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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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Guilt. Guilt. Guilt. By Pastor Dick Christensen

Sisters and Brothers:

The south exit from the OSLC parking lot is a study in pot holes. Regular efforts are made to alleviate the problem, but they do not work for long. The Parish is not able to pave that area because OSLC is already at the max for no cost permitted square feet of impermeable surfaces. Adding more would involve more money than simply the project. There would be a monthly fee.

It would be wonderful if pot holes were confined to the parking lot. Tragically pot holes appear on other paths.

I received a letter from the King County Prosecutor's office. When I saw the return address I wondered what I had done wrong. Guilt made a home with me before I could open the mailing.

As it turned out I was not guilty of anything - at least in this instance. I had been the victim of identity theft two years ago. The fellow who took money from my bank account was arrested, tried, and convicted. The letter was to advise me that I could petition the court for a return of my money. (BECU had returned the money to my account the day I reported the loss, so the money is theirs and not mine.)

Guilt. Guilt. Guilt.

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Don't you love it? Or, at least don't you hang onto it whether it has any basis in reality? I certainly did for those few seconds after getting my mail. On other occasions I have kept it near my head and heart for much longer periods of time and with no easy relief.

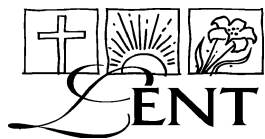
"Just say no." That strategy didn't work in the war on drugs. It doesn't work in the war on guilt either.

What works a little in my sane moments is to ask about circumstances surrounding the guilt. Am I at fault? Is there a way to make amends if I have been wrong? Have I done what is possible in that regard? (The answer to those automatic questions is seldom "yes" or "no." Most of the time life is more ambiguous than that.)

A second resource is to remind God that there are a ton of things I cannot manage by myself. Guilt is one of them. Asking God to "create in me a clean heart" is part of the prayers in the seasons of guilt. God has promised to "cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Unrighteousness in this instance is guilt that is not rooted in poor choices.

A third part of my strategy is to remember the first two parts. They enable honest appraisals and promote ultimate reliance on God. Both good things.

I am pleased that the person who cheated me has to be accountable for his behavior. As to guilt: I need to be accountable to my neighbor and to God in the hope that the neighbor will be kind. I know that God will. God's peace.



Ash Wednesday Worship

February 10th @ 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

On Ash Wednesday, we gather to receive ashes in the sign of a cross on our foreheads. This ritual and every part of our worship on this afternoon and evening draw us beyond our fears of death and failure in this life to the promise of new life in Christ. Here at the beginning of our Lenten season, we hear the invitation to be renewed and reshaped by God.

Mid-Week Lenten Meal and Worship

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Meal @ 5:30 PM & Holden Evening
Worship @ 7:00 PM**

February 17 – March 16

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, we gather at 7:00 p.m. for *Holden Evening Prayer* known for its simple beauty. On Sunday mornings throughout the five weeks of Lent, we will be engaging the theme: Where is Jesus Going?

Prior to mid-week Wednesday worship, join us for Lenten soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Through participation in our Wednesday evening times of meal and worship you are invited to discover Lenten practices to renew your spirit and simplify the soul. If you'd like to help with these meals, please contact Judi Case (judicase@outlook.com) or Pastor Christensen, 425-392-4169, ext. 106. All volunteers welcome!



President's Update:

By: Judi Case, Council President

OSLC Council is pleased to announce the naming of our new treasurer, Wendy Winslow. Wendy, as many of you know, has served tirelessly on council over the years. Her transitioning from Stewardship to Treasurer provides our congregation with expertise in finance, reporting and budget management. Her first official action was to begin the financial audit process, a task that is critical to our financial well-being. Look for more updates from Wendy in our weekly bulletin, and here in the FOCUS. Please join me in welcoming Wendy to this appointment. She serves a one-year term (the second year of her overall two-year council term) and will be eligible for election in November for a second term.

As we approach the contemplative season of Lent, I welcome each of you to prayerfully consider how you might give of time and talents to OSLC. Each of us experiences Jesus' long and lonely journey through this season in different ways. Following his path is difficult. However, we have the loving ability to share in this journey with others here at Our Savior. Offering companionship and support comes in many ways – perhaps it is through weekly prayers of thanksgiving for our Sunday school teachers. Or maybe it is the gift of presence – at a Youth committee meeting, prayer shawl knitting circle, hosting coffee hour or welcoming new visitors to OSLC. Soon we begin our weekly Lenten suppers together, and this is the perfect time to share in our journey and offer support to one another. No offering is ever insignificant, from a prayer to lending a physical hand, we are able to journey together through this season, experiencing the sorrows and then the joys of Resurrection.

