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TO SERVE

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

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

Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m.
**Adult Education
& Sunday School**
10:00 a.m.

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Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus
Romans 3:23-24

Greetings OSLC!

As we settle into a new program year you may have notice a few changes. First, thank you to everyone who participated in the ministry fair in September. It was great to see representatives from OSLC's various ministries together and available for questions after worship. Several people found inspiration for volunteering and signed up to new roles serving our congregation and our community as ushers, assisting ministers, and other committee services.

The second change concerns Sunday Morning Sunday School and Adult Education. Sunday Morning Education has moved to a new format. This format includes having everyone gather at 8:45am in Anderson Hall for a moment of prayer, and an introduction to the biblically based lesson of the day. Then at 9:00am we break out into groups based on age where each group can dive deeper into the material. At 9:45 Sunday Morning Education will conclude, but not end because the sermon during worship will be based on what was learned about during the educational hour. This is a new and unique way to structure our educational time, and its goal is to bring continuity across the entire congregation.

Finally, I'd like to invite youth and teens to participate in OSLC's Youth Groups. Fourth through eighth graders gather Sunday mornings after worship from 11:30am – 1:30pm. High school students meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00pm. All are welcome for fun, food, laughter and conversation.

In Christ, Pr. Wes





President's Message

By: Manda Schoen, Council President

Dear OSLC,

Council thanks everyone who participated in the ministry fair in September. Whether or not you were able to come to the fair and sign on to take part in a particular ministry, you are all a part of the general ministry of OSLC. Here are just some of the ways you contribute:

- Come to worship! As Pastor Wes has reminded us, the prayers are richer, the music is fuller and the community is stronger when you are there.
- Greet visitors. Invite them in for coffee and get to know them a little bit.
- Pray for each other. Take home the Sunday bulletin and pray for those on the prayer list.
- Get to know the youth of our congregation. They are our future. Research has shown it is a connection with an adult who they are not related to that keeps youth coming back to church.
- Get to know someone new. Consider inviting them to dinner or meeting them for coffee.
- Volunteer. Consider committing to something new for a year. The work of the church is done by us. This is also a great opportunity to get to know someone new.
- Be open-minded. The world around us constantly changes and we need to continuously adapt to serve the changing needs around us. This means trying new things, some of which might be unconventional.

Council looks forward to seeing you and throughout the year.

In peace, Manda Schoen



What is Reformation Sunday?

Reformation Sunday, October 28th

If you're a new member or visitor to Our Savior, you may wonder, what is this day all about? For Lutherans and many other Protestants in America, the last Sunday in October is celebrated as Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on October 31st, 1517. On that date Luther posted his statement of faith, known as the 95 Theses, on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation.

In some parts of Europe, Reformation Day is a civil holiday to commemorate the vast social and political change that resulted. Reformation Sunday in the United States is celebrated as a day to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity: that faith in Christ is all that's needed for salvation, and the Bible is the true authority in matters of faith.

From: *What Is the Meaning of Reformation Sunday?* By Janet Mulroney Clark



**Enriching Life by
Embracing Our Dying:
The Proper Use of
Death Bed Regrets**

Fall Men's Retreat with Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

Retreat Leader: The Reverend Dr. Timothy Weber

Friday, October 26th—Saturday, Oct. 27th

At Valley Camp in North Bend

Activities begin Friday at 5:00 pm, and conclude Saturday at 4:00 pm

Psalm 90 admonishes us to do the unnatural: *"Teach us to number our days that we might apply our hearts unto wisdom."* We do everything to avoid the reality of our dying as Ernst Becker underscored in his prize winning book, *The Denial of Death*.

It is unnatural, maybe even frightening, for us to look at our dying boldly in the face with the prayer: teach me to learn from my dying how I might live with greater abundance. For this task we need the power of the Spirit, courage to face the conversation, and partners in our faith community who might help us.

The promise of Christ is that the abundant life awaits us even more than we would ever think. But, this also requires a "suffering under the cross" which, in this case, is the suffering of our dying and learning what we can, and making new and fresh decisions about living with our numbered days. Retreat brochures with additional information can be found on the table in the narthex.

