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

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Where Things Stand

In response to the growing threat of the novel coronavirus outbreak, the OSLC Congregational Council decided at its March meeting that it was time to suspend all on-site worship gatherings. As of March 25th, the building was closed and Sunday morning worship went to a printed version that was sent out by email to our members. After a couple of weeks, we were able to begin producing a weekly video version that can be viewed on-line. We continue to use this format for worship, while staff and church leaders meet through electronic communication, often using video conferencing like Zoom.

Here is a snapshot of where we are at the beginning June:

Missing the Gathering

At its very core, the church is defined when the faithful come out of their daily lives to gather together in worship to God and service to others. We are especially saddened that this gathering has been interrupted. And we continue to struggle with the disorientation that has resulted.

We miss seeing all of you and yearn for the day when we are able to again gather in one place. We know that patience can run thin. But we are grateful for your grace-filled waiting and appreciate all the creative ways you are using to support one another during this time. Please continue to take care of yourself and others until we meet again.

Planning for Reopening

While carefully monitoring the information about safe gatherings that is coming out of the Washington State Governor's office, the Northwest Washington Synod has released, and revised, guidelines for its member congregations to begin gathering again for worship. King County is still in **Phase 1** of the Governor's reopening strategy. In **Phase 1**, "spiritual worship should only be done remotely or at drive-in services". So, we plan to continue to produce an on-line version of worship as we have for the past two and a half months.

According to **Phase 2** of the Governor's plan, congregations may begin to "hold indoor services at a place of worship with up to 25% capacity or 50 individuals, whichever is less." There is also a long list of stringent guidelines attached to these **Phase 2** gatherings that include, the development of a comprehensive monitoring

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From the Desk of Pastor Jim

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plan, imposing social distancing barriers, careful sanitation of the public spaces, and the wearing protective masks. It is unlikely that OSLC will be equipped to meet these guidelines when **Phase 2** begins. But the Congregational Council will make a decision when the time comes.

Most likely, we will not hold the same full on-site worship at OSLC that we are used to having until we can enter **Phase 3** or **Phase 4** of the governor's plan. And even then, we will need to make provisions for connecting to those who must stay at home because they are in a "vulnerability" category.

Pastor Call and Transition Process

The pastoral transition process has been on hold since the middle of March. The Transition Team had put into place a plan to receive input from congregational membership in an array of ways during Lent. However, our Lenten Season was cut off half-way through, and our small committee of four has not been able to meet since.

By design, call processes involve a high level of personal-to-person contact. They have been slowed in several places around the Synod as congregations imagine new ways to getting this work done. The Council will address a strategy for revitalizing the Transition Team at its June meeting.

Be Safe and of Good Cheer,

Pastor Jim Kruse and President Chuck Bachman



Church Council



Your Council is meeting as always.

The church council has been meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. We are using *Zoom* to conduct it on-line. Kind of like Face time with lots of video squares. General council meetings are open to all OSLC attendees. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 7pm. If you wish to observe the meeting, send me your email address. (bachmancj@aol.com)

Council Transitions At the last meeting, our Vice President, Tami Cron resigned. Tami and her husband Mark are building a home in Boise Idaho. Their son Mike and his family reside there (and most importantly, their only two grandchildren). Their Maple Valley home has sold and construction has begun on their retirement place. The Crons have headed up maintaining the outside grounds of OSLC for nearly 20 years. Mark has served on council several times as the Building and Grounds Chair. It's unlikely we will have in-person services so we can thank them before they leave in a couple weeks. We encourage members to reach out to them in other ways. Cheryl Hauser has stepped up and will be changing titles on council and become the new Vice President. Wendy Winslow will once again be our Treasurer.

Normally our Annual Congregational Meeting would be held the second Sunday of June. The council voted to delay it to a later unspecified date after in person church services have begun. There was much discussion about various options to conduct the meeting this month. As always, the health and safety of our attendees is the prime point of the decision. The current budget will be extended until a new one can be voted upon. We are looking for volunteers for the nominating committee. The group will meet in-person or on-line to fill two vacancies on council. The term ends in December.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the on-line services. My family prints out the bulletin and sits down to watch it together every Sunday morning close to the regular service time. I especially like having the sermon printed out so I can read along as Pastor Jim preaches. I miss praying together and the Communion. I miss the fact we could have been shouting some big Halleluiahs together on Dave Carlson's successful kidney transplant. I look forward to the day we can come together in person for worship. I am very thankful for our worship team's wonderful on-line services.

In his name,

Chuck bachman
Council President

Church Council: Treasurer's Report



Greetings OSLC members and friends!