Searching for a **New** Pastor



Call Committee Update:

The Call Committee had received three candidates from the Bishop's office in late November and performed initial interviews with all in December. All were excellent candidates and met the criteria set forth by the Transition Team. At the end of this first round of interviews, we elected to release two of them and bring the third back for a second interview in January. While this was an excellent candidate, we ultimately felt this was not the right candidate for OSLC at this time and released this candidate as well.

Currently we are waiting for another slate of candidates from the Bishop's office. We expect to receive names by the end of February and do another round of interviews in March. While we are waiting, we are examining our criteria and our interview questions to see if any revisions are necessary. We remain committed to finding the best candidate for our lead pastor position.

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

Christian Education & Small Group Ministries



Come to Sunday School

Sunday School will be in recess on
Sunday, February 14th.

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.

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. Pastor Christensen is leading a study of the Ten Commandments. This Sunday morning opportunity is also the Confirmation program. All middle school students should attend.

Grief Group

Feb. 14, 21, 28 and March 6 @ 11:30 am

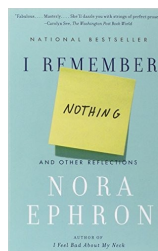
Pr. Christensen will lead a four-week Grief Group beginning on February 14th at 11:30 a.m. Grief is without boundaries. Age does not matter. The nature of the loss does not matter. The passing of time makes no difference. There are no experts on your grief, but there are ways to walk together with others on the paths that must be taken. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Pr. Christensen directly at 425-749-0848.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Mornings @
10:00 am



Interim Pastor 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.



OSLC's Book Club

Barnes and Noble Bookstore,
Issaquah

March 7th, 7:30 p.m.

Please join us at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble bookstore on Monday, March 7th. We will discuss the book *I Remember Nothing* by Nora Ephron. At 69, she's just two years older than Keith Richards, but to hear her tell it, Ephron's recall is far worse. Luckily some synapses are still firing. The follow-up to *I feel Bad About My Neck* includes chapters on her youth and career and daily hilarious musings on the trials of aging. If we have to grow old (and as they say, consider the alternative) there's no better guide. For more information about the book club, contact Sandy Nygaard at sknygaard@comcast.net.



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, February 15

1:30 p.m.

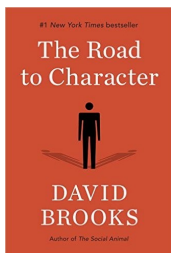
On February 15, 2016 Faith Circle will meet at the home of Karen Hansen. Faith Circle meets on the third Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m., in different member's homes. If you need more information or would like to join Faith Circle, please contact Gwynn Wilkinson at (425) 392-1893 or Gwynnlw@gmail.com.

Hope Circle

Friday, February 19

9:30 a.m.

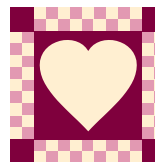
Hope Circle will meet Friday, February 19, 2016 at the home of Nancy Anderson. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.



New-Life Spirituality Group

Sunday, February 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

This month, the New-Life Spirituality Group will meet on February 7th at the home of Les and Kate Gagnon. They are reading and discussing the book *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. In preparation for the February 7th meeting, participants should read chapter seven. 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.



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

After taking a break the Prayer Shawl Ministry is ready to start up again. Over the years over 100 shawls from OSLC have been given to people who need a 'hug.' If you knit or crochet (or want to learn) please contact the church office at 425-392-4169, ext. 100. Yarn is provided. Experience helps, but a caring heart is more important.

Social Concerns Committee

Food for the Break Food Collection and Distribution

OSLC will be again hosting the **Lunch For the Break** food collection and distribution for Mid-Winter Break, on February 10th and 11th - which is coming right up!! Our congregation was very generous with both food and volunteer time during the Christmas break distribution. I'm really hoping we can count on you again - especially for the volunteer time!! Putting together bags of produce for 330 boxes, assisting donors and families, and helping to get the food out the door is a project and a half! We can use people of all ages and abilities for this effort, so please consider volunteering again. Also needed are empty boxes (wine box size and smaller.) Empty boxes can be placed in the back hallway leading to the library beginning the week before the food distribution. Contact Connie Fletcher if you have any questions, fletch501c@aol.com.

