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Sunday Worship

Services:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Summer Worship Time:

(May 26, 2014 – August 31, 2014)
9:30 a.m.

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Welcome, All Wonders

By Scott Hafso, Interim Choir Director and Worship Coordinator

*Welcome, all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span,
Summer in winter, day in night, Heaven in earth, and God in man! Great little One, whose
all-embracing birth lifts earth to Heaven, stoops Heaven to earth.*

English poet Richard Crashaw, c. 1613-1649

For seven years, I lived in an old brick apartment building in downtown Bellevue. Infamous for its oddly-shaped hallways with their never-to-be-defined odor, the building was also graced with David, its caretaker. With his customary "by gollies" and "by crackies," speaking with David was like stepping back into a kinder, gentler – if substantially slower – past.

"Hey, Scott!" I froze in place. Not now, David. "Yes, David?" "C'mere a minute." "I'm running late, David." "This will only take a minute. You'll want to see this." I was led out to the deck by the building's outdoor pool. (*Dear God, please let every light be green on my way to my meeting, where we will, after all, be doing the work of your Kingdom. Amen.*) "Really, David, I've got to go." "Look." I was directed to look down to the surface of the water in the pool. And there, in reflection, was the image of a perfect solar eclipse. "Isn't that a dandy? 'Course you can't look at it directly." I thanked David for his thoughtfulness, for bringing me out to see such a wonder. Pausing to consider the absence of the sun put everything in perspective – at least, for a moment.

In this season of Advent, we ponder anew the coming of the Messiah, the Word made flesh, which came to dwell among us. We know the familiar words from John: in this Word is life, life which is the light of all people. A light bright enough to overcome darkness. Bright enough to show us the path to justice, and to peace. Bright enough, perhaps, to stop us where we are, and cause us to wonder.



**Tuesday, December 24 / Christmas Eve Worship Services:
7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.**

There will be three Christmas Eve services on Tuesday night, December 24. The Christmas Eve Service of the Word, Carols and Candlelight will be at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The 11:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion will also be a service of carols and candlelight.

Please note: This year OSLC will not offer a Christmas Day worship service on Wednesday, December 25.

**Sunday, December 29, 2013:
One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.**

On the holiday weekend of Sunday, December 29, 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 am on Sunday, January 5, 2014.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th @ 11:00 a.m.

The Children's Christmas Program will take place this year on Sunday, December 15th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Children and youth that want to participate are requested to be in Sunday School on December 8th to prepare.

Praying the Lord's Prayer

Beginning December 1, 2013, The First Sunday of Advent, we will be praying the "ecumenical" version of the Lord's Prayer on Sunday mornings. We will continue this practice through Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014. On June 15, 2014, the Sunday of The Holy Trinity, we will resume praying the traditional 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.



**Welcome,
All Wonders**

*A Carol Sing & Fellowship Event
December 15, 4:00 p.m.*

The musicians of OSLC present *Welcome, All Wonders: A Carol Sing and Fellowship Event* for Christmas, on **Sunday, December 15th**, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Anthems, songs and congregational singing of the carols of Advent and Christmas will be featured in a family-friendly program lasting less than an hour. Plan to invite friends and neighbors to join us for this festive event, which concludes with time of fellowship in Anderson Hall. Every child and youth in attendance will receive a special gift.



OSLC Youth Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

December 11, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the youth Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange on Wednesday, December 11th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Bring a wrapped gift (\$10 spending limit) and some snack food to share with others. Friends are welcome!



Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

Please note Sunday School will meet on December 8 and 15, 2013 at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School will be in recess on December 1, 22 and 29, 2013.

Sunday School

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Infants, Toddlers & Their Families

(Class will not meet in December)

This year at OSLC, we have a Sunday School class for infants, toddlers, and their families. The class takes place the fourth Sunday of each month in the OSLC nursery. Parents, grandparents, or caregivers should attend the class with their little ones. Each month, this class will include songs, story, and play time and opportunities for the adults to get to know one another. Join us on January 26, 2014.

Sunday School

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Preschool—Grade 5

For students in Preschool through Grade 5, our Sunday School programs 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 or contact Pastor Fletcher (rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org).



Grades 6-12 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 upstairs youth room for Java Talk, a program geared towards conversation and relationship building.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Mudhouse Sabbath

The Sunday morning adult class, *Mudhouse Sabbath* will have its concluding session on Sunday, December 8th at 9:45 a.m. Our topic will be Chapter 11, "Doorposts." (Class will not meet on Sunday, December 1st, Thanksgiving weekend.)

