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**Our Savior
Lutheran Church**
745 Front St. South
Issaquah, WA

Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m.

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Be a community that fearlessly follows Jesus to love God's people.

Greetings OSLC!

I cannot believe summer is already upon us! It seems like only a few weeks ago that we feared another lowland snow. This past weekend my car told me it was in the 80's, and the kids are telling me all the things they want to do over summer break! So before we all go making plans, allow me to tell you about two exciting things happening at OSLC over the summer.

The first is our Summer Sermon Series: LIFE TOGETHER. This sermon series will explore Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, and has three parts. Part 1 will be the worship aspect. We will gather in worship to hear what Paul has to say to an interesting congregation. During this sermon series we will not hear from the gospels, but will devote ourselves completely to Paul's letter. Part II will be the educational aspect. Between 8:45am and 9:45am on Sunday mornings, between June 17th and July 29th, we will be have a summer bible study and go into detail about the mornings lessons. Part III of the sermon series will be a service project. As a congregation we will emphasize our LIFE TOGETHER by partnering with the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank to fill some of their greatest needs. Each week of the series you will be ask to bring specific food donations for drop-off in the narthex for the food bank.

The second excited thing we have planned this summer is the Summer Fellowship Series. This is a series of fellowship opportunities for the OSLC family to get together outside the walls of OSLC. This series will include a Seattle Mariners game, Issaquah Farmers Market Lunch opportunities, and mid-week Summer worship. See pages 4-5 of this edition of the Focus for more information!

I am looking forward to the summer and hope to see you at some, or all, of these activities!

In Christ, Pr. Wes





President's Message

By: Manda Schoen, Council President

Several years ago, I planted strawberries for the first time and was grumbling to my mom about how they just didn't seem to be doing very well. She told me strawberries take a few years to really get established and to remember "root, shoot, fruit." The first year, they don't seem to be doing much, but underground the roots are really growing and taking hold. The second year they grow quite a bit, but don't produce a lot of fruit. The third year is when you finally see the reward of all that glorious fruit!

This year's budget is a "fruit" budget. Council feels it reflects our priorities well. We value our staff and what they add to our congregational life and are providing them compensation in line with the local market. Worship, social ministries and global missions are important to us and it is reflected in our budget. However, there is a \$47,000 difference in our projected income for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and our budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, but we estimate the effective difference is closer to \$15,000. Our analysis indicates about \$20,000 in giving went toward funding the Endowment Fund rather than the general fund. We also have some contingencies built in to provide some wiggle room.

It has been several years since OSLC has done any sort of a stewardship drive. Council has recognized stewardship as a priority for the coming year. If the ideal is for members to tithe, we felt it was important to increase our churchwide benevolences to match that goal and so it was increased to 10% of our budget. Additionally, we can view our facility use by several different outside ministry groups as an in-kind donation, including our arrangement with Encompass. This is an ambitious and exciting budget and one Council feels is achievable. We need your help in giving to meet it though, and challenge you to challenge us - what more can we do next year if giving surpasses our budget?

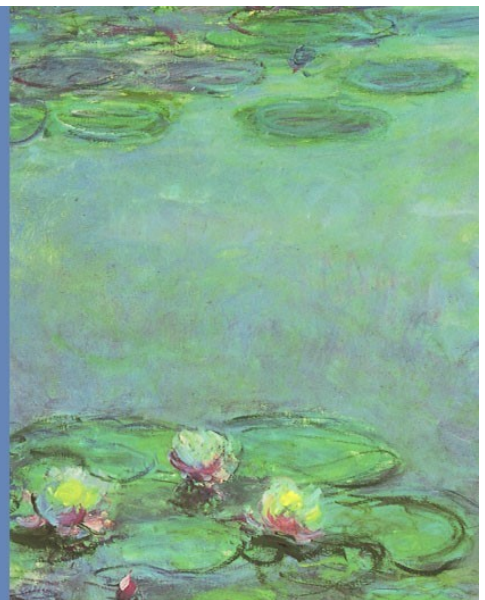
In Peace,
Manda Schoen

Celebrating Janet Heck ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

Please join us for worship on
Music Festival Sunday, June 3, 2018,
as we gather to praise God and give thanks
for Janet's years of service at OSLC.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018
10:00 AM WORSHIP
Reception to follow in Anderson Hall

Contact Pastor Telyea at wes@oslccissaquah.org for more info



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 10th @ 11:30 a.m.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10, at 11:30 a.m. Members of the church council will present the 2018-2019 OSLC mission and ministry budget for congregational review and approval. The budget is included in the Annual Report, sent out via email to the congregation.



