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we grow disciples for service and outreach.*

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

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

(September-May)

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## Advent @ OSLC

November 27—December 18, 2016

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

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

## Christmas Eve Worship Services 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm

There will be three Christmas Eve services on Saturday December 24th. The 4:30 p.m. service has been designed for families with young kids. The 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. are traditional services. We will light candles at all three services and Holy Communion will be offered at all three services. We hope you can join us.

## Christmas Day Worship Services 10:00 am at Shepherd of the Hills

On the holiday weekend of Sunday, December 25, we will worship with Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (SHLC) at their church. This joint worship opportunity will allow us to spend time with an amazing ministry partner. Thank you SHLC for inviting us! On January 1, 2017, we will host SHLC at Our Savior for another joint worship service.



# An Amazing Mystery!

By Rev. Wesley Telyea, Lead Pastor

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

One of my favorite memories growing up was the Christmas Eve service at my home congregation. There is something special about people coming together at a non-traditional worship time, lighting candles in the dark, and singing *Silent Night, Holy Night*. To this day it remains a service near and dear to my heart.

As an adult the service has taken on a new meaning. No longer am I waiting on bated breath for Santa to come the next day. No, rather today I marvel at how God chose to become human for me!

Isn't that an amazing mystery? For you God became flesh. For you God chose to dwell among us. For you God has revealed himself! It's an amazing gift and I hope to understand it more fully someday. For now, I am just grateful to sit in its mystery.

I want to invite you too, to sit in this mystery. This month we have a few special services designed to help you enter into this special time. It all begins **December 18<sup>th</sup> when the children in our parish will tell us the Christmas story.** This will take place during the regular 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship. You don't want to miss it.

Then **December 24<sup>th</sup> we will offer three worship services: 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** The 4:30 p.m. service has been designed for families with young kids. The 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. are traditional services. We will light candles at all three services and Holy Communion will be offered at all three services. I hope you can join us.

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Christmas is a busy time of year, and as you can see that is especially true here at OSLC. The staff here has tried to make this season meaningful our community as we seek to fearlessly follow Jesus. I hope you find these special services meaningful.

In Christ,  
Pastor Wes





## President's Update:

*Gifts From the Ocean*

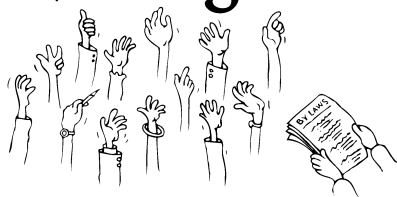
*By: Judi Case, Council President*

Ralph and I recently enjoyed a spur of the moment get away to the ocean. Suffering from election overload, fear, uncertainty and facing a big change in my church life, we retreated to the one place that gives certain comfort. Spending time listening to the roar of wind and waves was just what we needed. We prayed for peace, acceptance and understanding. God's beauty, like the ocean, is unending. Wave upon wave crash on the beach, bringing deposits of life – shells full of food for the birds, plants and fish. Of course, there are lots of other less desirable contributions. One can spend a day wondering how these objects came to be washed up on our shores. But looking down at the sand for too long keeps one away from watching the ceaseless motion of beauty that is the ocean. The ever-present tides, the way each wave swells, crests and breaks are to me the most calming and inspiring gifts. The weekend brought me to a place of peace and acceptance. Change is a part of life, sure and relentless as the waves of the ocean. As I face change and new opportunities to serve God, I am comforted by His love and strength.

As I fulfill my term as President, I am both pleased and a bit nostalgic. Pleased that the council I led acted in a compassionate and thoughtful way to take care of the business of this church. Nostalgic as I review how together we made decisions, created new policy and enacted change that made Our Savior a solid and welcoming place to call home. We spent hours preparing for and attending monthly meetings. We chaired activities and participated in ministry. We listened to and represented the needs and ideas of this congregation. Together we oversaw the creation of new ministries such as Safe Parking and support of Passage Point. We grew through a time of loss and transition. Through all of this, Council gave of their time and talents and prayers so that all of us here could grow together and fearlessly follow Christ in His word and through our actions. In the months to come you will all learn more about the work that Council has done to develop a thoughtful and prayerful vision and mission to ensure that we follow Christ as his fearless disciples. We have established values and metrics. We will measure our collective success in meaningful ways. Through deliberate actions we all will become a missional church. A church that welcomes and nurtures and grows in Christ. To do this is no small feat. And it will take all of us to work together to learn how we can become an active part of this vision. We will be stretched in new ways and inconvenienced in others.