Mid-Life Spirituality Group

The Mid-Life Spirituality Group will meet on December 8th at the home of Ray and Barbara Extract. They will discuss the final two chapters (8&9) of the book, *Tattoos on the Heart* by Father Gregory Boyle. Father Boyle works with gang members in Los Angeles and is the founder of Homeboy Industries. This study will then be in recess until January 5, 2014. For more information contact Sue Friddell at fridsd@aol.com

Thursday Morning Bible Study

2 Samuel

Pastor Thomas leads the Thursday morning Bible study. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Our study focus is the Old Testament book of 2 Samuel. Our primary text is *1 & 2 Samuel for Everyone*, by John Goldingay. Another (optional text) is *First and Second Samuel* by Eugene H. Peterson. (Westminster Bible Companion.) Copies are available from a variety of on-line vendors. Class meets in the church library. Class will not meet on Thursday, December 26th.

A Deeper Well

In Recess for December

A Deeper Well will be on recess for the month of December. We will reconvene in January so please join us for this gathering that takes place on the last Tuesday evening of each month. This 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. Join us for our next gathering on January 28th. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ryan at (425) 392-4169, ext. 105 or rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org.





Hope Circle

Friday, December 13
11:00 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, December 13, 2013 at the home of Mary Fricke for our holiday potluck. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.

Faith Circle

Monday, December 16
1:30 p.m.

On December 16, 2013, Faith Circle will meet at the home of Marian James. Faith Circle meets on the third Monday of each month, from September to May, at 1:30 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's 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.



OSLC's Book Club

December 9th

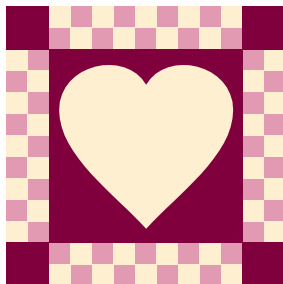


7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble

The book club will meet on Monday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble Bookstore. They will discuss the book *The Invisible Bridge* by Julie Orringer. Paris, 1937, Andras Lévi, a Hungarian-Jewish architecture student, arrives from Budapest with a scholarship, a single suitcase, and a mysterious letter he promised to deliver. But when he falls into a complicated relationship with the letter's recipient, he becomes privy to a secret that will alter the course of his—and his family's—history. Contact Marilyn Larson for more information about OSLC's book club, marilyn.larson@gmail.com.

Mission Quilters

Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. 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. *Mission quilters will not meet on December 25, 2013 and January 1, 2014.*



Prayer Shawl Ministry

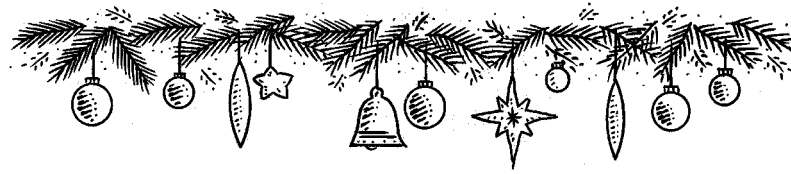
December 1st



The prayer shawl ministry will meet after each worship service on Sunday, December 1st to bless newly completed items. Yarns and patterns are available. Please join us.

If you know of someone who could use a shawl, please let Karen Hansen, Muriel Brown or the church office know.





Social Concerns Corner – Upcoming Holiday Events

This holiday season OSLC's Social Concerns teams are gearing up supporting multiple community services organizations. New teams are forming, new members joining, and our mission to help our family in Christ grows stronger. Every one of us at OSLC is given a daily opportunity – to pray for, help and care about our brothers and sisters in need. I invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of the teams and offering time and talents to help us help others. You can contact any member or myself, Judi Case @ judirussell56@gmail.com for more information.

On November 8th, over a dozen volunteers came together in our new kitchen to bake pies for **Compassion House's** annual fund raiser. There was much laughter, love and caring on that day. Our contributions of over 14 pies was very well received at the auction on November 9th, with OSLC's "Lutheran Bakers" as we were dubbed, raising over \$2,500 dollars! Truly, this is a testament to our dedication to helping others. You can see that a small commitment of a few hours' time brings about such change for others.

