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

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From the Desk of Council President Chuck Bachman

September 13th, September 13th, September 13th... Please put in on your calendar. This will be our Annual Congregational Meeting. It will be held on-line using Zoom video conferencing. Instructions will come out later from the Church Administrator. Your church council and many other committees have been working hard to continue our transition to a new pastor. Involved in this transition is updating the constitution, improving the budgeting process, and seeking what is important to the attendees of the church.

It is a difficult process in normal times and the covid-19 has made it so much more difficult. The council and staff have adjusted to the new norms. All meetings have been on-line. We are purchasing new equipment to continue with on-line services with an eye ahead to streaming the services live. We have been planning for in-house services when our county reaches Stage 3. We want to stream these services live for those who need to continue to stay at home.

At the congregational meeting we will vote on a budget for the June 2020 to June 2021 budget. We will vote on some changes to the council positions. We will appoint a nominating committee for open council positions beginning in January. The council will also put forth members to serve on the Call Committee, which will interview candidates for the new pastor position.

Our scripture readings on the August 9th was about Jesus feeding over 5000 people starting with five loaves of bread and two fish. After everyone ate they had twelve baskets full leftover. Working with council on this year's budget felt a lot like we only had the five loaves and two fish. So much need in our community and not much we had to give. My faith says we will be provided for. We will come together in spirit to help our community.

Chuck Bachman, Council President



New Beginnings Sunday | OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



From the Desk of Pastor Jim

Transitioning the Transition

As I am closing in on my one-year anniversary here at Our Savior Lutheran, I am reflecting on all of the innovations, adaptations, and changes that OSLC has experienced in the last year. September of 2019 was a confusing and uncertain time. Your called pastor had departed and a series of “supply” preachers were filling the pulpit week after week. Your congregational president had also resigned and a new president was quickly trying to get up to speed. The fall programming schedule was incomplete, and I had not yet been asked to serve.



Pastor Jim Kruse

But that was just the beginning. The rest of 2019 was focused on welcoming me, lowering the anxiety, and ending the year on a hopeful note. This was not easy, comfortable work. But we were up to the task. And as 2020 began we were ready to address the process of identifying the congregation’s next regularly called pastor. We started to learn about who we were now, and how OSCL had been affected by Pastor Telyea’s short pastorate. The Council and Transition Team also began learning about the rapidly changing social and cultural shifts that have affected how all churches are now viewed by the world around them. By Lent, the Transition Team was preparing to engage the congregation in conversations about our future.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic came along and we had to adapt once again. For five months we have figured out a way to carry on our ministry without access to our primary resource for ministry, our building. Again, this was not easy, comfortable work. But we now are able to produce a quality worship experience every week by way of an on-line video recording. Our committees and small groups have learned how to conduct meetings via Zoom technology. And our Transition Team has connected to the whole congregation via email and postal letters. In a few short days we will even attempt to hold our required Annual Meeting of the congregation (postponed from June) via Zoom.

Now we face a new transition. Our Director of Worship and Music is taking a Leave of Absence until Advent (November 29th) so that he can address dramatic COVID-19 changes he is facing as a professor at the University of Washington. The Sunday worship video we have learned to appreciate may also change as we address his absence.

Another transition is being initiated with the election of the Call Committee. The Call Committee will use the information that has been collected by the Transition Team to work with NW WA Synod Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee to nominate a pastoral candidate to the congregation. In the past, the prevailing call process has been highly “hands-on,” with many face-to-face meets. Their work will also be slowed by COVID-

From the Desk of Pastor Jim

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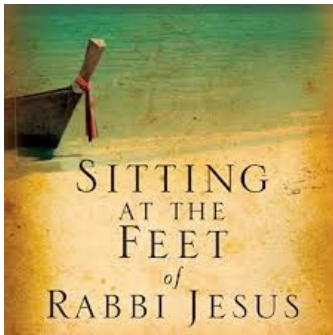
19 considerations. And since most Call Committee work is done under important guidelines of confidentiality, this can be another stressful time for the congregation. Patience and trust must be the prevailing spirit of congregational life.

