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## Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00AM

Adult Education &  
Sunday School @8:45AM  
(September-May)

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## OSLC ADVENT 2017

# God's Gift

### ADVENT 1

December 3, 2017  
10:00 AM

Mark 13:24-37

#### SERMON:

An interview with Janet Heck

### ADVENT 2

December 10, 2017  
10:00 AM

Mark 1:1-8

#### SERMON:

An interview with Adam Schoen

### ADVENT 3

December 17, 2017  
10:00 AM

Children's Christmas Pageant:  
*The Birth of Jesus*

#### SERMON:

An interview with Lily Steffen

### ADVENT 4

December 24, 2017  
10:00 AM

Luke 1:26-38

#### SERMON:

An interview with Emilee Telyea

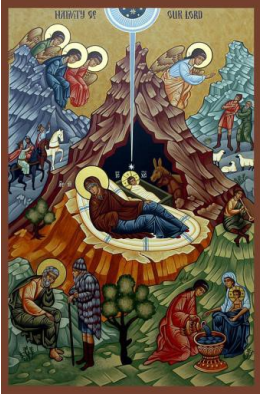
### CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2017  
7:00 PM

Luke 2:1-20

#### SERMON:

God's Greatest Gift



*<sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7*

One of my favorite pieces of art is that of the icon of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ pictured above. What I love about it is how it so beautifully depicts Jesus being born in a stable alone without a community there to support him. Maybe I shouldn't say alone because Mary and Joseph were there with him, but I think you get what I am trying to say.

Yet, while it depicts him alone it also shows the community he will change and how they will be changed. For me, it's a reminder that we cannot come to completely understand what it means that Jesus is Lord apart from the community which he founded, which is his body (1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 4:1-16). In other words, the one for whom there was no place will provide you with an eternal home, and this home is experienced in the Church.

As we gather on Christmas Eve, welcoming those who have not been at OSLC for a while, I want to challenge you to remind them that they have been missed, that we have been praying for them, and that they will always have a home at OSLC.

I also want to challenge you to consider how we might continue to fearlessly follow Jesus by building our community at OSLC. Talk to someone you haven't met. Sit in a new seat during worship. Learn something new about a longtime friend.

The future of OSLC, and the Church, rests on how we build our sense of place, because the gift of Jesus' birth, and God's incarnation, is that we now always have a home.

In Christ, Pr. Wes



### **Intergenerational Tree Trimming and Decorating Party** *Saturday, December 2nd*

It's time to deck the OSLC halls! Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd 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.

### **Wreath and Poinsettia Plant Pick-up** Beginning Sunday, December 3rd

If you ordered wreaths and/or poinsettias, you can pick them up in Anderson Hall beginning on Sunday, December 3rd







## **President's Message:**

*By: Manda Schoen, Council President*

I have found myself reflecting lately on the values we have determined are important to us: to be accessible, to be faithful to God's word, to be responsive to God's call, to be open to and inconvenienced by the Holy Spirit, and to build trusting relationships. I have an analytical mind and I like to be able to track progress, but these are not easily quantifiable things. How do you keep track of how accessible we are or how many trusting relationships are being formed? Conversely, how do we know what opportunities we are missing or how much progress we might be making? I don't think there can ever be a "good enough" level for these values and they are things we can always work on improving. I can't give you numbers for how we are doing on these things, but I can give you a few examples.

As you may recall, our nursery attendant resigned earlier this fall. This gave us an opportunity to re-examine how we are serving young children and their families on Sunday mornings. We concluded while the nursery space is important, there isn't currently a need to have a staffed nursery during worship. The nursery is used most often before and after worship, but not during. Young children often play there with their parents while their older siblings are in Sunday School, providing an opportunity for the kids and parents alike to lay the foundation for some of those trusting relationships. My kids and others know its a great place to play while their parents have a chance to participate in the coffee hour and fellowship after worship. In an effort to make worship more accessible for young kids and their families, we have expanded the small play space just outside of the sanctuary. Our hope is this will allow families to continue to feel included in worship as they are attending to the needs of their children.

Our Social Concerns committee is a wonderful example of some of our other values - namely, being responsive to God's call and being open to and inconvenienced by the Holy Spirit. They have provided us with several opportunities this fall to learn about Adverse Childhood Experiences and the lifelong effect they can have on people. This knowledge better prepares us to consider how we might meet some of their needs.

