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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 17 – September 6, 2015)
9:30 a.m.

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Religion and Politics

By: Pastor Dick Christensen

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Is there anything that grieves Jesus more than the un-holy matrimony between religion and politics? I doubt it.

It was a partnership between religion and politics that tried to stop Jesus' ministry with a cross. Religion and politics held hands while Jesus' followers were being fed to lions.

By the 4th Century of the Common Era there was a tectonic shift. Jesus' followers became "legal," and before you could spell the Edict of Tolerance, Jesus' followers began to accumulate the very political power that had tried to destroy them. Growing older, but not wiser, they unleashed their new found power.

You know about Charlemagne having people Baptized at the point of a sword. The crusades are not forgotten among our Muslim sisters and brothers. Martin Luther had blood on his hands after encouraging the German nobility to kill peasants who sought little more than a share of God's good things.

Tumultuous times in England led to burnings and beheadings. Things got so bad for a bunch of folks that they took the risk of an ocean voyage to settle in the "new" world. The hope was they could create a "city set on a hill." But, no sooner were the Thanksgiving dishes done than those good people discovered that the only way to survive was to insure that the first nations people did not survive. Compliant governments helped for centuries.

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Now we are in the midst of a new alliance between religion and government. A few of our Muslim sisters and brothers want to create a political reality that reflects religious law. Terror and violence are drugs of choice in the effort.

In the United States we are already engaged in the 2016 election process. Good people have very different ideas about an agenda for the nation. Nothing horrible about that. But, some folks are being quick to identify their notions about this people with the will of God. That is prelude to more of the same disasters that have touched the earth for far too long.

Jesus doesn't have a political party. Nor would Jesus ever be pleased to see his name associated with violence. That was not Jesus' way. And I don't think Jesus has changed Jesus' mind.

Remember the choices Jesus made. A surrender of all his prerogatives in favor of being a servant of God's children. Conscious decisions to keep his ministry from being co-opted by people who would have used him. A genuine willingness to touch the lives of those who hated him. And in the end a Word of forgiveness for those who partnered in Jesus' murder.

Servant. Integrity. Love. Reconciliation.

Write those words of Jesus' ministry and post them on the frig. Remind yourself daily of the need to reflect Jesus.

I need those reminders today. And am sure I will need them through the discontent of the political season. Pray for me. Pray for yourselves. Pray for all the disciples of Jesus that we keep our focus on Jesus and Jesus' way. That is the only hope which can counter any alliance of religion and politics.

God's peace.

♥ Caring
for the
Community



I can contact them.

TO: Brothers and Sisters in
Christ

FROM; Pastor Dick Christensen

If you haven't seen a sister or brother of the parish recently, please let me know. Provide me with his/her name so that



During this transition period, one of the items we will be doing is a new pictorial directory. This will be a valuable tool for our new pastor when he/she arrives. Picture dates have tentatively been scheduled for June 4th and 5th here at OSLC. A volunteer member of the congregation will be calling to schedule your appointment.

Congregational Business

Summer Sunday Morning Worship Schedule Begins May 17 @ 9:30 a.m.

We will begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, May 17 with one worship service at 9:30 a.m. through Sunday, September 6, 2015.

Church Council Budget Forum May 24, 2015 @ 10:45 a.m.

In preparation for the June 7 congregational meeting, members of the church council will host a congregational budget forums on Sunday, May 24. The forum will be held at 10:45 a.m. in the church library. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Congregational Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 7, 2015

On Sunday, June 7, 2015, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, the church council will host a congregational meeting at 11:00 a.m. The main item on the agenda will be the presentation of the 2015/2016 OSLC Mission and Ministry budget for congregational review and approval.



Treasurer's Update March 2015

We have completed 9 months of the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (91% of budget) \$344,557.36

We have spent YTD - (95% of budget) \$335,620.19

Deficit: \$ 8,937.17

Compared to what we budgeted:

We are under budgeted giving by \$ (32,625.14)

We are under budgeted spending by \$ (41,494.06)

Compared to last year's actual giving, our contributions are **\$17,456.09** **above** last year.

