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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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Sisters and Brothers:

By the time you read this I will be asking directions to Heathrow Airport for my flight back to Seattle. I will have been in London for nine days for what is something of a dream come true.

International travel is not a huge item on my resume. Pat and I traveled to southern Germany and Austria decades ago. It was delightful. My college German classes and a dictionary helped us. I understand that the English are tolerant of our American version of the language.

Going to places of prayer is on the agenda. Westminster Abbey. St. Paul's. St. Martin in the Fields. Canterbury Cathedral. I expect those to be rich venues where the faithful have gathered for centuries and still assemble.

The Tower of London and the British Military Museum are also on the list. Both will be good reminders that violence is too much with us. Maybe one day we will learn how to make better choices.

The British Museum and several art museums are also going to be visited. To see the best that humankind has produced in art. To be reminded that we are the latest "new kids on the block." To learn what can be learned from those who preceded us. To promise to be good stewards of our time so generations yet to come will know.

Shakespeare caught my attention in high school. The love affair continued in college. It isn't certain whether we will be able to see a play, but there is always hope. If no performance, just being in the neighborhood where that genius fashioned human stories into great drama will be wonderful.

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Pacific Standard Time Begins November 1, 2015

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before
going to bed on Saturday, October 31st.



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Parliament will be seen. Big Ben will be heard. The changing of the Guard will happen.

Fish and chips are supposed to be good. Thanks be to God there are Starbucks in London. I will not suffer from coffee withdrawal.

What I will do each day in London is: pray for you, for family, colleagues, and friends. Though we will be thousands of miles apart that work of prayer will keep us very close. Close to God. Close to one another.

When I get back, please keep me from boring you with pictures or details of the adventure. Remind me to get back to praying every day in Issaquah: for you, for family, for colleagues, and friends. I cherish being close to God and close to you.

God's peace,

Pastor Richard 'Dick' Christensen



Sunday, November 15th
Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.
Semi-Annual Congregational
Meeting @ 11:30 a.m.

On Sunday, November 15, following our 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will have our semi-annual congregational meeting at 11:30 a.m. The business at the congregational meeting will include the election of 2016 church council members, election of two voting members to the 2016 NW Washington Synod Assembly, an update on the Safe Parking Program and an update from the Call Committee.



OSLC Ministry Fair
Thank You

Thank you to all the committees who were present at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 25th. It was a grand fair that was well attended and a great culmination to our October Stewardship Month of *Giving From the Heart*.

Please remember to return your commitment cards to the stewardship box in the narthex, or mail them directly to the church attention Financial Secretary.

~OSLC Stewardship Committee

OSLC Council Vacancies

During the semi-annual congregational meeting, council will be presenting a ballot for five vacant council positions to be filled by candidates who will be elected to serve a two year term. These positions include Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Global Missions, Social Concerns and Christian Education. As we prepare to welcome a new pastor, filling these council positions is more important than ever. Please consider helping to create and shape the future of OSLC by sharing your gifts and serving on council. Contact Judi Case at judicase@outlook.com or 425-445-2803 if you have questions or are interested in serving.





Walk With ME:

An Invitation to Serve from Council President Judi Case

This is what the Lord says: Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 6:16

It is time once again for us to elect new council members. During our November 15th semi-annual congregational meeting, we will present a ballot for five new candidates to be elected to serve a two-year term. These positions are vital to our congregation's well-being and future success. I am inviting all of you to help create and shape this future. New paths are opening before us, and we need your help in navigating them. We are indeed at the crossroads as we prepare to welcome a new pastor. Walk with Jesus. Walk with your church family by sharing your gifts of service.

When I walked into this church over ten years ago, I found abundant gifts of service. Gifts of friendship, support and caring. I found a home. I love being part of this big family – we care about others, we share good times and challenging times. We reach out globally and locally, and help our extended family in Christ through many gestures, giving to others as Christ would have us do. My service on council has been a broadening and deepening of that experience of a church home. I have been impressed at the thoughtfulness and intentionality of our community recognizing, caring for, and making the best use of the gifts we've been entrusted with in this world. In my mind, serving on council includes both sharing our own time, talent, and treasure and, as the OSLC Mission Statement says:

Living God's love in Jesus Christ through word and sacraments, worship and prayer, learning and fellowship we grow disciples for service and outreach.