Most of us know in our hearts that the direction of our lives and our future is ultimately not ours to control. We look to God to lead us. As we weave our way through the transitions of our transition, we pray for God's guidance and peace.

Good Cheer,
Pastor Jim



Pastor Jim Kruse



Book Study:

*Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus:
How the Jewishness of Jesus Can
Transform Your Faith*

We are organizing a book study group at Our Savior around the book, *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith*, by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. The book is available through the En-Gedi Resource Center (engadiresourcecenter.com), as well as Amazon. Our hope is that participants will be able to purchase the book and be ready for our first Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:00 pm. If it works out, we will continue to meet each Wednesday into the fall and winter. In order to get an accurate list of participants, we are asking people to register, so please contact Pastor Jim at jameskruse814@gmail.com or Jan Hazelton at Musicnotes4jan@gmail.com (phone: 425-868-1851).

Our Savior Church Council

ANNUAL MEETING

OSLC's Annual Congregational Meeting

Join us via Zoom on
Sunday, September 13th at 11:00 am!

The Church Council has set the date for the postponed Annual Meeting of Our Savior Lutheran Church for Sunday, September 13th, at 11:00 am. The meeting will be held using Zoom video & audio conferencing. Important agenda items include the approval of the 2020-2021 Mission & Ministry Budget, and election of the Call Committee to lead the search for our new Lead Pastor. Look for a Zoom link in your email leading up to the meeting.

All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. Friends of the congregation are encouraged to attend and lend their voice as well. If you are unable to use Zoom, please contact the church office as soon as possible so that we can arrange for you to participate.



OSLC Finance Committee



2020-2021 Mission & Ministry Budget Hearings

On the following page is a summary of where we ended the fiscal year this past June 30th, 2020. This was a difficult year with unusual challenges. The Finance Committee and Church Council have made major changes to the budget for the July

2020- June 2021 fiscal year. Please join us at two scheduled budget hearings to learn about these changes:

2020-2021 Budget Hearing Dates, Times, and Login Information:

Sunday, September 6th, 2020

at 11:00 am

www.ZOOM.com

Meeting ID: 850 7454 1232

Passcode: 735367

Thursday, September 10th, 2020

at 7:00 pm

www.ZOOM.com

Meeting ID: 865 1925 5374

Passcode: 278409

Or contact me at oslc_treasurer@hotmail.com, or at **(425) 432-7604**, and I will email you a direct link to one or both of the ZOOM meetings.

The final budget proposal will be presented for a vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting on September 13th, at 11:00am, which will be held via Zoom video conference.

Sincerely,
OSLC Finance Committee &
Wendy Winslow, Treasurer

OSLC 2019-2020 Year End

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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL FUND FYE 6/30/2020

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
INCOME			
Contributions	421,300	316,544	(104,756)
Rental, interest & misc	100	1,695	1,595
TOTAL INCOME	421,400	318,239	(103,161)
EXPENSES			
ELCA Benevolence	19,700	19,185	515
Missionary support	15,300	15,300	-
Salaries and related costs	234,134	212,529	21,605
Facilities	95,240	64,044	31,196
Office expenses	24,350	22,625	1,725
Synod assembly	550	-	550
Christian education	1,000	-	1,000
Fellowship/kitchen	1,800	1,520	280
Finance costs	1,800	1,654	146
Global missions	1,000	-	1,000
Church library	200	265	(65)
Music	11,550	4,140	7,410
Choir accompanist	5,757	3,764	1,993
Recording personnel	-	1,400	(1,400)
Community outreach	2,700	1,196	1,504
Stewardship	750	-	750
Women's ministries	500	-	500
Worship & altar guild	4,970	2,976	1,994
Uncategorized	-	336	(336)
TOTAL EXPENSES	421,301	350,934	70,367
NET INCOME (LOSS)	99	(32,695)	(32,794)

OSLC 2020-2021 Mission & Ministry Budget

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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH - FYE JUNE 30, 2021