Respectfully,

Jeff Ziegler, Treasurer

oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com

During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan. Visit the church website (www.oslcissaquah.org) and locate the donate now link or complete a paper authorization form which is located on the table in the narthex.



THE TRANSITION TEAM TO DATE - APRIL 2015

REPORT TO OSLC COUNCIL AND CONGREGATION

The Transition Team has been meeting every week (except Easter week), and on longer, open-ended meetings to complete projects. In addition, we work together daily via multiple e-mails to develop and share information. What we have accomplished this month is as follows:

- The **Survey**: Most of our work these past weeks was focused on developing a survey, based on information needed for the MSP. We have also added some questions that are particularly pertinent to OSLC (such as a preference for 1 vs. 2 services, and others). This is designed as an on-line survey, but will be available in paper format as well. We've been through several revisions, going through each one line-by-line to refine both content and layout (within the constraints of the software). We have also obtained MSP-related surveys from other churches which were helpful. We are now close to finished.

After several discussions, we've concluded that two surveys will be needed: The first focuses on our OSLC community: how we see it now, and how we want to see it in the future. Once that information is analyzed, we can develop the second survey to focus on leadership characteristics – qualities we seek in a new Lead Pastor.

We hope to field the survey in mid-April, and then to hold a Congregational Forum in May at which we will discuss the survey results and provide an opportunity for additional comments and questions. The final results can be presented at the Congregational Meeting (June 7), along with an explanation of the second survey to follow (that which focuses on the Pastor)

- The **Holy History**: Lori has already started working on the Holy History bulletin board. With it is a Comments Box (built by Doug Downey) and also the electronic picture frame developed for the 50th anniversary. We realized we do not want to post original documents from OSLC files (the risk of loss is too great), so Lori will ask Janet about the possibility of scanning them before posting.
- The **Ministry Site Proposal (MSP)**: There was a need to clarify a few questions, and for help in forecasting the time involved after the Transition Team completes the MSP. Mark contacted the Bishop's office and received the clarifications. Timing after we submit the MSP is approximately 6 months – at least.

Note: The Bishop's office suggests we appoint a Call Committee sooner, not later. This is something for Council to consider.

- Communications to the Congregation: We will communicate in various ways:
 - *The Comments Box* where congregants can provide hand-written thoughts;
 - Publicize the e-mail (transitionteam@oslccissaquah.org) and encourage comments there;
 - *Meeting Summaries* every week on the Team bulletin board so people can be informed of our progress and weekly activities;

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- The *Report to Council* will be published in the Focus, bulletin board, and worship bulletins; and,
 - We will post a blank MSP questionnaire so congregants can see the document we are working to complete.
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- Demographics: Mark has continued gathering demographic data so we can see how input from various groups differ (families with small children, empty nesters, etc.).

That's it for now... still working!

Yours faithfully,
The Transition Team
Randy Baseler, Marilyn Carlson, Lori Downey,
Barbara Extract, Mark Mummy, Vince Smith
transitionteam@oslcissaquah.org

The Transition Team wants to hear your thoughts and comments on what you want to see happen at OSLC. Please place your suggestions in:

The Comments Box (Fellowship Hall) or send to
transitionteam@oslcissaquah.org.

Your input is critical to our future!



President's Update

By: Judi Case, Council President

Your council has been very busy these past months. While our main focus as a congregation has been on transitions, each member of council has been working with their teams, furthering our mission and vision through active ministries. You may have read of some of these recent activities: Lunch for the Break, Have a Cow (supported by both Global Missions and Christian Education), engaging the local community via our Outreach chair, where we advertise service schedules, book club meetings and other OSLC sponsored gatherings. Our youth ministry is in full swing, planning a trip in July to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit. We are certain this will bring new learning experiences to all involved. We are an active council, and I am proud and honored to lead them as we further explore what Christ has in store for us.

