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Sunday Worship Services:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

(September-May) 9:45 a.m.

Summer Worship Time:

(May 24 – September 6, 2015)
9:30 a.m.

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from death to life
A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TO EASTER

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2015

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
Worship at 12 noon and 7:00 PM

The Wednesdays of Lent

2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Soup Supper at 5:30 PM
Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

Holy Communion
at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2015

Holy Communion
at 12 noon and 7:00 PM

Good Friday

April 3, 2015

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon
Prayer Around the Cross at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

Holy Communion
at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH





Sunday Morning Worship Services in Lent

(8:30 & 11:00 AM, through March 22)

During our Sunday morning worship services in Lent, we will experience together the timeless joy and beauty of music, preaching, ritual, and prayer. In Lent, the style and mood of worship draws on ancient roots connecting us with a vibrant community of faith that pulses with life down through the generations.

Wednesday Evening Worship in Lent

7:00 PM, February 25—March 25, 2015

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, we gather for *Holden Evening Prayer* known for its simple beauty. Throughout the five weeks of Lent, we will be engaging the theme: *From Death to Life, a Journey Through Lent to Easter*.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Suppers

5:30 PM, February 25—March 25, 2015

Prior to worship in Lent, join us for Lenten soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Each Wednesday evening a simple meal of soup (both regular and vegetarian), salad, rolls and dessert will be offered. Through participation in our Wednesday evening times of meal and worship you are invited to discover Lenten practices to renew your spirit and simplify the soul.



Palm Sunday

March 29th at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

With the waving of palm branches and the proclamation of Jesus as King, we enter into the fullness of the Church's most powerful story. The week ahead holds a transformative experience for all who, with Jesus, take up their crosses and choose to follow him. From the joy of a triumphal entry to the fore-shadow of suffering to come, this day's worship services prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week. There is a particular emphasis on community rituals that draw us into the story, and so, together we join in procession, gather at the Lord's table, and engage the story of Christ's passion.

REMEMBER?



Set Your
Clocks
Ahead!



Sunday, March 8th

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour as Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8, 2015.





FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

There is something un-nerving about starring at a blank computer screen when the deadline for "The Focus" is near. (Thank God Janet is on vacation, or I would be in an even deeper crisis. The deadline has passed.)

What to write about?

Is there a Word from God that I am missing? Won't be the first time. I do want to be attentive to God. It is to God that I feel primary accountability. Is God being quiet? Should I be quiet, too? Is God whispering a Word that I need to hear, but do not want to hear?

Is there a Lenten theme that should be explored? Last month my space was given over to Lenten talk. Ash Wednesday dealt with other Lenten themes. The Sunday School kids are "having a cow" for Lent. Committees will teach about local and global ministry concerns. How much needs to be said as we journey through death to life? How much more can be heard about this Lenten season?

I will be gone when you read whatever ends up being written. I am taking two weeks to visit family and friends in Arizona. Should that time away jumpstart an article about Sabbath in the lives of all of us? It could, but

Is there a need to speak a harsh word about our life together? Not that I know. I am discovering that people are kind and generous. And reliable. Folks that sign on to do tasks follow through. That is a great blessing.

Should I leave a huge amount of blank space and allow you to write to me? I read what is sent to me - unless it is anonymous. I never read that stuff.

There is a solitaire game on the machine. Maybe I could use the time to play a few games and not worry about writing anything. Might sound like a good idea to you. It has its virtues.

Will God rescue me before I get to the end of the page? It doesn't look like it. God always operates on God's schedule which may or may not fit my schedule.

The screen is no longer blank, though that may not be an improvement. You decide.

God's peace, Dick Christensen

THE TRANSITION TEAM TO DATE

FEBRUARY 2015

During the interim between Pastor Larry's retirement and the eventual call to a new pastor, your Transition Team has been hard at work and meeting almost weekly. Team members are:

Pastor Dick Christensen

Randy Baseler

Brook Buchanan

David Hersey

Lori Downey

Barbara (Carole) Extract

Marilyn Carlson

Mark Mummy

Vince Smith

Our ultimate goal is to prepare a Ministry Site Proposal (MSP) for the synod which will provide detailed information about:

- ✦ the demographics of our church family and the demographics of the geographical area surrounding our church,
- ✦ our vision for OSLC in the future
- ✦ our priorities regarding our ministry(ies)
- ✦ what kind of church we are and want to be
- ✦ the qualities and abilities necessary in our future pastor, etc.

