

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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**GROWING  
TO SERVE**

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

## Our Savior Lutheran Church

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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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## The Twelve Days of Christmas

*By Interim Pastor Richard 'Dick' Christensen*

Sisters and Brothers:

When I was in high school folk singing was all the rage. Folks like the "Kingston Trio," "Peter, Paul, and Mary," and the "Brothers Four" graced the airways and the record stores with their music. It was wonderful.

Burl Ives joined those others. He sang a song called, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." At first hearing it sounded marvelous. (After far too many renditions of the song I am no longer a fan.)

One of the things I did was to guess when to start counting those 12 days. Was it December 13? That seemed arbitrary, but even in my teen years I knew life is often that way.

It was much later that I discovered that Christmas was a season. It started on December 25 and went on for those "twelve days of Christmas."

You get "The Focus" on one of the days of Christmas. I hope you are keeping Christmas for the season. The Word of Christmas is too important to forget.

You are loved by a God who comes close. God makes a home with you. The days of the seasons of your life are accompanied by God. In the joyful times. In the hard times. In the ambiguous times. God is with you.

Enjoy God's presence. But, if you should lose track of God in all your comings and goings, do not be afraid. God will never lose track of you.

And if someone brings by a "partridge in a pear tree," suggest they donate it to an aviary. Do not re-gift the creature to me. God's peace in this Christmas season.



## Searching for a **New** Pastor



## Call Committee Update:

We have completed the first round of interviews and our goal to make a decision on whether we want to move forward with any of these candidates or receive a new set of candidates by the end of the year.

All of the candidates we receive come from the Bishop's office. The Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Kathryn Buffum has met with us several times to review what we are looking for in our new pastor. The work done by the Transition Team has been a key component of this. There is a selection and discernment process done by the Bishop's office to determine a set of candidates who are a potential match for us. For example, there has been strong feedback indicating we want someone who will make youth a priority, so they won't send us a candidate who has no interest in or history of working with youth.

The Synod guidelines require us to interview all of the candidates we receive within 30 days. We can receive up to five names at a time, but given the time constraints of interviewing all within 30 days, we felt three candidates was a reasonable number. Typically, the first round of interviews is done via Skype. If we choose to move forward with any candidates after a first interview, we have 45 days to complete second interviews and either issue a call or receive a new slate of candidates. If we release all of these candidates and receive more names from the Bishop's office, we CANNOT reconsider any of the first candidates.

The Call Committee is committed to finding the best person for our Lead Pastor. Please continue to pray for us and our candidates. Please feel free to contact any member of the Call Committee with questions on the process. Due to confidentiality concerns, we are not permitted to discuss any specific candidate.

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

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## Healing Prayer @ OSLC

Healing prayer is a ministry as ancient as the Church. It has always been important for those who are experiencing health difficulties.

The ministry of healing prayer is available on the first and third Sundays of each month at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Pastors Jane and Peter Shen will be at the altar rail during the distribution of Holy Communion. A space at the altar rail is designated for healing prayer. Let Pastors Jane or Peter know that you desire private prayer. They will provide that ministry to you.

Contact Pastor Christensen with questions or for more information about this new ministry at OSLC.





## President's Update:

By: Judi Case, Council President

*You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.*

~CS Lewis

With Carols and Hallelujahs still resonating in our hearts and minds, we now turn our thoughts to a new year. A year that will bring changes, beginnings and endings. A year that offers hope, and a bright future for Our Savior.

With new members on our council, we will focus on being prepared for all that comes our way. New goals, new ideas. Hopefully we all will include thoughts and actions for our church and congregation as we set these goals.

We need to dream a new dream, as CS Lewis dares us. What will our future bring? Only God knows, and as Pastor Christensen often says - 'He is not telling!' It is up to us to prayerfully consider how we can help our congregation and further our ministry and mission. Our new Endowment Fund is a new opportunity to help secure the future of OSLC and our mission. Council approved the continuing resolution which defines the operations of this fund. We are blessed to have a committee to oversee this fund, and look forward to watching it grow.

Opportunities abound for us to help our church - through giving and volunteerism. As we begin this New Year, I invite you all to seek out ways to share your time and talents with OSLC. Will it be focusing on youth programs, or serving during fellowship hour? Joining an existing ministry team, or forming a new one?