Each month both Executive Council and general Council meet to report, share and plan. As president, I have agendas for the year to set, ensuring consistency and delivery of our overall plans. Our meetings follow a set format. We open with devotions, and then spend time in a ministry sharing round table,

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where each council chair can share accomplishments, needs and future goals. During this round table, other chairs have the opportunity to commit to helping one another, easing burdens and creating an atmosphere of support for one another. We have been following this format for over a year now, and I am still impressed with how successful it is – in that we truly engage in each other's needs and ministries.

We also deal with new business needs of the congregation, requests for actions, and any member is able to write and present motions for council votes. We are charged to uphold our constitution, and take this work seriously. Each chair partners with staff and other members of the congregation, in order to hear all voices and needs. We encourage open dialogue with our members, so if you have a need or are just interested in what we are working on, please reach out to any of us. A list of members is included for your convenience.

Our upcoming congregational meeting on June 7th will be a time for us all to review council efforts, hear of new opportunities, and approve the new fiscal year budget. All council members are working hard on creating a realistic and sustainable budget for your review. We are examining actual expenses, planning for new needs, and examining giving trends. As always, we rely upon God's plan, and trust that our needs will be met.

You will read and hear about several forums in the next month of May, please make an effort to attend and give us your input, we rely upon your input to help us as we move through the year. I encourage you all to join a committee, offer short term assistance for an event, and to pray for both council and our transition team.

OSLC Council Roster—2015

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Christian Education – Vacant



Global Missions: God's Work. Our Hands.

Explore the Lutheran World of Mission

There are many stories about what Lutherans are doing in our world every day! Our congregation as a whole and as individuals has been involved in many ways. You might want to check out some of these websites:

The *Hand in Hand* quarterly newsletter has stories of how God is changing lives through gifts from ELCA congregations like ours. View an issue at www.ELCA.org/resources/globalchurch.

Lutheran World Relief — www.lwr.org

Lutheran Disaster Response — www.ldr.org

Global Health Ministries — www.ghm.org

Lutheran Peace Fellowship — www.lutheranpeace.org



ELCA Presiding Bishop Meets With Christian Leaders in China

L to R: Rev Rafael Malpica Padilla, Director of ELCA Global Missions; Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop of the ELCA; Rev. Peter Shen, OSLC Member and ELCA China Consultant. Picture taken in April 2015 in a remote village in Yunnan Province in the southwestern part of China as a new church, which is in the background of the picture, was dedicated.

In her first visit to China, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), noted the importance of cooperation in deepening the relationship with Christians in China, and the ELCA's methodology of "accompaniment is how we can relate."

In an April 1 meeting with the Rev. Gao Feng, president of the China Christian Council in Shanghai, Eaton said that "most American Christians and Lutherans would be surprised by the large Christian presence in China."

According to Feng, there have been 40,000 to 50,000 baptisms each year since 2012, with a total of more than 25 million Protestant believers. "The church faces many challenges with the rapid growth we are experiencing," he said. "The church needs to train more pastors and lay workers together with meeting social needs," he told Eaton.

Dr. Mellisa Lin, associate general secretary of the China Christian Council and director of the council's theological education department, told Eaton that "many young people are interested in serving as pastors, but the ability to receive all of them into our seminaries is limited. We also lack (teachers)." She said the council seeks to send student scholars to study in the United States, as well as to invite ELCA professors to teach at the council's Nanjing Union Theological Seminary.

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Eaton, along with a group of ELCA leaders, was in China, April 1-6, 2015. The ELCA delegation met with representatives of the Shanghai Christian Council and Elder Fu Xianwei, chair of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Church in China.

Xianwei thanked the ELCA for its immediate disaster response efforts after the 2008 earthquake struck Wenchuan (Sichuan), China. He noted the ELCA's cooperation with not just the church at the national level but also at the local level among ethnic minorities and local governments.

From Shanghai, the ELCA delegation traveled to China's Yunnan Province and met with various groups including the Yulong County Christian Council, the Yulong County Bible Training Center and the Lisu Cultural Association. The ELCA leaders attended Easter worship at Meile Anqi (Rock of Ages in the Lisu language) Church and participated in the dedication of this new church. The church is at the foot of a towering rock that faces the small village of Meile. Christians there are from the Lisu ethnic minority.

