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Summer Worship Time:

(May 25, 2014 – August 31, 2014)
9:30 a.m.

Regular Sunday Worship Services:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
(September 7, 2014 – May)

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Holy Guacamole!

by Pastor Larry Thomas

Peering through the window of the gift shop at Casa Del Aguila, the orphanage, school, farm, and church our Peru Mission team visited outside of Limatambo, Peru, in July, my eye was drawn to a long sleeve navy blue t-shirt hanging on the back wall of the shop. The t-shirt featured a brightly colored silk-screened sliced open avocado with angel wings, topped off with a halo and the words: "Holy Guacamole." (See the photo of Peru Mission team member Glenna Usselman proudly wearing her t-shirt.) Inasmuch as avocados were the main crop of Casa Del Aguila's farm, I shouldn't have been surprised, but I was. The holy playfulness of that t-shirt (one of which I purchased later that day) caught me by surprise. The "Holy Guacamole" t-shirt was one of many surprises I experienced during the Summer of 2014.

Summer 2014 surprises were abundant: The winsome rhythms of our Sunday morning summer worship services and the gospel focus on "Following Jesus: Exploring the Sermon on the Mount." It was bracing and invigorating to preach through Matthew 5-7 even as I was, and we were, blessed by OSLC members who shared their experiences of what it means to follow Jesus during Sunday worship services. The delight of gathering with members and friends of OSLC and Shepherd By the Hills Lutheran Church on the shores of Lake Sammamish for conversation, relaxation, and good food at our mid-week

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September 2014 Sunday Worship Schedule:

Sunday, August 31st: One Service @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship services @ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. resume on September 7th.



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campfire worship services. The grace and gift of OSLC members and friends together with Camp Lutherwood staff leading Day Camp and Jr. Day Camp the first week of August. The good news of the congregation's response to OSLC's June 2014 give an extra month appeal (over \$15,000 donated as of this writing) and July 2014 giving that exceeded both our budgeted giving and our expenses. (See Treasurer Randy Halter's report for the details.) The gift of Pastor Fletcher's sabbatical and the renewing joy of their summer sabbatical travels. What a wonderful blessed summer we shared.

It should come as no surprise to you that our Summer 2014 Peru Mission Trip met and exceeded all expectations. Thanks to OSLC members and friends' prayers and financial support together with a gifted adult servant leadership team and an outstanding group of high school students not to mention marvelous Peruvian sisters and brothers in Christ, we had a marvelous Peru Mission Trip.

Connor Case, Alaina Irving, Jennifer Hendrickson, Wyatt Diaz, Jordan Usselman, Matt Saathoff and Ryan Saathoff were a great group of students to travel and serve with. They were faithful, flexible, gracious, energetic, hardworking, hopeful and a whole lot of fun. Whether replacing a new roof at San Antonio church in Chiclayo, offering their musical gifts in worship services in Chiclayo or Limatambo, playing soccer in Luya, or helping out in an English class at the school at Casa del Aguila, they offered up their best loving servant selves. Adult Servant Leaders Glenna Usselman, Erin Mathias, Mark Mummy, Pastor Reuben Duran, and Henrik and Patty Christopherson were a joy to serve with. Pastor Reuben Duran, together with his daughter Anna, were a delightful addition to our team. Anna, 22, is a student at Valparaiso University. Pastor Reuben, a native of Lima, Peru, currently serves the ELCA as executive for congregational outreach services for the ELCA Division for Outreach. Henrik and Patty's guidance, direction, support, encouragement, tireless hospitality, and day to day logistics coordination (food/transportation/housing) were nothing short of amazing.

We spent a week in Chiclayo listening, learning, and serving the people of the three congregations we have been working with since OSLC's first Peru mission trip in 2001: Las Lomas, Las Brisas and San Antonio. Working at San Antonio, attending worship services, sharing music and eating great meals filled our Chiclayo days. We spent two and one half days at Casa del Aguila in Limatambo, Peru. This was our first time at this wonderful orphanage, school, farm, and church. We made a lot of new friends and hope and pray we can continue to build relationships with this vital ministry. Our tourism days included Machu Picchu, Cuzco, and Lima, learning about the history, culture and faith of the Peruvian people. On our last day, we visited the Lima office of Lutheran World Relief and met w/LWR staffers Pedro and Eduardo and learned about LWR's work in Peru. Our time in Peru was chock full of wonderful people, wonderful times, and blessings galore.

There's a small postcard on the file cabinet in our den in our home. It's a black and white photo of a town sign posted by a rail road track. The name of the town is "Surprise." It's a reminder to me of the daily wonder of God's surprising grace. Summer 2014's surprises and blessings were, as is always the case (summer, autumn, winter and spring) beyond counting. Looking ahead to September, October, and November, I want to keep my eyes open and my ears peeled for the daily surprises and blessings that God has in store for us and our life together. Holy Guacamole, thanks be to God for grace abounding!