In order to complete the MSP, a great deal of information must be collected from records, histories and – most importantly – from *YOU*, the members of OSLC.

We have divided our tasks into four categories under each of which is a long list of tactics and tasks:

- ✦ Getting organized (defining the procedures, timelines, tactics and tasks)
- ✦ Keeping the congregation informed (developing a communication plan)
- ✦ Facilitating the involvement of all congregants, and
- ✦ Completing and submitting a useful MSP to the Bishop and OSLC call committee.

In the near future, we will be developing tools with which to elicit your visions and opinions. Until the formal mechanisms exist, however, the Team encourages you to e-mail your ideas and thoughts to the committee at transitionteam@oslcissaquah.org. We will read, consider, and save all of them and incorporate them into the completed MSP.

The Bishop's office will sort through the resumes of potential candidates and send those that best match the needs and desires of our church (now and looking toward the future) to the call committee. The call committee will review these and interview the most promising candidates and, ultimately, make a selection.

We welcome your questions and/or comments and will keep you regularly informed as the work progresses. God bless you all, God bless OSLC, and may He give us wisdom in the months ahead.



Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

Sunday School

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Infants, Toddlers & Their Families

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 March 29, 2015.

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 the church office at office@oslcissaquah.org.



Sunday School

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

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 Classes

March 1—March 15

Thanks to Pastor Christensen, we will have four Sunday morning adult classes in March. They are as follows:

March 1: Cori Walters, Executive Director of the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank will talk with us about poverty in our community.

March 8: A presentation of one or more of the animated short films in the American Refugee series on homelessness.

March 15: A discussion on the Safe Parking Program, facilitated by Connie Fletcher.

Classes will meet in the library beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Communion Education Class:

March 29th @ 12:15 p.m.

On Sunday, March 29th at 12:15 p.m., Pastor Christensen will lead a Communion Education Class for youth in second grade and older. This class should be attended by students and at least one parent (other family members are welcome). The class will take part in a communion celebration with the rest of the congregation at the 7:00 p.m. worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd. Contact the church office to register for the class.

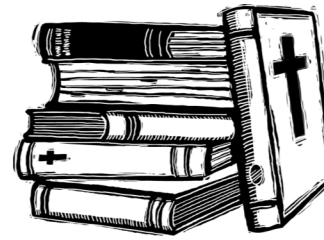
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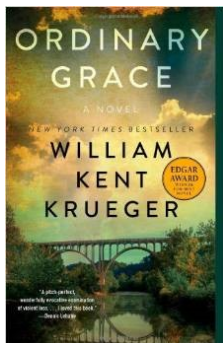
If you are looking for fun people and animated conversation, join our New Life book discussion group. We meet the first and third Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and we rotate homes. Right now we are starting a new and thought-provoking book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, by Harold Kushner. We'd love to hear your thoughts on it, too. If you'd like to join with us, email Sue Friddell at fridsd@aol.com.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

*Thursday Mornings @
10:00 a.m.*

Interim Pastor Dick Christensen leads a Thursday morning Bible study. The study focus is on upcoming gospel readings that are used on Sunday mornings in worship. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in the library. *Class will not meet on March 5th.*

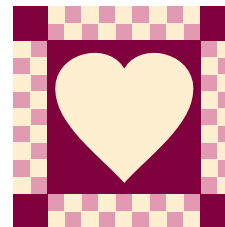


OSLC's Book Club

Barnes & Noble Bookstore,
Issaquah

*Monday, March 9
@ 7:30 p.m.*

Please join us at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble bookstore on Monday, March 9th. We will discuss the book *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God. If you have questions, or want additional information about the book club, contact Marilyn Larson, at marilyn.larson@gmail.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.



Faith Circle and Hope Circle are monthly women's Bible study groups that meet in participant's homes from September until June. These studies follow the Bible study found in the Lutheran magazine, *Gather*.

