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we grow disciples for service and outreach.*

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**Regular Sunday Worship
Service: 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School, Confir-
mation and Adult Study:
9:00 a.m.**

(September-May)

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Advent @ OSLC

November 29—December 20, 2015

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming.' Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the sixth century. Advent is also a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. The color blue is used as the traditional sign of hope.

The Advent Wreath has four blue candles. The first candle is lit on the first Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit on each Sunday during the Advent season. From the worship folder cover to the devotional on the back page, there are opportunities for those gathered at OSLC to experience the coming of Christ this Advent season.

Thursday, December 24 / Christmas Eve Worship Services: 3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

There will be three Christmas Eve services on Wednesday December 24th. The 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service will be Lessons, Carols and an On-the-Spot Christmas Pageant. The 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services will be Lessons of the Word, Carols and Candlelight with Holy Communion. *Please note: This year OSLC will not offer a Christmas Day worship service on Friday, December 25.*

Sunday, December 27, 2015 Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

On the holiday weekend of Sunday, December 27, we worship together at 10:00 a.m. All Christian education classes will be in recess on Sunday, December 27th.

We resume our regular schedule with Sunday school at 9:00 a.m. on
Sunday, January 3, 2016.



The Birth of a Child

By Interim Pastor Richard 'Dick' Christensen

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

There is nothing more unsettling than the birth of a child. Some of you are experiencing that right now. Others of us managed that ministry years (decades) ago. The child is born amidst pain and joy. Grateful prayers are prayed for the safety of child and mother. New life makes for sweet thoughts about the miracle of it all. Grandparents make silly sounds - even if they are very sophisticated folk. Medical folks do their best to get the little one and parents in shape for the trip home and the beginning of the baby's life with family.

Then, life takes a new turn.

Schedules shift immediately. Sleeping through the night is seldom an option for the first months. Diapers have to be changed. (I always tried to arrange to change the wet ones - not the dirty ones.) Food has to be organized. Mother's milk. Formula from a bottle. Eventually this or that pureed vegetable.

All of this has to be accomplished when parents on the edge of exhaustion. Too little rest. Too many demands. Too much stress. Too much advice from people who are sure "this" is the only way babies should be raised.

The baby survives. So do parents.

And the next thing you know the baby has become a teen-ager who wants the keys to the family car. That is followed by tuition, a parade of "true loves," and the eventual moment when the baby starts out on her or his own.

It is all unsettling.

The birth of God's Child is all of that and more.

God is come among us. Taking on human form as a way of identifying with us and our human joys and sorrows. Wanting the care of our prayers and praise.

The Child doesn't stay tiny forever. Soon enough the Child began asking that people like us take on ministries that are close to us and very far away. Enabling us to learn whole new ways of organizing our lives. Speaking the Word of forgiveness when it all gets to be too much. Surrounding us with love and grace when we need it the most. Pointing us to a future where we will see the Child face to face.

Enjoy the disruption of it all. Be glad for God's generous treatment of us. Pay close attention as the Child shapes your life.

God's peace in this Advent time.



Advent Fair

Sunday, November 29, 2015

On November 29th, which is the first day of the Advent season, all members and visitors are invited to participate in an Advent Fair. Do you know of someone who you have been trying to get to attend or does your child have a friend that they are begging to have a Saturday sleepover that could extend into Sunday morning? Sunday school is not in session on November 29th, so instead you are invited to join us in Anderson Hall and create Advent preparation materials. Activities will include Advent Calendars, "Good Deed" Jars, Advent Logs, a hot chocolate buffet and an "Elfie Selfie" Station. Join us!



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13th
@ 9:00 a.m.

On Sunday, December 13th, the Sunday school classes will be telling and singing the Christmas story during the Sunday school hour. Parents are encouraged to help your child put together a costume! All parts needed, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, angels, animals. Get creative. If your child has a scripture passage to read, please help them practice it. There will be singing too, so parents please practice the songs they'll be singing. Contact Jennifer Tolo with questions, Jennifer@tolo.org.



