

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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GROWING
TO SERVE

A Time for Learning

What time is it at OSLC?

Most people think of Ecclesiastes 3 when they think about the times of our lives. "There is a time for every matter under heaven: a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time to be born, and a time to die."

So what time is it at OSLC?

Depending upon who you ask, you will get a variety of answers. I have heard some folks say it is time for action. Let's get a new pastor as soon as possible. Others say it is time to go slowly. Be deliberate and work the process carefully. And still others think that OSLC is still in waiting time. Things are nice and calm and everything is going well. Let well enough alone for now.

But let me suggest, for your consideration, that this is not a time for action (or inaction) at all. But rather, Our Savior Lutheran Church has entered a time for learning. I have carefully studied the chronology of leadership here for the last 15 years or so. Some of our leaders have been gifted, insightful, inspiring people. And a few have had some flaws that got in the way of their work. Almost all of them have moved on, worn down by the effort. It was not their fault and it is not ours. It was just not the right time for action.

Before we know what to do next, what do we need to learn about ourselves? Who are we, now that we have been at 745 S Front Street South for 60 years? What is the same? What has changed? What is God calling us to do, now that we have done so much, yet much of our facility stands unused?

How do we learn to be silent and listen?

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MARCH
2020

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

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.
**Intergenerational
Sunday School**
8:45 a.m.

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From the Desk of Pastor Jim

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What is the community of Issaquah like now? How is it different than it was in 1960? Or in 2000, for that matter? And what difference does or should it make to us?

There are so many questions to ask – so many answers to sort through. Do we have time?

Will we take the time to learn?

Good Cheer,
Pastor Jim



Guest Preacher Nancy Winder Will Be at Our Savior on Sunday, March 15th



As part of the Northwest Washington Synod celebration, *We are Church, We are Called: 50 · 40 · 10*, Our Savior Lutheran Church welcomes The Rev. Nancy Winder as guest Preacher and Presider on Sunday morning, March 15th. *We are Church, We are Called: 50 · 40 · 10* celebrates the 50th anniversary of women being ordained in the Lutheran Church in the US, as well as the 40th anniversary of women of color being ordained, and the 10th anniversary of LGBTQ individuals being able to serve freely in ordained ministry.

Ordained in 1976, Pastor Winder was the 14th woman ordained nationally, and the first in the Pacific Northwest. Now retired, she is volunteering to speak around the synod, and asks congregations to gift any honorarium to the synod's Fund for Future Rostered Leaders.

Please mark your calendar to be present on Sunday, March 15th. You will be glad you did.

Our Savior Congregational Council



Is OSLC Welcoming to Everyone?

In 1991, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which OSLC is part of, said, "Gay and Lesbian peoples, as individuals created by God, are welcome to participate fully in the life of the congregations of the ELCA."

In 2010, the ELCA began ordaining gay and lesbian pastors. The ELCA leaves it up to individual churches if they would call a gay pastor. They also leave it up to individual churches if they want to perform marriages for same sex partners.

In the early 90's, OSLC had a town hall on the "gay issue." It was a big gathering and a pretty mixed bag of comments and opinions. I don't remember the next date but around 2010 another town hall meeting was held. Besides Pastors Thomas and Fletcher, only two members showed up. I know this because I was one of the two.

Around the time of the first town hall, my three kids were all pre-teen. I wondered what I would do if one of them told me they were gay? My conclusion was I wouldn't do anything different. Whatever path they would walk down, I would support and love them. My "aha" moment was if I would do this for my kids, why wouldn't I do this for all of God's children?

My hope is OSLC will publicly affirm that we are an all inclusive, welcoming church. I believe we are but we need to say it and print it **boldly** on our website and in our worship bulletins. As a member church of the ELCA, we have affirmed this indirectly. I think we need congregational approval at our next church semi-annual meeting to formalize this mission of inclusiveness.

Four years ago, our Call Committee told the NW Synod we would be willing to interview gay or lesbian candidates for our church. I would further like our congregation to make this statement for our upcoming call.

Your church council is in support of these affirmations, and would also like to include all races, ethnicities and those with disabilities in the statements.

Yours in Christ,
Chuck Bachman, Council President



**We Are Church,
We Are Called**

50•40•10

This year the ELCA celebrates the 50th anniversary of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained, and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely. Image provided by the ELCA at www.elca.org.