OSLC Musicians Recital

On Sunday, June 24, at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary, musicians of OSLC will present a chamber music recital. Sandra Saathoff, Dr. Jiyoung Lee, Scott Hafso, Zart Dombourian-Eby (Seattle Symphony), Lauren Asimakoupoulos, and Nayoung Ham will play.

The varied repertoire includes music by Telemann, Briccialdi, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and a jazzy arrangement of Bach's *Badinerie*.

Admission is free, with a reception to follow. A free-will offering will be dedicated to Encompass, OSLC's newest ministry partner. Questions? Contact Sandra Saathoff at flutes@spu.edu.



July 2017—June 2018

Annual Report to the Congregation

Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front Street South
Issaquah, Washington

Annual Report to the Congregation

The church council, committee members and staff have worked together to prepare this report of church activities over the past year. It is a look back at the work of the congregation in our lives, our community, and the world beyond.

The report includes the church council's proposed 2018-2019 mission and ministry budget, which will be presented for a vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 10th, at 11:30 a.m.

This report has been sent out electronically. If you would like a paper copy of the report, pick one up in the narthex or church office.

The report includes the activities of the:

Building & Grounds Committee
Finance Committee
Global Missions Committee
Social Concerns Committee
Christian Education Committee
Youth Committee
Mission Endowment Fund Committee
Council President
Church Staff



SUMMER SERMON SERIES: LIFE TOGETHER

Join us this summer as we explore Paul's First letter to the Corinthians where he addresses how Christians live together in community in a world that is unfriendly to the faith. This Sermon Series will consist of three parts:

PART I: EDUCATION

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:45am between June 17th and July 29th as we explore the readings for the day in depth. Bring your questions and your favorite bible.

PART II: WORSHIP

During this Sermon Series we will be commit ourselves to only reading from 1 Corinthians. Here is a list of our readings to help you prepare for worship:

6/17- First Reading 1:1-25, Second Reading 2:1- 16
6/24- First Reading: 3:10-23, Second Reading: 4:1-21
7/1- First Reading 5:1-13, Second Reading 6:12-20
7/8- First Reading 7:1a; 8:1-9:2, Second Reading 10:1-24
7/15- First Reading 11:1; 11:17-34, Second Reading 12:1-12
7/22- First Reading 15:1-19, Second Reading 15:20-59
7/29- First Reading 16:1-9, Second Reading 16:10-24

PART III: SERVICE

As we ponder our LIFE TOGETHER as a community that fearlessly follow Jesus, we will also participate in a service project with the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank. Each week during the sermon series you will be asked to bring in a different food item to donate. Your donation can be placed in the Narthex at the "Corner of Blessing." These seven foods represent the Food Bank's 7 greatest food needs.

6/17- Canned Tuna
6/24- Canned Chicken
7/1- Healthy Soups
7/8- Ensure
7/15- Pasta Sauce
7/22- Pasta Noodles
7/29- Cooking oil

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP SERIES

You are invited to join members of the OSLC family this summer during a series of fellowship events. The events are designed to build our sense of community, and to allow members to check in with one another during a busy time of year.



The events include:

THIRD SATURDAY ISSAQUAH FARMERS MARKET LUNCH

Saturdays, June 16th, July 21st, and August 18th, at 11:00 am

Grab lunch from your favorite Issaquah Farmers Market food vendor, and meet members of OSLC by the gazebo and music just outside Pickering Barn.

MID-WEEK SUMMER CAMPFIRE WORSHIP BY THE LAKE

Wednesdays, July 11th, 18th and 25th, at 6pm

Bring a dish to share and join members of OSLC for dinner and worship. This is a great opportunity to worship in nature with the creator of the world. Smores follow worship!

SEATTLE MARINERS BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, July 22nd at 1:10pm

Join other members of OSLC at the Safe for an afternoon game and some summer fun. The cost is only \$13 per ticket (half price!). The Mariners will play the Chicago White Sox, and all kids 14 and under get a free kids' cap. To sign up, contact Joan Friel at frielj4@comcast.net.





