

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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GROWING
TO SERVE

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



2019

**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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Greetings OSLC,

On March 6 we will officially begin the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Service. Lent is a time when Christians all around the world prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we prepare for this event, our guiding theme will be **Praying to the Cross**. It is my hope that during Lent you will spend a little time each day reflecting and praying on what it means that Jesus died and rose for you. To help walk with you during this season a few extra things will be offered:

Mid-Week Worship Services: During the Wednesdays of Lent we will gather for Soup and fellowship at 6pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm. These services are contemplative and will offer you an opportunity to ponder God's Word in the middle of your week.

Pre-service Individual Prayer: 15 minutes prior to Sunday morning worship and 15 minutes prior to Holden Evening Prayer you will have an opportunity to receive individual prayer at a new kneeler that will be placed to the left of the altar. During this time you will be able to bring any of your prayer concerns and lift them before God.

Spiritual Coaching: Coaching is a process in which two people partner in a thought-provoking way to gain insight. During the season of Lent you will have the opportunity to dig deeper into your faith and explore your spiritual life through spiritual coaching. Please reach out to me to schedule a time at wes@oslcissaquah.org.

Lent can be one of the most spiritually active liturgical seasons. By taking advantage of these offerings I wouldn't be surprised if you gain needed insight, comfort, and clarity regarding what God is doing in your life. Do not let this season pass you by.

In Christ,
Pastor Wes





OSLC Mission Endowment Fund Taking Grant Applications

Our OSLC Mission Endowment Fund is open for applications thanks to support from many donors over the last three years. We now have a modest and growing ability to make grants with somewhere between \$500 and \$2000 available for distribution.

Applications can be submitted at the church website, www.oslcissaquah.org. Use the "Missions" tab at the top of the page, and then click on the purple text: [OSLC Endowment Fund Application Form](#). Submissions will be considered by the membership of the committee which meets quarterly. The next meeting will be February 24th.

The purpose of the Mission Endowment Fund is to make distributions that enhance the mission and ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation. We look to support youth programs, scholarships, leadership training, outreach to the larger community, and other extraordinary programs/ministry initiatives that further the mission and ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Kind Regards,
Justin Ulland
OLSC Mission Endowment Fund President



Day Light Saving Time Begins March 10th

Be sure to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday evening, March 9th!



Ash Wednesday Worship **March 6th at 7:00 pm**

On Wednesday evening, March 6th at 7:00 pm, we will gather to receive ashes in the sign of a cross. This ritual draws us beyond our fears of death and failure in this life to the promise of new life in Christ. It also marks the beginning of the Lenten season - a time for inward reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.



Mid-Week Lenten **Soup Supper and Worship** *Wednesday Evenings* *March 13—April 10*

6:00 pm Lenten Soup & Fellowship
6:45 pm Individual Prayer with Pastor Wes
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship @ 7:00 PM

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, (March 13—April 10), we will gather in Anderson Hall for soup and fellowship at 6:00 pm, followed by *Holden Evening Prayer* at 7:00 pm. This year's theme is *Praying to the Cross*. These services are contemplative and will offer you an opportunity to ponder God's Word in the middle of your week.

Thank you to all who signed up to host a Mid-week Lenten Soup Supper!

Wed. March 13th Companions in Christ
Wed. March 20th OSLC Youth Group
Wed. March 27th Chancel Choir
Wed. April 3rd Tami Cron
Wed. April 10th Social Concerns Committee



Christian Education & Small Group Ministries



2019 OSLC Women's Retreat

Friday, March 1 – Sunday, March 3, 2019
at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend

It's a full house at the retreat this year – 54 ladies have signed up to attend! Please keep the retreat in your prayers, that everyone will arrive and get back home safely, and that the retreat will be a fun, rewarding, and relaxing event for everyone. Also, lift up Pastor Mary-Alyce Burleigh from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Kirkland – may her words and teachings be beneficial to us all.

If you have any questions about the retreat, please contact Joan Friel via e-mail at friel-j4@comcast.net, or via phone call/text msg. at 425-941-2925.



Do you know of someone who may be homebound, 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.



Social Concerns March 2019

Thank you to all that volunteered or donated to “Lunch for the Break” in February. The snow made the event much more challenging but we were able to distribute to students 350 boxes. A total of 500 students were registered with the Issaquah Food Bank for the event.

The final “Food for the Break” event OSLC will host this school year is April 3rd and 4th from 2:00 -7:00 pm. Please think about donating or volunteering. This event would be a great way to use volunteer days your employer provides. In February a great group from The North Face, Inc., helped out. Please contact me, Cheryl Leiter, at leiterc55@aol.com to volunteer.

Community Dinner was a casualty of the February snow. Please think about joining with other members to cook and serve the Community Dinner on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Connie Fletcher to volunteer.

First Sunday Community Gifts collection on March 3rd is Pasta Sauce and Pasta.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6th, at 2:00 pm, in the narthex. Please join us. All are welcome.

Blessings,
Cheryl



Food for the Break distribution in Anderson Hall.