	Budget FYE 6/30/2021
INCOME:	
Contributions	315,000
From related designated fund	10,460
From Council Designated Funds	7,169
TOTAL INCOME	332,629
EXPENSES:	
BENEVOLENCE	
ELCA	12,600
PASTOR	
Salary & housing	79,333
OTHER SALARIES	
Office admin	45,100
Director of Music	41,544
Organist	13,325
Visitation	6,150
Office admin pension	4,024
Payroll taxes/workmen's comp.	10,746
Substitute personnel	1,200
	122,089
FACILITIES	
Utilities, property tax & insurance	45,493
Janitorial service & supplies	9,210
Maintenance & repairs	3,932
Decommission oil tank - parsonage	2,500
Discretionary	5,960
	67,095
OFFICE & ADMIN	
Copier lease & computer	18,000
Maintenance & supplies	4,150
Finance costs	2,182
Bookkeeper	4,800
	29,132
MINISTRY TEAMS	
Christian education	1,000
Fellowship/kitchen	-
Global Missions	1,000
Church library	200
Music	
Accompanist	5,757
Paid musicians	2,400
Instruments & misc.	1,100
Community Outreach	2,500
Stewardship	-
Women's ministries	600
Worship & altar	3,023
Recording personnel	4,800
Youth	-
	22,380
TOTAL EXPENSES	332,629
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-

Community Outreach Committee



**Saturday, September 19th
10:00am-1:00pm**

OSLC Drive-Thru Collection for the Issaquah Food Bank & Eastside Baby Corner

Here's a chance to help a good cause and see a few of the congregation's faces in person (masked of course). Saturday, September 19, from 10am-1pm, the Community Outreach Committee will hold a Drive-Thru Food Bank and Baby Corner Collection. Our last Drive-Thru Collection was such a success that we are doing it again. Also, since we haven't been worshipping in person, we have not collected our monthly "1st Sunday Community Gifts" for the Food Bank.

We are requesting only the items listed below.

- Dry Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta Sauce & Pasta, Hearty Soups, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Granola Bars, Canned Veggies
- Diapers, Diaper Wipes, Formula, New Toys for 1 to 2 year-olds, "New" Children's Clothes

You can pull up to the front of church and drop off your donated items. There is so much need in our community. Please donate...we look forward to seeing your faces in person!

Thank you to everyone who dropped off donations for the Issaquah Food Bank and Eastside Baby Corner during our Drive-thru Collection on August 1. The organizations so appreciate all that was collected. The need is there even more than before the Pandemic. And, thank you to all the masked volunteers on the Community Outreach Committee. I appreciate all your work.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Leiter,
Community Outreach Committee



ELCA & Small Group Ministries



Fall Clean Up Day!
Saturday, September 26th
at 9:00am

Fall church grounds clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th, 9:00am until noon, when refreshments will be socially-distanced served. Please come if you are able, there are lots of weeds waiting to meet you!"

Building & Grounds Notes:

Lately our attention to church security has become a little lax. Please insure when you leave the church, either through the front or Anderson Hall double doors, that both doors lock behind you. Thanks for your help and attention to this.

Also, during the church shutdown, B&G's has cancelled the church cleaning service since the building is not occupied. So, please remove all your trash/ recycle items instead of throwing them in the trash or recycle bins. Take your trash home with you please.

Thank you! From the Building & Grounds Committee



Stewardship Committee

Putting Feet to our Faith



Are you, like we, stewing in grief, lamenting the injustice and sending thoughts and prayers to the suffering on display in the international Black Lives Matter movement? It would be easy to stop here and do just that. But, as Rev. Brian Herron said recently during a march in Minneapolis: “It’s going to take more than prayer, we’re going to have to put feet to our faith.” Stewardship is the way in which we use ALL of the resources that God is entrusting to our care to love God and our neighbors—our time, our talents, our resources and our relationships.

We’ve seen people put “feet to their faith” by crying out in protest, cleaning up the streets, offering free food and drink, staying up all night to watch over homes and businesses, donating supplies to neighborhoods who have lost grocery stores and pharmacies, and giving away money freely to causes they never knew existed until a few weeks ago. What more might Jesus ask us to do, we wonder? If you are white, like me, one of the most important steps you can take in the coming days and weeks is to stop and listen to black, indigenous and all people of color. Listen deeply and be willing to dwell in your discomfort as you gain deeper empathy for the experience of life as a person who is consistently marginalized due to the color of their skin. Rather than pressuring leaders of those communities who are already exhausted and grieving to educate you, you have the ability to educate yourself by listening and by seeking out the many resources that are already available to you.