As we approach this season of Christ's birth, there will be many opportunities big and small for OSLC based assistance.

The **reverse ornament exchange** will kick into high gear. A tree will be decorated with 'ornaments' that suggest a gift or gift card donation for families in need. Simply select an ornament and return with the item(s). Please contact Jan Setterlund: jskitwitch@gmail.com if you would like to help with this cause. She will be in need of help in delivering the gifts to the families.

This year OSLC will add two new initiatives, to help seniors on limited budgets and to gather stocking stuffers for children at Vine Maple House, a confidential shelter for domestic violence victims.

In an alliance with the **Eastside Friends of Seniors**, OSLC will gather small but meaningful items for five of our adopted seniors. There will be a collection point in the narthex in early December, and we will deliver the items to the Eastside Friends of Seniors contact person. This is a great way to help with very little time or financial commitment. The requested items are simple: stamps, batteries, mini flashlights, socks, scarves, pencils, pens, note cards, notebooks, handkerchiefs, shampoo, hand cream, hand soap, tea, coffee, fruit, sow salt nuts, jams, jellies, baked goods, small holiday decorations, hand towels, dish towels and dish cloths. This impassioned plea came to us via the Issaquah Nourishing Network, and is a great way to impact the community at large. Please contact Connie Fletcher fletch501c@aol.com if you would like to help with this cause.

The **Vine Maple House** collection will begin in early December as well, and will help provide small stocking stuffer items (pencils, small toy cars, puzzles, color books, color crayons, etc.) for children and youth ages 2–16. Please contact Dianne Tanner: butterdmt@comcast.net to help with this new cause.

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OSLC will once again provide a **Holiday Meal for the Issaquah Meals Program!** This organization coordinates local churches and other organizations as they provide a hot meal to over 50 people on week-nights. OSLC delivers a meal on the second Tuesday of each month. This year's Holiday Meal is on December 10th. Look for a bulletin insert for food items as well as opportunities to help serve this delicious meal. Last year's was a huge success, and the guests are already marking their calendars for our repeat event!

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
~Mathew 25:40

Submitted by Judi Case, Social Concerns Committee

Treasurer's Update

October 2013

We have completed four months of the 2013/14 fiscal year.

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (82% of budget). \$135,273

We have spent YTD - (93% of budget). \$153,480

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We are under budgeted giving by. \$ 30,543

We are under budgeted spending by. \$ 11,663

Compared to last year's actual giving, our contributions are \$16,321 below last year.

Respectfully, Randy Halter, Treasurer



Wreath and Poinsettia Plant Pick-up Date:

If you ordered wreaths and/or poinsettias from the Youth Peru Mission Trip Fundraiser, you can pick them up in Anderson Hall beginning on Friday, December 6th.

Thanks to you and Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans:

Thanks to you, OSLC members and friends for your generous support of the holiday wreath and poinsettia fundraiser. We raised \$546.05 that has been designated for the July 2014 OSLC Youth Mission Trip to Peru. Thanks also to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for providing matching funds in the same amount for a total of \$1,092.10. We are grateful for your generosity.



Save the Date:
Join Us for the OSLC Women's Retreat
Rainbow Lodge, February 21 – 23, 2014

Looking for ways you can be part of the change to build strong, peaceful and loving relationships with your neighbors despite spiritual differences? Join us for **BRIDGING THE GAP AND EMBRACING THE OVERLAP: AN INTERFAITH DIALOGUE** by keynote speaker, Rev. Heidi Fish, back for the third time by popular demand.

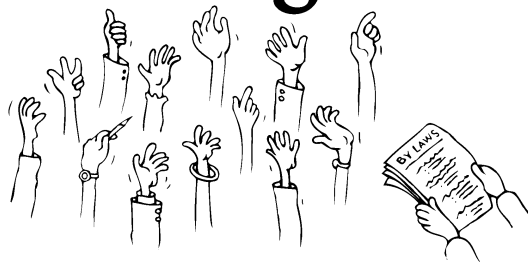
You Won't Want to Miss This!

- A gorgeous forested setting at the foot of Mt. Si, ideal for walks, hikes and enjoying from the windows
- Fresh mountain air conducive to meditation, prayer, journaling, reading and quiet time any way you like it
- Comfortable accommodations and cozy fires
- Delish eats and they do all the cooking and dishes!
- Plenty of girl time, game time and gab time
- Great music, inspiration and activities

Pick up your registration brochure on the narthex table. Completed registration forms and a \$50 deposit are due by Friday, January 24, 2014 to hold your place. Scholarships are available and scholarship donations are appreciated.