FALL MEN'S RETREAT Registration 2018

Deadline to register: **October 21st**

Name_____ Evening Phone_____

Address_____ Daytime Phone_____

City, State, Zip_____ Cell Phone_____

Email Address_____

Include payment of \$50. Checks payable to "Saint Andrew's" indicating "Men's Retreat" in the memo. You may place it in the OSLC offering plate, take it to the Saint Andrew's church office, or mail it to: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, at 2650 – 148th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98007.



Harvest Stewardship Dinner! November 10th

Gather with us for live music, meatballs, lefse and stewardship on Saturday evening, November 10th at 5:00 pm, in Anderson Hall. **What is Lefse you might ask?** A delicious Scandinavian soft flatbread!

Guest musicians will be the Muddy String Band (a regular at area farmers markets), and Paul Isop with his accordion.

We held a similar harvest dinner a couple of years ago. It was a lot of fun and very well attended. It took many hands to put it together and so will this year's dinner. Let us know you're coming – **RSVP today to office@oslcssaquah.org.**

Lefse makers and cookie bakers are needed. We will also need **meatball makers** in the church kitchen on Nov. 8th. Please let Connie Fletcher know if you can help by contacting her at fletch501c@aol.com.



Meet a Member of Our Community

Ken Konigsmark grew up in Mason City, Iowa and left to attend the US Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in 1978. After six years as an active duty Army intelligence officer, Ken separated from active service and continued serving as an Air Force Reserve officer until retiring from service after 22 years. He also began a 29 year career at Boeing before retiring in 2013. Ken has lived in Issaquah since 1984, and joined OSLC in 1994. He is active in many local issues and organizations related to land conservation, environmental protection, and growth management.



Vistitation Ministry

Kate Gagnon

It is with pleasure that I greet you as our new Lay Visitation Minister. I have begun to visit some of our longest term members and have delighted in the opportunity to get to know them better. I feel honored to get to hear the stories of their lives. Each person has such an interesting story of life and life long ago at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Several of the people I have visited have been members of the church for over 50 years! As a relative newcomer to the church I try to imagine what the church was like and what Issaquah was like 50 years ago.

I throughly enjoy just visiting with some of our most senior members but it is made even more special by being able to pray with them and bring them communion. Many people, when asked, would say that if they look back over their last week, the moments they felt closest to Christ were the few minutes when they took communion. They would say it was at that time that they felt the love of Christ focused on them individually remembering how he shed his body and blood for them that they might have eternal life. It is a sacred time and I feel honored to share it with my brothers and sisters in Christ.



As I look ahead I am thinking that the ministry will grow. There may be other people who will need or want visitation. I want to continue to walk alongside those that I visit now as long as they are here. No doubt others will be added and I would like to add other lay visitors to my ministry. Pastor Wes has asked us to think more about our gifts. Is this an area where you feel called? Do you love people? Do you love to hear their stories? Do you love the communion and sharing it with others? Please pray about this and ask God if this is a path he wants you to take.

God's Peace Be With You,
Kate Gagnon,
Lay Visitation Minister





The Chaney Family would like to thank the OSLC family for the love, support and friendship shown to us at this time. Special thanks to Diane Tanner, Hope Circle and all who helped with the lovely reception. It was a great comfort to us and to all who attended.

Thank you,
Jean Chaney

Women's Retreat Planning

Looking for a retreat in the spring? Planning for the next Women's Retreat is underway! All are welcome. If you would like to help make this event happen, contact Joan Friel at friel-j4@comcast.net or 425-941-2925.



OSLC Mission Quilters

Join us this fall on Wednesday mornings 9:30 am until 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall, and assist us making quilts. The Mission Quilters make simple patchwork quilts that are donated to people in need.

Quilts made by OSLC Mission Quilters are donated to Lutheran World Relief, and are 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, to Compass Housing Alliance, and our neighbors at the Issaquah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

The Mission Quilters welcome new members. It is not necessary to know how to sew or quilt to participate in this ministry. 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. Contact the church office for more information, 425-392-4169, ext. 100.

Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH & ADULTS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Gather with us each Sunday at 8:45 am in Anderson Hall for Adult Education Hour and Sunday School. Pastor Wes will start things off by engaging all ages with an introduction to the lesson for the day.

At 9:00 am, the gathering will break into small groups for discussion and faith-building activities. Groups: preschool-2nd graders, 3rd-7th graders, 8th-12th graders, and adults.

At 9:30 am, we'll come back together to recap and close in prayer.

The lesson each Sunday will be based on the Scripture readings used in worship, and will correlate with that day's sermon.



Youth Group Christian Explorers

4th—8th Graders

Sunday mornings after worship

11:30—1:30 pm

Gather with us after worship for fun, food, and laughter! All are welcome.

High School

9th—12th Grades

Sunday evenings

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Gather with us, take a break from your busy week to relax, spend time with friends, reflect on issues that are important to you, share ideas, and see how the word of God comes alive through movies, discussions, speakers and a variety of activities. All high school students are welcome!

Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

Companions in Christ

A Small Group Experience in Spiritual Formation

Companions in Christ is a women's study group that meets weekly on Friday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 p.m. There are two primary components:

Individual reading, journaling and daily exercises throughout the week based on the Participant's Guide; and,

A weekly two-hour meeting based the week's materials and five daily exercises that help participants reflect on their lives in light of the chosen content.

An important part of this study is keeping a personal notebook or journal in which participants record reflections, prayers, and questions for later review/reference at the weekly group meeting. Knowing that God calls us to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, participants in this study do sign a covenant to worship regularly, take time for daily devotion, be an agent of God's justice and reconciliation in the world, practice love for all people and prayerfully plan the best use of time and resources.

Beginning sometime this fall, the Companions in Christ study group will begin *The Way of Grace*. The stories in each week's reading follow the chronological journey of Jesus' ministry as presented in John's Gospel. Group members are invited to explore and reflect on significant turning points, crises, and openings in their own spiritual journeys. While scripture provides the context for each chapter's theme, this is not a Bible study in any traditional sense. The group will focus on how these stories touch our hearts, move our wills, and shape our spirits to conform more fully to the life of Christ.

If you are thinking or desiring to become involved in a weekly study group, please join us for an introductory meeting on Friday, October 12th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the OSLC library. For planning purposes, please contact Irene Carn, recarn@msn.com, 425-281-1924, or Janet Heck janetheck56@gmail.com, 425-228-2412, and let them know if you are interested in joining us at the introductory meeting.

COMPANIONS in Christ®

Christian Education & Small Group Ministries



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

Join Pastor Wes each week on Tuesday morning at 10:30 am in the library for a study of the Book of Revelation. Bring your favorite Bible and a pen to make notes. All



OSLC's Book Club

*Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Issaquah
Monday, November 12th, at 7:30 p.m.*

The next gathering for the Book Club is on Monday, November 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble to discuss the book, *Seven Days in May*, by Kim Izzo. A novel of the Lusitania, inspired by true events. As World War I rages in continental Europe, two New York heiresses, Sydney and Brooke Sinclair, set sail for England. Brooke is engaged to marry. Sydney has other adventures in mind. As international tempers flare, the German embassy releases a warning that any ships making the Atlantic crossing are at risk. Undaunted, Sydney and Brooke board the Lusitania for the seven-day voyage. For further information about the book club, contact Alice North at AliceNorth85@yahoo.com

OSLC's Plan for the Year Ahead



Vision:

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

Values

- Be accessible
- Be faithful to God's word
- Be responsive to God's call
- Be open to and inconvenienced by the Holy Spirit
- Trusting relations



Methods

- Worship based opportunities
- Service based opportunities
- Fellowship based opportunities
- Learning based opportunities



Obstacles

- Fear
- Apathy
- Budget
- Church culture
- Culture of society
- Geographic location/traffic



Metrics

- Push back
- Enthusiasm
- End of program year survey
- How busy the church calendar is
- New groups and relationships forming
- Increased interactions among church members
- How many people take advantage of learning opportunities