New Beginnings Sunday: September 14, 2014

Behold, I Make All Things New!



Join us for a joy-filled celebration of fresh starts and new beginnings. Sunday school teachers and confirmation guides will be installed during the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services. Between worship services children will visit Sunday school classes and meet their new Sunday school teachers. The church council has decided to make New Beginnings Sunday a kickoff for all OSLC committees and groups. There will be display booths, informational materials and representatives from OSLC committees and ministries in Anderson Hall from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Each year at OSLC, there are an abundance of opportunities for families to grow in faith and in relationship with others. Our desire is to partner with you, as you live out your calling to further the love of God revealed in Jesus in each new generation. To help you plan well and build up faith in your family, we are now sending out a letter two times each year (one leading into the Fall and one leading into the Summer) that is designed to make you aware of opportunities and to invite you to participate. Please take the time to read over the information included and discover something new for your family at OSLC in the seasons ahead!!

In Peace,
Kimberly Montague, Christian Education



Sunday School 2014 / 2015

Sunday School classes for children and youth (Birth - Grade 12) begin on Sunday, September 21, 2014 (9:45-10:45 a.m.) Whether or not you have previously been involved, families are invited to come and meet the teachers and take a tour of the classrooms. There is an "OSLC Sunday School Student Information Form" available for you to complete that will help teachers and staff in keeping you informed and responding to any questions that you might have. Families have received welcome letters that include the Sunday School calendar for the year, as well as lots of information on great family events. Updated information is also published to the Sunday School page on our church website (www.oslcissaquah.org) under the Christian Education tab.

Sunday School for Infants, Toddlers & Their Families

Again this year at OSLC, we will 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. The first class takes place on September 28, 2014 (9:45-10:45 a.m.)

OSLC Wants to Give You a Subscription to the Little Lutheran

OSLC will be providing active families at OSLC with children ages 5 and under with a subscription to *The Little Lutheran* magazine. *The Little Lutheran* is published by the ELCA ten times a year and is a wonderful resource for families to build faith at home. If you have a child age 5 or under in your family or know of someone who would like to be included, please help us out by letting us know (office@oslcissaquah.org). For more information on *The Little Lutheran*, visit www.thelittlelutheran.org.



2014-2015 Sunday School Calendar

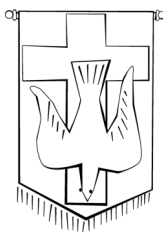
Sep. 14—New Beginnings Sunday
 Sep. 21—First Day of Sunday School classes
 Sep. 28—Sunday School + Infant/Toddler Class
 Oct. 5—Sunday School
 Oct. 12—Sunday School
 Oct. 19—Sunday School
 Oct. 26—Sunday School + Infant/Toddler Class
 Nov. 2—Sunday School
 Nov. 9—Sunday School & Bible Presentation Sunday
 Nov. 16—**No Sunday School** (Cong. Meeting)
 Nov. 23—Sunday School + Infant/Toddler Class
 Nov. 30—**No Sunday School** (Thanksgiving Break)
 Dec. 7—Sunday School + St. Nicholas Day Family Event
 Dec. 14—Sunday School
 Dec. 21—Sunday School Rehearsal for Christmas Program
 (Christmas Program takes place during 11:00 AM worship)
 Dec. 28—**No Sunday School** (Christmas Break)
 Jan. 4—Sunday School
 Jan. 11—Sunday School
 Jan. 18—Sunday School
 Jan. 25—Sunday School + Infant/Toddler Class
 Feb. 1—Sunday School
 Feb. 8—Sunday School
 Feb. 15—**No Sunday School** (ISD Second Winter Break)
 Feb. 22—Sunday School + Infant/Toddler Class
 March 1—Sunday School
 March 8—Sunday School
 March 15—Sunday School & Communion Education
 March 22—Sunday School + Infant/Toddler Class & Communion Education
 March 29—Sunday School & Communion Education
 April 5—**No Sunday School** (Easter Sunday)
 April 12—**No Sunday School** (ISD Spring Break)
 April 19—Sunday School & Communion Celebration
 April 26—Sunday School + Infant/Toddler Class
 May 3—Sunday School
 May 10—Last Day of Sunday School classes
 May 17—Teacher Appreciation Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

