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**Our Savior
Lutheran Church**
745 Front Street S.
Issaquah, WA

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.
**Adult Education
& Sunday School**
8:45 a.m.

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

Have you or someone you love registered for the 2019 OSLC Women's Retreat, March 1-3, at Rainbow Lodge in Northbend yet? If not, hopefully you will soon - we're going to have a "groovy" time!



Our theme this year is "Living For the Common Good", and our speaker will be Pastor Mary-Alyce Burleigh from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Kirkland. We all strive to achieve the common good - the shared values and shared goals that will benefit our society as a whole. Through both study sessions and small groups, Pastor Mary-Alyce will discuss how the church has evolved in its ways to achieve these ideals, how we can continue to keep the common good, and how we can maintain this ethos to live for the common good.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex, or you can register online by visiting the church website: www.oslcissaquah.org/womens-retreat/.

The fee for a full-time guest will be \$160 for double-occupancy, \$180 for a single room. This covers lodging and meals for the entire weekend! A \$50 registration deposit will be due by Friday, February 8th. You can also come for part of the weekend if you'd rather - the registration form has several options. Please come join us!

If you have any questions, please contact me at frielj4@comcast.net, or via phone or text message at 425-941-2925.

P.S. Scholarships will be available as funds allow. If you would like to be considered for a full or partial scholarship, you may contact Joan or the church office - all requests will be strictly confidential.

OSLC Women's Retreat Fundraising Bazaar Sunday, January 13th, After Worship



On Sunday, January 13th we will hold our annual Women's Retreat Fundraising Bazaar in the narthex after worship. We'll need things like:

- cookies
- sweet breads
- whole pies
- jars of homemade jam
- handmade arts and crafts

We'll also be having a Silent Auction section, so be thinking of items to donate:

- fine bottles of wine
- gifts of time and talent
- basket full of goodies!

If you have a donation for the auction, please let Joan Friel know –via e-mail at fri-elj4@comcast.net or via a phone call/text msg. at 425-941-2925.

Also, if you can help with setup, sales, or cleanup at this event, please contact Joan and let her know. Thank you in advance for your support of the Women's Ministries at OSLC!



December was a busy month for the Social Concerns Committee!

HUGS (H) hats, (U) underwear, (G) gloves and (S) socks were collected each Sunday for our Community Gifts for December. All items were donated to the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank. Thank you to all who donated. If you missed donating in December, you can always put a donation in the Issaquah Food Bank box in Anderson Hall. It's never too late. Our January First Sunday (January 6) Community Gifts item is **Hearty Soups**.

The Giving Tree, used to collect gift cards for Safe Parking, Church Members in Need and the Issaquah Food Bank, was successful in collecting a number of gift cards.

After going for many months without anyone in Safe Parking, we presently have 2 women and a family staying in Safe Parking. We were able to help them with different needs with gift cards collected from the Giving Tree. If you are looking for ways to help out with Safe Parking contact Kate Gagnon.

A number of gift cards from the Giving Tree supported buying items for the Issaquah Food Bank, Holiday Gift Barn. Each year the Issaquah Food Bank sets up the Pickering Barn as a store for clients to pick out items for their children for Christmas. The Holiday Gift Barn served more than 1,500 children from more than 650 families with more being served at the clothing bank the week after. Several church members also volunteered at the event.

OSLC hosted Lunch for the Break on December 17th & 18th. We collected from the community and disbursed to clients 287 boxes in the 2 days! The three locations participating gave out a total of 491 boxes. Many children will have food to eat during the two week school break. We also had books on hand to give out to the children from Friends of the Library. Thank you to all the volunteers!

We are always looking for volunteers to help cook and serve the Community Dinner once a month. Contact Connie Fletcher to volunteer.

At our December meeting we had a presentation from Georgia Megow (a former church member) who volunteers with Issaquah Community Services. The organization helps clients with emergency financial aid for rent, utilities and other expenses. They partner with the Issaquah Food Bank. If you are interested in volunteering or donating to ICS, contact Cheryl Leiter leiterc55@aol.com and you can be connected with information on ICS.