October Worship Readings

Sunday, October 7 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm: Psalm 8
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 14 — Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 21 — Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 28 — Reformation Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: Psalm 46
Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28
Gospel: John 8:31-36

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/3 Peggy Coyle	10/24 Bayden Loudermilk
10/4 Mark Mummy	10/25 Elaine Stamm
10/5 Paul Isop	10/28 Peter Shen
10/9 Claire Tolo	10/29 Marianne Kampf
10/11 Shane Small	Thomas Zhu-Sordahl
10/12 Dianne Tanner	10/30 Lisa Gillin
Lisa Thomassen	Sandy Saathoff
10/16 Lenda Sundene	Shirley Witsoe
10/17 Marilyn Kneepkens	
10/21 Anna Montague	
Carol Harbolt	
Grace Tolo	
Marian James	



Anniversaries

10/5	Mike & Joan Friel
10/6	Brad & Jacki Marx
10/26	Lyle & Alice Lewis



We remember in prayer...

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Marlene Pickering, Doug Patur, Amy Smart, Dave Carlson, Kathy Guthmiller, Scott Hafso, Alice Lewis, Jeanne Kuipers, John Pass, 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; Dorothy Soland; Randi Strom; Selma Thompson; Gerald Welch; Gwynn Wilkinson; Louise Yockey, Kathy McIntyre, Mert Bartsch, Richard Taylor, Kevin Orton, Shannon Grasso, Sonya Solum, Steve, Kathy, Jeff, Tim and Crystal.

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

Kathleen Brooks (mother of Becky Brooks); Joyce Kruckenberg (aunt of Dianne Tanner); Marvelene Hitchcock (Craig & Lisa Gillin); Nancy Peterson; Jill Paulson Leghorn (John & Diane Fatland); Matt Seidman (Scott Hafso); David Crowe (father of Jennifer Tolo); Don Chaney (husband of Jean Chaney); Audrey Harbolt (sister-in-law of Ray Harbolt); Pam Mummy (sister-in-law of Mark Mummy); Wyannie Flowers (mother of Nancy Meyers)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Stacy Greenshields (Janet Heck); Jessica Wallace (Cheryl Hauser); Shianne Mamon (niece of Cheryl Neeb); Sheri Wallace (Cheryl Hauser).

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 hurricane Florence, and 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 successful eye surgeries for Peter Dounis (Lois Dounis). For the joyous birth of Atticus Stephen Bodell, great-grandson to Judi and Ralph Case. For successful surgeries for Karen Hansen.

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Worship Assistants – October 2018

Service Time: 10:00 am

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Greeters	Council Hospitality	Altar Guild & Bread Baker	Sound Engineer	Fellowship Hour
Oct. 7 Pentecost 20	Jen Winslow	Mary Fricke Jen Winslow	Ken DeCamp Cheryl Leiter	Mary Fricke Genevieve Schoen		Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Marilyn Carlson	David Hersey	Dick Ferrarini
Oct. 14 Pentecost 21	Connie Fletcher	Connie Fletcher Alice Lewis	George Kuipers Phil Griffin	Jean Chaney		Jean Pass / Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	Jonathan Smith	Carol Bergsma
Oct. 21 Pentecost 22	Mary Ann Hult	Mary Ann Hult Jane Shen	Schoen Family	Bonnie Brice Don Miller	Ken Koenigsmark	Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Manda Schoen	Jonathan Smith	<i>Open</i> coffee only in narthex
Oct. 28 Reformation Sunday	Joan Friel	Joan Friel Stacy Smith	Kirsten Olshausen Jonathan Smith	Kathy Guthmiller Selma Thompson		Karen Hansen <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher	David Hersey	Jane & Peter Shen Ann Thomas

October 2018

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28	29	30	31										

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5	6
	12:00pm OA (Upstairs Education Room) 7:00pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	10:30am Tuesday AM Bible Study (Library) 7:00pm Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall)	9:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 10:00am Al Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 5:30pm Lego League (Anderson Hall)	1:00pm Companions in Christ (CIC) (Library)	Salmon Days
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