Small Group Ministries



Community Outreach Committee

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out with Lunch for the Break in February. We appreciate you!

The next Lunch for the Break at Our Savior is Wednesday and Thursday, April 8th and 9th. Donations may be made through the Issaquah Food Bank website. All volunteers are welcome! Please contact Cheryl Leiter at leiterc55@aol.com to volunteer.

A big thank you goes out to the dental office of Dr. Gary Folkman for supplying the toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss for our "Comfort Kits" for Vine Maple Place. If you know of any dental offices that would like to donate like items, we can use them in our kits and welcome baskets.

This month's First Sunday Community Gifts item is pasta pauce and pasta on Sunday, March 1st.

The next Community Outreach Meeting is Wednesday, March 4th at 1:30pm, in the OSLC Library.

God bless,
Cheryl Leiter



First Sunday Community Gift



The first Sunday of each month the congregation is invited to donate a needed item at the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank. **On Sunday, March 1st, please bring pasta & pasta sauce.** Place your donation on the table in the narthex. The Community Outreach Committee will deliver all donations to the Food Bank.

March – Pasta & Pasta Sauce

April – Diapers & Wipes

May – Cereal

June – Hearty Soups

July – Dish Soap & Laundry Soap

August – Backpacks

OSLC Member Spotlight

An Update from Dave Carlson



Since my post in December, my situation regarding my kidney function has changed. At that time, I reported my kidneys were stable and functioning at 20% and I was feeling good. Shortly thereafter, my kidney function dropped steeply. As toxins built up in my brain and muscles seemingly overnight, my balance and endurance became very compromised, I started retaining water, had slurred

speech, and couldn't sleep. Yesterday, I started my third week of dialysis and am feeling better, as if the fog were lifting.

So, my situation is now this: I have been a diabetic for more than 50 years, and it has taken a toll on my kidney function, which is hovering around 10%. I am currently on the kidney transplant list, but the average wait time without a living donor is about 5 years and the surgeons think I only have about a year left that they can do the transplant surgery, due to the diabetes' effect on my circulatory system. My best chance is a living donor, soon. I share this in hopes that all my friends (and all your friends, and all their friends...) will become aware of the need and that someone might be moved to consider donating a kidney.

I also want to acknowledge all the support so many of you have shown! I appreciate your care, concern and prayers more than you know, thank you.

Thank you and God Bless,
Dave



Donors need not be a match to donate for me; the Kidney Foundation has an excellent matching program! If you are moved to consider donating a kidney to me, or know someone who may, please check out the following web sites for more information go to the Kidney Foundation website: www.kidney.org, and



UW kidney transplant program www.uwmedicine.org/specialties/transplant/kidney-transplant. Scroll down and there is a link to the potential donor questionnaire.



Calendar & Worship



Mid-Week Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday Evenings

March 4th—April 1st

6:00 pm Lenten Soup & Fellowship / Transition Talks

6:50 pm Contemplative Music in the Sanctuary

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship @ 7:00 PM

Please plan to join us each Wednesday during Lent as we gather for a meal and fellowship, followed by worship at 7:00 pm.

During supper, the Pastoral Transition Team will offer topics for conversation to help facilitate an exchange of ideas and possibilities during OSLC's period of transition.

Thank you to all who volunteered to lead or clean up a Soup Supper!

Wed. March 4	<i>Outreach Committee</i>
Wed. March 11	<i>Connie Fletcher / Outreach</i>
Wed. March 18	<i>Companions Bible Study</i>
Wed. March 25	<i>Chancel Choir / Buildings & Grounds</i>
Wed. April 1	<i>Congregational Council</i>



Transition Team

OSLC IN TRANSITION: Conversations in Lent

OSLC in Transition: Conversations in Lent

What is our **Identity**?

What is our **Purpose**?

What is our **Context**?

As we look ahead to the next chapter in the ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church, you are invited to add your voice to an honest discussion about who we are -- *now* -- as a faith community, what our purpose has been -- *and might be*, and in what context do we *presently* find ourselves?

There are two weekly opportunities to join in the conversation this Lent: at **Wednesday evening soup suppers** prior to *Holden Evening Prayer*, or over coffee **following worship on Sunday mornings**. Please consider attending *at least two* of these ten conversations.