The Social Concerns committee has also been open to considering new ways to use the former preschool space. They have been working hard the past several months on preparing to partner with a currently unidentified service organization to use the ministry space we have available. OSLC has strong ties to several local service organizations, including Friends of Youth, the Issaquah Meal Program and Issaquah Community Services. My understanding is some of these were even housed here at some point. We have a wonderful opportunity before us to revisit and honor this legacy!



**YOU'RE INVITED**

# Advent Fair

Sunday  
December 3  
11:00 AM  
Anderson Hall

Join us for wreath making,  
ornaments and cookie  
decorating, as we kick off  
the Advent Season.

## Congregational Meeting



## Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 2017

At the November Congregational Meeting, the following were elected to terms on Council:

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

\*Financial Secretary – Bill Cash (2nd term expires 12/19)

Worship – Dave Carlson (2nd term expires 12/19)

Christian Education – Jacki Marx (1st term expires 12/19)

Personnel – Ken Konigsmark (1st term expires 12/19)

Outreach – Vacant

Youth Activities – Vacant

Stewardship – Vacant

Global Missions – Vacant

### *Continuing Church Council Members are:*

\*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)

\*Secretary – Sue Friddell (2nd term expires 12/18)

Building & Grounds – Mark Cron (1st term expires 12/18)

Social Concerns – Kate Gagnon (1st term expires 12/18)

\*Indicates Executive Committee Member



## The Foundation is set. Let the Building Begin!

*Your Guide to Year-end giving\*\*  
Presented by the endowment fund committee*

In October, the endowment fund met its dual goals of receiving \$10,000 in 2017, and of receiving \$40,000 over the life of the fund. Does this mean we're done? Not at all. Growing the fund means more money available to further the future mission of OSLC.

Now is the time to review your 2017 charitable giving goals and make plans to achieve them. Planning ahead may allow you to leverage your giving in ways that will reduce your tax bill while benefiting OSLC. Everyone wins!

- **Donate appreciated stock held long-term.** You can deduct the value of the stock and avoid the capital gains tax on the appreciation. Keep in mind that your broker may need several days to facilitate a transfer. Calling your broker on December 31 may be too late for a 2017 deduction.
- **Designate a portion (or all) of your IRA required minimum distributions.** The amount donated will not be taxed. This is especially advantageous for those who don't itemize deductions and therefore can't otherwise deduct charitable donations.
- **Consider a donor advised fund (DAF).** A donation to a DAF is immediately tax deductible, but the donor can request charitable disbursements from the fund over time. This is a good vehicle for anyone who wants a 2017 charitable deduction but wants more time to decide where to give - just remember to include OSLC. Your investment advisor can give you more information on these funds.
- **Good old-fashioned checks and cash.** Those who itemize can deduct their contributions on their tax returns. To give to the Endowment Fund, designate it on your envelope or the memo line of your check and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

The above listing is focused on year-end planning, but also consider the many long-term opportunities such as naming OSLC as a life insurance or IRA beneficiary, a bequest in a will, or as a memorial. However you choose to do it, gifts to both the general fund and the Endowment fund of OSLC will further our vision of fearlessly following Jesus.

**\*\*Tax law could change before the end of the year or some methods may work better than others depending on individual circumstances. Contact your tax or investment advisor before implementing any of these techniques.**

## Treasurer's Update

October 2017



We have completed four months of the 2017/18 fiscal year.

What has actually happened this year:

We have received YTD - (92% of budget)..... \$124,194.66

We have spent YTD - (78% of budget)..... \$127,998.86

Deficit..... (\$ 3,804.20)

We are under budgeted giving by..... (\$ 10,505.34)

We are under budgeted spending by..... (\$ 36,947.86)

Compared to last year's actual giving, our contributions are \$1,256.92 above last year.

*Respectfully, Wendy Winslow*

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



### The Packages Came Early!

Our communion ware is showing its age. Some of the plating is wearing off, and some pieces are bent and cracked. Since mid-summer, a committee has been planning to replace our communion ware.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the packages came. We will begin using the new communion ware on December 3, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, which is the start of the new church year. We have purchased silver bread trays, individual cup holders, candlesticks, and other smaller items. We will also use two silver chalices that the congregation has had for many years

Not only is the new communion ware early, it is under the budget that Council approved! About half of the cost is being covered by Designated Funds. The rest will be General Funds. If you would like to donate additional funds towards the communion ware, please contact Wendy Winslow, at [oslc\\_treasurer@hotmail.com](mailto:oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com).

### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support OSLC every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to OSLC.

**How do I select OSLC to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?** On your first visit to AmazonSmile [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you need to select OSLC to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

**How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?** The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges.



# Christian Education & Small Group Ministries



## Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17th  
@ 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, December 17th, 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, [Jennifer@tolo.org](mailto:Jennifer@tolo.org) or Cheryl Hauser, [chauser13@comcast.net](mailto:chauser13@comcast.net) with questions.

*Please note Sunday School will be in recess on December 24 and 31, 2017.*

Sunday School classes for children and youth in Preschool through Grade 7, meet from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs classrooms with singing at 9:30 a.m. for 15 minutes. Parents should complete the Sunday School Student Information Form available in the classrooms that help teacher and staff in keeping you informed and respond to any questions that you might have.

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GIFT  
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## Sunday Morning Education Class

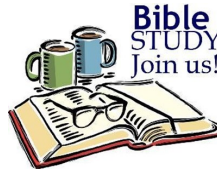
*Class Title: God's Gift  
December 3, 10, 17 and 24th*

Pastor Wes is leading a Sunday morning class entitled *God's Gift*. Class meets at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday morning in Anderson Hall.



## Panel Discussion Sunday, December 10th

On Sunday, December 10th, the Social Concerns Committee will lead a panel discussion following worship in Anderson Hall. The focus will be on how OSLC is led to help kids with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Telyea leads a weekly Tuesday morning Bible study at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Currently they are studying the book of Acts. Bring your favorite Bible and a pen to take notes. Class will not meet on December 26th.



## Moms With Young Kids Saturday, December 9th @ Issaquah Coffee Company

Moms With Young Kids meets at the Issaquah Coffee Company in Gilman Village on Saturday, December 9th 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).



## 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

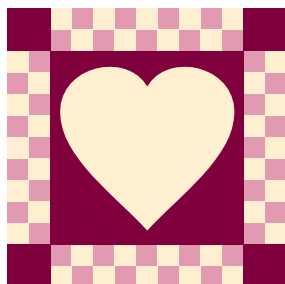
Friday, December 15th  
11:30 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, December 15, 2017 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

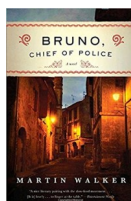
Monday, December 18th  
1:30 p.m.

On Monday, December 19th, Faith Circle will meet at OSLC in the library. Faith Circle meets on the third Monday of each month, at 1:30 p.m. 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 27, 2017.*



## OSLC's Book Club

January 8th @ 7:30 p.m.  
Issaquah's Barnes & Noble

The next gathering for the Book Club will be on Monday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes & Noble bookstore. Since the November meeting had to be cancelled due to weather, we will discuss the November book, *Bruno, Chief of Police: a Novel of the French Countryside* by Martin Walker. We will also choose books to read for 2018. Bring several suggestions so that we'll have plenty to choose from.

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





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## **OSLC Global Missions Committee Qingdao, China Report**

OSLC has a rich tradition of global accompaniment and outreach. This brief report from Global Mission Committee highlights our partnership with an Autism Children Rehabilitation Center in the city of Qingdao, China. ELCA Global Mission (Pr. Peter Shen) initiated this community based ministry and guided the Center's development and growth since 2007.

"Honestly speaking, as an ordinary person, I often get angry and shout at my son," said one mother. "But here, they say we have to accept our children as who they are. I have totally changed." So now one mother is learning how to communicate with her son, how to raise him, even how to love him.

In 2015, recognized for its contribution to the community, Qingdao Autism Center was able to construct a new campus with grants and contributions from ELCA, government agencies, community organizations, and many individuals. The rehabilitation programs were greatly enhanced and expanded in this new facility.

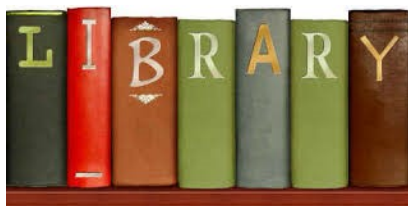


Intense continuing education and professional training were implemented for a team of able special education teachers. The Center initiated and successfully developed the first interactive environmental simulation software as a teaching tool for teachers, parents and the autism rehabilitation community.

The Center has also constructed "Simulation Rooms" to provide realistic daily life situations encountered by the autism children. Efforts are made to provide intensive training for the parents. The Center is developing various activities to bring the children out in the public and to be seen in the community.



