps take place at OSLC from August 6-10 this summer. For our older kids (entering Grades one through six), Day Camp is a joint effort between our congregation and Lutherwood Bible Camp (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 halfday 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. Camp. To register go www.oslcdaycamp.com.

# OSLC Scholarships for Camp Lutherwood:

Starting this year, the Youth Ministry Committee is offering summer camp scholarships to all 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) and can be returned there, as well. For information on Camp Lutherwood programs visit www.camplutherwood.org. For more information on this or other programs at OSLC for children Pastor Fletcher and youth, contact (rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org) or the head of our Youth Ministry Committee, Gerrie Hendrickson (teamhendrickson@msn.com).



# Become an OSLC Youth Gathering Shareholder!



The youth and adults who are attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July are very close to reaching their goal of raising \$10,000 to cover the expenses of the trip. We thank the wonderful congregation of OSLC for helping us reach our goal.

There is one last opportunity to support our fundraising efforts by becoming a Trip Shareholder!

A Trip Shareholder is a person/couple/family that invests in our trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering by donating \$25 or more before June 30, 2012. All Trip Shareholders will receive a personal thank you card, a shareholder's "stock certificate," a souvenir from New Orleans, and an invitation to a Trip-Shareholders event in August where you will learn about the life-changing experiences from the youth and adult leaders themselves. If time allows, you may also receive an email or two while we are on our trip!

Please fill out the Trip Shareholder form completely and return it with your donation to the church. For fun, we are issuing shareholder certificates that commemorate your gift (one share = \$25), but you are free to donate in whatever amount you choose. Checks should be made out to "OSLC Youth Gathering." You may mail in your donation, drop it off in the church office, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Just be sure it is in an envelope clearly marked "OSLC Youth Gathering."

Thank you for supporting us! Questions? Please contact Pastor Fletcher at rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org.

P.S. Mark your calendar for the special sending service on Sunday, July 15, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **OSLC Youth Gathering Shareholder Donation Form**

Name(s):	
Mailing Address:	
Phone Number (optional):	
Email Address:	
Donation Amount (one share = \$25):	

#### **Community BBQ and Softball Game**

Sunday, June 17th, 11:30 a.m. Highlands Central Park, Field #1

Join us on Sunday, June 17, 2012 (Father's Day) for a Community BBQ and Softball Game up in the Issaquah Highlands at Central Park Field #1! We will gather starting at 11:00 a.m. The OSLC Youth are sponsoring the event and will be providing hot dogs, brats, buns, and condiments. You are invited to bring a side dish, chips, or dessert to share. The game is informal and is open to all ages. You can also come just to enjoy the summer atmosphere and the good company of others. This event is open to the whole community. We hope you bring a friend! Questions? Contact Pastor Ryan at rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org or 425-392-4169, ext. 105.

#### **Midweek Community Campfires**

Wednesday Evenings, July 25-August 29

Summer campfires, outdoor worship and S 'mores have become a seasonal tradition at OSLC. Join us on Wednesday (July 25—August 29) at 6:30 p.m. Our location this year is on the shores of Lake Sammamish (4405 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy S.E., Issaquah 98029). This is a great opportunity to get to know others in our faith community, to invite friends and neighbors, and to simply enjoy the gifts of summer. Hot dogs and fixings for S 'mores are provided. Participants are welcome to bring something to share. And, don't forget a camp chair or a blanket to sit on. Building community and praising God at the edge of Lake Sammamish is a truly awesome thing!

# Summer Sunday Morning Worship Schedule Begins

June 10 @ 9:30 a.m.

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#### **Worship Schedule**

Sun., June 3—The Holy Trinity

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17

Sun., June 10—Second Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 2:2-4
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel: John 17:15-23

Sun., June 17—Third Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6 [11-13] 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Sun., June 24—Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41



#### **Preschool Registration is Open for September 2012**

Preschool is now closed for the summer. Fall registration continues over the next few months. If you are interested in seeing the school, please email Connie Van Houten, Preschool Director at preschool1201@hotmail.com. You may also leave phone messages at (425) 392-1201, Ext. 4. Our web site is www.oslpreschool.org. We have basic information on that link to get you started with your inquiry about our school.