OSLC Summer 2018

- June 3** Music Festival Sunday
Janet Heck Retirement Celebration
- June 10** Congregational Meeting @ 11:30 AM
- June 17** High School Graduate Recognition
Pie Sunday, following worship
- June 24** OSLC Musician Recital @ 1:00 pm
- July 9–13** Vacation Bible School
@ Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church
9:00 am–12:00 pm
- July 11, 18, 25** Wednesday Evening Community
Campfires on Lake Sammamish
@6:30 PM



Sunday, June 17th Pie Day

On Sunday, June 17th, the CiC Study Group will host Pie Day in Anderson Hall following worship. Join the fun and enjoy some home made pie!



OSLC OFFICE HOURS 10:00AM — 2:00PM

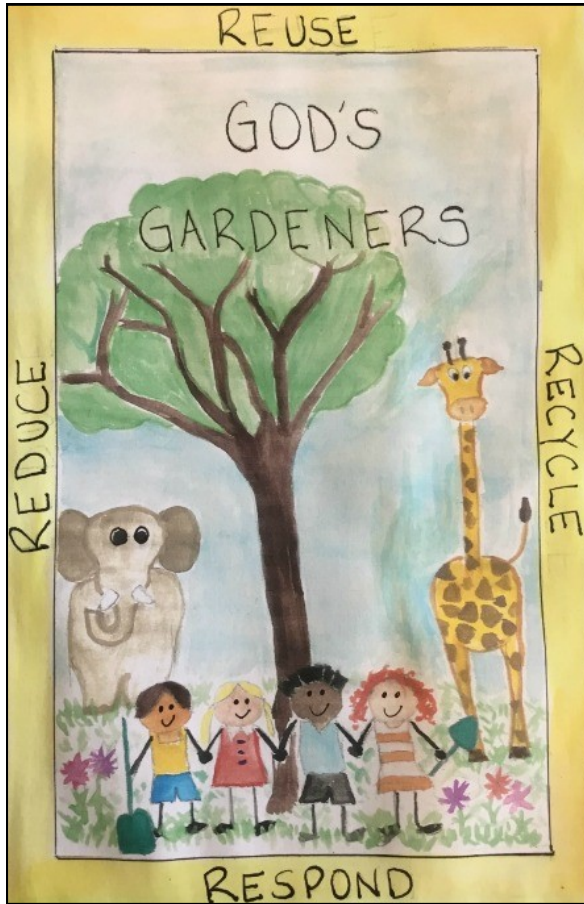
As we begin a new partnership, a staff member will be in the office between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Those wishing to drop-in for assistance and ministry tasks will find someone ready to help. Need to come by the office earlier or later? Staff are always available at other times during the business day by appointment.



Lutheran Counseling Network is a coalition of licensed pastoral counselors. Counselor Katherine Mitchell, MA, LMHC, has an office downstairs, and provides therapy on an appointment basis.

You can reach her at:
425-455-2960 ext. 6
kmitchell@lutherancounseling.net

Find out more at:
Lutherancounseling.net



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**Vacation Bible School:
God's Gardeners:
Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle, Respond**

July 9—13, 2018
9:00 AM—12:00 PM
St. Andrew's
Lutheran Church
Bellevue

Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs for:
children 4-years-old through kids entering 7th grade:

4-year-olds: birth dates between 9/1/2013 and 8/31/2014

Students entering 5th, 6th, and 7th grade will be participate in camp at St. Andrew's, as well as take field trips to various places in the area (transportation provided).

Cost:	Before July 1st	After July 1st
4-year-olds to 4th Grade	\$15	\$20
Camp (5th-7th Grade)	\$25	\$35
Family maximum	\$35	\$45

Financial assistance is available upon request.

Complete a VBS Registration form in the narthex and return it to the church office with payment, or complete the online form at vbs.salchome.org.

If you are interested in VOLUNTEERING, complete a form on the table in the narthex or online at vbs.salchome.org.

VBS is co-sponsored by Saint Andrew's and Our Savior Lutheran Churches.



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.

Our quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief, and then sent all over the world, frequently to countries following natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes. Quilts are also given to OSLC graduating seniors and to Compass Housing Alliance.

Mission Quilters welcomes new members. Don't know how to sew? No problem! It's not necessary to know

how to sew or quilt to participate. The group welcomes donations of fabric (preferably cotton) and clean used sheets. Donations to help with the cost of shipping and to buy supplies are also greatly appreciated.