Faith Circle

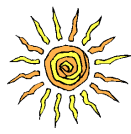
Monday, March 16
1:30 p.m.

On Monday, March 16th, Faith Circle will meet at the home of Evy Sneva. Faith Circle meets on the third Monday of each month. If you need more information or would like to join Faith Circle, please contact Rita Hansen at (425) 392-2108 or ritahansen@brigadoon.net.

Hope Circle

Friday, March 20
9:30 a.m.

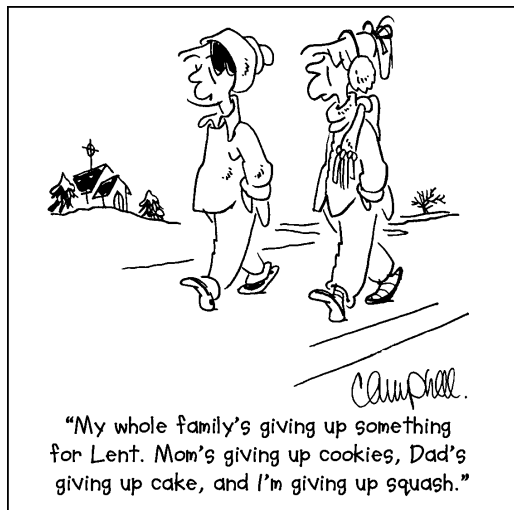
Hope Circle will meet Friday, March 20, 2015 at the home of Carol Johnson. Hope Circle meets monthly on the third Friday. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.



OSLC Women's Retreat

Seasons of the Heart Seasons of Prayer
Rainbow Lodge, March 6-8, 2015

The annual OSLC Women's Retreat will be held at nearby Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joan Friel at 425-235-5727 or by email at frielj4@comcast.net.



OSLC's Care and Share Ministry

OSLC's Care and Share Ministry is designed to provide a helping hand at times when people are ill, experience a loss and/or the birth of a baby. This ministry can provide meals, transportation, etc. often at a moments notice.

Shirley Witsoe will be the main contact for this ministry. Once a need is identified either Pr. Christensen or the church office will call Shirley. She then places phone calls asking for assistance that was requested. There are many ways that members and friends of OSLC can be involved with this ministry. Please prayerfully consider being willing to help with this ministry when a call is placed.

For questions, please contact Pr. Christensen or the church office 425-392-4169 or Shirley at 425-413-6754.





Become an OSLC 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering Trip Shareholder!

The youth and adults traveling to Detroit in July 2015 have a goal of raising \$5,000.00 to help cover the expenses of the trip. We are reaching out to the wonderful congregation of OSLC to help us reach our goal.

Here is your opportunity: You can support our fundraising efforts by becoming a Trip Shareholder!

A Trip Shareholder is a person/couple/family that invests in our trip to Detroit by donating \$25 or more by March 22, 2015. All Shareholders will receive a personal thank you card, a "stock certificate," and an invitation to a Shareholders event which will take place shortly after our return from Detroit. At this event, the youth and adult leaders will share their experiences and their insights. Be on the lookout for communications during our time in Detroit through email and the OSLC Facebook page.

Please fill out the Trip Shareholder form completely and return it with your donation to the church. As a token of our gratitude, we are issuing shareholder certificates that commemorate your gift (one share equals \$25), but you are free to donate in whatever amount you choose. **Checks should be made out to "OSLC" and write ELCA Youth Gathering on the memo line.** You may mail in your donation, drop it off in the church office, or drop it in the box on the table in the narthex labeled Youth Gathering. Just be sure it is in an envelope clearly marked "OSLC ELCA Youth Gathering Shares."

Thank you for supporting us! Please contact Glenna Usselman (glennausselman@aol.com) with any questions.

OSLC 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering Trip Shareholder Donation Form

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address: _____

Donation Amount (one share equals \$25.00): _____

Mail form to: OSLC ELCA Youth Gathering Shares, 745 Front Street South, Issaquah, WA 98027





OSLC 2015 Youth Gathering Fundraiser

SPRING HANGING FLOWER BASKET SALE

Fuchsias \$32 each
Geraniums \$32 each
Petunias \$30 each

Orders due: Sunday, March 29th
Pick up orders starting Tuesday, May 5th

Contact Glenna Usselman, 425-496-9695 or by email at
glennausselman@aol.com if you have questions.