Sunday Morning Adult Class

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians

October 5-26 @9:30 am

Pastor Thomas will lead a four week Bible study/lectio divina experience on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Philippians is Paul's happiest letter. In his introduction to Philippians in *The Message*, Eugene Peterson writes, "Before we've read a dozen lines, we begin to feel the joy ourselves - the dance of words and the exclamations of delight have a way of getting inside of us...When we read what Paul wrote to the Christian believers in the city of Philippi, we find ourselves in the company of a master. Paul doesn't tell us that we can be happy, or how to be happy. He simply and unmistakable *is* happy. None of his circumstances contribute to his joy: He wrote from a jail cell, his work was under attack by competitors, and after twenty years or so of hard traveling in the service of Jesus, he was tired and would have welcomed some relief. But circumstances are incidental compared to the life of Jesus, the Messiah, that Paul experiences from the inside." Each week participants will read, review and discuss one of the four chapters of Philippians. Each week we will devote a portion of our Bible study to lectio divina, a slow, contemplative experiential reading of a selected passage from the chapter for the week. Class will meet in the church library. Please join us.



Confirmation Orientation for Parents

Wednesday, October 1 @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

First Group Meeting, Wednesday, October 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Fletcher will host a confirmation orientation for parents of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade participants in our confirmation program on Wednesday evening, October 1 @ 7:00 p.m. In addition to discussing the confirmation program, curriculum, and activities, parents will complete the registration forms and pay the confirmation fees. (If you have a 7th, 8th, or 9th grade youth and have not received a confirmation mailing, please contact the church office at (425) 392-4169, ext. 100 or by email at office@oslcssaquah.org)

Thank You!

Thank you from the Boyd
Peterson Family,

Dear OSLC Family,
Thank you for all the loving,
faith building cards from the
congregation. Thanks be to
God.

Nancy Peterson and Family

Jr. Day Camp / Day Camp Thank You

Our annual Day Camp led by Lutherwood counselors and our Jr. Day Camp led by Jeffie Buchanan were very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is through the generosity of our church community that we are able to provide two snacks a day for our campers, so thank you to everyone that donated money or snack items for the camp. We could not have run the camps without the help of several adult and youth volunteers. Thank you to: Jeffie Buchanan, Jamie Rydberg, Les Gagnon, Miranda Smith (Jr. Day Camp leaders); Becky Mogensen (Registration table); Sabrina Wick Jensen, Ashley Montague, Anna Montague, Greg Farrell (Day Camp leaders); and, Dianne Tanner, Jennifer Papp (Kitchen Snacks and First Aid.) A special thank you goes to Janet Heck for the countless hours she put in during the months leading up to camp and the week of camp.

~Kimberly Montague, Camp Director



Small Group Ministries

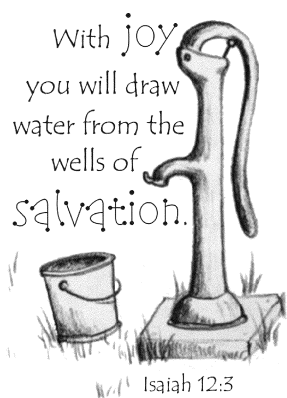
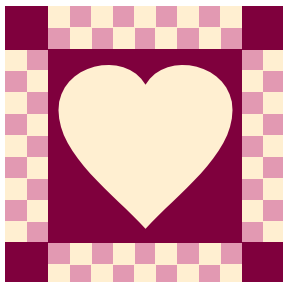
Mid-Life Spirituality Group

September 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

The first meeting this fall will be Sunday, September 7th at the home of Barbara and Ray Extract (610 S.W. Fernwood St., Issaquah). We will start with a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. Participants are asked to bring whatever you'd like to round out the meal. This will be a good time to reconnect and to welcome newcomers. Following dinner the group will choose their next book. Bring suggestions of books that might challenge or encourage our faith and spiritual growth. Bring a copy of the book, if you have one, or some sort of review to share. Questions? Contact Sue Friddell at fridsd@aol.com.

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.



A Deeper Well

Sunset Ale House

Tuesday, September 30—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. Join us for our next installment on Tuesday, September 30th. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ryan at (425) 392-4169, ext. 105 or rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org.

OSLC's Book Club

Barnes & Noble Bookstore,
Issaquah

September 8th 7:30 p.m.



Our next gathering will take place on Monday, September 8th. We will discuss the book, *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. Orphaned while onboard ship from Ireland, seven-year-old Lavinia arrives on the steps of a tobacco plantation where she is to live and work with the slaves of the kitchen house. Contact Marilyn Larson, marilyn.larson@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

1 Corinthians

September 11—October 30, 2014

10:00 a.m.