This new direction for Our Savior is as unceasing as the ocean. The waves of change are swelling and will crest upon us. We need to lift our eyes from what was left in the sand and look to the strength and gifts that He provides, sure and unending as the ocean He created.

# Congregational Meeting



## Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 20, 2016

At the November Congregational Meeting, the following were elected to terms on council, as voting members to the 2017 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, and the 2017 Nominating Committee:

### *Church Council Members (two year terms)*

- \*President – Amanda Schoen (1st term expires 12/18)
- \*Vice-President – Jonathan Smith (1st term expires 12/18)
- \*Treasurer – Wendy Winslow (2nd term expires 12/18)
- Building & Grounds – Mark Cron (1st term expires 12/18)
- Personnel – Barbara Carole Extract (1st term expires 12/18)
- Outreach – Vacant
- Youth Activities – Vacant
- Stewardship – Vacant

### *2017 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Voting Members*

*(Synod Assembly meets at Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon, May 20, 2017)*

- Synod Assembly Voting Member, female – Cheryl Neeb
- Synod Assembly Voting Member, male – Bill Bergsma

### *2017 Nominating Committee*

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

Members of the current Nominating Committee are Sandy Aldworth and Sandy Nygaard.

### *Nominations from the floor: 2017 Nominating Committee*

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### *Continuing Church Council Members are:*

- \*Secretary – Sue Friddell (2nd term expires 12/18))
- \*Financial Secretary – Bill Cash (1st term expires 12/17)
- Worship – David Carlson (1st term expires 12/17)

*We are thankful to God and to the following outgoing church council members who will conclude their terms of office on December 31, 2016: Judi Case (President), Kristin McLeod (Outreach), Kristina Steffen (Administration/Personnel), Justin Ulland (Vice President), Glenna Usselman (Youth)*

\* Indicates Executive Committee Member



# Treasurer's Update

October 2016

We have completed four months of the 2016/17 fiscal year.

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD – (89% of budget) . . . . . \$122,937.30

We have spent YTD – (97% of budget) . . . . . \$133,025.06

Deficit. . . . . (\$ 10,087.76)

We are under budgeted giving by. . . . . (\$ 14,762.70)

We are under budgeted spending by. . . . . (\$ 4,348.85)

Compared to last year's actual giving, our contributions are \$31,126.29 below last year.

*Respectfully, Wendy Winslow*

OSLC Council Treasurer, [Oslc\\_treasurer@hotmail.com](mailto:Oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com)



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## RMDs / IRA = OSLC

Are you over 70 1/2 and taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your Individual Retirement accounts? If so, you may get a tax break by donating to OSLC directly from your IRA account. A direct donation will count toward your RMD (up to \$100,000), and will not be added into taxable income on your tax return. This is great news for those who don't itemize deductions since it essentially allows a deduction for your charitable contribution. Even if you itemize, there can still be many tax benefits, including lower tax on social security income, avoiding Medicare surcharges, and a lower overall tax rate. A tax professional can explain the advantages in your particular situation.

The OSLC general fund and the OSLC Mission Endowment Fund can both accept direct donations from IRA accounts. Your IRA administrator will need to initiate the donation. At OSLC, you can contact Wendy Winslow for information on donations to the general fund or Sandy

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## Got Stock?

The OSLC general fund and mission endowment fund accept donations of stock. Donating appreciated stock that has been held long term can be a beneficial tax planning tool. Good for you; good for the ministries of OSLC. If you are considering a donation of stock, contact Bill Cash, Financial Secretary, at 253-350-9922, or [oslc\\_financialsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:oslc_financialsecretary@hotmail.com) for more information.

*Thank You, God!*



# Christian Education & Small Group Ministries



## Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th  
@ 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, December 18th, the Sunday school classes will be telling and singing the Christmas story during our regular worship service. If your child has a scripture passage to read, please help them practice it. There will be singing too, so parents please practice the songs they'll be singing. Contact Jennifer Tolo with questions, [Jennifer@tolo.org](mailto:Jennifer@tolo.org).