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. 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, February 10th.**

Types of Food	Amount	Size	Estimated Cost (from Safeway.com)
Packaged/Canned Food			
Oatmeal or cereal	1	18 oz. canister or box	\$4.39
Progresso or Chunky, canned soup (chicken noodle is popular with kids.)	2	18.5-19 oz. cans	\$5.20
Canned tuna/salmon/chicken	2	12 oz. can	\$7.00
Spaghetti O's (or similar 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 instant soup cups	6	2.25 oz. cups	\$1.99 for family pack
Box macaroni and cheese	2	5.5-6 oz. boxes	\$4.00
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			Approx \$50 per box



Youth Summer 2016 Mission Trip!

Shoshone Mountain Retreat in Idaho

July 17-23, 2016

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join Glenna Usselman, Youth Committee Chair, for a mission trip to Shoshone Mountain Retreat in Idaho, July 17-23, 2016. Space is limited at this camp, so if you are interested in going on the mission trip, you are encouraged to sign up early. Registration deadline is Sunday, February 7th. Please contact Glenna Usselman (glennausselman@aol.com) with any questions and to sign up.

Outreach Committee

~Submitted by Kirstin McLeod, Council Member

In the month of February we are flooded with associations of love in the form of chocolates, cards and roses. However, this month the Outreach Committee would like to challenge you to think about love in a different lens. In John 13:34, Jesus gives His disciples not a suggestion or a request, but a command "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." The word chosen by Jesus was a Greek word for love, *agapao*. In Greek this verb means to be present and active. In Corinthians 13, Paul uses a derivative of this verb, *agape*. Agape is a benevolent kind of love that meets needs not wants.

As humans we have a deep seeded need for community and the Lenten season provides us, as a congregation, with an opportunity to invite community members as we join and reflect upon Christ's acts of service. Wednesday evening during the season of Lent, Our Savior will continue with the tradition of soup suppers. The practice of "agapao" is not just for those we love affectionately, it is for the stranger you meet at the bus stop, the new visitor that enters the pew you are seated in and even the annoying neighbor across the street that refuses to take down their Christmas lights. It is for all that you have not yet formed a meaningful relationship with and perhaps never will if you do not reach out. Consider the ways that you can increase our faith community.

If you are interested in opportunities to reach out to both the congregational and local community members, mark your calendar to attend the Outreach Committee meeting on February 21st at 11:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Retreats—2017 & 2018

The dates for the 2017 and 2018 OSLC Women's Retreat have been set. Mark your calendars:

- March 3—5, 2017
- March 2—4, 2018

Hope to see you there!

~Joan Friel





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 during 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 will be 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 ministry at OSLC.

Treasurer's Update

Dec. 2015

We are 6 months through our 2015/2016 fiscal year.

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (78% of budget)	\$ 191,494.91
We have spent YTD - (85% of budget)	\$ 203,907.36
Deficit	\$ (12,412.45)

Compared to what we budgeted:

We are under budgeted giving by	\$ (54,555.09)
We are under budgeted spending by	\$ (34,701.62)

Compared to last year's actual giving:

Our contributions are \$52,761.08 below last year.

Respectfully,

Wendy Winslow, OSLC Church Council Treasurer



Risa Dala Scandinavian Dancing for Children and Families

The Risa Dala Scandinavian Children and Family Folk Dancers are delighted to invite members and friends of Our Savior Lutheran Church to join us February 6th from 10-11:30 am in the OSLC Fellowship Hall. Come learn lively dances from all over Scandinavia and international dances as well. No experience is required. We understand that many children (and adults) are shy and unsure about dancing with someone they do not know. We want dancing to be a fun and exciting experience for everyone. So, we encourage parents and siblings to partner with younger children to help them gain confidence. Children of all ages are welcome. We invite new members to join us whether they are shy, brave, never danced, danced a lot, Scandinavian or non-Scandinavian. Have two left feet? No problem! You will fit right in!