Pastor Thomas leads the Thursday morning Bible study. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Our study focus is St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. Our primary text is *I Corinthians for Everyone*, by N.T. Wright. Copies are available from a variety of on-line vendors. We will resume our study with I Corinthians chapters 8 and 9. Please read pages 97-120 in *I Corinthians for Everyone*, in preparation for our September 11th Bible study. (Class will not meet on Thursday, September 25, 2014.)

Hope Circle

Friday, September 19

9:30 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, September 19, 2014 at the home of Lucy Acker for the sharing of lesson, prayer and fellowship. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has decided to take a break, a Sabbathical if you will. If the need and interest rise we can easily start up again. Since yarn is still available, new shawls may be added to the inventory. Contact the church office if you have questions or desire some yarn to start creating a prayer shawl!

Regards, Karen Hansen



Faith Circle

Monday, September 15

1:30 p.m.

On September 15th Faith Circle will meet at the home of Dianne Tanner. This study follows the Lutheran women's magazine, *Gather*. 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.) Contact Rita Hansen at ritahansen@brigadoon.net or (425) 392-2108 if you would like more informa-



Interested in Serving on Altar Guild??

If you would like to experience what it means to be a member of the Altar Guild, please reach out to Judi Case (judirussell56@gmail.com), or stop by the Sacristy after services, to chat with members of the Altar Guild. Commitment is small, usually two services per month. We also welcome new bread bakers, and if that is your talent, please let us know!

Treasurer's Update

July 2014

We have completed one month of the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (105% of budget)	\$44,154
We have spent YTD - (95% of budget)	<u>\$39,579</u>
Surplus	\$ 4,401

We are over budgeted giving by \$ 2,245

We are under budgeted spending by \$ 2,156

Compared to last year's actual giving, our contributions are \$10,309 above last year.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the "Give an Extra Month" request to help offset the 2013/2014 deficit. Through July 31, 2014, "Give an Extra Month" has produced \$15,485 plus we continue to see additional contributions in August! The final deficit for 2013/2014 would have been over \$30,000 had you not responded to this campaign. Thank you. In addition, we have seen over 40 OSLC households increase their monthly giving for 2014/2015. We are truly blessed!

Respectfully submitted, Randy Halter, Treasurer





Lift Your Voice: Chancel Choir begins September 3rd

OSLC's Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3rd from 7:00pm - 8:30p.m. in the sanctuary. If having a mid-week oasis of singing God's praise amid hard work and laughter sounds intriguing, consider joining us. The Choir sings a wide variety of repertoire, three out of four Sundays, on average, and is welcoming members in all sections. Questions? Please contact Scott Hafso at bellevuer@gmail.com.

New Chancel Choir Accompanist

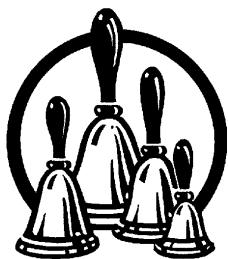
Jan Hazelton is the new Chancel Choir accompanist. Jan comes to us from Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, where she served for many years as choir accompanist, as well as interim choir director and assistant director of informal worship. A music educator, Jan currently teaches private piano and flute. We are blessed to be able to welcome Jan into our choir family. Welcome to OSLC, Jan!

A Call to OSLC Instrumentalists

If you play an instrument and would consider sharing your musical gifts in worship, please contact Interim Choir Director and Worship Coordinator Scott Hafso at bellevuer@gmail.com.

Bass/Baritone Needed for Vocal Ensemble

OSLC's Vocal Ensemble is in need of a bass (or baritone). The Ensemble rehearses on select Tuesday evenings, starting in September. For more information, please contact Dave Carlson at qajag@nwlink.com.



OSLC Memorial Bells

To accommodate busy schedules, and to encourage members of our community to explore handbell ringing, we are trying something new this fall: a shortened time commitment (rehearsals will begin in mid-October), with limited rehearsals and fewer performance dates. Bell ringing is easily accessible, with mastery developed over time. For more information contact Alice Lewis, Memorial Bells Director at alicelewis@motorplex.com.



OSLC's Social Concerns Committee

It's Fall! Time to renew and get involved!

Did you know that OSLC's Social Concerns teams are actively involved in supporting multiple community services and organizations through our annual budget and individual efforts and contributions? Here are some of the ways OSLC members can get involved.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 7th. Our ELCA Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, has asked OSLC to be part of a church-wide effort to make September 7th a day of service. Ministry teams in our church, families and individuals are asked to use our hands to do God's work and make a difference. How can you help?

- Do yard clean up or home repairs for an elderly neighbor or member of the church
- Collect needed items for the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank
- Clean up litter in a park, roadside or open space
- Bring the gift of music to a nursing home or senior residence
- Collect blankets and socks for Compass Hygiene Center
- Collect diapers and formula for Baby Corner
- Be creative! See a need in our community? Find a way to meet it!