"In this place that was an empty place, you now see a church," said Eaton, who offered an Easter message. "When he was lifted up, Jesus said he would draw all people to himself. We depend on you to preach the gospel here. And we promise to you, the Lisu people, that we will preach the gospel back in America. And together we can fill the promise of Jesus, who told his disciples to go to all the world to tell about the new life we have in Jesus."

Accompanying Eaton was the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director for ELCA Global Mission; Philip Lok, ELCA regional representative; Peter Shen, ELCA China consultant; Dorcas Wang, ELCA global personnel serving with the Beijing International Christian Fellowship; and the Rev. Y. Franklin Ishida, director for Asia-Pacific ministries, ELCA Global Mission.

"This visit by Bishop Eaton represents the ongoing commitment by the ELCA to accompany the Protestant church in China, both at the national and local levels," said Ishida. "It has been a privilege for the ELCA to accompany the community in Meile in the construction of a church there. But it's more than a simple church building; it is to be truly a people-centered place as they gather for learning, sustaining their culture and community development."

"A key focus for the ELCA is in supporting local grassroots leadership development. With a lack of pastors in the region around Meile, the impact of local training, in part assisted by the ELCA, will greatly enhance the life of the church there," said Ishida.

"The joy expressed by the people and the genuineness of the fellowship is overwhelming," said Malpica Padilla. "Certainly we have received the abundant hospitality of the Lisu people. And that abundant hospitality needs no words because the bond of friendship transcends language. We humans find a way to express deep appreciation and love without the need for words. That is what we have experienced and received (here)."

Lunch for the Break

Supporting Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank and

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

Lunch Before the Break was a great success. Thanks to your generosity, and that of other families and organizations in the Issaquah area, 116 boxes of food were collected, each with enough food to feed a child for breakfast and lunch during Spring Break week. This meant that children from 32 Issaquah Valley and Clark Elementary families, who did not have access to the school hot lunch program during the break, were fed with abundance. OSLC, in addition to hosting the food in-gathering and distribution, provided 28 of the boxes. Financial donations for the program from OSLC members will be sent to the Issaquah Food Bank in support of the summer lunch program.

Because this pilot program was so successful, the Issaquah Food Bank intends to expand the program throughout the Issaquah School District next year, and will serve children of all ages. Thanks to all who participated from our congregation.

Safe Parking Program

In response to the significant increase in homelessness in our own community and the lack of available family shelter on the Eastside of Lake Washington, our congregation has been considering how OSLC can help families in need. While we have been approached several times to host Tent City IV, many of our congregational leaders do not think that this year of pastoral transition is the time to take on this significant responsibility. Bishop Unti, however, urged our congregation not to stop pursuing new missions and ministries while we are in the process of calling a new pastor, since such efforts demonstrate vitality and engagement of a congregation with the community and the world.

Our Social Concerns Committee has recommended piloting a Safe Parking program at OSLC. In its simplest form, Safe Parking is permitting families who are homeless and must sleep in their cars to use our parking lot overnight, rather than parking illegally in privately owned parking lots, city streets or parks. OSLC Safe Parking volunteers would screen parking guests and give them a permit to put in their windows. We would also provide a portable toilet for their use.

Members of the Social Concerns Committee have met with other congregations and religious and community organizations who are involved with Safe Parking programs and we have learned a great deal. Meetings have also been held with staff from several departments of the City of Issaquah and we are on track to receive their permission, once our Congregation submits a permit application. We will continue our efforts during the month of May to reach out to our neighbors.

At its meeting last week, the OSLC church council unanimously endorsed the following motion and will send it to the congregation for consideration at its June meeting: That a Safe Parking pilot program be instituted with the following provisions:

- The term of the pilot program will be six months.
- Six parking spots will be designated for families who must live in their cars while searching for employment and longer term housing.
- The spaces will be reserved only for families or single women. No single men would be accommodated.