2019 First Sunday Community Gift Calendar

March 3	Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta	July 7	Canned Chicken
April 7	Diapers & Wipes	August 4	Backpacks
May 5	Tuna	September 1	Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
June 2	Hearty Soups		

Christian Education 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!

Sunday School For Adults & Youth



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 Ministries



OSLC's Book Club

Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Issaquah
Monday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The next gathering for the OSLC Book Club is Monday, March 11th, at 7:30 pm at the Issaquah Barnes & Noble.

The club will discuss the book, *Becoming*, by former United States First Lady, Michelle Obama. *Becoming* is an autobiographical memoir, published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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!

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.



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



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Save the Date for OSLC's Spring Fix-Up!
Saturday April 6th
9:00 am—12:00 pm

If you've ever wanted to volunteer somewhere short-term, then this is your opportunity! Mark your calendars for an all-church spring fix-up on Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Your help is needed for small tasks like dusting, pew cleaning, and vacuuming. Looking for more? Enjoy the outdoors? We're hoping to clean the windows, and do some weeding and planting in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Need more enticement? We'll provide the bagels and coffee.

Can't make it on April 6th, but want to help when it fits your schedule? Contact Rick West at 425-830-8085, or rickjanbecca@comcast.net for more information.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



We're seeking members, friends and groups willing to volunteer as Coffee Hour Hosts. Pick one Sunday every other month, or once a quarter. Hosts bring some treats, make the coffee, set the serving counter, and clean up. It takes less than an hour to set up and clean up, and is a lot of fun! Coffee and creamer is provided by the kitchen committee.

A sign-up sheet is located in Anderson Hall, next to the kitchen. Questions? Help is at hand – we are here to guide you and give practical help. Please contact Chuck Bachman at bachmancj@aol.com, or Marilyn Carlson at auntmare@nwlinc.com.

Christian Education Ministries



OSLC Library News

The colder months generally bring a quieter time of the year when we finally have some time to curl up with a good book for relaxation, a search for new ideas or the seeking of answers to on-going questions or problems. When that time arrives for you, come on by the library to find just the right book.

Looking for a good fiction or biography book to while away some time? We have that. Needing some ideas for parenting or marriage concerns, support for care-giving or dealing with a recent loss? We have those as well. Perhaps you'd like to learn more about a part of the Bible you've been reading, or just help with your Christian faith walk or dealing with some other specific problem. Do come in and see the many offerings we have.

Some books have been donated by others in the congregation, books they found enjoyable or helpful and wanted to pass along. Many have been donated by pastors and so cover a vast array of issues. A few of the latest new titles include *Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To* by Anthony DeStefano (248.3), *My Conversations with Martin Luther* by Timothy F. Lull (230.41) and *Cat Psalms; prayers my cats have taught me* by Herbert Brokering (242.6). Soon it will be spring and the quiet times are fleeting...the library welcomes your visit!

Lutheran Counseling Network is a coalition of licensed pastoral counselors. Counselor Katherine Mitchell, MA, LMHC, has an office here at OSLC, downstairs in the north hallway. She provides therapy on an appointment basis.



You can reach Katherine at:
425-455-2960 ext. 6

kmitchell@lutherancounseling.net

Find out more at: Lutherancounseling.net

OSLC In Fellowship

OSLC in Pictures

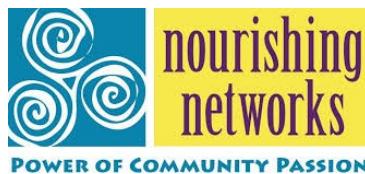
Life Together Sunday, February 10th

Thank you to everyone who made Life Together Sunday a success. We had fun playing games in Anderson Hall while it was snowy outside. Look for another "Life Together" Sunday coming this summer!



OSLC In Our Community

Did You Know?
Community Organizations that use our
church building for meetings and training



Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank
LUNCH FOR THE BREAK



VillageTheatre
KIDSTAGE

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



March Worship Readings

Sunday, March 3 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Wednesday, March 6 — Ash Wednesday

Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm: 51:1-17
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, March 10 — First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 17 — Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 27
Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 24 — Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 63:1-8
Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 31 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32
Reading: Joshua 5:9-12
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



We remember in prayer...

We remember in prayer:

Chris Howe, Gregory, Nicole DeCamp, Dianne Tanner, John Wray, Phyllis Holte, Alice Lewis, Hope Grasso, Mert Bartsch, Doug Patur, Dave Carlson, 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; Gerald Welch; Gwynn Wilkinson; Louise Yockey, Richard Taylor, Steve, Kathy, Jeff, Paul, Tim, Jim and Crystal.

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

Ron Phillips (cousin of Ron Sordahl); Shirley Forgie (sister-in-law of Jo Hess); Selma Thompson, Kathy Swan Ambramiski (mother-in-law Lyle & Alice Lewis's son); (Nolan Branch (Bill Bergsma); June Willard (Dianne Tanner); Ron Shelman [former OSLC member] (Ray Harbolt); Charlotte Ann C. (Margot Inman); Esteban Alejandro (Margot Inman).