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Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

	Quantity		Total \$
Fuschias	_____	@ \$32 ea	_____
Geraniums	_____	@ \$32 ea	_____
Petunias	_____	@ \$30 ea	_____

TOTAL _____

Please make checks payable to OSLC.

(Note Youth Gathering Fundraiser on the memo line.)

Place your order and payment in the box on the table in the narthex on
or before March 29th.

Thank you for supporting OSLC Youth!





**2015 ELCA Youth
Gathering Fundraiser**
presented by the youth from
Our Savior Lutheran Church
and
**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran
Church**

**Sunday,
MARCH 22, 2015
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
in Anderson Hall**

**Watch for ticket sales to begin in
March between services.**



**Vote for your
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From
Pilgrim Journey**

**Location:
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Issaquah, WA**

**Tickets:
\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per
family
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EVENT**

Chiclayo, Peru Scholarship Fund @ OSLC

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chiclayo (IELCH), in Chiclayo, Peru, consists of the three congregations of San Antonio, Las Brisas, and Las Lomas. OSLC has had an ongoing relationship with IELCH since our first youth mission trip in 2001. With our most recent youth mission trip in July 2014, these bonds are stronger than ever.

During our recent mission trip, Henrik Christopherson identified three young women in need of financial support for post-secondary education. These three young women – Miriam Gomez of San Antonio, Suzie Llantop of Las Lomas, and Priscilla Tirado Bensus of Las Brisas – are active in their congregations, and have interacted with OSLC mission trips since they were young girls in 2001.



Miriam, Suzie, and Priscilla are pictured from left to right above. Miriam is the daughter of Pastor Merci of San Antonio. She would like to earn a degree in Psychology. Suzie is the daughter of Pastor Harold of Las Lomas. She is halfway through a course in Accounting. Priscilla is the daughter of Rebecca Bensus, a pivotal figure in the Last Brisas congregation. Priscilla is as yet undecided on her area of study. All three of these young women were actively involved in our recent mission trip.

Beginning in January 2015, OSLC has set up a Peru Scholarship Fund to sponsor each of these young women with a \$70 per month educational scholarship. This is the going rate for university studies in Chiclayo. For each student, this scholarship would be renewable in 2016 and 2017, if they continue in their studies. This represents a grand total of \$7560 over three years. We are very excited about getting this scholarship program going. It will serve to further strengthen the bonds between OSLC and IELCH, and it will give hope and opportunity to three deserving young women – and perhaps to other deserving students in the future!

You can make donations to the Peru Scholarship Fund by following these instructions. Make checks payable to OSLC and put in the memo line “Peru Scholarship Fund.” You can place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to:

OSLC Peru Scholarship Fund
745 Front Street South
Issaquah, WA 98027

If you desire more information about this scholarship opportunity, contact Mark Mummy at markmummy55@gmail.com or Glenna Usselman at glennausselman@aol.com



Lunch for the Break

Supporting Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank and

Providing Healthy, Quality Food to Families of Clark and Issaquah Valley Elementary Schools

This year OSLC in partnership with the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank, Issaquah School Foundation, Issaquah Kiwanis, Sammamish Presbyterian Church, Spirit of Peace Church and the Issaquah Nourishing Network, in a pilot program, **Lunch for the Break**. This pilot program will help families of Clark and Issaquah Valley Elementary Schools bridge the food gap during Spring Break 2015. With your help we will provide healthy, quality food boxes to families in these two schools. The hope is to expand to more Issaquah schools following this pilot round.

The food list provided below is the shopping list of items that go into the food boxes. When you shop, please put only the food from the list in your box (or sturdy reusable bag) as we want all the food boxes to be fair and equitable. To decrease shopping expenses, families and groups can partner together for these shopping items. (Cost estimates were obtained from Safeway.com.) If you want to donate more, consider donating multiple boxes. Remember all items on the list must be included in the boxes or bags.

Bring your full boxes/bags to OSLC by noon on Thursday, April 2nd. If you have questions, contact Connie Fletcher at fletch501c@aol.com.