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- OSLC will install and pay for one portable toilet for use by the Safe Parking guests.
- The hours that families will be allowed to park at the church in these designated spots will be 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- On Sunday mornings, the Safe Parking guests will be welcomed to worship with us; however, if they choose not to, they will be expected to move their cars.
- Each family will be registered by designated OSLC volunteers or staff and a Highway Patrol background check conducted.
- Each family will be required to sign a contract spelling out expectations and obligations.
- All cars using the Safe Parking spots will be operational.

Members of the congregation will have an opportunity to visit Social Concerns folks about the Safe Parking proposal after each of the services on Sunday, May 10th. We hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities. You can also call me directly to ask questions or share your concerns.

In His Name,

Connie Fletcher, 206-660-5022



May 17 – September 6:

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

(one service at 9:30 AM)

Confirmation Sunday & Teacher

Appreciation Sunday

May 24:

2015/2016 Budget Forum (10:45 AM)

May 31:

Music Festival Sunday (9:30 AM)

June 7:

High School Graduate Recognition Sunday

Congregational Meeting (11:00 AM)

Mid July – Late August:

Wednesday Midweek Community Campfires on
Lake Sammamish (6:30 PM)

Chiclayo, Peru Scholarship Fund Thank You!

Hi Mark,

The money (for April) arrived at the bank, no problems. Many thanks on behalf of the young ladies receiving the scholarships.

Priscilla has begun to study gastronomy. She wants to be a chef. I talked to her and she likes it.

Susi began her semester of accounting, and she has begun an internship related to her course of study.

Miriam is also studying this semester – she is studying business psychology. She is very motivated.

Thanks to you, and to OSLC, for these scholarships. May the Lord bless you all!

Your brother in Christ,
Hans

*Editor Note: There is more information about the
Peru Scholarship Fund @ OSLC on page 11.*



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!

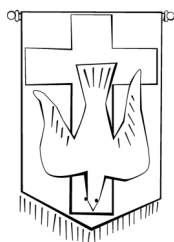
You can make donations to the Peru Scholarship Fund by following these instructions. Make checks payable to OSLC and put in the memo line “Peru Scholarship Fund.” You can place your donation in the offering plate or mail it to:

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



Christian Education & Small Group Ministries



Confirmation Sunday & Teacher Appreciation Sunday

May 17 @ 9:30 a.m.

Congratulations to this year's confirmation students who will affirm their baptism at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 17. We give thanks to God for **Paige Lucas, Cassidy Rimmer, Jordan Usselman and Thomas Zhu-Sordahl.**

Sunday, May 17th is also Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We give thanks to all of our Sunday school teachers and confirmation guide for their leadership of our young ones and youth this year: **Lisa Thomassen, Jennifer Tolo, Les and Kate Gagnon, Cheryl Hauser, Bill Cash, Jacki Marx, Paul Tolo and Glenna Usselman.**

The last day of Sunday School for the 2014/2015 year is Sunday, May 10th.

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.



Grades 6-12
Java Talk

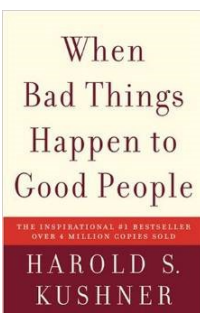
For students in grades six through twelve, we offer an on campus program geared towards conversation and relationship building. Each Sunday, students meet in the upstairs youth room for Java Talk, a program geared towards conversation and relationship building.

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.



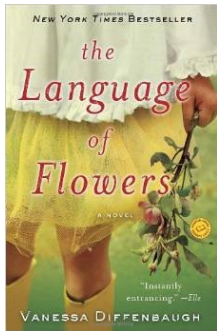
New Life Spirituality Group

When Bad Things Happen to Good People

If you are looking for fun people and animated conversation, join our New Life book discussion group. We meet a couple of Sunday evenings each month at 6:30 p.m. and we rotate homes. Right now we are reading and discussing the 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 Don and Carole Miller at Mr.don.miller@gmail.com or Cbowers22@yahoo.com.