White Elephant Gift Exchange and Cookie Decorating & Taproot's Theatre: *It's a Wonderful Improvised Life*

December 6th @ Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Youth Event: 2:00—4:00 p.m.; Refreshments @ 4:00 p.m.; Performance @ 4:30

On Sunday, December 6th, youth in grades 6-12 are invited to cookie decorating and a white elephant gift exchange. This year we will be gathering together for this fun event with youth from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (24850 S.E. Issaquah-Fall City Road). Bring a wrapped white elephant gift under \$10 (the funnier the better!) Sign up for this event on the sign-up sheet posted in the youth room.

Following the youth event, youth, their families and friends are invited to attend the production of *It's a Wonderful Improvised Life*, a Taproot Theatre Touring Company production beginning at 4:30 p.m. It's a familiar story we've all watched dozens of times, but Taproot Theatre's Improv Team presents it with new twists and turns in every performance. Using *It's a Wonderful Life* as a guide, creator Danny Walter has put together a play that four of Taproot's improvisers make unique by soliciting key story elements from audience members. Come enjoy an hour full of laughs as you experience *It's a Wonderful Improvised Life*. This is a free event, and suitable for all ages.



Wreath and Poinsettia Plant Pick-up

December 4th

If you ordered wreaths and/or poinsettias, you can pick them up in Anderson Hall beginning on Friday, December 4th.





CHURCH COUNCIL

President's Update:

By: Judi Case, Council President

Advent: the word means so many things to us. Derived from the Latin '*Adventus*', meaning '*coming*', this season offers a chance to reflect and to look forward. This month, many churches will be lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, waiting for the birth of the holy child. Here at Our Savior we await His arrival. We will light our own Advent candles and sing a song of joyous anticipation. Our waiting will be rewarded.

As we prepare for this season, I am grateful to live and worship in this congregation. We live together as citizens of God's Kingdom, working, praying and helping one another. This love and support shows itself over and over again. At our recent congregational meeting, we installed new council members, Synod representatives and a new nominating committee. There were prayerful considerations and offers of help. I am thankful for the outgoing leaders of our council, and appreciative that we have new members who are willing to serve as well as continuing church council members.

Prayers of thanksgiving for our outgoing council members, concluding their terms 12/31/15:

Connie Fletcher, Social Concerns
Mary Ann Hult, Financial Secretary
John Stamm, Global Missions
Jeff Ziegler, Treasurer

Prayers of welcome for our new members:

Dave Carlson, Worship, (1st term expires 12/17)
Bill Cash, Financial Secretary, (1st term expires 12/17)

Prayers for continuing council members:

Judi Case, President (2nd term expires 12/16)
Justin Ulland, Vice President (2nd term expires 12/16)
Glenna Usselman, Youth, (2nd term expires 12/16)
Sue Friddell, Secretary (1st term expires 12/16)
Kristina Steffen, Administration/Personnel, (1st term expires 12/16)
Jerry Thomas, Building and Grounds, (1st term expires 12/16)
Kristin McLeod, Outreach, (1st term expires 12/16)
Wendy Winslow, Stewardship (1st term expires 12/16)

It strikes me that in this Advent season, while we are waiting His coming, Our Savior is also waiting for another arrival. A new pastor will be received in the not too distant future. This pastor will bring gifts that we as a congregation will share in. We are preparing for this eventuality now, as we begin to pray and wait during Advent. The conclusion of our church year is also the beginning of a new year for all of us. As we focus our hearts on the birth of Christ, let us also come together in anticipation of new leadership. Pray for one another, and join together in the waiting. We will be rewarded.



Searching for a **New** Pastor



Call Committee Update:

Activities:

- Mock (practice) interview with local pastor, Rev. Mark Griffith
- Report to the congregation at the congregational meeting
- Received the first three candidate names and will begin interviews

As Manda Schoen, call committee chair, reported at the congregation meeting:

“You are welcome to ask any member of the call committee about our progress, but we can only discuss the process and cannot talk about any specific candidate. We will be interviewing at least two pastors that we ultimately will choose NOT to call and we need to maintain their confidentiality.”

Please pray for the call committee as they begin the 30-day process of the first round of interviews.

Call Committee Members include: Manda Schoen, Cheryl Hauser, Mark Cron, Ralph Case, Joan Friel, Chuck Bachman, Craig Gillin.

Treasurer's Update

October 2015

We have completed four months of the 2015/16 fiscal year.