*Please note Sunday School will be in recess on  
December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017.*

## Preschool—Grade 6

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.

## Sunday Morning Education Class

*Middle and High School Youth and Adult Education Class*

*Class Title: Jesus in the Old Testament Meets December 4, 11 and 18th*

Description: Have you ever wondered why people in the first century expected a Messiah to come? Or where Jesus was in the Old Testament? Join Pastor Telyea as he explores famous Old Testament prophecies of Jesus on Sunday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall.

## Visitation Ministry

Are you looking for a new ministry to serve in? Might you be interested in bringing Holy Communion and visiting with those who are homebound or sick? If this sounds like a ministry you are interested in contact Pastor Telyea ([wes@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:wes@oslcissaquah.org)). A training for those interested is going to be scheduled at a date TBD.



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Telyea leads a weekly Tuesday morning Bible study at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Join him as he mines Scripture to hear how God is talking to us today. The current study focus is Paul's Letter to the Romans. Bring your favorite Bible and a pen to take notes. Class will not meet on December 27th.



## Moms With Young Kids

Saturday, December 10th  
@ Issaquah Coffee Company

Moms With Young Kids meets at the Issaquah Coffee Company in Gilman Village on Saturday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m. This is an informal gathering to get to know other moms in the congregation. Kids are welcome! Questions? Contact Manda Schoen at [manda.schoen@gmail.com](mailto:manda.schoen@gmail.com).

## New Life Spirituality Group

If you are looking for fun people and animated conversation, join our New Life book discussion group. We meet 1-2 Sunday evenings per month and we rotate homes. If you'd like more information or have questions, e-mail Don Miller at [Mr.don.miller@gmail.com](mailto:Mr.don.miller@gmail.com).





## 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

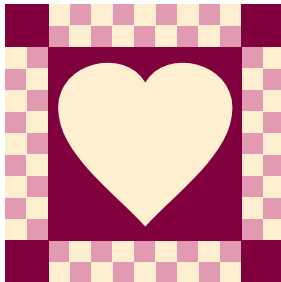
Friday, December 16th  
11:00 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, December 16, 2016 at the home of Mary Fricke for their annual Christmas potluck. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.

### Faith Circle

Monday, December 19th  
1:30 p.m.

On Monday, December 19th, 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 Gwynn Wilkinson at gwynnlw@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. *Mission quilters will not meet on December 21 and 28, 2016.*

### OSLC's Book Club

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



The next gathering for the Book Club will be on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble Bookstore. We will discuss *The Children Act*, by Ian McEwan. Fiona May, a High Court judge is called on to try an urgent case: Adam, a seventeen-year-old boy, is refusing life-saving medical treatment for religious reasons, and his devout parents echo his wishes. Time is running out. Should the secular court overrule sincerely expressed faith? In the course of reaching a decision, Fiona visits Adam in the hospital—an encounter that stirs long-buried feelings in her and powerful new emotions in the boy. Her judgment has momentous consequences for them both.

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





## Congregational Committees and Information



### Social Concerns Corner *Christmas Giving Opportunities*

As Christmas nears, the OSLC Social Concerns committee is beginning its annual Christmas giving drive. And so with a nod to a favorite carol of the season, here's what you can do to help:

**Deck the hall** — with boxes of food, that is, for the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank's Lunch for the Break program. On December 20, Anderson Hall will transform into a food box distribution center for kids who receive free or reduced price lunches when school is in session. The largest need is for complete boxes of groceries as shown on the shopping list following. Boxes must be at the church by December 19. The committee also needs volunteers to help with the distribution. Contact Connie Fletcher for information about volunteer opportunities (fletch501c@aol.com).

**'Tis the season to be jolly.** As Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians, God loves a cheerful giver, so celebrate the jollity and just give. Write a check with *social concerns* noted on your giving envelope or on the memo line of your check. The social concerns committee will apply the funds to the areas most needed.

**Don we now our gay apparel.** Beginning Sunday, November 27, the giving tree will again sprout in the Narthex. A portion of the gift cards you donate will go to provide much needed apparel for middle school boys at the Holiday Gift Barn, a benefit to serve disadvantaged children in the Issaquah School district. For more information about the Holiday Gift Barn or to donate directly, contact the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank before December 5.