We are always looking for more committee members. The next meeting is Monday, January 7th at 2:00pm, in the narthex.

Christian Education & Small Group Ministries



Tuesday Morning Bible Study *Resumes January 8th*

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 are welcome!

Sunday School *Resumes* *January 13th*



Gather with us 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.

Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

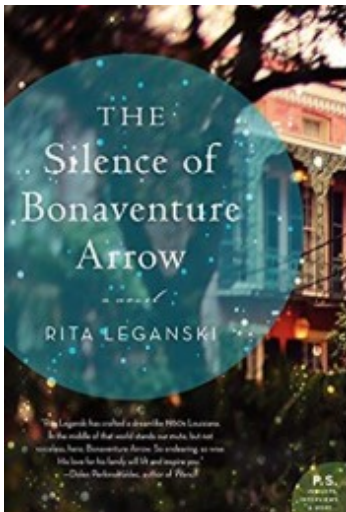


Youth Group

*4th Grade—High School
Sundays at 5:00 pm, at OSLC*

Gather with us for food, fun and laughter. Take a break from your busy school 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 are welcome!

On **Sunday, January 6th**, join us as we bring gifts to our neighbors at Issaquah Nursing & Rehab, and visit with the residents there.



OSLC's Book Club

*Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Issaquah
Monday, January 14th, at 7:30 p.m.*

The next gathering for the Book Club is Monday, January 14th, at 7:30 pm at the Issaquah Barnes & Noble. The club will discuss the book, *The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow*. A magical debut novel set against the backdrop of 1950's New Orleans from Rita Leganski, it is the tale of a mute boy whose gift of wondrous hearing reveals family secrets and forgotten voodoo lore and exposes a murder that threatens the souls of those who love him. For further information please contact Alice North at AliceNorth85@yahoo.com

Small Group Ministries



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – TWO DOORS AND A STOVE

Building and Grounds is looking for two matching, solid core doors to be used in Anderson Hall for the Table & Chair storage closet. If you have a couple of doors and you want to donate them, please call or email Rick West at 425-830-8085 / rickjanbecca@comcast.net.

If you are one of our volunteers who use the OSLC kitchen stove, please take a moment to review the list of operating steps posted to the left of the stove, and take special note of how to shut off the oven. A common set of steps for shut down helps avoid difficulty for the next person who turns on the stove. Questions? Ask Marilyn Carlson, Kitchen Committee, at auntmare@nwlink.com / 206-499-9601; or Rick West, Buildings & Grounds Committee, at rickjanbecca@comcast.net. Thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We have a 'small but mighty' group that oversees the OSLC kitchen and supports the many ministries that use it. We're seeking a point person or small team to manage the Coffee Hour Fellowship. This would be work similar to organizing the Ushers, Greeters, and Sound Board volunteers.

Key duties: provide a sign-up sheet for coffee hour, and communicate how to set up and clean up to new volunteers. Coffee supplies are provided. Weekly volunteers provide any eats.

Interested? Please contact Marilyn Carlson at auntmare@nwlink.com or 206-499-9601.

Small Group Ministries



OSLC Mission Quilters

Join us 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry provides knitted or crocheted shawls to those who are hospitalized, sick or just need a hug! If you are interested in participating in this ministry, or, learning how to knit or crochet, contact Wendy Winslow at wendywinslow@hotmail.com. Yarn and patterns are available.

Small Group Ministries



Please consider donating to the OSLC Women's Retreat Scholarship Fund!

The next OSLC Women's Retreat will be held during the first weekend in March 2019. The fee for the weekend is \$160, 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 — you could help someone attend, plus gain the tax benefit for 2018!

Please make checks payable to **OSLC**, with the words "*Women's Retreat - Donation*" on the memo line, and drop it in the offering basket, or the church office.

Thank you in advance for your support of Women's Ministries at OSLC! If you have any questions, please contact Joan Friel at frielj4@comcast.net, or via phone/text message at 425-941-2925.