Our thoughts, concerns and hopes will be **collected by Palm Sunday**, April 5th, to support the work of OSLC's Transition Team as it helps our community prepare for this next chapter, and call our next pastor.



Day Light Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8th

Be sure to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday evening, March 7th!

Small Group Ministries



March is National Quilting Month!

Join the Fun & Fellowship!

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

Join us on Wednesday mornings 9:30 am until 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall, and assist us in making quilts. We 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 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.

Worship & Stewardship



News From The Altar Guild

"The Lord God placed man in the Garden of Eden as its gardener, to tend and care for it"
Genesis 2:15

Beginning this spring, we will begin swapping out our non-recyclable plastic communion cups for new, biodegradable plastic cups made from corn. Over a year's time, this will keep more than 8,000 plastic cups from being dumped in the landfill.



Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm
in the narthex

Please join us for the next meeting of the Stewardship Committee on Thursday, March 12th at 3:00 pm in the narthex. All are welcome!

Questions?

Contact Debby Beck at birchtwig@icloud.com,
or (425) 392-0315.

Christian Education



2020 OSLC Women's Retreat Friday, March 6 – Sunday, March 8, 2020 at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend

"All Joy reminds. It is never a possession, always a desire for something longer ago or further away or still 'about to be'." ~ C.S. Lewis

Please pray for the women of Our Savior and other area churches attending the OSLC Women's Retreat Friday, March 6th through Sunday, March 8th: for their safe travel, for the joy of fellowship, and for peace and comfort in discernment.

At the Women's Retreat we will listen, play and discern what it means to live awake to the possibility that the Spirit calls us into through the many transitions in life. We will look to the lives of others as guides on our journeys in the church and in the world. Our theme this year is "Finding Joy in Transition in the Church and in the World", and our speaker is Pastor Cara Tanis, the pastor, spiritual director and life coach in the worship community of *Emmaus Table* in the Green Lake neighborhood.

Several attendees from last year could only come because we offered them a scholarship. Even partial scholarships are helpful, so please consider donating to the scholarship fund. Contributions are tax-deductible. Questions? Please contact Joan Friel via e-mail at friel-j4@comcast.net, or via phone call/text message at 425-941-2925.



Christian Education

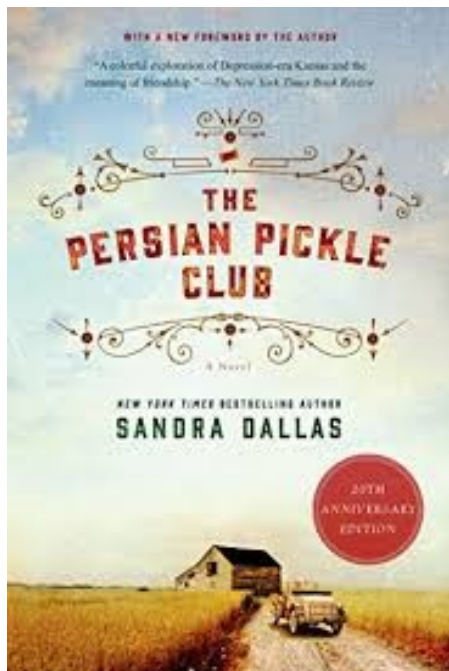
Intergenerational Sunday School



We're trying something a bit different this year! Rather than having separate adult and children's Sunday School programs, we're offering choices open to people of all ages. Our education hour begins at 8:45 am with an opening prayer in Anderson Hall, followed by a selected Bible reading. Options to dive deeper into that lesson include:

1. A discussion group
2. Arts & crafts

All groups will be focused on the major lesson(s) from that morning's Bible reading, but they'll explore them in ways that hopefully will speak to each of us. Come and see!