The remaining gift cards will go to guests of the OSLC safe parking program, and to outreach to needy OSLC members throughout the year. Gift certificates are needed for community center memberships (for our safe parkers), gas stations, and for major retailers. It's easy! Pick an ornament from the tree, buy the gift certificate and bring it back to OSLC.

As we tell of the **yuletide treasure** we have in Christ, let's celebrate his birth by making this the best Christmas giving season ever.

Fa-la-la-la-la!





## Lunch for the Break Food Box Shopping List

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 Monday, December 19th. If you have questions, contact Connie Fletcher at fletch501c@aol.com.

Types of Food	Amount	Size (guideline only)	Cost Est. (from Safeway.com)
<b>Packaged/Canned Food</b>			
Oatmeal or cereal	1	18 oz canister or box	\$4.39
Canned soup (Progresso, Chunky, etc.)	2	18.5-19 oz cans	\$5.20
Canned tuna/salmon/ chicken	2	12 oz can	\$7.00
Canned pasta	2	15 oz can	\$3.00
Canned black, pinto or refried beans	2	16 oz can	\$3.00
Peanut butter and jelly	1 each	16 oz jar of PB; 18 oz jar of jam/jelly	\$7.00
Cup of Noodles or in- stant soup cups	6	2.25 oz cups	\$1.99 for family pack
<b>Pasta/Grains:</b>			
Box macaroni and cheese	2	5.5-6 oz boxes	\$4.00
Corn or flour tortillas	1	8-24 tortillas	\$3.00
<b>Snacks</b>			
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
		<b>Total price range</b>	Approx \$50/box

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

# Holiday Gift Barn



## Holiday Gift Barn Hope you join us this year!

### Donor Information

We KNOW... it's way too early! What about Thanksgiving? BUT some of you are planning already.

We hope you join us in bringing joy and happiness to families during this holiday season. The goal of this program is to help all families with holiday cheer through the giving and sharing of gifts for children birth-18 years old. We turn Pickering Barn into a giant toy store and let families shop and choose gifts for their children.

### Want to be a Holiday Gift Barn Donor?

- 1) Visit the Issaquah Food and Clothing at <https://issaquahfoodbank.org> to get more details and to register.
- 2) Watch for an e-mail confirmation & review program details
- 3) Shop & get into the spirit of giving
- 4) Drop off gift at Pickering Barn Monday and Tuesday, December 5th or 6th between 1:00—7:00 pm (1730 10th Ave. NW, Issaquah, WA 98027)

### Schedule of Events:

#### Gift Drop Off at Pickering Barn -

Mon & Tue, December 5th & 6th, 1:00pm-7:00pm

#### Client Shopping / Volunteer Day -

Wed & Thurs, December 7th & 8th.

Thank you!

Dawn Goehner

[dawn@issaquahfoodbank.org](mailto:dawn@issaquahfoodbank.org)

Holiday Gift Barn Coordinator

Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank

179 1st Ave. SE

Issaquah, WA 98027

425-392-4123 ext. 12



## OSLC Library News

This is a fun time of year for church librarians. This is when we open the boxes marked "Christmas Books" and see again all the beautiful books and DVDs that have been tucked away the past year. We decorate the shelves with pinecones, ornaments and seasonal red felt and place on them advent books, cookbooks suggesting new holiday recipes to try, celebration preparation books as well as stories well-known and beloved and best of all those telling of Jesus' birth in, oh, so many presentations. We'll be displaying titles including *The Crippled Lamb*, *I Am Christmas*, *Behold* and *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey* along with *Nutcracker*, *The Christmas Carol*, *Great Christmas Ideas* and so many more. This can be a fun time of year for you and your young readers, too. Come in to discover and enjoy the holiday offerings that the library has on display at this special time of year.



### **Intergenerational Tree Trimming and Decorating Party** *Saturday, December 3rd*

It's time to deck the OSLC halls! Please join us on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. to set up trees, hang wreaths and enjoy a bit of Christmas warmth.

We will put up trees and decorations in the worship space, the narthex and in Anderson Hall. Everyone is welcome to help in all the spaces, but the tree in the fellowship hall is especially for families and children! We invite you to bring an ornament to place on this family tree.