Type of Food	Amount	Size	Cost Estimate
Packaged/Canned Food			
Oatmeal or cereal	1	18 oz canister	\$4.39
Canned Soup/Pasta	2	18.5-19 oz (Soup) 15 oz (Pasta)	\$5.20
Canned tuna/salmon/chicken	2	12 oz can	\$7.00
Canned black, pinto or refried beans	2	16 oz can	\$3.00
Peanut butter and jelly	1 each	16 oz jar PB 18 oz jar jam/jelly	\$7.00
Cup of Noodles or instant soup cups	6	2.25 oz cups	\$1.99 for family pack
Pasta/Grains			
Box macaroni and cheese	2	5.5-6 oz boxes	\$4.00
White rice	1	32 oz bag	\$2.79
Snacks			
Crackers	1	16 oz box	\$5.50
Fruit cups	6 pack	4-4.4 oz cups	\$3.00
Granola bars	Box of 6	6 bars	\$3.00
Juice or milk boxes	Box of 6-10	6-10 boxes	\$3.00
Fresh Food (choose two)			
Apples	5-6	1 1/2-2 pounds	\$3.50
Bananas	4-5	3/4—1 pound	\$1.00
Carrots/Celery	1 bunch or 1 pound bag	1 pound	\$1.50
Oranges	4-5	2-2 1/2 pounds	\$3.60
Total price range:			\$54-\$59



Global Mission Committee

God's Work...Our Hands; locally and world-wide

Updates from the ELCA...your generous monetary gifts at work

It's 2015, What's Next for the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

From the beginning, the ELCA Malaria Campaign has had a goal to raise \$15 million by 2015. The Campaign has now received \$13.3 million from generous Lutherans! **Thank you!** This means that we are 88% of the way towards our goal of \$15 million. Now is the time to finish strong and assure that we meet that goal, but what is next? We know that malaria, while reduced, will not be eliminated. Moving forward we will continue to work with companions in Africa to reduce deaths from malaria. While the focused fundraising campaign will conclude, the work supported by the ELCA Malaria Campaign will continue through the health care programs supported through ELCA World Hunger. The official campaign will end this year, but our commitment to saving lives from malaria will continue! [Note: the ELCA's fiscal year goes through the month of January, so the official end date of the ELCA Malaria Campaign will be January 31, 2016.]

Opportunities for Mission

Rev. Peter Shen will return to China in March to continue his work as an ELCA consultant on relations with churches in China. During this visit, Rev. Shen will be accompanied by the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, as she learns about the work of the Christian church in China.

March 22nd - Henrik and Patty Christopherson, missionaries in Peru, will be at OSLC. Some of our youth and adults spent time with the Christophersons while on their recent mission trip to Peru. Through generous gifts to the World Mission Prayer League (WMPL), OSLC have supported the Christophersons' mission work.

September 16 through October 6 - John and Elaine Stamm will be returning to Tanzania and you are invited to join them!

Travel with a Purpose

You are invited to join a "hands-on" mission trip to Tanzania, East Africa, where you will observe and participate in the challenging educational work of the SAFI School Project (SSP). For the past eight years, the SSP has provided a variety of essential resources to improve Ngateu Lutheran Secondary School in Arusha, Tanzania. Ngateu serves extremely poor students, mostly of the Maasai tribe.

John and Elaine Stamm will lead this journey, September 16th -October 6th. Participants will meet students and help them improve their English language skills. Participants will also meet with the teachers, administrators and staff to learn about their challenges and life stories.

Included will be visits to ELCA Global Mission programs such as the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, the Lutheran Center for Children and an agricultural demonstration project that teaches sustainable farming practices. You will also visit the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli and go on safari trips to Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro National Park and the Serengeti Plain. The African Cultural Arts Center in Arusha is also a highlight.

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For the past 6 years John and Elaine Stamm have been active supporters of the SAFI School Project. John is currently chair of the SAFI Board of Directors and Elaine is an active committee member. For more information, contact John or Elaine (drjmstamm@aol.com; ekstamm@aol.com; 425-427-2648).