Risa Dala is made up of children, families and friends from the local community who come together to laugh, dance and have fun. During the year, we perform at many local festivals and celebrations. Along with dancing, we also perform skits and short plays and, during the holidays, we also perform the Musa Visa (Mouse Dance) and the Santa Lucia Festival of Lights. Members are encouraged (but not required) to perform with us. Come join us!

Our director, Obert Ronnestad, is the Sons of Norway Cascade Lodge Youth Director and has taught children's and adult folk dancing in the Issaquah-Seattle area for more than 40 years! Risa Dala is an Issaquah based, non-profit organization sponsored by the Barneleikarringen Cultural Foundation. Membership in Risa Dala is free and open to the community. Questions: Obert Ronnestad 425-392-5806, email: oronnestad@msn.com



**Thank you from the
Jensen Family,**

OSLC Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift. Also thank you for the bags of food. It means a lot to my family.

Sabrina Wick-Jensen and Family

Thank you OSLC Members!

Global Missions wants to thank everyone who supported the sale of Jim Marshall's donation of cars, banks and dolls as well as support of Achkiy sales for Peru. Money will be and has already been distributed the various missions. Your support is so greatly appreciated! Look for the next Achkiy sale at Easter!

Dianne Tanner, GM Team Member.

Thank You to Mission Quilters,

What marvelous ladies we have who meet every Wednesday in Anderson Hall to create quilts for others. The beautiful baby quilts donated for Vine Maple Place were so needed and appreciated. How special all the quilting ladies are to make some extra gorgeous quilts for little ones.

~Vine Maple Place

Thank you from Issaquah Schools Foundation

Thanks to you, over **850 students** were ready to start the first day of school with a new backpack and the tools they needed to succeed. In addition to the backpacks, students and families were able to access dental care, free haircuts and connect with other valuable community resources.

We are honored that you partnered with us in providing your **Tools 4 Schools** gift of **\$1,000.00**. We hope that you will join us as a partner again next year!

Most Sincerely
Kristin Behn, Board President
Issaquah Schools Foundation

Connie & OSLC,

You and the people at Our Savior have such generous hearts. You give so much to so many to ensure our families have food, school supplies, breakfast, a place to sleep. You exemplify faith in action!

Bless you,
Robin Callahan, Executive Director, ISF



Northwest Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

January 2016

Dear Friends,

I bring you greetings of abundant joy as we begin the New Year together. The great joy of serving the Office of Bishop is the opportunity that it has afforded Kim and me in visiting the congregations and ministries that make up the Northwest Washington Synod. Thank you for the ministry you do in making Jesus' love known.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton captures for me what it means to be the church at its best. "We are church at its best when we are church TOGETHER for the sake of the world." There is so much more that we can accomplish when we are church together.

More and more I am seeing congregations working together to accomplish mission. Joining hands to provide shelter, care for the creation, reach out to immigrant neighbors, gather for lay education, and share in confirmation and multiple forms of faith formation.

I also want to raise up the incredible work of our specialized ministries who are often closest to the greatest suffering in the community. We are church together.

We can also be proud of the outreach we accomplish together through the ELCA. Together we are caring for immigrants and refugees, eradicating malaria, addressing hunger, sending young people to serve globally, forming new deacons and pastors, responding to the worst disasters and providing growing access to the word and sacrament by forming ethnic specific congregations and specialized new starts.

Mission support is how we celebrate what it means to be the church together for the sake of the world. As you gather for your Annual Meeting please don't see benevolence as just another competing line item. Rather, celebrate that this is how we are church at its best for the sake of the world.

May you continue to experience the abundant blessings of God.

Kirby Unti, Bishop
Northwest Washington Synod

2/1 Cassidy Rimmer	2/15 Ernie Whatley
Juliana Kampf	2/16 Sandy Aldworth
Stephen Saunders	Scott Cron
2/2 Lindy Downey	2/17 Carol Johnson
2/4 Jerry Welch	2/22 Ashley Montague
2/5 Bruce Byrkett	Bev Price
2/7 Rowan Hinds	Susan Hubly
Susan Ferrarini	2/24 Randy Halter
2/8 Diane Nelson	2/26 Jennifer Papp
Nathan Gardner	Larry Fry
2/9 Carolyn Tierney	2/27 Jasper Fuhs
Jocelyn Tierney	Janet Heck
2/10 Bill Suttmeier	2/28 Sam Gillin
2/12 Don Miller	Myles Cash
Kali Skaare	
Lori Ann Morey	
Marilyn Carlson	
2/13 Anne Ellett	
2/14 Kate Gagnon	
2/12 Don Miller	
Kali Skaare	