In following Jesus fearlessly, we are bringing hope and healing to one little child a time.



### **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. 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.



# **THE GIVING TREE** OF HELPING HANDS

***A Beautiful Way to Count' Your Many Blessings***

**Helping to Make Christmas All Year - 24/7**

**Your Gift Cards Serve Our OSLC Members**

**Congregational Family Support – As Needed All Year Long**

**Your Gift Cards Serve Our Community**

**Safe Parking Families  
Neighbors in Need**

**Your Gift Cards Promote Holiday Cheer**

**Compassion House  
Vine Maple Place**

**Choose Your Denominations - All will be appreciated**

**Target - Fred Meyer - Safeway**

**VISA/MC Gift Cards**

***If It's Easier - Simply Write a Check to OSLC  
(note 'Social Concerns' on the memo line.)***

## Lunch for the Break Food Box Shopping List

Help a local family bridge the food gap over the school break by filling a food box. The food list below is the official Issaquah Food Bank shopping list of items that go into each food box. Please stick to the list, as we want all food boxes to be fair and equitable. To decrease shopping expenses, OSLC families and groups can partner together. If you want to donate more, consider donating multiple boxes. All items on the list must be included in the boxes or sturdy reusable bags. Bring your boxes to OSLC by **Monday, December 18th.**

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
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 a simi- lar canned pasts)	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



The Holiday Gift Barn is one way we can all help bring joy and happiness to families during the holiday season! The Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank will turn Pickering Barn into a giant toy store. Families are then invited to shop and choose gifts for their children ages 18 and under (children must reside in the Issaquah School District).

## Would You Like To Donate?

- ♦ Donation drop off is at Pickering Barn on December 4 & 5, 1-7pm
- ♦ For donor registration/details visit [issaquahfoodbank.org/holiday-gift-barn](http://issaquahfoodbank.org/holiday-gift-barn) or call 425-392-4123, ext. 11.

## Would You Like to Participate?

- ♦ Program is for Issaquah School District children ages 18 & under.
- ♦ Pre-registration required at [issaquahfoodbank.org/holiday-gift-barn](http://issaquahfoodbank.org/holiday-gift-barn) or in person at the food bank located at 179—1st Ave. S.E., Issaquah, WA 98027. Phone 425-392-4123, ext. 16.

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## "Shelter" --

*A Poem by Allen Benson,  
Congregations for the Homeless Client*

*A circle of twelve churches, a ring  
Of shelter for those helter-skeltered  
On sidewalks and streets, for those  
Lost and wandering feet that beat the  
Pavement daily like thousands of small  
Drums after society thumbed its  
Collective nose at them, electing to  
Not see them, no longer to feel them  
As belonging, as part of the whole,  
Rather to believe them something  
That should crawl back into its hole.*

*But good people abound around us.  
Not loud people, just quiet believers  
Who take matters into their own hands.  
These people don't leave love for others  
Behind their blinds at home, for them  
It is a verb, not just a blurb on the news.  
Tithing people, thriving people bursting  
With a thirsting to DO something about  
The many wrongs they see, singing songs  
Alone to climb back up that steep cliff  
That they fell from, tumbling down to  
The cold, hard unforgiving ground*

*This circle of twelve churches took  
The challenge to change things while  
Most avert their gaze and walk faster,  
Crossing the street so as not to meet  
One of this sometimes scruffy tribe,  
Even passing backhanded jibes and  
Snidely feeling better at life's game.  
But we are the same as you, mistakes  
Happen, circumstances can explode  
Without warning, swarming to push  
You too over that cliff to despair's dark  
Lair where fear and loathing come your way.*

*In this circle of churches roam caring  
Cat-herders, guides that provide a path  
Out of that moldy cave of depression and  
Want into the daylight again so we can  
Begin to climb back up that steep hill.  
Good people too they toil with us, tilling  
Our soil so we can sprout once more to  
Bloom again with the coming spring.  
They work hard so that we may work  
Hard again and rebuild and remodel  
Our broken and bruised lives and rejoin  
Those that now ignore and disparage us.  
And with humility and love we will see  
The world differently than they do.*



## Recruiting Volunteers!

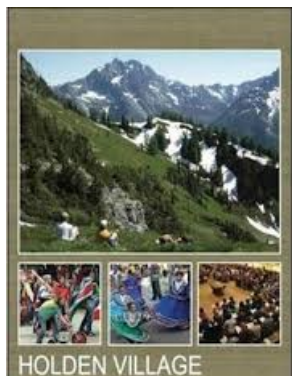
Youth in grades 1—12 or adults

**Acolyte:** Do you have a youngster in grades 1-12 who wonders what it would be like to wear a robe like Pastor Wes, light candles, collect offering, etc? Acolyting is a great way to be involved in the service without the risk of making mistakes. Anyone stable enough to light a candle, extinguish a candle, and walk in a robe, is able to perform this role. Adults also welcome.