If you would like any additional information about the Women's Retreat, please contact Kimberly Montague at mkmontague@hotmail.com.

Congregational Meeting



At the November 17, 2013 Congregational Meeting, the following persons were elected to terms on council, as voting members to the 2014 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly and to the 2014 nominating committee:

Council Officers

President – Judi Case (1st council term expires 12/14)
Administration/Personnel – Lisa Gillin (1st term expires 12/15)
Fellowship – Bonnie Brice (1st term expires 12/15)
Worship – Leslie Waltzer (1st term expires 12/15)
Stewardship – Tom Gardner (1st term expires 12/15)
Hospitality – Jeff Lucas (1st term expires 12/15)
Christian Education – Kimberly Montague (1st term expires 12/15)
Social Concerns – Connie Fletcher (2nd term expires 12/15)
Financial Secretary – Mary Ann Hult (2nd term expires 12/15)
Global Missions – John Stamm (2nd term expires 12/15)
Secretary – Jeff Ziegler (2nd term expires 12/15)

2014 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Voting Members

(Synod Assembly to be held at the Comcast Arena, Everett, WA, May 16-17, 2014)

Synod Assembly Voting Member, female – Marilyn Larson
Synod Assembly Voting Member, male – John Stamm

2014 Nominating Committee

According to Chapter 13 of OSLC's constitution, page 24 (see C13.02), "A Nominating Committee shall be formed annually to present a slate of candidates for election at the congregation meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of six voting members of this congregation, two of whom, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council. The members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected at the November congregation meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive reelection."

Sue Friddell, Cheryl Hauser

Continuing Church Council Members are:

Vice President – Justin Ulland (1st term expires 12/14)
Youth – Glenna Usselman (1st term expires 12/14)
Treasurer – Randy Halter (2nd term expires 12/14)
Building and Grounds – Mark Cron (2nd term expires 12/14)



Thank you, God!



Editor Note: As reported by Wendy Winslow, Stewardship Chairperson, OSLC gave \$3,000 to Luther's Table in Renton; \$2,000 to Lutheran Malaria Initiative; \$500 to Hammond House (Compass Housing Alliance); and, \$500 to Kent Lutheran Church for wells in South Sudan.

Pastor Thomas and Pastor Fletcher,

Thank You I'm a little afraid to start listing the many reasons I'm thankful for you and the members of OSLC...I'm sure I would miss a few things! At least!

Seriously, I am so grateful to have congregations like OSLC and Pastors like you out there making the ministry of LWR possible!

Becca Tumm
Lutheran World Relief
Lutheran Malaria Initiative

Dear Larry, Ryan and OSLC,

Thank you for your continued generous support for Luther's Table! We are excited to have partners like you who help us to further develop our crazy church bar concept. We're delving even further into "Good Food, Good People and Good Things." I hope I get a chance to visit you all very soon.

Pastor Gretchen Mertes
Luther's Table, Renton

Dear Our Savior Lutheran Church,

You allowed a household to turn on the heat today, thanks to your gift of \$500.00.

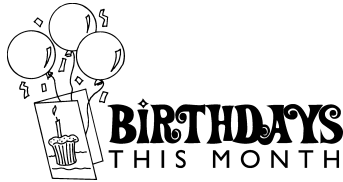
On these cold mornings, I debate whether I should turn on my thermostat. I'm trying to wait as long as I can before incurring higher utility bills. Soon, though, I'll have to turn the heat on every day. I just have to worry about heating one small house.

Here at Compass Housing Alliance, we worry about heating many homes and the comfort and safety of many people. We make sure that the 29 families in our HomeStep Family program have the heat and hot water they need. Every day, 500 homeless men and women are able to take a hot shower in our hygiene center and day center. With your help, we can turn on the heat at all our locations, so that 819 people are able to sleep in comfort and wake up warm and safe.

Soon the days will be shorter and we will experience the cold and rain that can make life difficult. Thanks to your support, life for many will be better.