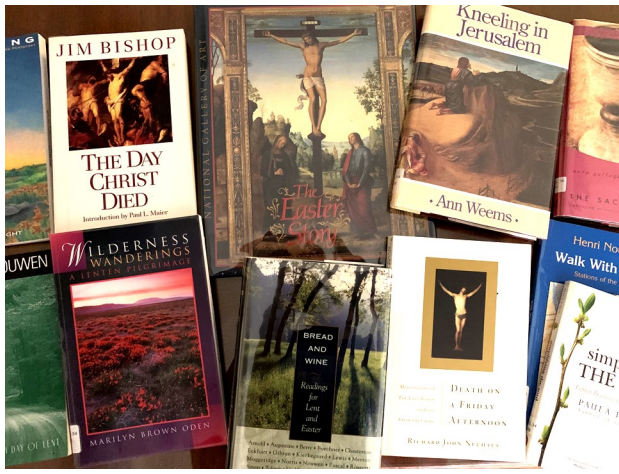
OSLC Book Club

Monday, March 16, at 7:30 pm

Barnes & Nobel, Issaquah

The next meeting of the OSLC Book Club will be on Monday, March 16th at 7:30 pm, at the Issaquah Barnes & Noble. The club will discuss *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas. This magical, memorable novel explores the ties that unite women through good times and bad. It is the 1930s, and hard times have hit Harleyville, Kansas, where crops are burning up and there's not a job to be found. For one young farm wife, the highlight of each week is the gathering of the Persian Pickle Clubs, a group of locals dedicated to improving their minds, exchanging gossip, and putting their well-honed quilting skills to good use. For further information contact Alice North at AliceNorth85@yahoo.com.

Christian Education



OSLC Library News

Yes, the Alleluias have been quieted, the mid-week suppers and services have begun, our thoughts have turned to preparations for our personal journeys to a lovely Easter celebration. One way to prepare our hearts and thoughts during this Lenten time is to read, remember and meditate on Lenten themes and stories. On display now in the library are many books, daily devotionals, and Easter stories to help you and your children prepare. Here are a few:

Wilderness Wanderings; A Lenten Pilgrimage by Marilyn Brown Oden (242.34)
Bread and Wine; Readings for Lent and Easter by many authors (242.34)
Kneeling in Jerusalem poems by Ann Weems (811.54)

The Easter Story art from the National Gallery of Art (246)
The Day Christ Died by Jim Bishop (232.96)
Death on a Friday Afternoon; meditations on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross by Richard John Newhaus (232.96)

We hope you find just the one to enrich your journey. Watch for a sampling of Easter titles for your children in next month's Focus.

Sincerely, Sharon Montei,
OSLC Library Committee



Stewardship



Gifts for You

Opening your spiritual gifts

WORKSHOP I

Saturday, April 25th, 10 am - 12 pm

WORKSHOP II

Saturday, May 9th, 10 am - 12 pm

On one Saturday morning in April, and one in May, your Stewardship Committee and Companions Bible Study ("Companions in Christ" newly renamed to comply with copyright) are co-sponsoring a two-part, co-ed workshop series titled *Gifts for You: Opening Your Spiritual Gifts*. "Each one is given gifts by the Holy Spirit, gifts that shape who we are and how we operate in the body of Christ. Discovering or recovering your spiritual gifts and exploring how you can better use them is part of growing in faith and life and discipleship. These gifts are part of your DNA. They are biblical; given to everyone; essential to discipleship; and exciting to discover and reveal!"

If you've ever wondered whether you might have a spiritual gift or would like to refresh your understanding of spiritual gifts or explore the possibility that some of yours might be going unused, these workshops are for you! Using resources from *Women of the ELCA*, plus adapted materials from *SALT for All Seasons*, participants will be guided through an amazing process of self-discovery and empowerment.

Workshop I is a requirement for participating in Workshop II; the workshops cover different material with the second one building on the first. Come join us for an exciting opportunity to discover the Holy Spirit's gifts in *your* life, as unique to you as your fingerprints and dental records! A continental breakfast will be served at the beginning of each workshop.

Debby Beck will be our facilitator. Please help us know how many copies of the resource materials to prepare by signing up on the poster in the Narthex. There is no cost for participation.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Beyond the Wall: Making All Things New

When have you discovered newness in life through Christ? Did you have to step out in faith to do so? Perhaps you had to let go of your will and accept God's will. This is a major turning point in the faith journey of many people. There are examples in Scripture about Job (Job 29-30), Elijah (I Kings 19:4-14), Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-2) and the women at the tomb (Luke 23:55 - 24:5). Consider the story of the rich young man (Matthew 19:16-26, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-30). He approached Jesus with a simple question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." When the young man heard this, he was very sad and walked away, because he was very rich. Given the choice, he found it difficult to forsake wealth in this world for the promise of God and eternal life.