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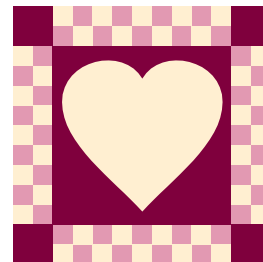
OSLC's Book Club

May 11th @ 7:30 p.m.
@ Barnes and Noble Bookstore

The book club will meet on Monday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble bookstore to discuss the book, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now eighteen and emancipated from the system with nowhere to go, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. And when she's forced to confront a painful secret from her past, she must decide whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness. 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.



Hope and Faith Circles are monthly women's Bible study groups that meet in participants homes. The study focus for both studies is from the Lutheran Magazine, *Gather*.

Hope Circle, Friday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, May 16, 2014 at the home of Randi Strom. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.

Faith Circle, Monday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.

Faith Circle will meet on Monday, May 18th at the home of Karen Hansen at 1:30 p.m. Faith Circle meets on the third Monday of each month, from September to May. If you'd like more information or would like to join Faith Circle, please contact Rita Hansen at (425) 392-2108 or ritahansen@brigadoon.net.

Worship Schedule

On May 3rd and 10th, Sunday morning worship services with Holy Communion begin at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Summer Sunday Morning Worship Schedule Begins May 17 with one worship service @ 9:30 a.m.

Sun., May 3—5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading: I John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Sun., May 10—6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Sun., May 17—Confirmation Sunday

Readings TBD

Sun., May 24—Day of Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sun., May 31—The Holy Trinity

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

5/2	David Carlson	5/19	Russell FitzGerald
	Ernie Hughes	5/20	Ralph Case
5/3	Karen Gerde	5/22	Carole Miller
5/4	Carina Nygaard	5/23	Joan Friel
	Karen Quinn		Lucille Hersey
5/5	Robin Timmerman	5/26	Brook Buchanan
5/6	Emily Waltzer	5/27	Alexander Ulland
5/7	Mark Cron	5/28	Alaina Irving
5/8	Marcy Wood		Jeff Hendrickson
5/9	Lisa Thomassen	5/29	Joanne Suttmeier
5/10	Muriel Brown	5/30	Brad Marx
5/13	Gene Elfstrom		
	Jo Hess		
5/14	Steve Moore		
5/15	Marshall Inman		
5/16	Pam Moore		
5/17	Ken Konigsmark		
	Scott Irving		
5/28	Amanda Schoen		
	Betty Evans		
	Joan Schlemlein		
	Mikey Inman		



5/10	Henrik & Patty Christopherson
5/15	Bill & Carol Bergsma
	Scott & Debbie Irving
5/18	James & Glenna Usselman
5/20	Bill & Shannon Small
5/21	Mike & Lisa DeVogel
5/27	Gerald & Lucille Hersey

May 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div>OSLC facility use printed in bold print.</div>				1 <i>Shepherd of the Valley</i>	2 <i>Confirmation Retreat @ OSLC</i>
3 8:30 AM Worship / Healing Prayer 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Transition Team Forum (Anderson Hall) 10:15 AM Sunday School Play 11:00 AM Worship / Healing Prayer	4 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall,	5 6:00 PM Executive Committee (Library) 7:00 PM Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)	6 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Confirmation Teaching Session	7 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	8	9
10 8:30 AM Worship / 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Safe Parking Program Update 11:00 AM Worship	11 9:30 AM Avant Designer's Guild (Anderson Hall) 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) 7:30 PM OSLC Book Club	12 5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	13 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Confirmation End of Year Celebration	14 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:30 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Randi Strom 12:00 PM June Newsletter Deadline <div>← Northwest Washington</div>	16 5:00 PM Confirmation Dinner @ Wild Fin and Rehearsal @ OSLC <div>Synod Assembly →</div>
17 Confirmation Sunday & Teacher Appreciation Sunday 9:30 AM Worship / Confirmation 11:15 AM Stewardship Calendar Meeting	18 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 1:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Karen Hansen 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall,	19 11:00 AM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 7:00 PM Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)	20 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	21 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	22	23
24  Pentecost Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM 2015/2016 Budget Forum (Library)	25 Memorial Day Holiday OSLC Office Closed 	26 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)	27 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	28 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	29	30 1:00 PM Melismatic Studio Recital (Anderson Hall)
31 Music Festival Sunday 9:30 AM Worship						

We remember in prayer...