You or someone you know has the gift of service, and joining council is a great opportunity to share these gifts. So come and stand at the crossroads with us. Nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a gift giver through service. Our outgoing council members and others on the nominating committee are reaching out for your help. Each position needed has a full job description for review and prayerful consideration. Open council positions include: Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Global Missions, Social Concerns and Christian Education. Please let myself, a fellow council member or Pastor Christensen know of your willingness to participate on Council.

We thank these outgoing council members who will conclude their terms on council at the end of December 2015: Financial Secretary, Mary Ann Hult; Treasurer, Jeff Ziegler; Global Missions, John Stamm; Social Concerns, Connie Fletcher; Christian Education, Vacant Position.

Call Committee Update: Nomination for Call

The Bishop's office is beginning the search and screening process for OSLC pastoral candidates. If you would like to recommend a potential candidate, now is the time. Please contact the Northwest Washington Synod Bishop's office directly in writing at 5519 Phinney Avenue N., Seattle, WA 98103. A copy of the Nomination for Call form can be downloaded at: <http://www.lutheransnw.org/files/leadership/callNomination.pdf>. Copies of this form are also available on the Call Committee bulletin board in Anderson Hall. Members of the Call Committee include: Manda Schoen, Cheryl Hauser, Craig Gillin, Mark Cron, Joan Friel, Chuck Bachman, Ralph Case.



Congregation Business

Treasurer's Update

Sept. 2015

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

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (71% of budget) \$ 87,884.61

We have spent YTD - (94% of budget) \$112,733.00

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We are under budgeted giving by. (\$35,140.39)

We are under budgeted spending by. (6,572.53)

Compared to last year's actual giving, our contributions are **\$32,475.95 below** last year.

Respectfully, Jeff Ziegler, Treasurer, oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com



Got Stock?

OSLC welcomes donations of stock. Donating appreciated stock that has been held long term can be a beneficial tax planning tool. Good for you; good for OSLC. If you are considering a donation of stock, contact Mary Ann Hult, financial secretary at 425-677-7942, or oslc_financialsecretary@hotmail.com for more information.

OSLC Out of the Pew Opportunities!

Submitted by: Kristin McLeod

The season of Advent does not get much attention compared to Christmas just as many of our church activities do not get much attention compared to Sunday mornings. I think, however, there are a lot of good reasons to pay more attention to Advent as well as pay more attention to the events that are taking place that are not in the pews of the church.

Did you know that we have a group of quilters that meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m.? Or that once a month we have a chef come in to help congregation members prepare a complete dinner for those less fortunate in the community as part of the Issaquah Meals Program? Are you aware that Pastor Christensen meets weekly with an open group on Thursday mornings to dig deeper into the Gospel readings? Or that we have a Book Club that meets at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble to discuss a chosen novel? Are there things going on in the church or community that you could become involved in that will open you to more members on days other than during Sunday morning worship time?

On November 29th, which is the first day of the Advent season, the newly refurbished education wing will be open for members and visitors 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 go into the classrooms and create advent preparation materials. Activities will include Advent Calendars, "Good Deed" Jars, Advent Logs, a hot chocolate buffet and an "Elfie Selfie" Station. Please mark your calendar for the Advent Fair and take a look at all of the events Our Savior has to offer.



Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

Sunday School

9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

Infants, Toddlers & Their Families

Again this year at OSLC, we will have a Sunday School class for infants, toddlers, and their families. The class takes place the fourth Sunday of each month in the OSLC Nursery. Parents, grandparents, or caregivers should attend the class with their little ones. Each month, this class will include songs, story, and play time and opportunities for the adults to get to know one another. *This class will not meet in November due to the Thanksgiving weekend.*

Preschool—Grade 5

Sunday School classes for children and youth in Preschool through Grade 5, meet from 9:00—9:45 a.m. in the downstairs classrooms. Parents should complete the Sunday School Student Information Form available in the classrooms that help teacher and staff in keeping you informed and respond to any questions that you might have.

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.



Bible Presentation Sunday

November 8th

When individuals join the church through waters of baptism, the faith community makes a commitment to place the holy scriptures in their hands and pass on the faith in Jesus. At OSLC, we fulfill one piece of this promise by taking time to recognize our second graders and give them the gift of a Bible. All second grade children, and, older children who have not previously received a Bible, are welcome to take part. For more information, contact the church office at office@oslcissaquah.org.