John Yu Completes His Degree at Trinity Lutheran College

Two years ago, OSLC generously provided substantial tuition support to John Yu in order for him to complete a degree in Youth and Family Studies at Trinity Lutheran College. At the end of the fall semester John, completed his academic and internship requirements with honors and distinction. In the near future, he will return to Luzhou, Sichuan, China to provide leadership for youth and family ministry programs.

On January 29, a "surprise graduation" luncheon, organized by Prof. Mark Jackson, Prof. Sue Houghlum and Dr. David Ellingson, was held at Anthony's Wood Fire Grill, Everett, to honor John and bestow his academic degree. During the luncheon, Connie Fletcher, Rev. Jane Shen, Elaine Stamm and John Stamm, along other invited guests, heard faculty extol John's scholarship and his Christ-centered commitment to serving children, youth and families.

OSLC commitment to and support of global missions work will live vibrantly in the years to come through the Christ-centered service and ministry of John Yu in Sichuan, China. Thanks be to God!

Check out the Global Mission Bulletin Board!

Be sure to check out the Global Mission bulletin board in Anderson Hall for additional information about how Lutherans are involved in mission in our world and opportunities that are available for you!



A thank you to OSLC member and graphic designer Craig Gillin for designing our Lent and Easter bulletin covers as well as the poster in the narthex and our Lent flyers. They are beautiful and we appreciate his creativity! Thanks Craig!

OSLC Staff Members

Vine Maple Place

Vine Maple Place is a Christian organization that breaks the cycle of homelessness by helping single parents and their children build lives of hope, stability, and greater self-sufficiency. Through the years OSLC has supported Vine Maple Place through our Christmas Giving Tree and Easter Baskets. Currently Vine Maple Place is in need of five sets of twin beds for new families moving in. If you have beds that you no longer need, or, if you know of anyone else who does, please contact Dianne Tanner at butterdmt@comcast.net or 425-392-7430. Thank you!

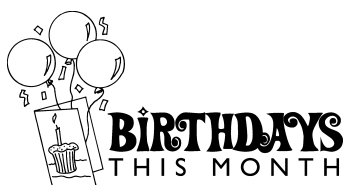
Lotus Nayru Azofiefa Stamm

Baptized, in Nosara, Costa Rica

In 1919 my Great, Great Grandmother, Ina Davis Bostelman crocheted the yoke, cuffs and edging for the baptism dress she made for my Great Grandmother, Caroline in a small community in Ohio. It was custom in 1919 to have baptism dresses very, very long, so when Caroline Bostelman Wesche had her daughter Elaine, my Grandma Stamm, baptized in this dress (1942), she shortened it by sewing 10 rows of tucks in it. Elaine Wesche Stamm's daughter, Cherie (my mom) was baptized (1974) in this dress because my Great Aunt Debbie Wesche brought it from Ohio to Eugene, Oregon while my mom was traveling from Seoul, South Korea to be adopted by my Grandma and Grandpa Stamm. My mom, Cherie Stamm-Azofiefa asked my Grandma Stamm to bring this dress from Ohio to Nosara, Costa Rica so I could be baptized in it. Grandma will return it to Ohio, so that all my cousins can continue to wear it too.



Baptized under a mango tree by her Grandfather John Stamm.



3/1	James Usselman	3/19	Anja Yocom
3/2	Abigail Gardner	3/21	Diane Fatland
	Barbara Extract		Randy Baseler
3/4	Katy Ulland	3/22	Jeff Saathoff
	Stacy Smith	3/23	Jean Pass
3/5	Genevieve Schoen		Vern Lindquist
	Justin Ulland	3/25	Don Chaney
3/6	Carl Boruck		Rebecca Thomas
3/7	Jean Chaney	3/26	Marlene Pickering
	Sherry Kiefel	3/28	Doug Tanner
3/9	Bonnie Brice	3/30	Ryan Saathoff
3/10	Jan Setterlund	3/31	Dick Sundene
3/11	Evy Sneva		Sherran Whatley
	Josee Jordan		
3/12	Chuck James		
	Tami Cron		
3/13	Jim Hubly		
3/14	Gay Saunders		
	Heidi Fuhs		
3/15	Eliza Fuhs		
	George Nicklesburg		
3/16	Shelley Howe		



3/1	Erik & Jeanne Fabricius
3/2	John & Rita Hansen
3/19	Bob & Patty Gerde
3/26	Gerald & Margit Welch
	Mark Mummy & Bev Geary
3/30	Randy & Laura Halter



A Word About Twelve Step Groups

Contributed by OSLC Member Del Elliott

Twelve Step meetings are commonly found in churches even though they are completely autonomous and not directly affiliated with any outside organization. OSLC houses a total of three Twelve Step groups: Alcoholics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous and Al-Anon which meet on a weekly basis within the building. Each group is self-supporting and contributes a donation to the church for the use of its facilities.