You decide, and set your goals for growing Our Savior and ensuring a robust and healthy future for us all.



### Sing in the New Year

The Chancel Choir welcomes new members in the New Year. Join us as we sing the music of Epiphany and Lent, and look ahead to the season of Easter. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the sanctuary, resuming January 6th. Questions? Contact Scott Hafso, ([bellevuer@gmail.com](mailto:bellevuer@gmail.com)).

### Help Take Down Christmas Decorations

*Saturday, January 9th*

On Saturday, January 9th, please join others and help put OSLC's Christmas decorations away. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. With many helping hands, it should not take long to wrap up! Contact Judi Case if you have any questions, [judicase@outlook.com](mailto:judicase@outlook.com).

## Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

### Sunday School

9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

#### Infants, Toddlers & Their Families

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, 2016.

#### 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 also the Confirmation program. All middle school students should attend.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Mornings @ 10:00 am



Interim Pastor Dick Christensen leads a Thursday morning Bible study. The study focus is on upcoming gospel readings that are used on Sunday mornings in worship. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in the library. *Class will not meet on Thursday, December 31st.*

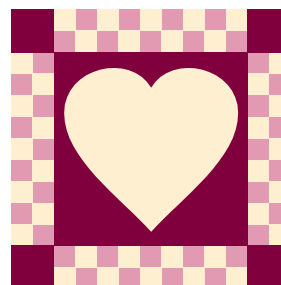
### New-Life Spirituality Group

Sunday, January 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

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, January 10th at the home of Don and Carole Miller at 6:30 p.m. They are reading and discussing 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](mailto:Mr.don.miller@gmail.com) or [Cbowers22@yahoo.com](mailto:Cbowers22@yahoo.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.





## 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*.

### Hope Circle

Friday, January 15th  
9:30 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, January 15, 2016 at the home of Kathy Guthmiller. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or [mtnlady@comcast.net](mailto:mtnlady@comcast.net).

### Faith Circle

Monday, January 18th  
1:30 p.m.

On Monday, January 18, 2016 Faith Circle will meet at the home of Evy Sneva. 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](mailto:ritahansen@brigadoon.net).

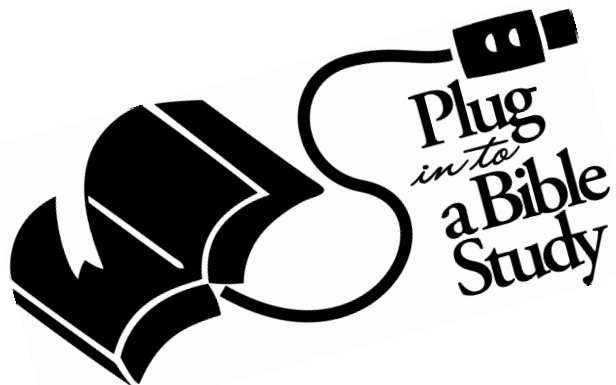


### OSLC's Book Club

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.

They will also be picking the 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, [sknygaard@comcast.net](mailto:sknygaard@comcast.net).



## Congregational Business

### Automate Your Regular Offering

Our Savior Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we have electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving provides convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Getting started is easy. Authorization forms and additional information are available on the table in the narthex and from the church office. Or, you can check it out by clicking the "Contribute to OSLC Now" button on the church's website, ([www.oslcissaquah.org](http://www.oslcissaquah.org)).

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### 2016 OSLC Offering Envelopes

2016 offering envelopes can be picked up from the table in the narthex. Please use these envelopes for your weekly offerings beginning January 1, 2016. As envelopes are ordered in bulk, all households have envelopes. Electronic givers and credit card givers can choose to use these envelopes for special giving or recycle them as they wish. If you don't have an offering envelope and would like one, please contact the church office at 425-392-4169, ext. 100 or by email at [office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.org).



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### Treasurer's Update

November 2015

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

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (75% of budget) \$154,157.46

We have spent YTD - (89% of budget) \$176,920.14

**Deficit** **(\$22,762.14)**

We are under budgeted giving by (\$50,884.21)

We are under budgeted spending by (\$21,921.02)

Compared to last year's actual giving, our contributions are \$40,345.91 below last year.