Grief During the Holidays

December 13th

On Sunday, December 13, 2015 people who wish to gather to discuss grief issues during the holidays will meet. The time follows worship at 11:30 a.m. The meeting place is the adult education room just off Anderson Hall. All are welcome for this one time conversation.

A Study of the Qur'an

January 9, 2016

On Saturday, January 9, 2016, Pastor Ron Marshal will be at OSLC to lead a study of the Qur'an—the holy book of Islam. (Often spelled Koran.) The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a one hour break for lunch. Materials will be provided. The cost of the event is \$50.00 per person. Space is limited. To register, please contact the church office at office@oslcissaquah.org or 425-392-4169, ext. 100. If participants wish to purchase a copy of the Qur'an, please contact Pr. Christensen.



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, November 16th
1:30 p.m.

On Monday, November 16, 2015 Faith Circle will meet at the home of Maureen Lock. 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, November 20th
9:30 a.m.

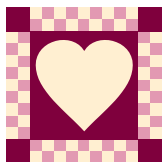
Hope Circle will meet Friday, November 20, 2015 at the home of Nancy Cumming. Hope Circle meets on the third Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.



OSLC's Book Club

November 9th @ 7:30 p.m.
Issaquah's Barnes & Noble

The next gathering for the Book Club will be on Monday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble Bookstore. The book club will discuss the book *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon. Scottish Highlands, 1945. Claire Randall, a former British combat nurse, is just back from the war and reunited with her husband on a second honeymoon when she walks through a standing stone in one of the ancient circles that dot the British Isles. Suddenly she is a Sassenach—an "outlander"—in a Scotland torn by war and raiding clans in the year of Our Lord . . . 1743. Questions, contact Marilyn Larson at marilyn.larson@gmail.com.



Mission Quilters

Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall and assist us making quilts. The Mission Quilters make simple patchwork quilts that are donated to people in need. Contact the church office for more information.



A Special Invitation...

After participating in this summer's refurbishing of the Education Wing, the library is settled again and ready for your arrival.

Come see our spiffy new look that frames the books, DVD's and restful space you remember. We're decked out with fall colors and Thanksgiving resources—come and see!

New Life Spirituality Group

November 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

The New Life Spirituality Group will meet on Sunday, November 15th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Les and Kate Gagnon. They will discuss chapter two of the book *the Road to Character* by David Brooks. The book is available from a variety of online vendors. If you'd like more information or have questions about this study group, email Don or Carole Miller at Mr.don.miller@gmail.com or Cbowers22@yahoo.com.



Social Concerns Committee

Submitted by Connie Fletcher

Safe Parking Program Update:

While OSLC has received several calls from women needing shelter, they have not chosen to use our Safe Parking option. This is despite the recent article in the Seattle Times which focused on the crowded conditions at the Safe Parking program at Lake Washington United Methodist Church. Their church staff talked with their guests and informed them of our program as an option, yet none chose to move to OSLC. Les Gagnon, our member who has been receiving the calls, thinks that, despite crowded conditions, access to Lake Washington's church restrooms and kitchen facilities may be the deciding factor for some.

What Next? The Eastside Winter Shelter for Women and Families, Sophia's Way, is now open. It will be located at Redmond United Methodist Church until January 1st, when it will move to St. Peter's United Methodist Church in Bellevue. In light of this, we, at OSLC, have decided to remove the portable restroom facility from our parking lot until such time as it is needed.

What Can You Do to Help? The Winter Shelter needs blankets, hygiene items, diapers and milk. You can also help provide meals for 30 guests. Email Andrea at andrea@hfkparish.org or call at 425-822-0295 ext. 110 during the week.

Christmas Giving to Those Less Fortunate:

Do you, or someone you know in our congregational family, need a little help or some cheering up this Christmas? Please call Parish Administrator, Janet Heck in the church office (425-392-4169, ext. 100) and share this information confidentially with her. Gift cards will be collected from members of our congregation to support this gift giving through the **Christmas Tree Ornament** drive. The Gift Cards will also be used to purchase stocking stuffers for the children at **Vine Maple** shelter, a local Christian organization that addresses the complex issues of family homelessness.

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.



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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 9) and will also be published in upcoming worship bulletins.