The June 2020 Annual Meeting, where the congregation approves the annual operating budget, has been postponed by our Church Council to a future date when it is again safe to gather, free from COVID-19 pandemic safety concerns. When that meeting is scheduled the budget will be ready! Meanwhile, the recently formed Finance Committee is working to prepare the budget for 2020-2021.

We are currently receiving input and requests from staff and ministry teams, so if you have something you would like included in the upcoming budget please contact me at OSLC_Treasurer@hotmail.com or 206-550-0472.

Current monthly expenses are averaging about \$30,000, while in April (last month) our income was about \$21,000. We applied for, and thankfully received, a forgivable loan of \$27,000 from the Payroll Protection Program of the US Small Business Administration through our bank, Washington Federal, which will cover up to eight weeks of payroll expenses.

Not being able to meet face to face because of the pandemic has presented some real challenges to our of feeling connected with one another. But, thanks to our wonderful staff, we continue to receive our weekly bulletins and worship comes to us in our living rooms.

Many other ministries are ongoing, as well: Our quilters are making facemasks to help prevent the spread of disease, while our knitters are turning out comforting prayer shawls for those who could use a little support. OSLC's creative chefs are feeding the hungry through the Community Meals Program. Several committees, teams and groups are gathering online to keep things running smoothly and/or are getting together for, well, plain old fellowship(!). Lutheran Counseling Network is busy counseling, the Building & Grounds Committee is keeping our church property looking shipshape, and our dollars continue to support missionaries around the world. All this is being accomplished during a pandemic. Our calling to be God's hands and feet in our world has not stopped. We are still His church!

These are just some of the many ministries of our congregation that are ongoing, which means your regular support of them is as important as ever. Here are three convenient ways of making sure they continue to happen:

By mail: 745 Front Street South, Issaquah, WA 98027
On-line: OSLCIssaquah.org, Electronic Giving
Mobile: GivePlus+

May your days be filled with peace and the Spirit of generosity,
Wendy Winslow, Treasurer
OSLC_Treasurer@hotmail.com

Worshipping at Home in June



Life Together Sunday | O'SAVER CHURCH

Help Celebrate the Gift of OSLC Community!

Sunday, June 14th Life Together Sunday

The gift of the OSLC community is something to celebrate – even as we continue to worship apart for the time being.

You are invited to send in a **photo or two of yourself/ yourselves** (a selfie of you waving at the camera would do!) and/or a **favorite OSLC memory** from the past year. The photos will be part of *Life Together Sunday: Worshipping at Home Edition* on June 14th.

Please email your photo(s) to **Joan Friel** at frielj4@comcast.net (a JPG is the best format) by Monday, June 8th.

Thank you all for your help with this project, and take good care.



Small Group Ministries



*From left: Mark & Tami Cron,
Ken Konigsmark*

Farewell & Godspeed Mark & Tami Cron

Thank you Mark and Tami Cron for all your years of support to OSLC. Without your dedication to the Building and Grounds Committee we wouldn't have the beautiful grounds that we do now. We appreciate all that you did, and we wish you farewell and all the best in your next adventure.



Buildings & Grounds



From the Desk of Buildings & Grounds

Thank you! Buildings & Grounds would like to thank the following people for taking part in the Spring Clean-Up held on Wednesday, June 3rd: **Mark and Tami Cron, Chuck Bachman, Ken Decamp and Cheryl Leiter, Phil Griffin, Bob Beck, Ken Konigsmark, Lori Downey,**

Rick and Jan West. It was a good crew for a week night and we got a lot accomplished.

Dishwasher Update: How does the roof have anything to do with washing dishes? Well, I'll tell you. After several service calls and expensive part replacements the dishwasher still malfunctions. So, the Council approved using the left-over roof campaign money, plus some donations, to buy a new one. Now you know "the rest of the story" as Paul Harvey says! Sincerely, Rick West

Small Group Ministries



Stewardship

Where Do Our Offerings Go Right Now? As we look forward to the day when we can safely gather together, the ministries of our congregation continue: teaching the faith to children and adults desperately in need of hearing it; offering dynamic worship opportunities; inspiring hearts through music; knitting prayer shawls that comfort people who are struggling; visiting our members who are sick, homebound, lonely or elderly; supporting the vital servant work of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*; stitching warm

quilts to wrap around our hurting brothers and sisters around the globe; providing kits that help with daily hygiene; sewing facemasks that protect people from the coronavirus; providing cooked, canned or packaged food to keep our communities healthy; donating clothing and assisting local families, children and those without homes with their specific needs; and supplying funding for the basic needs of people around the world.