If you'd rather spend some time outdoors, we need to put out lights and wreaths to brighten the outside too.



### **White Elephant Gift Exchange** **December 18th @ Noon**

On Sunday, December 18th, all are invited to a White Elephant gift exchange hosted by OSLC youth at 12:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Please bring a wrapped gift which can be a re-gift item or new, but do not spend over \$10. Youth will be providing snacks, dessert and beverages. There is a sig-up sheet on the bulletin board in Anderson Hall.



### **Wreath and Poinsettia Plant Pick-up** **Beginning Friday, December 2nd**

If you ordered wreaths and/or poinsettias, you can pick them up in Anderson Hall beginning on Friday, December 2nd.

## **Safe Parking Update**

*By Kate Gagnon, OSLC Member*

I am happy to report that one of our ladies in Safe Parking has moved to her own apartment. Many of you donated sheets and towels and kitchenware to her. She was most grateful for your generosity.

As you sort out, clean out, downsize, remember that we can sometimes use things of this nature to help our ladies get started. Sometimes they have had to get rid of all household items and furniture in order to be able to live in their cars. We can store things at church (to an extent). Smaller things can be placed in the cupboard in Anderson Hall near the closets at the end of the hall. Please ask if you have larger things or furniture. We may be able to store some of these things in the old preschool room. As always, we are in desperate need of gas gift cards and gift cards to stores like Target and Fred Meyer. These can be given to me or Janet Heck with your designation that they go to Safe Parking ladies.

At the moment we have only three ladies in Safe Parking so we are open to referrals.

Thank you for your support of the Safe Parking program.



## 2017 OSLC Women's Retreat

Friday, March 3 – Sunday, March 5, 2017  
@ Rainbow Lodge in North Bend



We hope you have already marked this first weekend in March on your calendar for the OSLC Women's Retreat! We have chosen "Beach Walk Ministries", co-founded by our very own Jan Hazelton, choir accompanist, to lead our retreat this year! Beach Walk Ministries facilitates beach-themed retreats for women, with time intentionally set apart from daily life, for women to rest in a "peaceful harbor", be refreshed with living "water" and become more attuned to the wind of God's spirit, so they can "adjust their sails" and return home with renewed strength and purpose. We hope you are looking forward to a weekend away at our "beach" at the lodge!

Registration forms are now available on the table in the Narthex. The price for a full-time attendee will be \$155 (the Lodge has changed their policy and now charges the same rate for single vs. double occupancy). This includes four meals and two night's accommodations, so it's a great deal! You can also come for part of the weekend if you'd rather – the registration form has several options. Please come join us! And feel free to invite your friends – the more the merrier!

If you have any questions about the retreat, please contact Joan Friel via e-mail at [frielj4@comcast.net](mailto:frielj4@comcast.net), or

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### Women's Retreat Scholarship Fund

The next OSLC Women's Retreat will be held first weekend in March, 2017. This ministry for the current year is completely self-funded, and we have had to raise our rates to cover our costs, so we could use your financial support. Some attendees may not be able to attend unless they were given even just a partial scholarship, so please consider donating to the scholarship fund. Contributions are tax-deductible, so you could help someone attend in 2017 plus gain the tax benefit for 2016! Checks can be made out to "OSLC" with "Women's Retreat - Donation" on the memo line, and turned in at the office or mailed to Joan Friel (15642 203rd PL SE, Renton, WA, 98059).

Thank you in advance for your support of the Women's Ministries at OSLC! If you have any questions, please contact Joan Friel via e-mail at [frielj4@comcast.net](mailto:frielj4@comcast.net), or via phone call/text msg. at 425-941-2925. If you would like to be considered for a full or partial scholarship, you may contact Joan or the church office – all requests are kept strictly confidential.

The planning committee for the 2017 OSLC Women's Retreat will be sponsoring a **Fundraising Bazaar after worship on Sunday, December 4th**. Our retreat this year is fully self-funded, so this fundraiser will help offset the costs of the retreat.