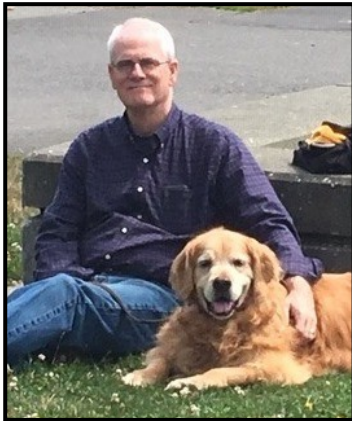
Sometimes there are barriers or walls that complicate trying something new or stepping out in faith. What walls or barriers have you encountered? Consider the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), who wanted to witness Jesus preaching but was too short to see past the crowd. After Zacchaeus climbed a tree, Jesus called out to him and invited himself to lunch in Zacchaeus' home. We know what Jesus said to Zacchaeus, and he was a different person afterward. He had changed from wanting wealth and success in this world to desiring significance through a life of faith. When have you, or your congregation, chosen success over significance? Perhaps when using numbers or the size of your facilities as a measure. Moving toward significance usually means sacrificing success. In what areas of ministry is your congregation seeking significance today?

Stepping out in faith may be a personal choice for a short time but usually involves accompanying others. As members in the body of Christ, we are not called to meet our own needs alone. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) calls us to go beyond our barriers and bring the message of Jesus Christ to others. This helps us grow beyond a Christian enclave to become servants of Christ and a serving community. In what ways has your congregation moved from an enclave to a servant community?

Overcoming barriers and walls to make things new involves stepping out in faith. It means shaking loose from lethargy and moving out from sheltered comfort. In the process we break the chains of sin that hold us back and divide us from making us one in Christ. When we share in the distress of God's heart to do the kingdom's work, we are in tune with God's will, choosing significance over success and becoming a servant community. This is when we feel the vitality of our faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. May you experience this newness in Christ in and through your ministry.

From the ELCA Annual Report 2019

Pastoral Care & Visitation



Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact
OSLC Transition Pastor Jim Kruse at
206-919-9520 (mobile)
or JamesKruse814@gmail.com.

Pastor Jim's Office Hours:

Monday 9:30 – 1:00

Tuesday 9:30 – 1:00

Wednesday 9:30 – 1:00

Friday 9:30 – 1:00



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.

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life March 2020



*A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
(Proverbs 15:1)*

When couples come into the therapy room, they are usually at odds with each other. Harsh words fly, and anger is stirred between them. They blame and point fingers at each other, their voices raised and their eyebrows knitted in anger.

I've begun to see angry behavior like this as a shield, a protection. It's too risky to show each other how much they hurt, and how much they care about each other, so they hide behind their protections and blame.

In the therapy room, we are able to slow down their arguments and discover what goes on inside, where they may harbor fears that their partner doesn't understand them, doesn't care about them, perhaps doesn't even love them.

The more the couple is able to get down beneath the anger and protection to more vulnerable emotions and share them from a softer, more vulnerable place, the more the partners begin to see each other in new ways. When one partner tentatively and vulnerably shares the fear that the other doesn't care about them, the other partner is able to respond with compassion rather than defensive anger. This begins a new pattern of vulnerability and risk that helps the partners reach for each other and rebuild their bond.

I see God at work in this process. God creates us in love, and creates us for loving relationship – with God and with each other. When our sin and brokenness get in the way, God shows us how to take down our protections and reach for each other with love and forgiveness, and a true desire to know one another. It's true for us as couples, as families, as congregations and communities. When we live this way, we make room for God's love to grow in our homes, our churches, our world.

Written by a staff member
of Lutheran Counseling Network



Looking Ahead



Palm / Passion Sunday 10:00 am, April 5th

We start worship in the narthex with a blessing of the palms, followed by a procession of palms into the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm, April 9th

Our celebration calls to mind Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. We will move through the main parts of that "night in which He was betrayed," including Holy Communion.

Good Friday 7:00 pm, April 10th

A sparse and somber worship, including the reading of the Passion of Jesus.

Easter Sunday 10:00 am, April 12th

Our celebration of Christ's Resurrection blends ancient rites of the Church with current expressions of who we are & who we shall be by God's grace.

OSLC In Fellowship

OSLC in Pictures

Life Together Sunday, February 9th

Thank you to everyone who made
Life Together Sunday 2020 a success!