Issaquah Meals Program:

For twenty years, the Issaquah Meals Program has served this community, providing nightly meals Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. for individuals of all ages. Community groups comprised of volunteers from local faith communities, schools, families and friends rotate each night serving the meal at the Community Hall, located between the Police and Fire Stations in Issaquah. OSLC provides the meal on the second Tuesday of each month. Each night there are also volunteer leaders on site to oversee operations and support the volunteer groups. They are currently in need of additional groups/families/friends to prepare and serve a monthly meal. If you are interested in learning more, contact Griffin Cole, Meals Program coordinator at 425-679-0342.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life.

One Mentor: One Child: One Hour a Week

VOICE (Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education) is an in-school volunteer mentoring program helping students in ALL 24 Issaquah schools. **VOICE** is powered by caring community volunteers who donate one hour a week to mentor students in a one-to-one school setting. Volunteers may choose to work with students in support of social skills and goal setting or as academic tutors working on subject specific material. Regardless of how the mentor meets their mentee the results are always the same - **VOICE** Mentors help students find their own, more confident **VOICE**! Many high school students mentor at the elementary level and receive community service hours for their work.

You, too, can be that positive **VOICE** for a student. To learn more and get involved in your Issaquah community schools, please visit the **VOICE** website www.voicementorprogram.org, e-mail VOICE@Issaquah.wednet.edu or call the **VOICE** office at 425-837-6801. **VOICE** is funded by the Issaquah Schools Foundation in cooperation with the Issaquah School District.



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, pinot 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 |



A Chance Support Global Missions:

Sunday, November 15th

OSLC member Jim Marshall has collected an extensive collection of new Hotwheel and Matchbox cars and limited edition metal car and truck banks. While Jim can no longer attend worship at OSLC, he has requested that this collection benefit the ministry of OSLC. On Sunday, November 15th members of the Global Missions committee will have a table set up and sell these cars and banks. Proceeds will benefit the China ministry of Rev. Peter Shen with monies going to the Lisu Community Worship Points in China. These items make great stocking stuffers or small gifts for someone on your Christmas list. If you don't have anyone to buy for, you can purchase an item and place it in a collection basket for the children at Vine Maple Place, a local Christian organization that addresses the complex issues of family homelessness.

OSLC Members Tour Tanzania

Under the auspices of the Safi School Project (www.safischoolproject.org), Elaine and John Stamm lead a three week "Purposeful Travel" tour to Tanzania, East Africa. Included in the tour entourage were Connie Fletcher and Kate Gagnon from OSLC as well as six others from Marysville (Bethlehem Lutheran Church), Lacey (St. Mark Lutheran Church), Beulah, North Dakota and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

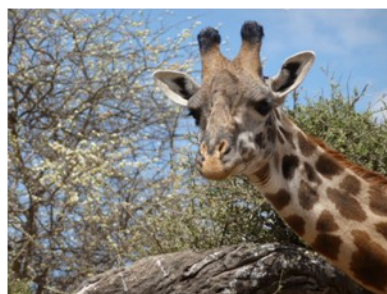


The tour focused on learning about educational and social service challenges and opportunities in and around Arusha, Tanzania. The group experienced a short-term "emersion" in the educational programs at Ngateu Lutheran Secondary School. While at Ngateu, members of OSLC had the opportunity to present \$1,000 to Fredy Mollel, coordinator of the school's post-secondary educational program. Additionally, 140 student notebooks were purchased and distributed to students.



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Woven into the tour itinerary were visits to an orphanage in Usa River, the MaaSAE GIRLS Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, the Plaster House operated by the Arusha Lutheran Hospital, an agricultural demonstration project as well as safaris to Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro National Park, Oldupui and the Serengeti.



Youth Committee Meeting: Sunday, November 8th @ 11:30 a.m.

On Sunday, November 8th beginning at 11:30 a.m. Glenna Usselman will lead a youth committee meeting in the narthex.. If you are interested in planning fun and exciting events for our middle and high school youth, come and join them.



OSLC youth Taylor Usselman and Jordan Usselman and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church youth James Radek along with adult guides Glenna Usselman and Pastor Deborah Boyce travelled to Detroit, Michigan in

July to attend the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Before going, the group gathered money to purchase diapers for the broader Detroit community. This diaper drive contributed to more than **one million** diapers that were collected. Thank you!

Attention all Middle School and High School Youth

On Sunday, December 6th, we will be gathering together for a fun event with youth from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Sign up for this event on the sign-up sheet posted in the youth room.

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE AND COOKIE DECORATING
WHERE: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (24850 S.E. Issaquah-Fall City Road)
TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

BRING: Wrapped white elephant gift under \$10 (the funnier the better!)