Children who are three, four or five by August 31, 2012, are eligible to attend school. If you have a two-year old who turns three by the end of October, we can talk to you about them attending school as well. Some of the younger children may be ready for school. Our three-year old program meets two times a week on Tuesday and Thursday. Our Pre-K class for four and five year olds, who are preparing to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2013, meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday. School is open each day from 9:15-11:45 a.m. We love showing our classroom and talking with you about the needs of your child.

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

#### Mid-Life Spirituality Group

Sunday, June 3rd 7:00 p.m.

OSLC's Mid-Life Spirituality Group meets Sunday evenings, twice a month during the school year. Before we take our summer break, we will meet at the home of Barbara and Ray Extract for a pot-luck and discussion of possible books to read and discuss in the fall. Contact Marilyn Larson at (425) 392-6954 or marilyn.larson@gmail.com for more information about this group.



Raven's Books in Gilman Village, Issaquah July 9th, 7:30 p.m.

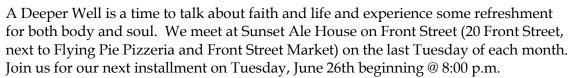


Our next gathering will be Monday, July 9th at Raven's Books in Gilman Village at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the book, *A Hummingbird's Daughter by* Louis Alberto Urrea. An epic mystical drama of a young woman's sudden sainthood in late 19th century Mexico.

Grab the book and join us! Contact Marilyn Larson if you have questions, marilyn.larson@gmail.com.

#### A Deeper Well

June 26 8:00 p.m.





#### The Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Gospel According to St. John

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 Two*, *Chapters 11-21* by N.T. Wright is available from a variety of on-line vendors. Our last group meeting before our summer break will be Thursday, June 28th.

#### Hope Circle Friday, June 15



Hope Circle will travel to Tree Cups of Tea in Bothell for their last meeting. They will resume meeting in September. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.

#### **Faith Circle**

Faith Circle will be in recess until September 17th when we meet at the home of Rita 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.

# Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

June 3 9:45 a.m.



We meet the first Sunday of every month between services to bless newly completed shawls and to hand out yarn.

Please join the Prayer Shawl Ministry team on June 3 at 9:45 a.m. to bless newly completed shawls and to sign cards. We will meet in the fellowship hall near the closet. There is plenty of yarn if you are ready to start a summer project!

Regards, Karen Hansen

#### **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.





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6/10 6/11 6/12 6/14 6/15	Paul Swanson Jeannie Lindquist Cheryl Landers Lorna Robertson Jeff Lucas Michael Cummings Tommie Troutman Jane Wuest Andreas Olshausen Isabel Ulland	6/23 6/24 6/25 6/26 6/28	Jonathan Jones Drew Fletcher Bob Perkins Vicki LeFever John Hansen Larry Thomas Shari Lundberg Libbie FitzGerald Kendra Cummings Tim FitzGerald	6/18 6/19 6/20 6/22 6/26 6/28 6/29	Ray & Carol Harbolt David & Marilyn Carlson Bill & Joan Fields Ryan Fletcher & Natalie François Don & Nancy Cumming Kevin & Elizabeth Brown Roger & Marilyn deVeer Chuck Bachman & Wendy Winslov Bob & Kathi Perkins
	Linda Baseler Steve Setterlund				



# **Preschool Plant Sale Thank You**

Thank you to all of you who supported the preschool through buying the hanging baskets of summer flowers. The lower hallway was filled to the brim with beautiful fuchsias, petunias and geraniums. Squak Mt. Nursery, as always, provided large, luxurious plants. Enjoy all the beautiful blooms. We are so grateful for your purchases and support of our preschool.