Cindy Jackson
Director of Development
Compass Housing Alliance (Hammond House)





12/1	Leslie Succo	12/16	Delaney Cash	12/2	John & Jean Pass
12/2	Caleb Cash		Elsa Bachman	12/3	David & Katrina Walker
12/3	Ben Taylor		Walker	12/9	Justin & Katy Ulland
	Paige Lucas		Paula Seeger	12/12	Steve & Vicki LeFever
	Rob Hanson		Rollie Kiefel	12/14	Randy & Linda Baseler
	Stan Patterson	12/17	Haley Ziegler	12/27	David & Sigrid Flatness
12/4	Jennifer Gardner	12/18	Laura Halter		Olaf & Marilyn Grette
	Sarah Wuest Parlin		Marc Montague		
	Shawn Clark		Talton Johnson		
12/5	Jessica Liepins	12/22	Davis Walters		
	Randi Strom	12/23	Bev Geary		
12/6	Christiana Baseler Nelson	12/24	Rita Hansen		
	Lori Downey		Toby Fletcher		
12/7	Carol McMurray	12/25	Brian FitzGerald		
	Christina Hanson	12/26	Gabriel Humphries		
12/10	Frankie Tate	12/28	Gary Kneepkens		
12/11	Kristina Steffan		Hannah Bachman		
	Lucy Acker	12/30	Jack Gardner		
12/13	Joyce Craig		Sue Friddell		
	Judy Boruck	12/31	Kate Halter		
12/14	Doug Patur				



Handicap Parking

OSLC provides parking spaces for handicap parking. These parking spaces are located in front of Anderson Hall and out back at the back entrance. On weekdays, evenings and Sunday mornings these spaces provide a needed service to members and friends of OSLC. Sometimes members and friends who do not need to use the handicap spaces for parking, use these spaces while they are loading/unloading their cars. Please be mindful that when you are through loading or unloading your vehicle, you must immediately move your vehicle from the identified handicap spaces to the regular parking spaces. Your cooperation and consideration for everyone is appreciated.

Worship Schedule

Sun., December 1—1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7
 Second Reading: Luke 1:26-37
 Gospel: John 1:1-5

Sun., December 8—2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
 Second Reading: Luke 3:1-6
 Gospel: John 1:6-9

Sun., December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-15
 Second Reading: Matthew 1:18-25
 Gospel: John 1:10-13

Sun., December 22—4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Psalm 34:1-10
 Second Reading: Luke 1:39-56
 Gospel: John 1:14-18

Sun., December 29—1st Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9
 Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18
 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

**On December 1, 8, 15, and 22
 Sunday morning
 worship services with Holy
 Communion begins at
 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

**On Sunday, December 29, we
 will have one worship service
 with Holy Communion at
 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School will meet on
 December 8 and 15, 2013 at
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School will
 be in recess on December 1,
 22 and 29, 2013.**



Christmas Eve Worship Assistants

Christmas Eve Worship, Tuesday December 24th	Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. Service of the Word, Carols & Candlelight	Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m. Service of the Word, Carols & Candlelight	Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m. Service of the Word, Carols & Candlelight w/Holy Communion
Greeters	Don & Nancy Cumming	John & Rita Hansen Robin Timmerman	Dave & Georgeanne Park
Ushers	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>
Lector	Sam Shrimpton	Judi Case	Karen Hansen
Communion Assistants	N/R	N/R	Karen Hansen
Sound Engineer	Vince Smith	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>

December 2013



Sun

Mon



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Sat

<p>1</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Anderson Hall) 11:00 AM Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:45 AM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network 5:30 PM Girl Scouts (Rms 14, 15) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00 PM Global Missions Committee (Library) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM Confirmation Group Meeting (Youth Room) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 AM Library Committee Workshop (Library)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Altar Guild Christmas Decorating</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School / Adult Education Class 9:45 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Anderson Hall) 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Mid-Life Spirituality Group @ the home of Ray and Barbara Extract</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 AM Avant Designer's Guild (Anderson Hall) 11:45 AM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network 2:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station 6:00 PM Executive Committee (Library) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Library) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Middle and High School Youth Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Mary Fricke</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 PM BSA Troop 676 Eagle Court of Honor</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School / 11:00 AM Worship / Sunday School Christmas Program 12:00 PM OSLC Newsletter Deadline 4:00 PM Carol Sing and Fellowship @ OSLC</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>11:45 AM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network 1:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Marian James 5:30 PM Girl Scouts (Rms 14, 15) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 PM Long Range Planning Team (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:45 AM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve OSLC Office Closed 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM & 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day OSLC Office Closed</p> <p>CHRISTMAS Joy</p> <p>Issaquah School District</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Winter Break</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:45 AM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</p>	<p>January 1, 2014</p> <p>New Year's Day OSLC Office Closed</p> <p>Issaquah School District</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Winter Break</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>OSLC facility use printed in non-italics. Community facility use printed in</p>

We remember in prayer...