Let us know what you did to serve the community!

September 27 is the kick-off for the **Mayor's Month of Concern**. Members of our congregation have been asked to join others throughout our community to participate in a food collection outside of grocery stores to benefit **Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank**. OSLC members will be assigned a date and a location. If you can help, contact Connie Fletcher.

Speaking of the **Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank**, IFCB served over 400 families a week this summer. Many people in our congregation volunteer by providing food, clothing and personal time, and more volunteers are always needed. If you are interested, please contact the Social Concerns team. IFCB also coordinated the community-wide **Tools for Schools** back pack drive. OSLC contributions netted 12 backpacks and about \$450 toward this effort. Thanks to all who participated.

An off-shoot of the IFCB, **Nourishing Network**, is a multi-organizational group that meets monthly to provide community services such as the Fruit Tree Gleaning program, where locally grown produce and fruit available in Issaquah is put to good use. The fruit is gathered and distributed to families at the local food bank center. Community and private gardens donate food as well. Nourishing Network also brings people and projects together, such as providing lunches to Tiger Mountain High School. Contact Judi Case or Connie Fletcher for more information.

While the **Nourishing Network** was started to address food insecurity in our community, the group has also turned its attention to **homelessness**. OSLC was asked to host Tent City 4 recently and the Church Council will examine what our congregation can and should be doing to address homeless people in our community in the next year. In the past month, our Social Concerns representative has attended two meetings: the **Issaquah-Sammamish Interfaith Council on Homelessness** and a conference at **Seattle University** which highlighted **Best and Promising Practices in Faith Based Solutions to End Homelessness**. A follow up meeting will be held on Sunday, November 23rd. If you would like to join in our congregation's exploration of this important issue, please contact Connie. A September viewing and discussion of the film shorts called, "American Refugees," will be scheduled soon.

As we have in the past, OSLC will adopt an Issaquah school to provide **breakfast bars** to be given to students who come to school hungry. Our Social Concerns team will purchase and deliver the bars to **Briarwood Elementary**. If you would like to help with this effort, let our team know. This effort is coordinated by the **Issaquah Schools Foundation**.

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OSLC prepares and services the **Issaquah Meals Program** on the **second Tuesday of each month**. This is fun! Meals volunteers enjoy each other's fellowship in our new kitchen and learn some great cooking tips from a professional chef who has joined our ranks. The resulting meal benefits those in our community much in need of nourishment and companionship. **Catholic Community Services** coordinates local churches and other organizations to provide a hot meal on weeknights. Additional meals on weekends are often provided by other local benefactors. At least four volunteers are needed each month to prepare and deliver a meal served at the Issaquah fire station's community room. Attendance varies by season, but is usually around 36 – 50 people. Those who benefit from the community meal include homeless teens, families with small children, adults (both employed and unemployed) and many marginalized individuals who need a sense of community and a good meal to stretch their budgets. Please consider volunteering! Contact Connie for more information.

Do you like to make **pie**? Would you like to learn how? OSLC will again support **Compassion House** by participating in their very fun and fruitful pie auction. Last year, OSLC's Pie Ladies contributed \$2,400 to the auction through our efforts. We will gather in our fabulous church kitchen on **Friday afternoon, November 7** to make pies to serve at the dinner and to auction off to benefit this worthy effort. We have also been challenged to provide one big auction item – pie for a year. If you would like to provide a pie for one of the 12 months, let Connie know. **Compassion House** offers families a home and social services as they rebuild lives and recover from major life challenges. Donations have also been made from Social Concerns funds to furnish household items and other necessities.

It's not too early to think about our annual **Thanksgiving food basket reverse donation**, which will take place in November. We will solicit food items and grocery store gift cards/cash donations. Our **Christmas ornament gift card collection** will also take place in early December. Watch for more updates as we approach these seasons.

'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

Connie Fletcher
Social Concerns Council Representative

Food and Clothing Collection Barrels

Over the years OSLC has had food and clothing collection barrels in the hallway leading to the library. Currently there are two collection barrels for the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank (IFCB). If you have unwanted clothing and/or nonperishable food items, they can be placed in these barrels and they will be delivered to IFCB by a member of the social concerns committee. Times and focus change throughout the years so the military collection barrel and the Compass Center barrel have both been removed.