How can you help? First, consider donating items to be sold at the Bazaar:

- \* **Are you crafty?** Make some jewelry or Christmas ornaments to sell!
- \* **Like to bake?** Everyone loves homemade goodies, so you could make a dessert to be purchased that day, or even donate a "gift certificate" for the future delivery of a baked treat!
- \* **Handy in the garden?** Offer to clean up someone's yard in exchange for a donation!
- \* **Put together a themed basket** – spa treatment products, stay-at-home movie night, kids' beach bucket, car wash supplies – the possibilities are endless!
- \* **Get creative** – odds are you can provide an item or a service that someone else would really enjoy!

And then whether you donate an item or not, be sure and plan to do some holiday shopping at our Fundraising Bazaar! Your support will be greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, or plan to bring something to sell at the bazaar, please contact Joan Friel –via e-mail at [frielj4@comcast.net](mailto:frielj4@comcast.net), via a phone call/text msg. at 425-941-2925, or catch her after church or Wednesday night choir practice!



12/2 Caleb Cash  
 12/3 Paige Lucas  
 Stan Patterson  
 12/4 Jennifer Gardner  
 Sarah Wuest Parlin  
 12/5 Jessica Liepins  
 Les Gagnon  
 Randi Strom  
 12/6 Christiana Baseler Nelson  
 Lori Downey  
 12/10 Frankie Tate  
 12/11 Kristina Steffen  
 Lucy Acker  
 12/13 Joyce Craig  
 Judy Boruck

12/14 Doug Patur  
 Hannah Telyea  
 12/16 Delaney Cash  
 Elsa Bachman  
 Rollie Kiefel  
 12/17 Haley Ziegler  
 Sam Piethe  
 12/18 Laura Halter  
 Marc Montague  
 Talton Johnson  
 12/20 Wes Telyea  
 12/23 Bev Geary  
 12/15 Brian FitzGerald  
 12/28 Gary Kneepkens  
 Hannah Bachman  
 12/30 Jack Gardner  
 Sue Friddell  
 12/31 Kate Halter

12/2 John & Jean Pass  
 12/9 Justin & Katy Ulland  
 12/12 Steve & Vicki LeFever  
 12/14 Randy & Linda Baseler  
 12/27 Les & Kate Gagnon

#### Address Change:

OSLC member Doug Patur has recently moved into Providence Marianwood. On December 14th Doug will celebrate his 74th birthday. If you'd like to send him a birthday card his new address is 3725 Providence Point Drive S.E., Issaquah, WA 98029.

## Worship Schedule

Sun., December 4—2nd Sunday of Advent

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Sun., December 11—3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Sun., December 18—4th Sunday of Advent

Children's Christmas Program

Sun., December 25—Christmas Day

Lessons and Carols:  
 Isaiah 63:7-9; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:1-20

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

**Sunday School will meet on  
 December 4, 11 and 18 at  
 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School will be in  
 recess on December 25 and  
 January 1, 2017.**



# December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p>OSLC facility use printed in non-italics. Community facility use printed in italics.</p> </div>			<b>1</b> 7:45 TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al-Anon (Upstairs Education Room) 6:00 PM Lego League (Anderson Hall)	<b>2</b> 1:00 PM CiC Study Group (Narthex)  Wreath & Poinsettia Pick-up (Anderson Hall)	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Intergenerational Tree Trimming & Decorating @ OSLC  
<b>4</b> Second Sunday of Advent  9:00 AM Christian Education Hour 10:00 AM Worship  Women's Retreat Bake Sale and Bazaar After Worship	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Library Committee (Library) 12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Rev. Telyea (Library) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 7:45 TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al-Anon (Upstairs Education Room)	<b>9</b> 1:00 PM CiC Study Group (Narthex) 2:00 PM Garden School Winter Celebration (Anderson Hall)	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Mom's w/ Kids @ Issaquah Coffee House
<b>11</b> Third Sunday of Advent  9:00 AM Christian Education Hour 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Youth Meeting (Youth Room)	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 1:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Rev. Telyea (Library) 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)	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>15</b>  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:45 TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al-Anon (Upstairs Education Room) 12:00 PM January Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM Lego League (Anderson Hall)	<b>16</b> 11:00 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Mary Fricke 1:00 PM CiC Study Group (Narthex)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent  9:00 AM Christian Education Hour 10:00 AM Worship/Sunday School Christmas Program  White Elephant Gift Exchange After Worship (Anderson Hall)	<b>19</b> Food For the Break Collection 12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 1:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Evy Sneva 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	<b>20</b> Food For the Break Distribution 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Rev. Telyea (Library) 11:00 AM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 3:00 PM Nourishing Network (AH) 6:00 PM Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>22</b> 7:45 TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM Al-Anon (Upstairs Education Room)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  *4:30 PM / 7:00 PM / & 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship w/ Holy Communion & Candlelight  *The 4:30 PM worship service has been designed for families with young kids.
<b>25</b> Christmas Day  10:00 AM Worship @ Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  CHRISTMAS Joy 	<b>26</b> OSLC Office Closed 12:00 PM OA (Narthex)	<b>27</b> OSLC Office Closed 7:00 PM AA	<b>28</b> OSLC Office Closed	<b>29</b> OSLC Office Closed 10:00 AM Al-Anon (Upstairs Education Room)	<b>30</b> OSLC Office Closed	<b>31</b>