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (70% of budget)..... \$115,184.44

We have spent YTD - (88% of budget)..... \$140,117.69

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We are under budgeted giving by..... (\$ 48,848.89)

We are under budgeted spending by..... (\$ 18,955.66)

Compared to last year's actual giving, our contributions are \$38,879.15 above last year.

Respectfully, Jeff Ziegler

OSLC Council Treasurer

Oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com



Congregational Meeting



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 15, 2015

At the November 15, 2015 Congregational Meeting, the following persons were elected to terms on council, as voting members to the 2016 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly and to the 2016 Nominating Committee:

Church Council Members (two year terms)

*Financial Secretary – Bill Cash (1st term expires 12/17)

Worship – Dave Carlson (1st term expires 12/17)

*Treasurer – Vacant

*Executive Committee Member

2016 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Voting Members

(Synod Assembly to be held at the Comcast Arena, Everett, WA, May 20-21, 2016)

Synod Assembly Voting Member, female – Carole Miller

Synod Assembly Voting Member, male – Maury Clark

2016 Nominating Committee

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

Members of the current Nominating Committee are Jane Shen and Jane Wuest.

Nominations from the floor: 2016 Nominating Committee

Kate Gagnon, Barbara Extract, Sandy Aldworth, Sandy Nygaard

Continuing Church Council Members are:

*President – Judi Case (2nd term expires 12/16)

*Vice President – Justin Ulland (2nd term expires 12/16)

Youth – Glenna Usselman (2nd term expires 12/16)

*Secretary – Sue Friddell (1st term expires 12/16)

Administration/Personnel – Kristina Steffen (1st term expires 12/16)

Building and Grounds – Jerry Thomas (1st term expires 12/16)

Outreach – Kristin McLeod (1st term expires 12/16)

Stewardship – Wendy Winslow (1st term expires 12/16)

We are thankful to God and to the following outgoing church council members who will conclude their terms of office on December 31, 2015: Connie Fletcher (Social Concerns), Mary Ann Hult (Financial Secretary), John Stamm (Global Mission), and Jeff Ziegler (Treasurer).



Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

*Please note Sunday School will be in recess on
December 27, 2015.*

Sunday School

9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

Infants, Toddlers & Their Families
(Class will not meet in December)

Again this year at OSLC, we have a Sunday School class for infants, toddlers, and their families. The class takes place the fourth Sunday of each month in the OSLC nursery. Parents, grandparents, or caregivers should attend the class with their little ones. Each month, this class will include songs, story, and play time and opportunities for the adults to get to know one another. Join us on January 31, 2015.

Preschool—Grade 5

Sunday School classes for children and youth from preschool through fifth grade meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00–9:45 a.m. in the downstairs Sunday school classrooms.

Grades 6—12

*Sunday School/Confirmation Study for
Middle and High School Youth*

Students in Grades 6–12 meet in youth room on the lower floor of the education wing on Sunday mornings from 9:00–9:45 a.m. They are watching and discussing the film series *Jesus of Nazareth*. It was produced for television decades ago. Arguably it is the finest film presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus that has been done. This Sunday morning opportunity is the Confirmation program for the Fall. All middle school students should attend.

New Life Spirituality Group December 6th

If you are looking for fun people and animated conversation, join our New Life book discussion group. We meet a couple of Sunday evenings and we rotate homes. The group will meet on Sunday, December 6th at the home of Barbara and Ray Extract at 6:30 p.m. They will discuss Chapter 3 of the book *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. If you'd like to more information or have questions, e-mail Don or Carole Miller at Mr.don.miller@gmail.com or Cbowers22@yahoo.com.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

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.



Monthly Women's Bible Studies:

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

Faith Circle

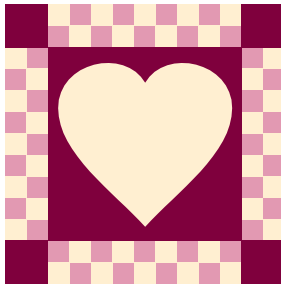
Monday, December 21st
1:30 p.m.

On Monday, December 21, 2015 Faith Circle will meet at the home of Audrey Ellingson. Faith Circle meets on the third Monday of each month, at 1:30 p.m., in different member's homes. 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, December 18th
11:00 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, December 18, 2015 at the home of Mary Fricke for their annual Christmas potluck. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.