**Story Time:** Do you like engaging with the little ones? For youth in grades 8-12 and adults, who enjoy reading children's stories and entertaining young ones (toddlers-grade 2). After the Children's Sermon, take the willing wanderers outside the sanctuary to read them a few stories related to the sermon of the day, and engage them in light, easy conversation and play during the sermon. Twenty minutes later, return the lot to rejoin their parents. This may be performed alone or with a friend.

**Sunday Morning Bible Readings:** Do you enjoy reading? Youth ages 12 and older and adult may also get involved by volunteering to read the first and second lessons of the day on Sunday mornings. Text is provided in advance, and a microphone and material to read from. All you need to do is stand at the altar and read aloud the first and second lessons printed in the bulletin.

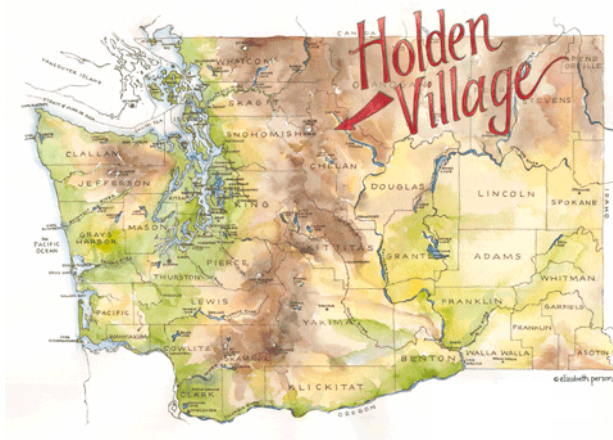
OSLC seeks volunteers for these roles weekly! If you or your youth are interested in any of these roles, please contact Heidi Fuhs ([hfuhs@comcast.net](mailto:hfuhs@comcast.net) or 425-985-8513) to get involved in the schedule more regularly.



## Holden Village Youth Weekend:

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to join your friends at OSLC and other Lutheran youth groups around Washington at the **May Youth Weekend, May 18-20, 2018** at Holden Village! The theme

is, *I Called You by Name*, and will entail music, speakers and many free-time indoor and outdoor activities in the beautiful mountains on the shores of Lake Chelan. We will depart early Friday morning and return Sunday evening ~9PM. Registration costs \$205/participant (all-inclusive: accommodation, program, food, boat ride, etc.). Scholarships are available. Please reply to Heidi Fuhs ([hfuhs@comcast.net](mailto:hfuhs@comcast.net)) by January 3, 2018 if you're interested in attending.





**Experience  
Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center**

## **2018 OSLC Women's Retreat**

*Friday, March 2 – Sunday, March 4, 2018  
@ Rainbow Lodge in North Bend*

Our theme this year is “The Gift of Encouragement”, and our speaker is Barb Boswell, who has been a speaker at our retreat in the past. Previous attendees have had nothing but good things to say about her, so we are excited about having her back again!

Registration forms are available in the Narthex, or you can register online at this link:

[2018 Women's Retreat Registration Form](#)

Prices are the same as last year (except for an additional \$5 fee for having a single room). We're inviting several other churches this year, so we're expecting a full house, so you might want to get your registration in sooner than later! A \$50 registration deposit is due by Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. You can also come for part of the weekend if you'd rather – the registration form has several options. Please come join us!

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## **Women's Retreat Scholarship Fund**

The next OSLC Women's Retreat will be held during the first weekend in March 2018. The fee for the weekend is \$155, and several attendees from last year could only come because we offered them a scholarship. Even just partial scholarships are helpful, so please consider donating to the scholarship fund. Contributions are tax-deductible, so you could help someone attend in 2018 plus gain the tax benefit for 2017!

Checks should be made out to **OSLC** with the words “*Women's Retreat - Donation*” on the memo line, and turned in to the office.

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.