2/12 Dag & Beth Garrison
 2/23 Michael & Margot Inman
 2/28 Talton & Carol Johnson

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

**Sunday School
 is held from 9:00—9:45 a.m.
 (Please note Sunday School
 will be in recess on
 February 14th.)**



Worship Schedule / Readings

Sun., February 7—Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
 Gospel: Luke 9:28-37

Sun., February 14—1st Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13
 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sun., February 21—2nd Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1
 Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Sun., February 28—3rd Sunday in Lent

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9
 Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-13
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room)</i> <i>7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)</i>	2 <i>7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)</i> 7:00 PM Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	3 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	4 <i>7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room)</i> <i>10:00 AM Al Anon (Upstairs Education Room)</i> 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Christensen (Library)	5	6 <i>9:45—11:45 AM Risa Dala Children and Family Scandinavian Folk Dance Group (Anderson Hall)</i>
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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; Cheryl Neeb; 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:

Kent Hakari (Cheryl Neeb); **Siegfried** (brother of Paul Isop); **Madison Casey** (Usselman Family); **Alec Bakamus** (husband of Dee Bakamus and brother-in-law of Dar Boni); **Krystina Slauson** (Dianne Tanner); **Knut Johansen** (Janet Heck); **Myrtle Ulrich** (Karen Hansen); **Shirley Thomas** (Sandy Aldworth); **Bill Batstone** (Sandy Aldworth); **Wally Hayes** (Ray Harbolt)

We pray for expectant mother: **Wendy Jackson** (granddaughter of Lucy Acker)

We promise to nurture: **Alexandra Cron** baptized on January 11, 2016. (wife of Mikey Cron.)

We pray for members and friends serving in the Military; Fire and Police Department personnel; Emergency Room personnel, and OSLC member Karen Gerde, serving as a pharmacist on the African Mercy Ship off the coast of Madagascar January – May, 2016.

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 thanksgiving to God:

For the joyous births of **Hadley Joy Wilson** daughter of Andrew and Chelsea (Janet Heck), and, **Gary James Koenig** son of Brian and Nicole and great-grandson of Sandy Aldworth.

For **Barbara Extract's** recovery from a head injury and brain hemorrhage following a fall on Christmas Eve.

For council members installed on January 17, 2016: **David Carlson**, *Worship*; **Judi Case**, *President*; **Bill Cash**, *Financial Secretary*; **Sue Friddell**, *Secretary*; **Kristina McLeod**, *Outreach*; **Kristina Steffen**, *Administration/Personnel*; **Jerry Thomas**, *Building and Grounds*; **Justin Ulland**, *Vice President*; **Glenna Usselman**, *Youth*; **Wendy Winslow**, *Treasurer*.

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.



February 2016 worship Assistants



Sunday Service	Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild/Bread Bakers	Sound Engineer
Transfiguration of Our Lord	February 7	10:00 a.m.	Shari Lundberg 425-392-4169	Mary Fricke Joan Friel Leslie Walzer 2 CA's needed	Mary Fricke Robin Timmerman	Bill Suttmeier 425-392-1864	Judi Case 425-445-2803	Jon Smith 425-392-3499
Ash Wednesday	February 10	7:00 p.m.	Sue Friddell	Sue Friddell	N/A		Judi Case <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler	Miranda Smith
1st Sunday in Lent	February 14	10:00 a.m.	Connie Fletcher	Connie Fletcher Jane Shen 3 CA's needed	Don & Jean Chaney		Karen Hansen <i>Bread:</i> N/A	Myles Cash
2nd Sunday in Lent	February 21	10:00 a.m.	Judi Case	Muriel Brown Ralph & Judi Case Mary Fricke Glenna Usselman	Bonnie Brice Diane Nelson		Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> N/A	
3rd Sunday in Lent	February 28	10:00 a.m.	Karen Hansen	Del Elliott Karen Hansen Stacy Smith 2 CA's needed	Jeannie Lindquist Selma Thompson		Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> N/A	Vince Smith



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