*Respectfully,*

*Jeff Ziegler, OSLC Treasurer*

[Oslc\\_treasurer@hotmail.com](mailto:Oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com)

### Financial Secretary Note

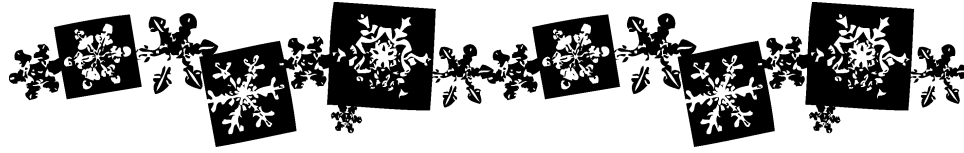
I've served as your Financial Secretary for the last four years and now my terms are over. I want to thank you all for your support and patience, especially in my early days. I especially want to thank Janet Heck for all her assistance and support these last four years. Bill Cash will be taking over January 1, 2016. Bill and I have been training together already and I feel very confident that he is going to do a great job.

By the end of January 2016, I will be sending out the financial statements for 2015, for your records and IRS documentation. I will be in California January 10 - February 19. If you find errors, have questions, don't receive or misplace your statement - please email me, [maryann.hult@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.hult@gmail.com). If you don't have email, please call me (cell) 831 345-9650. I will have my computer and can check for problems or email you another statement.

I have enjoyed working for you and I wish you all a very blessed New Year.

~Mary Ann Hult





## **Social Concerns Corner**

*Submitted by Connie Fletcher*

The Lord has blessed our community with kind, caring and generous people! Thanks to members of our OSLC congregation and people from throughout Issaquah.

### **Holiday Gift Barn & Lunch for the Break:**

Approximately 1,300 children were provided with Christmas gifts through the Holiday Gift Barn and 312 children received a box with enough food to provide them with breakfast and lunch for an entire week during the winter school break over the holidays. A special thanks to the many volunteers from our church who staffed one or both of these community efforts to provide for low income children in our midst.

### **Giving Tree:**

Thanks to all the members of OSLC who generously supported the Giving Tree at OSLC. With these cards we were able to assist members of our own congregation who are in need.

Thanks to all who gave generously and assisted with these efforts. Pastor Christensen believes that gifts to the poor come back three fold. I believe it!

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## **The More the Merrier!**

*Sign Up to Host Refreshments during the  
Congregation-Managed Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour (9:30—11:00 a.m.)*

Individuals, families, groups of friends, small organized groups or committees within the congregation are all encouraged to sign up to host the Sunday morning Fellowship Hour. There are three ways to help:

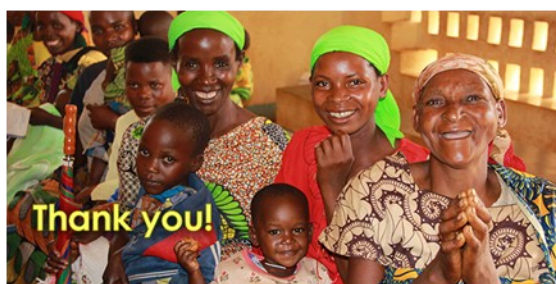
- 1) Make, serve and help clean up coffee.
- 2) Provide, serve and help clean up snacks.
- 3) Or, sign up for both coffee and snacks.

To streamline the hospitality, the Sunday morning Fellowship Hour is between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., with clean up afterward. Sabrina Wick, Nursery Attendant, will start the first pot of coffee. She will help the volunteers with final clean up after and will assist during the Fellowship Hour if she does not have any children in the nursery—her primary responsibility remains the nursery.

The sign-up sheet for hosting coffee and/or snacks is posted in Anderson Hall beside the pass through. If anyone makes coffee on a Sunday when we do not have a host, please clean up afterward.

We are printing the name of the person(s) who have volunteered to host the Fellowship Hour in the Sunday worship folder. If you attend the Fellowship Hour, please take the time to thank those who are hosting and consider hosting yourself!





## Global Mission Committee

### *Swatting Out Malaria*

Thanks for being part of the **ELCA Malaria Campaign** that has helped in the efforts noted below. The "Campaign" has raised \$15.1 million over the past five years, Future ELCA efforts will continue through ELCA World Hunger.