Following the youth event you 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. Invite friends, family and neighbors to join us at this free event! The production is suitable for all ages.

Questions? Contact Glenna Usselman.





Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Christmas Poinsettia and Wreath Sale From Squak Mt. Nursery

EVERGREEN WREATHS—\$17.00 each

POINSETTIAS—\$14.00 each

Orders due: Sunday, November 1st

Pick up orders at OSLC (exact date TBD)

Contact Glenna Usselman, 206-496-9695 or
by email at glennausselman@aol.com if you have questions.

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Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

| | Quantity | Total \$ |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Wreaths | _____ @ \$17.00 ea | _____ |
| Red Poinsettias | _____ @ \$14.00 ea | _____ |
| Pink Poinsettias | _____ @ \$14.00 ea | _____ |
| White Poinsettias | _____ @ \$14.00 ea | _____ |
| | TOTAL | _____ |

Please make checks payable to OSLC (and note Youth Mission Trip on memo line.) Place your order and payment in the box on the table in the narthex by Sunday, November 1st.





Garden Angels

Recently a group of OSLC members and friends gathered together to lend some gardening help to a fellow member. Do you know of someone in our midst that could use some gardening/landscaping help? Please contact Mark Cron, mwcron@comcast.net or the church office if you, or someone you know, could use some helping hands.



The Mystic Forest: The Song of the Storybird, *A book by OSLC Member Ashley Montague, a Senior at Liberty High School*

OSLC member Ashley Montague, wrote and self-published her first book in a fictional series, *The Mystic Forest: The Song of the Storybird*.

The book is a work of fantasy that revolves around a kingdom of birds. It follows the story of Princess Lenea and her conflict of choosing what to put first in her life: love or her kingdom. Ashley gets her inspiration to write from reading other works of fiction; her process of writing begins with getting ideas from reading, seeing how she could make these ideas better, and finally, incorporating them into her writing. If you want to read the book, there will soon be a copy in the OSLC Library. It is also available on Amazon.com or Ebook. Way to go Ashley!



Compassion House Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, November 7 @ 5:30 p.m.

Compassion House will hold its Annual Pie Auction, Silent Auction, Catered Dinner and Fundraiser on Saturday, November 7th at the Mystique Ranch here in Issaquah. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.00 each, or, if you'd like to register for a table of eight, the cost is \$280.00. Registration forms to attend are on the table in the narthex, or call Compassion House at 425-395-4357. OSLC has participated in this fundraiser for the past few years providing pies for the pie auction. Last year's highest bidding pies were OSLC made! Cheryl Hauser's Strawberry Rhubarb, Leslie Walter's Apple Walnut and Judi Case's Salted Caramel Apple. They have each been asked to provide their pies again this year along with one new pie each. Sounds like a yummy evening!





Birthdays This Month

| | | | | | |
|-------|------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 11/4 | Tyler Irving | 11/19 | Allison Irving | | |
| 11/6 | Bodil Isop | | Karen Hansen | | |
| | Darlene Tatley | 11/21 | Patty Gerde | | |
| | Kathy Ziegler | 11/23 | Debbie Irving | | |
| | Lyle Lewis | 11/24 | Connor Small | | |
| 11/7 | Jerry Thomas | | Gerrie Hendrickson | | |
| 11/8 | Mary Ann Hult | | Matt Saathoff | | |
| | Scott Leitch | 11/25 | Jeanne Fabricius | 11/14 | Marc & Kimberly Montague |
| 11/9 | Connie Downey | 11/26 | Cheryl Hauser | 11/21 | Mark & Shelley Howe |
| | Florence Kinnune | | Jacki Marx | | Paul & Joyce Craig |
| | Ron Mantei | 11/27 | Phillip Downey | 11/25 | Jim & Susan Hubly |
| 11/10 | Amy Ziegler | 11/29 | David Mummy | | |
| 11/12 | T.J. Baseler | | Kathy Guthmiller | | |
| 11/13 | Michael Inman | 11/30 | Don Robertson | | |
| | Tim Nygaard | | | | |
| 11/18 | Bob Brezing | | | | |
| | Dick Shire | | | | |



Worship Schedule

**Sunday morning worship
service with Holy
Communion begins at
10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School for all ages
(preschool through adult)
begins at 9:00 a.m. Sunday
school will be in recess on
November 29th, Thanksgiving
weekend.**