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Gary & Marilyn Kneepkens

Ernie & Sherran Whatley Paul & Nilvane Swanson

Craig & Lisa Gillin

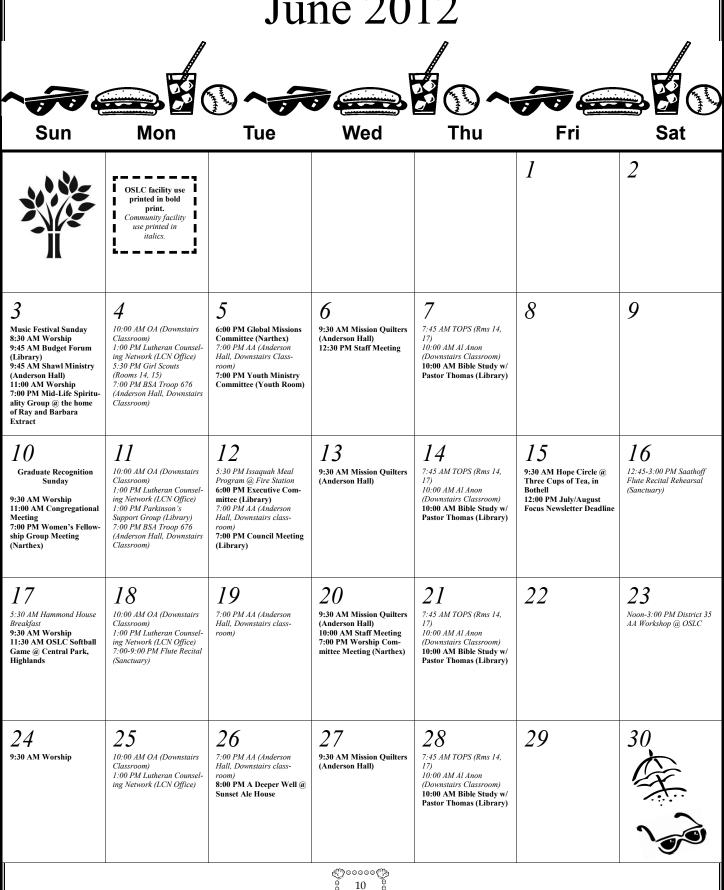
Jeff & Nancy Lucas

#### Congratulations to OSLC's High School Graduates:

Jordan Hendrickson Amy Mogensen Tulio Moreira Kali Skaare Kristin Solders William 'Shane' Small

Way to Go!!!

## June 2012



#### We remember in prayer...



We remember in prayer OSLC members: Sandy Aldworth; Norma Byrkett; Maury Clark; Chris Cummings; Gene Elfstrom; Marie Foss; Virginia Fraas; Carol Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Gerald Hersey; 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; Pauline Smith; 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:

Herb Harrington (Ray and Carol Harbolt); Maxine Fravel (aunt of Rowan Hinds); Mary Stanley (Pr. Thomas); Dorothy (aunt of Keith Windham); Pastor Paul Wuest (father of Mary Wuest and Sarah Parlin); Joe Acker; Ted Gimber (Jane Wuest); Christy Johnson (Dave and Marilyn Carlson); Matt Torfin (Natalie Francois); Ed Veevaert; Adam Van Curen (Dave and Georgeanne Park); Chris Lewnes (Lyle and Alice Lewis); Bill Slosson (Bill Bergsma)

We pray for expectant mothers: Laura Moynihan (Joyce Craig); Heidi Acker (granddaughter-in-law of 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); Heidi Werry (granddaughter of John and Rita Hansen); Stephani Wilhelm (Dave and Marilyn Carlson)

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.

<u>We pray for our missionaries and global missions</u>: 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 a vibrant children's program and the dedicated teachers we have at OSLC. (Ann Kofol) That Ted Mencke has successfully completed cancer treatments. (Laura Anderson). That Joan Parish has new employment. For the ordination of Phineas Karangwa in Kigali, Rwanda on May 9, 2012. For Sunday school teachers: Jennifer Tolo, Jean Pass, Cheryl Hauser, Stacy Smith, Kristina Steffen, Glenna Usselman, Ann Kofol, and Gerrie Hendrickson. For confirmation guides: Kimberly Montague and Jonathan Smith. For Shelley Howe's successful surgery and recovery. For the June 2nd baptism of Camila Cecile Francois. (niece of Natalie Francois and Pr. Ryan Fletcher) For Iraj's accepting a post with the embassy in Kirghizstan. (son of Carol Bergsma)

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.

# JUNE 2012 Worship Assistants

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Greeters Mary Fricke 425-313-1582	Mary Fricke Robin Timmerman	Don & Nancy Cumming	Peter & Jane Shen	Rita & John Hansen	Jerry & Linda Nack
Time	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Date	June 3		June 10	June 17	June 24
Sunday Service	Holy Trinity		Pentecost 2	Pentecost 3	Pentecost 4 / John the Baptist

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



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