Mission Quilters

Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall and assist us making quilts. The Mission Quilters make simple patchwork quilts that are donated to people in need. Contact the church office for more information. *Mission quilters will not meet on December 23 and 30, 2015.*

OSLC's Book Club

January 11th @ 7:30 p.m.
Issaquah's Barnes & Noble



The next gathering for the Book Club will be on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble Bookstore. They will discuss the book, *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. Brimming with all the insight, humor and generosity of spirit that are the hallmarks of Anne Tyler's work, *A Spool of Blue Thread* tells a poignant yet unsentimental story in praise of family in all of its emotional complexity.

The book club will also be selecting books they will read in 2016. Bring the names and descriptions of books you think the book club might enjoy reading.

For more information about the book club, contact Sandy Nygaard at sknygaard@comcast.net.



Congregational Committees and Information

Social Concerns Corner

Christmas Appeal:



Please let Janet Heck, our Parish Administrator, know if you or someone in our faith community needs a little help this Christmas or could use a day brightener. Our congregation will be gathering gift cards or small gifts for individuals or families within our faith community. Look for the giving tree in the narthex with ornaments. Gift cards should be returned to OSLC by Sunday, December 13th.

Holiday Gift Barn and Lunch Before the Break:

OSLC members will also have the opportunity to share their blessings with others in our community through two other efforts: **Holiday Gift Barn** and the **Lunch Before the Break**

Holiday Gift Barn: We can be a part of bringing joy to families this Christmas season through the giving and sharing of gifts for children birth to 18 years old from throughout our community. This Issaquah Food Bank program turns Pickering Barn into a giant toy and clothing store from which low income families can choose gifts that are just right for their children, each child getting the same number of gifts. OSLC members can bring their unwrapped gifts to church and leave them in the Food Bank boxes and we will deliver them for you, OR you can deliver the gifts yourself to Pickering Barn on December 7th and 8th from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. and share in the fun of seeing what a caring community can provide for our families in need. All gifts should be new, not used. Gifts for all ages, birth to 18 are needed, however, gifts for middle and high school students are especially welcomed.

If you would like to volunteer at the Holiday Gift Barn, you can register at <https://www.issaquahfoodbank.org/volunteer/>. If you would like to register to receive gifts for your children, register with Rebecca Rayner at the Issaquah Food Bank at 425-392-4123, ext. 11, or at Rebecca@issaquahfoodbank.org.

Lunch Before the Break: Did you know that some children in our community face the prospect of going hungry during school breaks when the hot lunch program is not available? Last spring, OSLC members provided boxes of food and helped distribute them from our church to the families of hungry children during Holy Week. The program was so successful, that our community will expand it this year to Christmas Break (First Winter Break), Second Winter Break and Spring Break. **Lunch Before the Break** will also be expanded to families in the Issaquah Valley, Clark, Apollo, Briarwood and Maple Hills Elementary School attendance areas, as well as Issaquah Middle School. (Maywood Middle School currently has its own food program).

OSLC's Anderson Hall will be a site for gathering in food on December 16th, and distribution on December 17th. Registration for both donors and recipients will be finalized soon. The shopping list for the food boxes is included in this newsletter (page 10).

May this Season of Giving bless you with full and happy hearts.



Food List for Lunch for the Break

*Supporting Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank and
Providing Healthy, Quality Food to Families of Issaquah Schools*

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 Wednesday, December 16th. If you have questions, contact Connie Fletcher at fletch501c@aol.com.

Types of Food	Amount	Size	Cost Est. (from Safeway.com)
Packaged/Canned Food			
Oatmeal or cereal	1	18 oz canister or box	\$4.39
Canned soup (Progresso, Chunky, etc.)	2	18.5-19 oz cans	\$2.20
Canned tuna/salmon/ chicken	2	12 oz can	\$7.00
Canned pasta	2	15 oz can	\$3.00
Canned black, pinto or refried beans	2	16 oz can	\$3.00
Peanut butter and jelly	1 each	16 oz jar of PB; 18 oz jar of jam/jelly	\$7.00
Cup of Noodles or in- stant 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
Whole wheat bread	1	1 loaf	\$2.99
Corn tortillas	1	16 oz package	\$1.99
Snacks			
Crackers	1	16 oz box	\$5.50
Fruit or applesauce 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
		Total price range	\$54 – \$59 per box