You are the one empowering all these ministries happening RIGHT NOW because you care! Each time you give your regular offering you are making sure that the work Jesus calls us to do is, in fact, getting done. Whether making offerings as you normally would with a check via postal mail, or give online at oslcissaquah.org using the “Electronic Giving” tab, know that your generosity and faithfulness are as important now as ever. Together, we move forward as God’s generous, caring people.

Sincerely,
Debby Beck,
Stewardship Committee

Small Group Ministries



OSLC's Reaching Out Program

At the last Council meeting, we agreed to help people obtain groceries by providing pick-up and delivery service (but not personal transportation for people to go shopping). If you are a high-risk individual who does not have family or friends helping you out during this shelter-in-place period, then:



- 1.) Pick an Issaquah store that offers online grocery shopping (Fred Meyer, Safeway, etc.)
- 2.) Create your grocery order, pay online, record your order #, and schedule a pickup date and time.
- 3.) Email kenkonigsmark@yahoo.com with your order details (or if no email then call 425-445-8656)
- 4.) Be home on that date/time to receive your groceries... it's that easy.

A few guidelines

- 1.) Just groceries (no restaurant "take out")
- 2.) Delivery of online items only, no in-store shopping by volunteers.
- 3.) One grocery run per week. One store only, and consolidate items into one large order.
- 4.) Physical distancing will be practiced at both ends – pickup and delivery. The groceries will be left on your doorstep and you will be notified when they have arrived.

We will do our best to support those needing this assistance and hope it will make this difficult time a bit easier for you!

Your Church Council



Small Group Ministries



Community Outreach Committee

If you are a congregation member struggling to buy groceries or gas during this Corona Virus Pandemic, please contact the church office. We have some limited resources to assist with your needs.

Below are a number of resources to contact for housing and food assistance.

Issaquah Community Services 425-837-3125

St. Vincent de Paul 206-767-6449

Hopelink 425-943-7565

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank 425-392-4123

Issaquah Meals Program (Catholic Community Services) 425-679-0342

Location: 180 E Sunset Way, Issaquah

Meals Served:

Monday-Friday	5:00 – 6:00 pm
Thursday	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Saturday	5:00 – 6:00 pm
Sunday	4:00 – 5:00 pm



The Community Outreach Committee selected 5 organizations in our Community to make donations to from our designated funds. We wanted to support them in helping people in our Community thru the Corona Virus Pandemic. The following organizations will receive \$250.00 each.

Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank

Issaquah Community Services

Eastside Baby Corner

Vine Maple Place

Compass Housing Authority (formerly Lutheran Compass Housing)

Sincerely,

Cheryl Leiter, Community Outreach Committee Chair

Small Group Ministries

Stay Safe Project Update

Hello members and friends of OSLC.

OSLC quilters and friends have been busy making masks to fulfill your requests. Many of you have taken advantage of the opportunity to get these masks now, rather than wait until we are able to gather again in worship. I love that and encourage more of you to call or text email me to get your masks for needed trips to stay safe as our state slowly reopens.



Please contact Tami Cron at 425-241-7696 or email me at Tamicron@comcast.net. We have both elastic and tie masks with several different designs. The masks are yours to keep and we are offering 2 per person, one to wash and one to wear.

Blessings to all and stay safe, Tami Cron

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life June 2020



Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' (Luke 15:4-6)

Let's back up a chapter. Jesus has been talking to the scribes and Pharisees, who criticized Jesus for receiving and eating with sinners. How interesting that sinners were drawn to Jesus, and were comfortable in his presence.

In the above parable, there is no criticism of the one who became lost, no chiding of a sheep whose own foolish choice may have caused the disconnect from its shepherd. The focus and clear emphasis is on the determination of the shepherd to find even one that becomes lost.

Jesus said elsewhere, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father." What a Father, who is so devoted to his creation that he cares that not even one be lost.

Consider that whatever lost-ness you may have experienced, whether in the past or right now, the heart of the Father is pursuit and finding. It is not a calloused, flippant attitude. Nor is it shaming. Once found, the shepherd is ecstatic and calls his friends and neighbors to share his joy. Connection is restored. As image-bearers of our Father, this longing for deep connection and restoration is in us also. What a Great Shepherd who cares for the many and the one!

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

Help Getting Us Through

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network is a coalition of licensed pastoral counselors. LCN counselors and therapists are available to provide mental health and relationship support during this time of crisis. All LCN therapists are doing their work via telehealth, both on HIPAA-compliant video platforms and by telephone. Please check us out at our website: www.lutherancounseling.net. Also available on our website are resources and opportunities to financially support our low-fee fund, which helps provide counseling at a reduced rate for those who cannot otherwise afford it

We offer a variety of approaches to individual, couple and family counseling that is evidence-based and spiritually supportive. Most therapists are professionally trained in both psychology and theology and all our therapists are skilled in integration of spirituality and counseling.