Mission Quilters will meet on the following Wednesday mornings over the summer:

June 6 and 27, July 18 and 25.

During the month of August, Mission Quilters will enjoy a break, and resume in September.

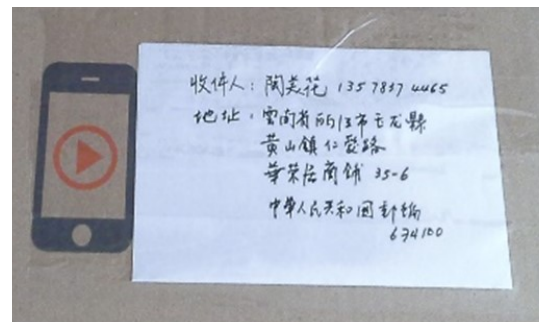
Altar Guild



Last December the congregation began using the new communion ware. Since then we have been looking for an appropriate home for the old communion ware. Thanks to committee members Jane and Peter Shen, a home was found.

The OSLC used communion set was donated to a newly formed congregation in Lijiang of China. He-Yi congregation started in 2017 as a preaching point for a newly developed Xing-Cheng (new city) community. It has baptized worshippers of 30 in just one-year time. It also provides a home on weekends for about 40 youth from the surrounding far away villages attending high school in Xing-Cheng. The congregation gathers the youth for fellowship, Bible studies, meals and music lessons.

OSLC donated guitars and keyboard instruments for this vital ministry. Pastor Tao of He-Yi congregation is appreciative of this unique gift from OSLC and expresses her thankfulness to God and to OSLC members for our togetherness in fellowship and in communion.





Congratulations to OSLC's 2018 High School Graduates!

**Paige Lucas
Cassidy Rimmer
Jordan Usselman
Thomas Zhu-Sordahl**

Hanging Basket Sale Thank You

Thank you to all of you who supported OSLC youth by purchasing the hanging baskets of summer flowers. The Narthex was filled with beautiful fuchsias and petunias. Squak Mt. Nursery, as always, provided large, luxurious plants. Enjoy all the beautiful blooms.

Claire & Jennifer Tolo



OSLC's Book Club

*Issaquah Barnes and Noble Bookstore
Monday, July 9th @ 7:30 p.m.*

The next gathering for the Book Club is Monday, July 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble to discuss the book, *Along Came a Spider*. This is the first novel in James Patterson's series about forensic psychologist Alex Cross. He investigates the murders of three people in the poor section of Washington D.C. Meanwhile, a teacher is so popular that the kids all call him "Mr. Chips." And he's very, very smart. Growing up, he always knew he was smarter than the rest of them-he knew that the Great Ones always fooled everybody. Alex Cross must outmaneuver a brilliant psychopath. For further information about the book club, contact Alice North at AliceNorth85@yahoo.com.



Help Ensure Midweek Community Campfires Happen in 2018!

*Wednesday Evenings, July 11th, 18th, and 25th
4405 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway S.E.
Issaquah, WA 98029*

This beloved OSLC tradition on Lake Sammamish is in need of volunteers. We're looking for individuals and families to unlock and lock the gate, and start the campfire. If there is a desire to continue providing food at the event, volunteers are needed to serve as Coordinator, Campfire Hosts, and Food & Beverage Hosts.

There is nothing quite like gathering around a campfire on a summer evening. If you are interested in providing the leadership to ensure continuation of the campfire worship tradition, please contact Pastor Wes.

Together, we can celebrate the good gifts of our Creator and nurture God's hope-filled promises in our lives. Summer is a time to celebrate and a time to grow. We hope you choose to participate, and we hope you invite others.



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June Worship Texts

Sunday, June 3—Music Festival Sunday

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Sunday, June 10—Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1
 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 17—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-25
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Sunday, June 24—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-21



6/3	Merrily Gottner	6/18	Barbara Hinds
	Shannon Small		Connie Fletcher
6/4	Kelsey Small		Lilly Steffan
	Tom Gardner	6/19	Jennifer Tolo
6/5	Sharon Mantei	6/20	Olivia Hanson
6/8	John Pass	6/22	Cheryl Neeb
6/9	Jeanette Patterson	6/24	Drew Fletcher
	Paul Swanson	6/25	Vicki LeFever
6/10	Cheryl Landers	6/26	Lena Diaz
	Jeannie Lindquist	6/28	Bob Beck
6/11	Lorna Robertson		Libby FitzGerald
6/13	John Diaz		Shari Lundberg
6/14	Jane Wuest	6/30	Tim FitzGerald
6/15	Isabel Ulland		
	Linda Baseler		