We remember in prayer OSLC members:

Sandy Aldworth; Maury Clark; Gene Elfstrom; Barbara Extract; Connie Fletcher; Marie Foss; Emily Gacek; Beth Garrison; Kathy Guthmiller; Carol Harbolt; Ray Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Margot Inman; Marian James; Josee Jordan; Florence Kinnune; Ann Kofol; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Jim Marshall; Jerry Nack; Ray Njos; Colleen Petersen; Pastor Eldon 'Pick' Pickering; Glenn Smith; Mary Swanson; Tommie Troutman; Gwynn Wilkinson

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

Gertrude Van Deynze (Ann and Larry Thomas); **Janice Thomas** (mother of Pr. Thomas); **Stan Carnahan** (Bill Bergsma); **Mair Evans** (mother of Kathleen Merrill); **Hermann Gottlieb** (Jennifer and Tom Gardner); **Rev. Ron Vignec** (Pr. Thomas); **Virginia Salazar Keith** (aunt of Cheryl Hauser); **John Read** (uncle of Norma Byrkett); **Charlotte Langley** (aunt of Norma Byrkett); **Jack McKeon** (Ann and Larry Thomas); **David Finlayson** (Janet Heck)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Erin Garman (niece of Vicki LeFever); **Emilee Telyea** (Natalie Francois); **Niecee Nelson** (Janet Heck)

We offer blessings to: **Alyssa, Nathaniel and Isabelle Thao** who transferred their membership to our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

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

We pray for safety for SNC Lavalin Constructors as they complete work on the Issaquah Creek restoration project.

We pray for our missionaries and global missions:

Henrik & Patty Christopherson; St. Catherine's Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, Russia; for the congregations in Chiclayo, 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 November 9th marriage of **Joshua and Christine Hoiland**. (Ann and Larry Thomas)

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 Shirley Witsoe, 425-413-6754.

December Worship Assistants

Sunday Service	Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild/ Bread Bakers	Sound Engineer
1 Advent	Dec. 1	8:30 am	Mary Fricke Robini Timmerman	Don Robertson Jeff Lucas	Marilyn Larson	Mary Fricke Marilyn Larson Jane Shen <i>1 CA needed</i>	Judi Case <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler	Dave Park
		11:00 am	Don & Nancy Cumming	Dave Berry	Joan Friel	Joan Friel Karen Hansen Judy Johansen <i>1 CA needed</i>	Judi Case	
2 Advent	Dec. 8	8:30 am	Don & Jean Chaney	Craig Gillin Jon Smith	Connie Fletcher	Diane Fatland Connie Fletcher Lisa Gillin Diane Nelson	Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	
		11:00 am	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson	Larry & Christine Fry	Maury Clark	Karen Hansen Rita Hansen Judy Johansen Alice Lewis	Rita Hansen	Vince Smith
3 Advent	Dec. 15	8:30 am	Bonnie Brice Diane Nelson	Lena Schaper Marilyn Larson	Judi Case	Ralph & Judi Case Mary Fricke Diane Nelson	Robin Timmerman <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer	
		11:00 am	Paul & Nilvane Swanson	Bill Suttmeier	Youth program	Muriel Brown Diane Fatland Jordan Usselman Youth Program Participant	Karen Hansen	
4 Advent	Dec. 22	8:30 am	Jeannie Lindquist Selma Thompson	Jeff & Kathy Ziegler	Sam Shrimpton	Jane Shen Sam Shrimpton <i>2 CA's needed</i>	Leslie Waltzer <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher	Jeff Ziegler
		11:00 am	Jerry & Linda Nack	<i>Open</i>	Bill Bergsma	Bill Bergsma Del Elliott Rita Hansen Judy Johansen	Rita Hansen	
1 Christmas	Dec. 29	9:30 a.m.	Bill Hall LaRue Nelson	Ralph & Connor Case	Karen Hansen	Muriel Brown Mary Fricke Karen Hansen Jane Shen	Robin Timmerman <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	



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