12/2 John & Jean Pass  
 12/9 Justin & Katy Ulland  
 12/12 Steve & Vicki LeFever  
 12/14 Randy & Linda Baseler  
 12/21 Bob & Karen Brezing  
 12/27 Les & Kate Gagnon

12/2 Caleb Cash	12/14 Doug Patur
12/3 Paige Lucas	Hannah Telyea
Stan Patterson	12/16 Delaney Cash
12/4 Jennifer Gardner	Rollie Kiefel
Sarah Wuest Parlin	12/17 Haley Ziegler
12/5 Jessica Liepins	Sam Piethe
Les Gagnon	12/18 Laura Halter
Randi Strom	Marc Montague
12/6 Christiana Baseler Nelson	Talton Johnson
Lori Downey	12/20 Wes Telyea 12/10
Frankie Tate	12/23 Bev Geary
12/11 Kristina Steffen	12/25 Brian FitzGerald
Lucy Acker	12/28 Gary Kneepkens
12/13 Joyce Craig	12/30 Jack Gardner
Judy Boruck	Sue Friddell
	12/31 Kate Halter



## 75th Birthday:

OSLC member Doug Patur will celebrate his 75th birthday on December 14th. If you'd like to send him a birthday card his address is 3715 Providence Point Drive S.E., Issaquah, WA 98029.

## Worship Schedule

Sun., December 3—1st Sunday of Advent

Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9  
 Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Sun., December 10—2nd Sunday of Advent

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11  
 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Sun., December 17—3rd Sunday of Advent

Children's Christmas Program

Sun., December 24—4th Sunday of Advent (10:00AM)

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Sun., December 24—Christmas Eve (7:00 PM)

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7  
 Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Sun., December 31st—1st Sunday after Christmas

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3  
 Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7  
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

**Sunday School will meet on  
 December 3rd, 10th and 17th  
 at 8:45 a.m.**





**Sunday School will not meet  
 on December 24th and 31st.**

**Christmas Eve Worship with  
 Candlelight will be held at 7:00  
 p.m. on December 24th.**



# December 2017



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> 3:15 PM The Daniel Plan (Narthex)	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Advent Fair Set-up, Tree Trimming and Decorating @ OSLC 
<b>3</b> 8:45 AM Adult Education Class (Anderson Hall) 8:45 AM Sunday School (Downstairs Education Rooms) 10:00 AM Worship / Sermon Series 'God's Gift' 11:00 AM Advent Fair	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Wes (Library) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>7</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Upstairs Education Room) 5:30 PM Lego League (Anderson Hall)	<b>8</b> 3:00 PM The Children's Garden School Winter Holiday Program (Anderson Hall) 3:15 PM The Daniel Plan (Narthex)	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Mom's with Kids @ Issaquah Coffee Company
<b>10</b> 8:45 AM Adult Education Class (Anderson Hall) 8:45 AM Sunday School (Downstairs Education Rooms) 10:00 AM Worship / Sermon Series 'God's Gift' 11:00 AM Confirmation Meeting #4 11:00 AM Social Concerns Panel Discussion (Anderson Hall)	<b>11</b> 12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 1:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Anderson Hall) 6:30 PM Endowment Committee Meeting (Narthex) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Wes (Library) 11:00 AM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Narthex)	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>14</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Upstairs Education Room)	<b>15</b>  12:00 PM January Newsletter Deadline 3:15 PM The Daniel Plan (Narthex)	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Children's Christmas Pageant 8:45 AM Adult Education Class (Anderson Hall) 8:45 AM Sunday School (Downstairs Education Rooms) 10:00 AM Worship / Sermon Series 'God's Gift' Choir Christmas Party (Time TBD)	<b>18</b> Lunch for the Break Food Collection 12:00 PM OA (Upstairs Education Room) 1:30 PM Faith Circle (Library) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	<b>19</b> Lunch for the Break Food Distribution 10:00 AM Bible Study w/ Pr. Wes (Library) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall) 7:00 PM Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>21</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Upstairs Education Room)	<b>22</b> 3:15 PM The Daniel Plan (Narthex)	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:45 AM Adult Education Class (Anderson Hall) 10:00 AM Advent 4 Worship / Sermon Series 'God's Gift' 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship	<b>25</b> Christmas Day OSLC Office Closed 	<b>26</b> OSLC Office Closed 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:45 AM TOPS (Upstairs Education Room) 10:00 AM AI Anon (Upstairs Education Room)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<b>1/1/2018</b> OSLC Office Closed					