Songea's Kids—Orphan Emergency Fund



This project is a Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church collaboration. Songea's Kids (www.songeaskids.org) is a six-year-old, all-volunteer Sammamish nonprofit providing resources for the full care and education of 65 orphans in Songea, Tanzania, East Africa in collaboration with *Jirani Mwema* (Good Neighbor), a Tanzania nonprofit, and its Trustee Songea Lutheran Parish. **Clothes for The Cause** is a Seattle company that collects unwanted items and turns them into cash for nonprofit organizations. **Collection Dates August 10-September 27.** **Place donations in Room 5 underneath the identified space.** Questions? Contact Cheryl Hauser at chauser13@comcast.net. **THANK YOU!**





OSLC's Global Missions Committee

The Lutheran Healing Presence in War Torn Gaza

By Dr. Tawfig Nasser, CEO, Lutheran World Federation, Augusta Victoria Hospital

The following is a Global Missions Committee article that highlights the vital Lutheran presence in the conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis. Specifically, the article provides an example of the Lutheran World Federation's Augusta Victoria Hospital that sits high on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. AVH is the only major hospital providing a full continuum of services and major medical care for Palestinians.

These days human tragedy in our area is the subject matter of every discussion by every person, every media outlet, and every salon conversation. Television scenes portray real horror stories that are happening in Gaza every hour of every day. Pictures of killed children and their families traumatize each and every Palestinian Arab, and many others, all over the globe. But living with some of these families at Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) and experiencing their simpler stories first-hand is equally heart-wrenching.

Last Sunday AVH received a 4-month old boy with a tumor on his kidney. As is the case always, the boy arrived with his grandmother because permits are not granted to Palestinian from Gaza of certain ages. His mother happened to be in that age group.

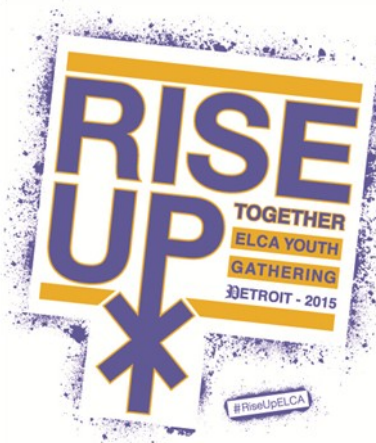
While AVH is fully capable of managing the infant's disease condition, we were faced with a condition that was heartbreaking. The infant only accepted his mother's breast milk and refused anything but his mother's breast milk. He was agitated, angry, in pain, and crying non-stop. The only choice we would have had was to place a nasal-gastric tube to feed the infant who is already tormented with the effects of chemotherapy to treat his condition. AVH staff worked relentlessly with authorities on all sides to try and bring the mother out of Gaza. This process went on for five days going from one side to the other. Israelis were complacent and insisted on their policy, Palestinians in Gaza under bombardment were not able to reach their offices to follow up. And amidst all this is a very sick and confused infant with a face turned miserable awaiting his mother.

Yesterday on Friday and five days later, the mother arrived at our hospital, stormed into the department, grabbed her crying child, and pressed him to her breast. Suddenly an angelic face descended onto the child who started sucking his mother's milk. A wonderful surreal scene of a beautiful little life surrounded by many images of death. We are not able to stop the war of aggression on Gaza, but the **Lutheran World Federation** and through its service at AVH is persistent on touching the lives of many families and presenting to the world stories of real hope.

Number of clinic visits and consultations	4,624
Number of Radiotherapy treatments	12,204
Number of Chemotherapy sessions	1,240
Hospital days treated admitted at hospital	1,256
Hospital days admitted to hotel patient and companion	9,771
Total cost of Gaza patients for first six months in 2014...in NIS (\$392,805 USD)	13,520,375

None of these medical bills have been covered by the Palestinian Authority yet.

Submitted by, John Stamm, Global Missions Chair



2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit

July 11-20, 2015

Our years spent in high school are an awesome time of growth and change. These years will shape and define who we become. They are important. Embracing these truths, I want you to join me on a journey to the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit.

Looking back on my life, I know how great this opportunity is for our youth. When I was in ninth grade, I attended a national youth gathering in Orlando, Florida. It was one of the most memorable and meaningful experiences of my life, and it most certainly changed me.

I would love to talk with you more about the many reasons that an experience like this is so powerful. Just consider the fact that the last ELCA national youth gathering had 33,000 youth and chaperones attend from around the country and around the globe. Worship, service, relationship-building, sightseeing, and much more are a part of this event.

So, here are the things that you need to do to get started:

1. Attend our youth and parents meeting on Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 9:45 AM in the OSLC Library.
2. Let me know that your family is committed to participating. You can do this by completing a registration form. (Forms are available from the church office.)

The actual cost per youth for the trip is estimated to be about \$1,900 (includes airfare, lodging, meals, chaperones, and registration costs). The out of pocket cost to families will be \$500 per youth with the remainder coming from fundraising efforts. Our trip also includes some time spent sightseeing in Chicago. The trip is planned for July 11-20, 2015 (Note: we require a few days flexibility on either end of these dates in order to secure travel arrangements). The registration deadline is December 14, 2014.