We pray for expectant mothers:

Jacqueline Downey (Lori Downey); Stacy Greenshields (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, 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.

February

Birthdays & Anniversaries



3/2	Abigail Gardner	3/21	Diane Fatland
3/4	Katy Ulland		Randy Baseler
	Stacy Smith	3/22	Jeff Saathoff
3/5	Genevieve Schoen	3/23	Jean Pass
	Justin Ulland		Noelle Marx
3/6	Carl Boruck		Vern Lindquist
3/7	Jean Chaney	3/24	Amy Gretch
	Sherry Kiefel	3/26	Marlene Pickering
3/9	Bonnie Brice	3/28	Douglas Tanner
3/10	Jan Setterlund		Lindsay Piethe
3/11	Evy Sneva	3/30	Ryan Saathoff
	Josee Jordan	3/31	Dick Sundene
3/12	Chuck James		
	Tami Cron		
3/13	Jim Hubly		
3/14	Gay Saunders		
	Heidi Fuhs		
3/15	Eliza Fuhs		
3/16	Shelley Howe		

3/1	Erik & Jeanne Fabricius
3/19	Bob & Patty Gerde
3/26	Bernard & Kirsten Olshausen
	Gerald & Margit Welch
	Mark Mummy & Bev Geary
3/30	Randy & Linda Baseler



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Worship Assistants – March 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
March 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord	Rowan Hinds	Mary Fricke Rowan Hinds		Craig Gillin Justin & Isabel Ulland	Don & Nancy Cumming		Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher	Myles Cash	Boy Scout Troop #676
March 6 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday	Kimberly Montague	Alice Lewis Kimberly Montague		Bill Suttmeier	n/a		Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest		n/a
March 10 1 Lent <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	Debby Beck	Debby Beck Lori Downey		Sang-Beom Shim Peter Shen	Jerry & Linda Nack		Jane Shen <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer		Connie Fletcher
March 17 2 Lent	Jen Winslow	Jane Shen Jen Winslow		Mark & Tami Cron	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson		Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher		
March 24 3 Lent	Karen Hansen	Karen Hansen Stacy Smith		Rick & Jan West	Paul & Nilvane Swanson		Karen Hansen <i>Bread:</i> Marilyn Carlson		
March 31 4 Lent	Joan Friel	Joan Friel Alice Lewis		Paul & Grace Tolo Don Robertson	Bill Hall LaRue Nelson		Jacki Marx <i>Bread:</i> Manda Schoen		

March 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2
					OSLC Women's Retreat	OSLC Women's Retreat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
OSLC Women's Retreat	12:00pm OA (Upstairs Education Room)	10:30am Tuesday AM Bible Study (Library)	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)	7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm)	12:30pm Companions in Christ (CIC) (Library)	8:00am AA Workshop District 34-35 Event
8:45am Sunday School & Adult Ed. (Anderson Hall)	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	7:00pm Jubilate Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	2:00pm Social Concerns Committee Meeting	10:00am AI Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm)		
9:30am First Sunday		7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall)	7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	5:30pm Lego League (Anderson Hall)		
10:00am Worship						
5:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)						
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8:00am DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	12:00pm OA (Upstairs Education)	10:30am Tuesday AM Bible Study (Library)	9:30am Mission Quilters	7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm)	12:00pm Focus Deadline	8:00am AA District Workshop (Anderson Hall)
8:45am Sunday School & Adult Ed. (Anderson Hall)	1:30pm Parkinson's Support Group (Anderson Hall)	5:30pm Issaquah Meal Program (Issaquah Fire)	10:00am Sharon Mantel & Becky	9:00am Issaquah PTSA Council Meeting (Anderson Hall & Narthex)	12:30pm Companions in Christ (CIC) (Library)	
10:00am Worship - Lent 1	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676	7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall)	6:00pm Lenten Soup &	10:00am AI Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm)		
5:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)	7:30pm OSLC Book Club (Issaquah)	7:00pm Council Meeting	7:00pm Lenten Worship Service			
			7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			
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8:45am Sunday School & Adult Ed. (Anderson Hall)	12:00pm OA (Upstairs Education Room)	10:30am Tuesday AM Bible Study (Library)	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)	7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm)	12:30pm Companions in Christ (CIC) (Library)	
10:00am Worship - Lent 2	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)	11:30am Global Missions Committee (Narthex)	6:00pm Lenten Soup & Fellowship	10:00am AI Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm)		
5:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)		7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall)	7:00pm Lenten Worship Service	5:30pm Lego League (Anderson Hall)		
			7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			
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10:00am Worship - Lent 3	12:00pm OA (Upstairs Education Room)	7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall)	6:00pm Lenten Soup & Fellowship	10:00am AI Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm)		
5:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)		7:00pm Lenten Worship Service			
			7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			
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8:45am Sunday School & Adult Ed. (Anderson Hall)						
10:00am Worship - Lent 4						
5:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)						



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