Now for the "big picture" good news on Malaria. On Sept. 17, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that malaria deaths have dropped by 60% since 2000. This translates into 6.2 million lives saved over the past fifteen years. Over that same time, the death rate among children under five, who have historically made up more than two-thirds of all malaria deaths, fell by 65%. The sizeable drop in the death rate among children means an estimated 5.9 million children's lives have been saved. Furthermore, since 2000, the rate of new malaria cases has dropped by 37%.

The report "Achieving the malaria MDG target" maintains that the United Nation's goal to "have halted and begun to reverse the incidence" of malaria by 2015 has been met "convincingly." Since being named as a goal, funding for malaria treatment and interventions has increased twentyfold, to \$2.7 billion per year. Along with providing support for other forms of intervention, the increased funding has been used to distribute insecticide treated mosquito nets. The use of treated nets is credited with preventing 68% of malaria cases since 2000.

Increased funding also has helped expand the work of malaria programs that have distributed more than 1 billion mosquito nets in sub-Saharan Africa in the past 15 years alone. Despite the large number of nets in the region, many of the countries with high incidence and malaria death rates are in sub-Saharan Africa. So far in 2015, these countries accounted for 80% of malaria cases and 78% of malaria deaths globally.

Though we have come a long way in the fight against malaria, there were approximately 214 million new cases and about 438,000 malaria deaths in 2014. Even today, approximately 3.2 billion people – close to half of the world's population – are still at risk of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease.

To read more about it go to [www.undispatch.com/the-world-historic-news-today-that-you-may-have-missed/](http://www.undispatch.com/the-world-historic-news-today-that-you-may-have-missed/) and [www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/malaria-mdg-target/en/](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/malaria-mdg-target/en/).



# A Special THANK YOU

Our Savior Lutheran Congregation and Leadership Team,

Thank you for your year-around support and especially for the support on the Mayor's Month of Concern Food Drive, the Holiday Gift Barn and the Lunch Before the Break programs. It is such a pleasure working in community with you to address our local poverty issues.

I cannot tell you enough that your donations and your time are meaningful! We could NOT do it without you. I hope you continue to participate and commit your time and resources to the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank. We need your support and participation year round. If you are interested in learning more about IFCB please e-mail me ([cori@issaquahfoodbank.org](mailto:cori@issaquahfoodbank.org)) or call (425-392-4123) and I will give you a tour of our facility.

Sincerely,  
Cori Walters, Executive Director  
Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank

## Thank You From the Office Staff,

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the Christmas bonus we received this year. It is our pleasure to serve this congregation behind the scenes in the many ways we do. Thanks again!

God's blessings to all of you in 2016.

In Peace and With Gratitude,

Janet Heck & Shari Lundberg

# Thank You

## Thank You!

Pastor Christensen & Janet,

Thank you for the lovely send off on Sunday, December 27th. I do appreciate all you've done for OSLC!

My phone and email will remain the same. My new address 1333 12th Street, Clarkston, WA 99403. God bless you both and thanks again for Sunday.

God's Peace,  
Marilyn Larson



Marilyn w/ OSLC member  
Doug Patur



1/1	Robin Vergillo	1/22	David Gretch
1/2	Karen Brezing		Wendy Winslow
1/3	Glenn Smith		Roy Yockey
	Morgan Wood	1/23	Breanna Wood
1/4	Patty Christopherson		Debbie Sladek
	Taylor Usselman	1/14	Jon Mogensen
1/5	Margot Inman		Donald Rentschler
1/7	Becky Brooks	1/25	David Hersey
1/8	Maria Kampf		Bill Cash
1/9	Dag Garrison	1/26	Jean Kampf
	Melina Hughes	1/28	LaRue Nelson
	Tina Collum	1/30	Paul Tolo
1/10	Paula Swanson	1/31	Beth Garrison
1/15	Jay Mogensen		Del Elliott
1/16	Jane Tierney		
	Lena Schaper		
1/17	Pauline Montague		
1/20	Rachel (Christopherson) Snell		
	John LaLanne		

## Special Birthdays:

OSLC member Glenn Smith will celebrate his 99th birthday on January 2, 2016. Birthday wishes can be sent to Glenn at 12120 S.E. 71st Place, Newcastle, Washington 98056. Also, OSLC member Roy Yockey will celebrate his 100th birthday on January 22, 2016. Wishes for Roy can be sent to 1750 Brookside Drive, Issaquah, Washington 98027.