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2014 Peru Shareholder's Dinner Event

Sunday, September 21st @ 4:30 p.m.

The 2014 Peru mission team would like to extend a special thank you to all the 2014 Peru Mission Team shareholders on **Sunday, September 21st at 4:30 p.m. at OSLC**. The Shareholder's Dinner Event will include Peruvian dishes, mission team members sharing stories and experiences and a slide show featuring pictures from our trip. We will also be selling Achkiy cards and Peruvian tablecloths brought back from Peru. Proceeds from the sales will be donated to our Peruvian brothers and sisters.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend and let us know how many will be attending with you. RSVP to Glenna Usselman at glennausselman@aol.com or by phone 206-469-9695 by Friday, September 19th. This will give us an idea of how much food to prepare.

We hope to see you there!
Gracias, Your 2014 Peru Mission Team

Worship Schedule

September 2014 Sunday Worship Schedule:

**Sunday, August 31st,
One Service @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship services @ 8:30
and 11:00 a.m. resume on
Sunday, September 7th**

Sun., Sept. 7—13th Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:70-11

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Sun., Sept. 14—New Beginning Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19

Psalm 98

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Sun., Sept. 21—15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

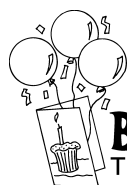
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Sun., Sept. 28—16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32




BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

9/2	Irene Carn	9/22	Jane Shen
9/3	Garrett Steffen		Paul Craig
	Vincent Smith	9/23	Jeanne Kuipers
9/4	Darlene Boni	9/24	Ian DeVogel
	Dee Bakamus	9/25	Erik Fabricius
	Heather Curtis		Linda Mummy
	Jeff Wood	9/26	Stephen Gacek
9/7	George Kuipers	9/27	Dawson Loudermilk
9/8	Dick Christensen		Jenna Suttmeier
9/10	Emily Gacek	9/29	Stacey Hesterly
9/13	Miranda Smith	9/30	Michael Sladek
9/14	Jordan Usselman		
9/15	Amy Mogensen		
	Craig Gillin		
	Jennifer Hendrickson		
9/16	Henrik Christopherson		
9/17	Mikey Cron		
9/20	Don Cumming		
9/21	Nancy Peterson		



9/2	Chawn & Amanda Loudermilk
9/3	David & Laura Derwin
9/6	Doug & Sue Friddell
9/7	Gene & Alla Elfstrom
	Paul & Jennifer Tolo
9/11	Paul & Robin Timmerman
9/16	Don & Gwynn Wilkinson
9/20	Shawn & Karen Quinn
9/21	Jon & Stacy Smith
9/22	Todd & Joni Zink
9/24	Alec & Delores Bakamus
9/25	Mike & Sandy Nygaard
9/30	Jeff Youngstrom & Becky Brooks

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY OSLC Office Closed <i>12:00 PM OA (Narthex)</i> 	2 6:00 PM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) <i>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall & Downstairs Classroom)</i> 7:00 PM Nominating Committee (Narthex)	3 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	4 <i>7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17)</i> <i>10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom)</i>	5	6
7 8:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Peru Team Meeting (Narthex) 6:00 PM Mid-Life Spirituality Group @ the home of Ray and Barbara Extract	8 <i>9:30 AM Avant Designer's Guild (Anderson Hall)</i> <i>12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom)</i> <i>1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office)</i> <i>2:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Sanctuary)</i> <i>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs)</i> 7:30 PM OSLC Book Club @ Issaquah Barnes & Noble	9 <i>5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station</i> 6:00 PM Executive Committee (Library) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Library) <i>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</i>	10 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	11 <i>7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17)</i> <i>10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom)</i> 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library)	12	13 <i>12:00 PM-5:00PM District 35 AA Workshop (Anderson Hall)</i>
14 New Beginning Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM New Beginning Sunday Kick-Off (Anderson Hall) 11:00 AM Worship	15 <i>New Letter DEADLINE</i> <i>12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom)</i> <i>1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network</i> 12:00 PM October Newsletter Deadline 1:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Dianne Tanner <i>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</i>	16 6:30 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary) <i>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall & Downstairs Classroom)</i>	17 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	18 <i>7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17)</i> <i>10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom)</i> 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 1:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex)	19 9:30 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Lucy Acker	20
21 <i>5:45 AM Hammond House Breakfast</i> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:30 PM Peru Shareholder's Dinner (Anderson Hall) 6:30 PM Mid-Life Spirituality Group	22 <i>12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom)</i> <i>1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network</i> <i>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</i>	23 <i>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall & Downstairs Classroom)</i>	24 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	25 <i>7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17)</i> <i>10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom)</i>	26	27
28 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday School Infant/Toddler Class 11:00 AM Worship	29 <i>12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom)</i> <i>1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network</i> <i>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)</i>	30 <i>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall & Downstairs Classroom)</i> 8:00 PM A Deeper Well @ Sunset Ale House			<div>OSLC facility use printed in bold.</div> <div>Community facility use printed in italics.</div>	

We remember in prayer...