We provide individual therapy for areas of life that cannot always be addressed by congregational programming such as relationship conflict, depression, anxiety, behavioral problems, sexuality, trauma recovery and grief support.

Many of our clients pay a subsidized fee, adjusted according to family income. This is made possible by the generous donations of the churches we serve. We value professional practices that enable clients to access our ministry easily, through our network of referral sources, and through our varied schedules, multiple locations, and adjusted fee schedule. Most of our therapists accept insurance.

To refer or inquire, please call or check us out on the web:
www.lutherancounseling.net

Bellingham: 360-715-2166

Bothell / Issaquah / Kirkland / Sammamish: 425-455-2960

Des Moines / Enumclaw / Federal Way: 253-839-1697

Everett / Marysville / Mill Creek: 425-258-2955

Kent / Renton / SeaTac: 425-271-9711

Seattle / Shoreline: 206-364-1046

Counselor Katherine Mitchell, MA, LMHC, has an office at OSLC, downstairs in the north hallway. You can reach Katherine at:

425-502-1503

or kmitchell@lutherancounseling.net



OSLC in Our Community



*Offering safety, providing stability and
equipping for self-sufficiency*

May 12, 2020

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Pastor Jim Kruse
745 Front Street South
Issaquah, WA 98027

Dear Pastor Kruse,

I'm writing to let you know I've received your gift of \$250.00 to help provide Emergency Housing Assistance to keep moms and kids off the streets. Thank you so much!

I can't imagine a better way to help a mom like Angie in an unprecedented time such as this! She and her two kids were facing homelessness when the Coronavirus dramatically reduced her hours at work. With no money to pay rent, she was afraid her family would be on the streets.

But because you acted so quickly, I was able to activate Emergency Housing Assistance for Angie. Your gift helped to pay her rent, and rescued her and her kids.

I am seeing the results of your gift every day. And I'm so grateful. Because, in addition to providing Emergency Housing Assistance, your gift is also providing counseling, job coaching, special kids programs, and more for moms like Angie.

What a wonderful thing you've done at a time when it's needed most!

Gratefully,

Michelle K. Frets
Executive Director

OSLC in Our Community



Neighbors helping neighbors for more than 40 years

May 18, 2020

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~~Dear Our Savior Parishioners,~~

Issaquah Community Services would like to thank you for your very generous contribution to ICS. We are in receipt of check 11947 in the amount of \$250.00 dated May 4, 2020.

All of us at ICS appreciate your continuing support. Last year ICS was able to provide more than \$170,000 to the neediest families in this community, and that need continues to increase, especially in light of COVID-19. Our clients benefit greatly in terms of emergency aid for rent, fuel, utilities, and medical assistance. You are helping many people through some difficult periods in their lives. Thank you again for your generosity at this critical time.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Randall
Treasurer
Issaquah Community Services

No goods or services were provided in return for this gift. ICS Tax ID 91-1499522

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



Lay Visitation Ministry During the Stay-at-Home Order

Do you know of someone who may be home-bound, in senior care, or otherwise would like a phone call 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.

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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June Worship Readings

Sunday, June 7 — The Holy Trinity

Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 14 — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: Romans 1:8-13
Gospel: Mark 3:7-10, 23-25, 31-35

Sunday, June 21 — 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 28 — 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9
Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42



We remember in prayer...

We remember in prayer:

Bodil Isop, Perrin Green, Mike Golick, Marilyn Grey, Linda Chambers, Dave Carlson, Kip Hauser, Evy Sneva, Mike Winkler, Anthony Templeton, Lynnette, Sheelagh Sacks, Claire Howe, Carmine Kopecky, Dan Cox, JoAnne Naganawa, Guests of the Community Meals Program, All affected by the Corona Virus, Mark Howe, Lyle Bentley, Lil, Sonja, Lucy Acker, Nicole DeCamp, Doug Patur, 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:

Karen Miley (Doug & Dianne Tanner); , Lyle Hassebroek (Doug & Dianne Tanner); Charles Chambers (brother-in-law to Rowan & Barbara Hinds); Barbara Nielson (Karen Hansen); Evelyn Timpe (step-mother to Patty Gerde); Susan Moffett (Doug & Dianne Tanner); David Woods (Lyle & Alice Lewis)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Jessica Murguia (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, 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.

Thanksgiving: For the joyous birth of **Ashton Kendall Wilson** to Emily & Dontay Wilson (granddaughter to Larry & Ann Thomas). For the joyous birth of a healthy baby to **Yili Leiter** (Cheryl Leiter).

June

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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



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



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