Do you know of someone who may be home-bound, in senior care, or otherwise would like a visit from our Visitation Ministry and is not currently receiving visits? If so, please pass their name along to Kate Gagnon, OSLC's Lay Visitation Minister at kjgagnon@yahoo.com, or 425-200-0481.

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



January Worship Readings

Sunday, January 6 — Epiphany of Our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 13 — Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7
Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17
Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 20 — Second Sunday After Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 27 — Third Sunday After Epiphany

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Gospel: Luke 4:14-21



We remember in prayer...

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Dianne Tanner, John Wray, Phyllis Holte, Alice Lewis, Hope Grasso, The Howe Family and those affected by the earthquake in Alaska, Floyd Rogers, Jean Suttmeier, Mert Bartsch, Doug Patur, Amy Smart, Dave Carlson, Kathy Guthmiller, Scott Hafso, 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, Richard Taylor, Kevin Orton, Shannon Grasso, Sonya Solum, Steve, Kathy, Jeff, Paul, Tim, Jim and Crystal.

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

Nolan Branch (Bill Bergsma); June Willard (Dianne Tanner); Ron Shelman [former OSLC member] (Ray Harbolt); Charlotte Ann C. (Margot Inman); Esteban Alejandro (Margot Inman); Tom [son of Paula Olson] (Alice Lewis); 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)

We pray for expectant mothers:

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

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, 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.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries



1/2	Karen Brezing	1/19	Ken DeCamp
1/3	Morgan Wood	1/20	John LaLanne
1/4	Patty Christopherson	1/22	David Gretch
	Taylor Usselman		Wendy Winslow
1/5	Margot Inman	1/23	Debbie Sladek
1/7	Becky Brooks	1/24	Jon Mogensen
1/8	Maria Kampf		Don Rentschler
1/9	Tina Collum	1/25	David Hersey
1/10	Paula Swanson		Bill Cash
1/13	Judith Bergquist		Bryan Piethe
1/15	Jay Mogensen	1/26	Jean Kampf
1/16	Jane Tierney	1/28	LaRue Nelson
	Lena Schaper	1/30	Paul Tolo
1/17	Pauline Montague	1/31	Del Elliott



1/1	Wayne & Bev Price
1/4	David Gretch & Lisa Thomassen
1/9	Justin & Katy Ulland
1/29	Richard & Jo Hess

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Worship Assistants – January 2019
Service Time: 10:00 am (Unless Otherwise Noted)

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Ushers	Greeters	Council Hospitality	Altar Guild & Bread Baker	Sound Engineer	Coffee Hour
Jan. 6 Epiphany of Our Lord	Joan Friel	Mary Fricke Joan Friel		Craig Gillin Justin & Isabel Ulland	Don & Nancy Cumming		Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher		Schoen Family
Jan. 13 Baptism of Our Lord	Jen Winslow	Lori Downey Jen Winslow		Sang-Beom Shim Peter Shen	Jerry & Linda Nack		Jane Shen <i>Bread:</i> Manda Schoen		
Jan. 20 2 Epiphany	Debby Beck	Debby Beck Jane Shen		Mark & Tami Cron	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson		Jean Pass <i>Bread:</i> Marilyn Carl-son	David Hersey	Vicky Jacobson Yumio
Jan. 27 3 Epiphany	Karen Hansen	Karen Hansen Stacy Smith		Rick & Jan West	Paul & Nilvane Swanson		Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest		Carol Bergsma

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall))	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)	7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 10:00am Al Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm)	12:30pm Companions in Christ (CiC) (Library)	
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10:00am Worship 11:00am Work Party: Take Down Holiday Decorations 5:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)	10:00am Social Concerns Committee (Narthex) 12:00pm OA (Upstairs Education Room) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	10:30am Tuesday AM Bible Study (Library) 5:30pm Issaquah Meal Program (Issaquah Fire Station) 7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall)) 7:00pm Council Meeting	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 9:00am Issaquah PTSA Council Meeting (Anderson Hall & Narthex) 10:00am Al Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 5:30pm Lego League	12:30pm Companions in Christ (CiC) (Library)	
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