We remember in prayer OSLC members:

Sandy Aldworth; Ralph Case; Don Chaney; Jean Chaney; Gene Elfstrom; Barbara Extract; Emily Gacek; Carol Harbolt; Ray Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Margot Inman; Marian James; Josee Jordan; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Jim Marshall; Carole Miller; Kimberly Montague; Jerry Nack; Peter Shen; Glenn Smith; Dave Walters; Gwynn Wilkinson

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

Patricia Read (aunt of Norma Byrkett); **Bud Scherler** (Wendy Winslow); **Radamés Sierra** (Margot Inman); **Linmarie Cancel** (Margot Inman); **Mike Fitterman** (Cheryl Neeb); **Boyd Peterson; Doc** (Bill Bergsma); **David Jordan** (Cheryl Hauser); **Bryan Peck** (Maury Clark); **Jim Thueringer** (Ziegler Family); **Ramona Fletcher** (Connie Fletcher); **Darla Bakamus** (daughter of Alec and Delores Bakamus); **Pavel Panin** (Connie Fletcher); **Alicia Poulin** (Judi Case); **Larry Griffith** (Bill Bergsma); **Bob Arrendiell** (Janet Heck);

We pray for expectant mothers:

Shannon (Jordan Usselman); **Manda Schoen**

We pray for a restful and renewing sabbatical for Pastor Ryan Fletcher and his family.

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

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 marriages of **Deanna Harbolt and Mike Hayes** (Ray Harbolt), **Ryan and Michaela McCormick** (Lori Downey).

For the joyous births of:

Felicity Onora Robertson, daughter of Peter and May and granddaughter of Don and Lorna Robertson.

Brady Ray Jackson son of Doug and Wendy and great-grandson of Lucy Acker

Tobin Michael Matthews son of Tom and Heather and great-grandson of John and Rita Hansen.

Isabelle Grace Werry daughter of Brandon and Heidi and great-granddaughter of John and Rita Hansen.

Nika Poppy Lappala daughter of Colin and Kim and granddaughter of Bruce and Norma Byrkett.

For the July 6th baptisms of **Daniel Edward Babaian and Mariella Carol Babaian** children of Haik and Jacqueline.

For the healing of **Carl's** leukemia. (grandson of Jo Hess)

For the safety of the families of **JR and Jimmy Barnhardt** following the fires in Okanagon.

(Connie Fletcher)

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

September Worship Assistants

Sunday Service	Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild/Bread Bakers	Sound Engineers
Pentecost 13	September 7	8:30 a.m.	Mary Fricke Robin Timmerman	Jeff Lucas Don Robertson	Bill Bergsma	Bill Bergsma Mary Fricke Jane Shen 1 CA needed	Robin Timmerman <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler	Dave Park
	September 7	11:00 a.m.	Don & Nancy Cumming	Mike & Sandy Nygaard	Joan Friel	Joan Friel Kate Gagnon Rita Hansen 1 CA needed	Rita Hansen	Miranda Smith
Pentecost 14	September 14 New Beginning Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Don & Jean Chaney	Don Chaney George Kuipers		Lori Downey Jane Shen Leslie Waltzer 1 CA needed	Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	
	September 14	11:00 a.m.	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson	Larry & Christine Fry	Marilyn Carlson	Marilyn Carlson Kate Gagnon Leslie Waltzer 1 CA needed	Karen Hansen	Vince Smith
Pentecost 15	September 21	8:30 a.m.	Bonnie Brice Diane Nelson	Mark & Tami Cron	Judi Case	Ralph & Judi Case Mary Fricke Leslie Waltzer	<i>Bread:</i>	
	September 21	11:00 a.m.	Paul & Nilvane Swanson	Brad & Jacki Marx	Maury Clark	Kate Gagnon Rita Hansen 2 CA's needed		
Pentecost 16	September 28	8:30 a.m.	Jeannie Lindquist Selma Thompson	Dave & Georgeanne Park		Jane Shen Mary Ann Hult 2 CA's needed	<i>Bread:</i>	
	September 28	11:00 a.m.	Jerry & Linda Nack		Karen Hansen	Del Elliott Kate Gagnon Karen Hansen Stacy Smith		Vince Smith



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