The message of all Twelve Step groups is similar to the one we try to practice in the church, namely to deal with our self-centeredness. The Big Book of AA states, "Selfishness, self-centeredness. . .that we think is the root of our troubles.. Above everything, we must be rid of our selfishness. First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn't work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. As we felt new power flow in. . .we discovered we could face life successfully. We were reborn." (pgs. 62, 63 of AA). Is this not the message we try to declare in our church? It is appropriate that the church open its doors to Twelve Step groups and be thankful for the chance to join hands in the common task of "carrying the message to those who suffer."

Anyone is welcome to attend an open meeting of any Twelve Step group. You don't need to be a card carrying member to benefit from the practice of the twelve steps. For more information, you are invited to talk with the Pastor.

Worship Schedule

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

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



Time to
Spring Ahead

Remember to set
your clocks ahead
one hour as
Daylight Savings
Time begins on
Sunday, March 8,
2015!

Sun., March 1—Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Sun., March 8—Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 10:1-17
Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel: John 2:13-22

Sun., March 15—Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

Sun., March 22—Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10
Gospel: John 12:20-33

Sun., March 29—Passion/Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39



March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 AM Worship / Healing Prayer 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday School Parent Meeting for Grades K-2 11:00 AM Worship / Healing Prayer 6:30 PM New Life Spirituality Group	2 9:30 AM Library Committee 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	3 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom) 4:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	4 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 5:30 PM Lenten Supper (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	5 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom)	6	7 <i>Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour!</i>
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday School Parent Meeting for Grades 3-5 11:00 AM Worship	9 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 1:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	10 5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station 4:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Executive Committee (Library) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	11 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 5:30 PM Lenten Supper (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	12 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	13	14
15 <i>New Letter DEADLINE</i> 8:30 AM Worship / Healing Prayer 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday School Parent Meeting for youth in Middle School 9:45 AM Altar Guild Meeting 11:00 AM Worship / Healing Prayer 12:30 PM Stewardship Committee	16 12:00 PM OA (Narthex) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 1:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Evy Sneva	17 11:00 AM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 4:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom) 7:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	18 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 5:30 PM Lenten Supper (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	19 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	20 9:30 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Carol Johnson	21 2:00 PM Jeff Lucas Memorial Service @ OSLC
22 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday School Infant/Toddler (Nursery) 9:45 AM Sunday School Parent Meeting for youth in High School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00-6:00 PM ELCA Youth Gathering Chili Fundraiser (Anderson Hall, Kitchen)	23 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	24 4:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)	25 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 5:30 PM Lenten Supper (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	26 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	27	28 9:00 AM OSLC Outdoor Spring Clean-up
29 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Communion Education Class for youth in second grade and older	30 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	31 4:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)			<div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> OSLC facility use printed in non-italics. Community facility use printed in italics. </div>	

We remember in prayer...



We remember in prayer OSLC members:

Sandy Aldworth; Judi Case, Don Chaney; Maury Clark; Gene Elfstrom; Barbara Extract; Sandy Fish; Emily Gacek; Steve Gacek; Les Gagnon, Carol Harbolt; Ray Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Margot Inman; Marian James; Josee Jordan; Jeanne Kuipers; Florence Kinnune; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Jim Marshall; Carole Miller; Jerry Nack; Cheryl Neeb; John Pass; Eloise Peters; Elaine Stamm; Glenn Smith; Selma Thompson; Dave Walters; Gwynn Wilkinson; Shirley Witsoe