## We remember in prayer...

### We remember in prayer OSLC members:

Sandy Aldworth; Marilyn Carlson; Gene Elfstrom; Emily Gacek; Steve Gacek; Scott Hafso; Carol Harbolt; Ray Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Margot Inman; Duane Jacobson; Marian James; Talton Johnson; Josee Jordan; Florence Kinnune; Jeanne Kuipers; Jessica Liepins; Alice Lewis; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Jerry Nack; John Pass; Doug Patur; Nancy Peterson; Dorothy Soland; Randi Strom; Dianne Tanner; Selma Thompson; Gerald Welch; Gwynn Wilkinson; Louise Yockey

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

Harold Rice (father of Linda Baseler); Lisa Kriegel (niece of Shirley Koger); Olaf Grette; Preston Woodall (Ray Harbolt); Mama Licha (Margot Inman); Isaias (Margot Inman); Kay Wetzel (mother/mother-in-law of Tami and Mark Cron)

We pray for expectant mothers: Ashley Costello (Cheryl Hauser); Kim Lappala (daughter of Bruce and Norma Byrnett); Nicole Koenig (granddaughter of Sandy Aldworth); Lana Wallace (Cheryl Hauser); Kristen Lynch (Janet Heck)

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

We prayer for safety and strength to those living in the wake of all disasters. Especially all who are affected by hurricanes, earthquakes and the subsequent flooding, and wildfires; strength and safety for all who serve as first responders.

### 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.

### We offer thanksgiving for:

For the joyous birth of Benjamin William Cron son of Mikey and Alexandra and grandson of Mark and Tami Cron.

That Zorine Lewis' cancer has not spread. (Mary Ann Hult)

That Thomas Zhu-Sordahl achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 636.

*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

Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!

## Assisting Ministers

12/3 Kimberly Montague  
12/10 Connie Fletcher  
12/17 Judi Case  
12/24 Mary Ann Hult  
12/31 Karen Hansen

## Communion Assistants

12/3 Mary Fricke  
Kimberly Montague  
12/10 Connie Fletcher  
Jane Shen  
12/17 Judi Case  
Kate Gagnon  
12/24 Stacy Smith  
Mary Ann Hult  
12/31 Karen Hansen  
Mary Fricke

## Ushers

12/3 Jeff & Kathy Ziegler  
12/10 George Kuipers  
Don Chaney  
12/17 Schoen Family  
12/24 Kirsten Olshausen  
12/31 Paul & Grace Tolo  
Don Robertson

## Greeters

12/3 Mary Fricke  
Diane Nelson  
12/10 Don & Jean Chaney  
12/17 Bonnie Brice  
Don Miller  
12/24 Selma Thompson  
12/31 Bill Hall  
LaRue Nelson

## Council Hospitality

12/3 Jonathan Smith  
12/10 Sue Friddell  
12/17 *Open*  
12/24 Wendy Winslow  
12/31 *Open*

## Sound Engineers

12/3 Miranda Smith  
12/10 Jonathan Smith  
12/17 David Hersey  
12/24 Jonathan Smith  
12/31 David Hersey

## Altar Guild

12/3 Mary Fricke  
12/10 Jacki Marx  
12/17 Karen Hansen  
Heidi Fuhs  
12/24 Karen Hansen  
12/31 Jane Wuest

## Bread Bakers

12/3 Kathy Ziegler  
12/10 Leslie Waltzer  
12/17 Heidi Fuhs  
12/24 N/A  
12/31 Jane Wuest

## Story Time Leaders

12/3 *Open*  
12/10 Ji Trederick  
12/17 *Open*  
12/24 *Open*  
12/31 Ji Trederick

## Acolytes

12/3 Noah Telyea  
12/10 Eliza Fuhs  
12/17 Isabel Ulland  
12/24 Noah Telyea  
12/31 *Open*

## 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Assistants:

**Assisting Minister:** Kimberly Montague

**Communion Assistant:** Kimberly Montague

**Acolyte:** *Open*

**Ushers:** *Open*

**Greeters:** Sandy Aldworth, Vicky Jacobson

**Altar Guild:** Jane Shen

**Sound Engineer:** Miranda Smith



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All information for the *Focus* newsletter is **due by noon on the 15th of each month**, unless noted otherwise. Please email items to [office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.org) on or before the deadline.

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