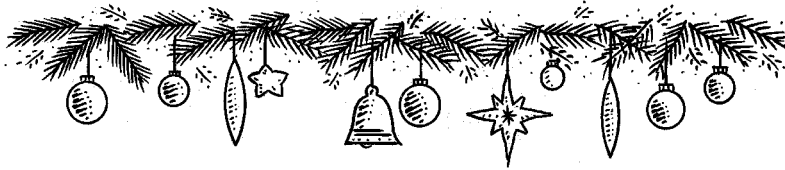
OSLC Library News

A warm Christmas greeting and an invitation from your OSLC library to come and enjoy the holiday decorations and many seasonal materials now on display. Whether you're looking for fun Christmas stories or lovely re-telling of the birth of Jesus for your little ones, for recipes and new ideas for family celebrations or heart-warming Christmas tales for yourself, be sure to look first in our own library.

And, too, just inside the library door is the "new book" section where the titles are always being up-dated with books recently added to our library. You may find one of these interesting:

- *The Bottom Billion*--why the poorest countries are failing and what can be done about it -- by Paul Collier (338.9 COL)
- *The Language of God*--a scientist presents evidence for belief - by Francis S. Collins (215 COL)
- *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith*--the eye-opening, hope-filled friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi and a Sheikh - by Pastor Don Makenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Sheikh Jamal Rohman (291 MAC)

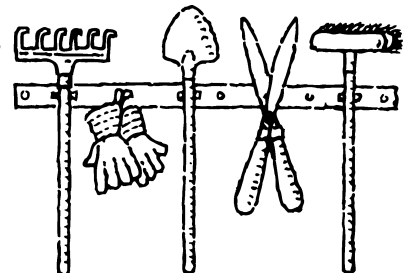
We hope our special selection of books and DVD's will help to enrich your Advent and Christmas seasons. Happy holidays and happy reading!



OSLC Tree Trimming and Decorating and Outdoor Work Party: Saturday, December 5th @ 10:00 a.m.

It's time to deck the OSLC halls! Join members of the Altar Guild on Saturday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. to set up trees, hang wreaths and enjoy a bit of Christmas warmth. As in the past years, we will be placing a tree in Anderson Hall. We are inviting families and children to come and decorate this tree! Sunday school students have been making decorations, and we invite you to bring one, or make one to place on this family tree.

If you'd rather spend some time outdoors, the building and grounds committee will also be having an outdoor work party on this date. Bring your gloves and rakes and help tidy up our gardens.



**Help Us Maintain the
Church Grounds**



12/1	Leslie Succo	12/14	Doug Patur	12/2	John & Jean Pass
12/2	Caleb Cash	12/16	Delaney Cash	12/9	Justin & Katy Ulland
12/3	Ben Taylor		Rollie Kiefel	12/12	Steve & Vicki LeFever
	Paige Lucas	12/17	Haley Ziegler	12/14	Randy & Linda Baseler
	Stan Patterson		Sam Piethe	12/27	Les & Kate Gagnon
12/4	Jennifer Gardner	12/18	Laura Halter		
12/5	Jessica Liepins		Marc Montague		
	Les Gagnon		Talton Johnson		
	Randi Strom	12/22	Davis Walters		
12/6	Lori Downey	12/23	Bev Geary		
12/10	Frankie Tate	12/24	Rita Hansen		
12/11	Kristina Steffen	12/25	Brian FitzGerald		
	Lucy Acker	12/28	Gary Kneepkens		
12/12	Stephanie Wright	12/30	Jack Gardner		
12/13	Joyce Craig		Sue Friddell		
	Judy Boruck	12/30	Kate Halter		

Worship Schedule

Sun., December 6—2nd Sunday of Advent

Reading: Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Sun., December 13—3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Sun., December 20—4th Sunday of Advent

Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

Sun., December 27—1st Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: I Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

**In December
Sunday morning
worship services with Holy
Communion begins at
10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School will meet on
December 6, 13 and 20 at
9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School will be in
recess on December 27.**