Small Group Ministries



It's Easy to help the Fellowship & Coffee Hour Ministry!

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 Marilyn Carlson at auntmare@nwlinc.com.

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:

425-502-1503

kmitchell@lutherancounseling.net

Find out more at: Lutherancounseling.net

OSLC in Our Community



CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT

January 30, 2020

Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St. South
Issaquah, WA 98027

Dear Our Savior Lutheran Church,

It's been such an honor to do this vital work with you this year! Your financial commitment is making it possible to serve more people in more creative ways. Our youth feeding and mobile food programs have grown by 41% in 2019 alone!

The following information is for your 2019 tax records.

Date	Description	Amount
Sep 25 2019	Donation - Community Support - Unsolicited	\$1,000.00

Total 2019 Contribution Amount: \$1,000.00

Thank you so much! We look forward to continuing to break records with you in 2020 so that fewer people have to wonder where their next meal is coming from.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Cori Walters".

Cori Walters, Executive Director

Tax ID#91-1245499 - No goods or services were provided in return for this gift.

OSLC in Our Community



Giving kids what they need to thrive

January 31, 2020

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Shari Lundberg
745 Front St S
Issaquah, WA 98027-4206

Dear Shari and Members of the Congregation,

You have helped EBC put a strong foot forward to supporting children in need in 2020.

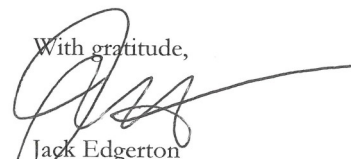
Your donation is delivering diapers for the young woman, living in shelter, who had nothing ready for the baby that arrived too soon. It is providing clothes for the family in Maple Valley who lost everything—and that wasn't much—in a fire. Your gift is supplying car seats for three children who couldn't leave their home and travel safely.

The items you, your friends, family, and coworkers collected will provide care and comfort for those who are most vulnerable in our communities. We gratefully acknowledge your generous donation of 3 laptops on 1/29/2020 and given in support of Eastside Baby Corner.

It would be our pleasure to show you EBC in action – please contact me at 425.209.1042 or Director of Development Helen Banks Routon at helenr@babycorner.org to schedule a tour or a time to talk about how your gift is making a difference.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers and partners of EBC, thank you for being in “the corner” for the children of our community.

With gratitude,



Jack Edgerton
Executive Director



Mara Kealey
Development Associate

Small Group Ministries



**Apply Now!
Your Project May Be
Eligible for a Grant
From OSLC's
Mission Endowment Fund**

The purpose of the OSLC Mission Endowment Fund is to provide grants that enhance our mission and ministry apart from the general operations of our congregation. We support youth programs, scholarships, leadership training, outreach to the larger community, and other extraordinary programs and initiatives that further the mission of Our Savior.

Our Mission Endowment Fund is taking applications thanks to support from many donors over the last three years. We have a modest and growing ability to make grants between \$500 and \$2000.

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.

Kind Regards,
Justin Ulland. OSLC Mission Endowment Fund President



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- ⇒ Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- ⇒ Log in or donate as a guest
- ⇒ Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password

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



March Worship Readings

Sunday, March 1 — First Sunday in Lent

Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm: Psalm 32
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 8 — Second Sunday in Lent

Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm: Psalm 121
Gospel: John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 15 — Third Sunday in Lent

Reading: Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm: Psalm 95
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 22 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm: Psalm 23
Gospel: John 9:1-41

Sunday, March 29 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm: Psalm 130
Gospel: John 11:1-45



We remember in prayer...

We remember in prayer:

Dave Carlson, Fran, Guests of the Community Meals Program, Elija Del Rio, Halle Augustin, Edith, Kat, All affected by the Corona Virus, Carl, Mark Howe, Dave Pickett, Sandy, Eileen Takeuchi, Marge Anderson, Mike Parlin, Don Bloedel, Sonja, Shirley Nakano, Ridley Bain, Sue, Noah, Wendy Rueda, Jeremy, Sheelagh Sacks, Karen, Kurt Aldworth, Judy Shepard, Lucy Acker, Nicole DeCamp, Dorothy Jackson, Barbara Jones, Doug Patur, Dave Carlson, Scott Hafso, Jeanne Kuipers, John Pass, Emily & Steve Gacek, Carol & Ray Harbolt, Margot Inman, Duane Jacobson, Marian James, Bernice Jensen, Josee Jordan, Florence Kinnune, Jeannie Lindquist, Vern Lindquist, Jerry Nack, Dorothy Soland, Randi Strom, Margit Welch, Gwynn Wilkinson.