6/2	Gary & Marilyn Kneepkens
6/5	Ken DeCamp & Cheryl Leiter
6/8	Craig & Lisa Gillin
6/11	Paul & Nilvane Swanson
6/13	John & Diane Fatland
	Ron & Sharon Mantei
6/14	Bruce & Norma Byrnett
	Michael & Debbie Sladek
6/17	Ray & Carol Harbolt
6/18	David & Marilyn Carlson
6/20	Don & Nancy Cumming
6/28	Chuck Bachman & Wendy Winslow

We remember in prayer...

We remember in prayer OSLC members:

Doug Patur, Bethany Moncur, Myako Griffin, Gwynn Wilkinson, Katie Moeller, Nicole DeCamp, Carmen Saavedra, Debby Beck, Amy Smart, Jeannie Lindquist, Dave Carlson, Jason Williams, Emily Gacek; Steve Gacek; Carol Harbolt; Ray Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Margot Inman; Duane Jacobson; Marian James; Bernice Jensen; Josee Jordan; Florence Kinnune; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Jerry Nack; Doug Patur; Dorothy Soland; Randi Strom; Selma Thompson; Gerald Welch; Gwynn Wilkinson; Louise Yockey

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

Mike Hardy (Uncle of Bill Suttmeier); **Bob Harper** (brother in-law of Bill Bergsma); **George Miller** (Karen Hansen); **Diana Zagurski** (Dianne Tanner); **Mark Wallace** (Cheryl Hauser)

We pray for expectant mothers: **DeLainey Bodell** (granddaughter of Judi and Ralph Case); **Nicole Verlander** (Janet Heck); **Kate Vidigal** (granddaughter of John and Helen Nychay); **Sheri Wallace** (Cheryl Hauser); **Rachel Willingham** (daughter of Bernard and Kirsten Olshausen)

We promise to nurture new members who joined OSLC on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

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 Secondary School** in Monduli, Tanzania.

We offer thanksgiving to God:

For the joyous birth of **Lucille Anna Weber**, daughter of Kristen and Patrick (granddaughter of Randy and Joanna Wood).

For OSLC's Christian education teachers: **Jennifer Tolo**, **Lisa Thomassen**, **Cheryl Hauser**, **Bill Cash**, **Colae Migge**, **Katy Ulland**, **Les Gagnon**, **Kate Gagnon**, **Jordan Usselman**, **Kathy Guthmiller**.



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.

June 2018 Worship Assistants

Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!

Assisting Ministers

6/3 Karen Hansen
6/10 Connie Fletcher
6/17 Joan Friel
6/24 Bill Bergsma

Greeters

6/3 Mary Fricke
Lynn Capodice
6/10 Don & Jean Chaney
6/17 Bonnie Brice
Don Miller
6/24 Kathy Guthmiller
Selma Thompson

Altar Guild

6/3 Jane Wuest
6/10 Jane Shen
6/17 Mary Fricke
6/24 Jacki Marx

Communion Assistants

6/3 Mary Fricke
6/10 Jane Shen
6/17 Stacy Smith
6/24

Sound Engineers

6/3 Miranda Smith
6/10 Jonathan Smith
6/17 Miranda Smith
6/24

Bread Bakers

6/3 Jane Wuest
6/10 Leslie Waltzer
6/17 Marilyn Carlson
6/24 Connie Fletcher

Ushers

6/3 Rick & Jan West
6/10 George Kuipers
Don Chaney
6/17 Schoen Family
6/24 Kirsten Olshausen
Bill Suttmeier

Fellowship

6/3 Kate Gagnon
Sue Friddell
6/10
6/17 Irene Carn, CiC
6/24 The Carlsons

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Ushers: Bill Suttmeier, 425- 891-9833

Greeters: Mary Fricke, 425-313-1582

Council Hospitality: Sue Friddell, 425-392-9730

Sound Engineers: Jonathan Smith, 425-392-3499

Altar Guild & Bread Bakers: Karen Hansen, 425-454-2420 and Jane Wuest 425-641-4252



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