## Worship Schedule

### Worship Services & Readings

Sun., January 3—Second Sunday after Christmas

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14  
 Gospel: John 1:10-18

Sun., January 10—Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7  
 Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17  
 Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sun., January 17—2nd Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 Gospel: John 1:1-11

Sun., January 24—3rd Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
 Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Sun., January 31—4th Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



1/1	Wayne & Bev Price
1/4	David Gretch & Lisa Thomassen
1/9	Justin & Katy Ulland
1/23	Howard & Raemarie Schmidt
1/29	Richard & Jo Hess

# January 2016

Happy New Year & Happy New Year & Happy New Year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day OSLC Office Closed	2
3 9:00 AM Sunday School and Confirmation Class 10:00 AM Worship	4 12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room)) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	5 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Jubilate Re- hearsal (Sanctuary)	6 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Jour- ney Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7 7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library) 7:00 PM Call Committee Meeting	8	9 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Read Through the Qur'an w/ Pastor Ron Marshall (Anderson Hall)
10 Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 AM Sunday School and Confirmation Class 10:00 AM Worship / Council Installation 11:30 AM Youth Commit- tee Meeting (Narthex) 6:30 PM New Life Spiritu- ality Group @ the home of Don & Carole Miller	11 9:30 AM Avant Designer's Guild (Anderson Hall) 12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 1:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall) 7:30 PM OSLC Book Club @ Barnes & Noble	12 5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station 6:00 PM Executive Committee (Narthex) 7:00 PM Council Meet- ing (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)	13 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Jour- ney Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	14 7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	15 9:30 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Kathy Guthmiller 12:00 PM January Focus Newsletter Deadline	16
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## **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:**

Shirley LaMunyon Clark (Pr. Christensen); Michael Festa (Craig and Lisa Gillin); Sarah (Scott Hafso); Tammy Mills (Lyle and Alice Lewis); Clyde Bachman (father of Chuck Bachman); Alan Stanley (brother of Alice Lewis); Vivian Benrick (aunt of Lyle Lewis); Karen Moore (Maury Clark); Kelly Luna (Janet Heck)

### **We pray for expectant mothers:**

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:**

Larry and Ann Thomas who transferred their membership to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Washington

### **We offer thanksgiving to God:**

For the joyous birth of William Aaron Hayes son of Katie and Braden (Pr. Christensen); and, for the joyous birth of Amos Miller Acker son of Nick and Heidi and great-grandson of Lucy Acker.

That Annie Schneider had a follow-up cancer screening and the scan was completely clear! (sister-in-law of Joan and Mike Friel)

### **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.*

# January 2016 Worship Assistants

Sunday Service	Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Assisting Ministers	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild/Bread Bakers	Sound Engineer
2nd Sunday after Christmas	January 3	10:00 a.m.	Mary Fricke 425-313-1582 Don & Nancy Cumming	Bill Suttmeier 425-392-1864	Mary Ann Hult 425-392-4169	Mary Fricke Karen Hansen Rowan Hinds Mary Ann Hult Jane Shen	Robin Timmerman <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer	Jon Smith 425-392-3499 Vince Smith
Baptism of Our Lord	January 10	10:00 a.m.	Jerry & Linda Nack		Joan Friel	Lori Downey Joan Friel Alice Lewis Glenna Usselman Leslie Waltzer	Robin Timmerman Karen Hansen <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher	David Hersey
2nd Sunday of Epiphany	January 17	10:00 a.m.	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson		Sue Friddell	Bill Bergsma Mary Fricke Kate Gagnon Sue Friddell Jane Shen	Judi Case <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler	Miranda Smith
3rd Sunday of Epiphany	January 24	10:00 a.m.	Paul & Nilvane Swanson		Karen Hansen	Karen Hansen Alice Lewis Stacy Smith Leslie Waltzer <b>1 CA needed</b>	Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	Vince Smith
4th Sunday of Epiphany	January 31	10:00 a.m.	Bill Hall LaRue Nelson		Judi Case	Ralph & Judi Case Muriel Brown Del Elliott Mary Fricke	Rita Hansen <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer	David Hersey



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