## **We remember in prayer...**



### **We remember in prayer OSLC members:**

Kathy Guthmiller, Joanna Wood, Dorothy Soland, Sandy Aldworth; Linda Baseler; Marilyn Carlson; Bob Carn; Maury Clark; Gene Elfstrom; Barbara Extract; Sandy Fish; Emily Gacek; Steve Gacek; Les Gagnon; Carol Harbolt; Ray Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Margot Inman; Marian James; Talton Johnson; Josee Jordan; Jeanne Kuipers; Florence Kinnune; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Don Miller; Jerry Nack; John Pass; Doug Patur; Nancy Peterson; Jeff Saathoff; Genevieve Schoen and family; Dorothy Soland; Randi Strom; Selma Thompson; Gerald Welch; Wendy Winslow; Gwynn Wilkinson; Louise Yockey.

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

**Don Sonny** (Margot Inman); **Elizabeth 'Buff' Head** (sister-in-law of Lucy Acker); **Hilde Hueck** (mother of Kirsten Olshausen); **Roy Yockey**; **Ellen Engdahl** (sister of Selma Thompson)

**We pray for expectant mothers:** **Nicole Verlander** (Janet Heck); **Holly Lahti** (Jeff Ziegler); **Breanna Galicia Wood** (daughter of Randy and Joanna Wood)

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

### **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 Sec-**

*Prayer is putting our faith into action, and prayer is pleasing to God. Link up with our prayer chain if you have a need or if you want to share a thanksgiving or praise. Call Shirley Witsoe, 425-413-6754.*



# December Worship Assistants

<b>Service, Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Altar Guild/ Bread Baker</b>	<b>Sound Engineer</b>	<b>Council Hospitality</b>	<b>Story Time Leader</b>
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Dec. 4 2 Advent 10:00 am	Mary Fricke Robin Tim- merman	Sandy & Mike Nygard	Rowan Hinds	Rowan Hinds Jane Shen	Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Manda Schoen	Jon Smith	Wendy Winslow	
Dec. 11 3 Advent 10:00 am	Don & Jean Chaney	George Kuipers Don Chaney	Connie Fletcher	Connie Fletcher Mary Ann Hult	Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler		Judi Case	Stacy & Miranda Smith
Dec. 18 4 Advent 10:00 am	Bonnie Brice Diane Nelson	Schoen Family Lena Schaper	Judi Case	Judi Case Mary Fricke	Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer		Justin Ulland	
Christmas Eve 4:30 pm	Jerry & Linda Nack		Sue Friddell	Sue Friddell Karen Hansen Stacy Smith	Karen Hansen <i>Bread: n/a</i>		n/a	
Christmas Eve 7:00 pm	Vicky Jacobson		Connie Fletcher	Connie Fletcher Alice Lewis Jane Shen	Karen Hansen <i>Bread: n/a</i>		n/a	
Christmas Eve 9:00 pm			Mary Ann Hult	Mary Ann Hult <i>2 CA's needed</i>	Karen Hansen <i>Bread: n/a</i>		n/a	
Dec. 25 Christmas Day @ SHLC	<p><b>Christmas Day Services will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at 10:00 am</b>  <b>24850 S.E. Issaquah Fall City Road, Issaquah, 98029</b></p>							



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