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

Max (Gretch/Thomassen Family); **Brian Wild** (Shelley Howe); **Lois Smith** (Shelley Howe); **Toby Satterlee** (Shelley Howe); **Thelma Meyer** (aunt of Craig Gillin); **Chalmer Gillin** (uncle of Craig Gillin); **Jeff Lucas; Clara Landdeck** (grandmother of Lisa Gillin)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Shannon (Jordan Usselman); **Jacki Marx; Katie Garcia** (niece of Mark and Shelley Howe); **Trina Pomeroy** (niece of Mark and Shelley Howe); **Casey Baseler** (wife of T.J. Baseler); **Treasure Hinds-Pavey** (daughter of Rowan and Barb Hinds); **Candace Lyle** (granddaughter of Sandy Aldworth); **Lindy Downey** (daughter of Doug and Lori Downey); **Ali Egerton** (Doug and Lori Downey)

We pray for members and friends serving in the Military; Fire and Police Department personnel; Emergency Room personnel.

We pray for OSLC's Transition Team Members:

Randy Baseler, Brook Buchanan, Marilyn Carlson, Lori Downey, Barbara Extract, David Hersey, Mark Mummy, Vince Smith

We promise to nurture **Wyatt Anthony Crawford** baptized on February 22, 2015, son of Paul and Jodi; and **Lotus Nayru Azofeifa Stamm** baptized in Nosara, Costa Rica, daughter of Allan Chavarria and Cherie Stamm and granddaughter of John and Elaine Stamm.

We offer thanksgiving for the joyous births of: **Kinsley Anna Nelson** daughter of Jacob and Christiana and granddaughter of Randy and Linda Baseler; and, **Wyatt Anthony Crawford** son of Paul and Jodi. For the 60th wedding anniversary of **Andy and Betty Anderson** (parents of Shelley Howe) and for **Andy's** 80th birthday! For **Tina's** successful surgery. (Karen Hansen)

We pray for our missionaries and global missions:

Henrik & Patty Christopherson; 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.

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.

Worship Assistants—March 2015

Sunday Service	Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Assistant Ministers	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild/Bread Bakers	Sound Engineer
Second Sunday in Lent	March 1	8:30 am	Mary Fricke 425-313-1582 Mary Fricke Robin Timmerman	Bill Suttmeier 425-392-1864 Don Robertson Bill Suttmeier	Shari Lundberg 425-392-4169 Bill Bergsma	Shari Lundberg 425-392-4169 Bill Bergsma Mary Fricke Jane Shen	Judi Case 425-445-2803 Robin Timmerman	Marilyn Larson 425-392-6594
Third Sunday in Lent	March 8	8:30 am	Don & Nancy Cumming	Mike & Sandy Nygaard	Karen Hansen	Les & Kate Gagnon Karen Hansen	Karen Hansen	
		11:00 am	Don & Jean Chaney	Don Chaney George Kuipers	<i>Open</i>	Lori Downey Mary Ann Hult Jane Shen	Jane Wuest	
Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 15	8:30 am	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson	<i>Open</i>	Kimberly Montague	Rita Hansen Kimberly Montague <i>1 CA needed</i>	Rita Hansen	Miranda Smith
		11:00 am	Bonnie Brice Diane Nelson	Mark & Tami Cron	Judi Case	Ralph & Judi Case Mary Fricke		Vince Smith
Fifth Sunday in Lent	March 22	8:30 am	Paul & Nilvane Swanson	Brad & Jacki Marx	Maury Clark	Les & Kate Gagnon <i>1 CA needed</i>		
		11:00 am	Jeannie Lindquist Selma Thompson	Jeff & Kathy Ziegler	Brook Buchanan	Peter & Jane Shen <i>1 CA needed</i>		
Passion/Palm Sunday	March 29	8:30 am	Jerry & Linda Nack	Bernard & Kirsten Olshausen	Joan Friel	Joan Friel Les Gagnon Stacy Smith		Miranda Smith
		11:00 am	Craig & Lisa Gillin	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	Muriel Brown Mary Ann Hult <i>1 CA needed</i>		Vince Smith
		11:00 am	Bill Hall LaRue Nelson	Bill Suttmeier	Kimberly Montague	Del Elliott Kimberly Montague <i>1 CA needed</i>		



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