Sun., Nov. 1—All Saints Sunday

Psalm: 24
Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a
Gospel: John 11:32-44

Sun., Nov. 8—24th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm: I Kings 17:8-16
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Sun., Nov. 15—25th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:22-14, [15-18]19-25
Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Sun., Nov. 22—Christ the King Sunday

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10
Second Reading: Revelations 1:4b-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

Sun., Nov. 29—First Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:9-13
Gospel: Luke 21:25-36



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| 1 All Saints Sunday <i>Pacific Standard Time Begins</i> 9:00 AM Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Education Class 10:00 AM Worship | 2 12:00 PM OA (Room 7) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall) | 3 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 4 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) | 5 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Room 7) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library) | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Bible Presentation Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Education Class 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Youth Committee Meeting (Narthex) | 9 12:00 PM OA (Room 7) 1:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall) 7:30 PM OSLC Book Club @ Issaquah Barnes and Noble Bookstore | 10 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) | 11 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) | 12 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Room 7) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library) 7:00 PM Call Committee Meeting (Library) | 13 | 14 |
| 15 ^{Newsletter DEADLINE} Global Missions Fundraiser for Mission Ministry 9:00 AM Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Education Class 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting | 16 12:00 PM OA (Room 7) 1:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Maureen Lock 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall) | 17 11:00 AM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary) | 18 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) | 19 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Room 7) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library) | 20 9:30 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Nancy Cumming | 21 |
| 22 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Education Class 10:00 AM Worship | 23 12:00 PM OA (Room 7) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall) | 24 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall) | 25 | 26 Thanksgiving Holiday OSLC Office Closed  | 27 Thanksgiving Holiday OSLC Office Closed | 28 |
| 29 First Sunday of Advent Advent Fair (OSLC Education Wing) 10:00 AM Worship | 30 12:00 PM OA (Room 7) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall) | | | | | |
| | | | | |  | OSLC facility use printed in bold. Community facility use printed in italics. |

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; Joan Friel; Steve and Emily 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; Linda Nack; Jerry Nack; John Pass; Doug Patur; 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:

Esthernel McFarland (aunt of Lois Dounis); Fred Baugh (uncle of Lois Dounis); Eloise Peters; Ellen Gion (sister-in-law of Pr. Christensen); Ernie Mueller (Sandy Aldworth); Janet Donnelly (Sandy Aldworth)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Doralyn (Cheryl Neeb); 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:

Katie Yocom and children Sydney, Ethan and Anja who transferred to Mt. Si Lutheran Church, North Bend, Washington.

We offer thanksgiving to God:

That Brian Bachman is now cancer free! (nephew of Chuck Bachman and Wendy Winslow)
For the joyous birth of Maury Lewis son of Mary Lewis and grandson of Maury Clark.

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.

November Worship Assistants

| Sunday Service | Date | Time | Greeters | Ushers | Assisting Ministers | Communion Assistants | Altar Guild/ Bread Bakers | Sound Engineer |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| | | | Mary Fricke 425-313-1582 | Bill Sutmeyer 425-392-1864 | Shari Lundberg 425-392-4169 | Shari Lundberg 425-392-4169 | Judi Case 425-445-2803 | Marilyn Larson 425-392-6594 |
| All Saints Sunday | Nov. 1 | 10:00 am | Don & Nancy Cumming | | Joan Friel | Mary Fricke Joan Friel Les & Kate Gagnon Jane Shen | Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler | David Hersey |
| 22 Pentecost | Nov. 8 | 10:00 am | Jerry & Linda Nack | | Mary Ann Hult | Lori Downey Les & Kate Gagnon Mary Ann Hult Alice Lewis | Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest | Miranda Smith |
| 23 Pentecost | Nov. 15 | 10:00 am | Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson | | Maury Clark | Mary Fricke Mary Ann Hult Jane Shen Glenna Usselman 1 CA needed | Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer | Jeff Ziegler |
| Christ the King | Nov. 22 | 10:00 am | Paul & Nilvane Swanson | | Karen Hansen | Karen Hansen Alice Lewis Stacy Smith 2 CA-s needed | Karen Hansen <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher | David Hersey |
| 1 Advent | Nov. 29 | 10:00 am | Bill Hall LaRue Nelson | | Shari Lundberg | Muriel Brown Mary Fricke Karen Hansen Shari Lundberg Jane Shen | Robin Timmerman <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler | Vince Smith |



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