December 2014



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<p><i>6</i></p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School and Confirmation Class 10:00 AM Worship 6:30 PM New Life Spirituality Group @ the home of Ray and Barbara Extract</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station 6:00 PM Executive Committee (Narthex) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Bell Quartet Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p>
<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Program 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Grief Support Group (Adult Education Room) 11:30 AM Youth Committee (Narthex)</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 1:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)</p>	<p><i>15</i></p>  <p>11:00 AM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall) 12:00 PM January Focus Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:00 PM Nourishing Network Meeting (Anderson Hall)</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Lunch Before the Break Food Collection (Anderson Hall) 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Bell Quartet Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Lunch Before the Break Food Distribution (Anderson Hall) 7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Mary Fricke</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>
<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School and Confirmation Class 10:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>12:00 PM OA (Room 7) 1:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Audrey Ellingson</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Christmas Eve OSLC Office Closed</p> <p>3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM & 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>Christmas Day OSLC Office Closed</p> 	<p><i>26</i></p>
<p><i>27</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>12:00 PM OA (Room 7)</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Upstairs Education Room)</p>	<p><i>January 1, 2016</i></p> <p>New Year's Day OSLC Office Closed</p>	

We remember in prayer...



We remember in prayer OSLC members:

Sandy Aldworth; Marilyn Carlson; Judi Case; Maury Clark; Tami Cron; Gene Elfstrom; Barbara Extract; Sandy Fish; Emily Gacek; Steve Gacek; Les Gagnon; Bev Geary; John Hansen; Carol Harbolt; Ray Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Margot Inman; Duane Jacobson; Talton Johnson; Josee Jordan; Jeanne Kuipers; Florence Kinnune; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Jim Marshall; Carole Miller; Jerry Nack; John Pass; Doug Patur; Genevieve Schoen and family; Glenn Smith; Elaine Stamm; Randi Strom; Selma Thompson; Dave Walters; Gwynn Wilkinson; Shirley Witsoe

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

Mary Randall (mother of Jane Wuest); **Mondo Lopez** (Cheryl Neeb); **Travis Vorachek** (Jacki Marx); **Marilyn Berner** (Cheryl Neeb)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Heidi Acker (granddaughter of Lucy Acker); **Chelsea Wilson** (Janet Heck); **Nicole Koenig** (granddaughter of Sandy Aldworth); **Wendy Jackson** (granddaughter of Lucy Acker)

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

We pray for OSLC's Call Committee Members:

Manda Schoen, Chairperson, **Cheryl Hauser**, Secretary, **Chuck Bachman**, **Joan Friel**, **Craig Gillin**, Visual Communications, **Mark Cron**, **Ralph Case**.

We offer blessings to:

Bruce and Liz Mathias who transferred to Christ Lutheran Church, Ferndale, Washington.
Dick and Nancy Shire who transferred to First Lutheran Church of Kennewick, Kennewick, Washington.

We offer thanksgiving to God:

That **Jim Kellar** is now cancer free (Don Robertson); and,
That **Cheryl Nelson** is also cancer free. (Sandy Aldworth)

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.

December Worship Assistants

Sunday Service	Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Assisting Ministers	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild/Bread Bakers	Sound Engineer
2 Advent	Dec. 6	10:00 am	Mary Fricke Robin Timmerman		Joan Friel	Mary Fricke Joan Friel Kimberly Montague Leslie Waltzer Jane Wuest	Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	Vince Smith
3 Advent	Dec. 13	10:00 am	Don & Jean Chaney		Connie Fletcher	Connie Fletcher Alice Lewis Jane Shen <i>2 CA's needed</i>	Judi Case <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer	David Hersey
4 Advent	Dec. 20	10:00 am	Bonnie Brice Diane Nelson		Maury Clark	Muriel Brown Mary Fricke Mary Ann Hult Glenna Usselman Leslie Waltzer	Mary Fricke Rita Hansen <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher	David Hersey
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	3:00 pm	Don & Nancy Cumming		Sue Friddell	N/A	N/A	Miranda Smith
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	7:00 pm	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson		Kimberly Montague	Kimberly Montague Jane Shen Leslie Waltzer	Judi Case <i>Bread:</i> N/A	David Hersey
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	9:00 pm	<i>Open</i>		Judi Case	Ralph & Judi Case <i>1 CA needed</i>	Rita Hansen <i>Bread:</i> N/A	David Hersey
1 Christmas	Dec. 27	10:00 am	Jeannie Lindquist Selma Thompson		Bill Bergsma	Bill Bergsma Del Elliott Jane Shen Stacy Smith Leslie Waltzer	Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	Jeff Ziegler



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