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

Leah Zamundio (Cheryl Hauser); Jana Layman (Sue Johnson); Rod Paulson (Shelley Howe); John Chytil (Sandy Aldworth); Robyn Chisholm (Wendy Winslow); Suzanne (cousin of Bill Suttetmeyer); Louise Yockey; Jim Short (Connie Fletcher); Peter Dounis (Lois Dounis)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Jessica Murguia (Cheryl Hauser); Emily Wilson (daughter of Ann & Larry Thomas); Keeley Hanson (Cheryl Leiter); Yili Leiter (Cheryl Leiter); Elsa Walker (daughter of Chuck Bachman & Wendy Winslow)

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

We pray 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.

March

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

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



Our Savior Lutheran Church
Worship Assistants – March 2020
Service Time: 10:00 am (Unless Otherwise Noted)

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Ushers	Greeters	Altar Guild & Bread Baker	Sound Engineer	Coffee Hour
March 1 Lent 1	Jen Winslow	Mary Fricke Jen Winslow	Craig Gillin Justin & Isabel Ulland	Nancy Cumming Helen Nychay	Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest		Sue Johnson Jean Pass
March 8 Lent 2	Karen Hansen	<i>Open</i> Karen Hansen	Sang-Beom Shim Peter Shen	Jerry & Linda Nack	Karen Hansen <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher		Mary Ann Hult Lorna Robertson
March 15 Lent 3	Joan Friel	Joan Friel Jane Shen	Mark & Tami Cron	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson	Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher		Ken & Cheryl Leiter
March 22 Lent 4	Debby Beck	Debby Beck Stacy Smith	Rick & Jan West	Paul & Nilvane Swanson	Stacy Smith <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer		Troop 676
March 29 Lent 5	Mary Ann Hult	Mary Ann Hult Jane Shen	Paul & Grace To- lo Don Robertson	Bill Hall LaRue Nelson	Jean Pass <i>Bread:</i> Leslie Waltzer		

March 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 1 8:45am Intergenerational Sunday School (Anderson Hall) 9:30am First Sunday Community Gift 10:00am Worship - Lent 1	2 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #676 (Anderson Hall)	3 5:00pm Lego League (Christian Ed. Room) 7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall))	4 9:30am Mission Quilters 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Mission Quilters 1:30pm Community Outreach 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	5 7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 10:00am AI Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 5:00pm Lego League (Christian Ed. Room)	6 5:00pm 2020 OSLC Women's Retreat (Rainbow Lodge, North Bend)	7 8:00am 2020 OSLC Women's Retreat (Rainbow Lodge, North Bend)
8 8:00am 2020 OSLC Women's Retreat (Rainbow Lodge, North Bend) 8:45am Intergenerational Sunday School (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Worship - Lent 2	9 1:30pm Parkinson's Support Group (Anderson Hall) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #676 (Anderson Hall)	10 10:00am Transition Team (Narthex) 5:00pm Lego League (Christian Ed. Room) 5:30pm Issaquah Meal Program (Issaquah Fire) 7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall)) 7:00pm Council Meeting	11 9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Staff Meeting (Narthex) 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship	12 7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 10:00am AI Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 5:00pm Lego League (Christian Ed.) 7:00pm Boy Scouts Regional Meeting 7:00pm Stewardship Committee	13 12:30pm Companions Bible Study (Library, Anderson Hall & Kitchen)	14
15 8:45am Intergenerational Sunday School (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Worship - Lent 3 12:00pm Focus Deadline	16 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #676 (Anderson Hall) 7:30pm OSLC Book Club (Barnes & Noble)	17 5:00pm Lego League (Christian Ed. Room) 7:00pm AA (Anderson Hall))	18 9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Staff Meeting (Narthex) 6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Soup Supper 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship	19 7:45am TOPS (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 10:00am AI Anon (Upstairs Ed. Rm) 12:00pm Pastors Cluster (Anderson Hall & Kitchen) 5:00pm Lego League (Christian Ed. Room)	20 12:30pm Companions Bible Study (Library, Anderson Hall & Kitchen)	21
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