We remember in prayer OSLC members:

Sandy Aldworth; Marilyn Carlson; Judi Case, Maury Clark; Gene Elfstrom; Sandy Fish; 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; Doug Patur; Eloise Peters; Glenn Smith; Kristina Steffan; Selma Thompson; Dave Walters; Gwynn Wilkinson; Shirley Witsoe

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

Helen Perrett (Dick and Sharon Shire); **Sarah Powers** (Robin Timmerman); **Alvida Hauser** (grandmother of Cheryl Hauser); **Ileen Erennan** (Jo Hess); **For the victims of the Nepal earthquake; Wally Slagle** (uncle of Lou Neeb); **Jacque Davis** (Alice Lewis); **Profe Jose Luis Campo** (Margot Inman); **Gonzalo Parés** (Margot Inman)

We pray for expectant mothers:

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); **Doralyn** (Cheryl Neeb)

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, Marilyn Carlson, Lori Downey, Barbara Extract, Mark Mummy, Vince Smith

We offer thanksgiving to God:

For the joyous births of: **Bryan Pomeroy** (great nephew of Shelley and Mark Howe); and **Lydia Garcia** (great niece of Shelley and Mark Howe)

For **Judy David's** successful back surgery. (sister of Shirley Witsoe)

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.

We offer blessings to: **Kevin, Elizabeth, Matthew, Katherine and William Brown** who transferred to Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia; **David and Georgeanne Park** who transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland, Washington; **Stacey Hesterly** who transferred to Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, Washington; and, **George and Marilyn Nicklesburg** who transferred to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington.

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.



May 2015 Worship Assistants

Sunday Service	Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Assisting Ministers	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild / Bread Bakers	Sound Engineers
5th Sunday of Easter	May 3	8:30 a.m.	Mary Fricke 425-313-1582 Don & Jean Chaney	Con Chaney Don Robertson	Mary Ann Hult	Mary Fricke Mary Ann Hult 2 CA's needed	Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher	Vince Smith
		11:00 a.m.	Don & Nancy Cumming	Mike & Sandy Nygaard	Joan Friel	Joan Friel Les & Kate Gagnon Rita Hansen Alice Lewis	Judi Case	Marilyn Larson
6th Sunday of Easter	May 10	8:30 a.m.	Mary Fricke Robin Timmerman	Craig Gillin George Kuipers	Sue Friddell	Lori Downey Sue Friddell Alice Lewis Jan Shen Leslie Waltzer	Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler	Open
		11:00 a.m.	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson	Jon Smith Bill Suttmeier	Karen Hansen	Les & Kate Gagnon Karen Hansen Shari Lundberg 1 CA needed	Karen Hansen	Miranda Smith
Confirmation Sunday	May 17 Summer Schedule Begins	9:30 a.m.	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson	Bernard & Kirsten Olshausen	Judi Case	Confirmants Ralph & Judi Case Mary Fricke	Robin Timmerman <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer	Miranda Smith
Day of Pentecost	May 24	9:30 a.m.	Jerry & Linda Nack	Jeff & Kathy Ziegler	Karen Hansen	Karen Hansen Rita Hansen Jan Shen Stacy Smith 1 CA needed	Karen Hansen <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	Marilyn Larson
The Holy Trinity	May 31	9:30 am	Bill Hall LaRue Nelson	Mark & Tami Cron	Maury Clark	Muriel Brown Mary Fricke Alice Lewis Jane Shen Leslie Waltzer	Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher	Miranda Smith



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