Here are a few places to start:

An article by Tiffany Chaney reflecting on the murder of George Floyd: *Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired*;

Another article from Chaney where she reflects on the role of “respectability advocacy:” Remarks from *Becoming the body of Christ where all bodies are valued: A conversation around the ELCA’s resolution to condemn White Supremacy*;

A Christian Century article from Drew Hart unpacking “white privilege” and outlining the perils in the ways we might steward it: *Beyond a White Privilege Model*;

Hart’s book designed to help the church better understand racism practically and theologically: *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*;

Stewardship Committee

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Black preachers speaking out following the murder of George Floyd: *Who I am Listening to Now: 5 Sermons by Black Preachers This Week*;

Retired Pastor Ken Wheeler's reflections following the death of Mike Brown in Ferguson nearly six years ago: *The Disease of Racism*;

Edgar Villanueva's book diagnoses the fatal flaws in philanthropy and provides thoughtful solutions to these systemic imbalances: *Decolonizing Wealth: Indigenous Wisdom to Heal Divides and Restore Balance*.

After a period of deep listening and affirmation, we can discern how God is calling us to act. Here are some questions to get us thinking:

1. **Time:** Will you listen when voices in our community speak up and affirm them? How will you continue to invest in your education and deep listening as you do this justice work? Will you commit to explaining racism to kids with children's books? Will you get to know your cultural lens and improve your intercultural competency using a tool like the IDI (Intercultural Development Inventory)?
2. **Talents:** Will you value the talent of black artists by purchasing art for your church or co-sponsor live events? Will you patron businesses owned by people of color? Will you bring the voices of people of color into your congregation as experts? Will you find appropriate ways to volunteer with non-profits led by people of color that continue to dismantle racism and white saviorism?
3. **Treasure/resources:** Where you spend, give and invest your money matters. Are you intentionally buying books by people of color through their privately-owned bookstores? If none in your community look for them online. Are you donating to non-profits that are fighting for justice? Have you considered allocating some of your budget toward reparations and advocacy....beyond charity work?
4. **Relationships:** Too many congregations fall into the trap of making justice work a one-sided relationship where white, rich congregations only give and communities of color only receive. Truth is we need each other and things will only change as a result of transformative relationships. Angela Denker puts this well in her recent blog post: *Paternalistic Racism of Nice White People*.

Your intentional stewardship is invited because this problem is just too big for just a few to take on alone – your voice and action are needed! Start with one small step forward and continue from there. Listen and then focus on your gifts. Lindsey Young has said, "Resistance is NOT a one-lane highway. Maybe your lane is protesting, maybe your lane is organizing, maybe your lane is counseling, maybe your lane is art activism, maybe your lane is surviving the day. Let's each bring our best gifts to our lane on the resistance highway....and encourage others to do the same!

~ by Grace Duddy Pomroy, Director, Stewardship Leaders Program at Luther Seminary and found online at <https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/putting-feet-to-our-faith/>.

Brought to you by your Stewardship Committee at OSLC.

Small Group Ministries



Teaching stewardship Ideas for Parents!

In the following excerpt from an article titled "Teaching Stewardship to Children," Minner Serovy of the Presbyterian Foundation shares her wisdom and some excellent ideas on how to help children, yours and ours, learn about generosity. Continue reading for a wealth of learn-

ing opportunities beyond having children pass empty offering plates....

Use faith language as you practice your stewardship of money. Help children experience the outcome of their generosity. Ask them to help identify toys or clothing that they no longer use. Rather than dropping them in a Goodwill bin, find a place where your children can see people receive their gifts. Bring them with you when the food pantry is open to see their contributions distributed. If you make a gift to a distant mission, read them the stories in the newsletter. Seeing a life changed by your generosity is a powerful motivator to do more.

Tour your church building and point out rooms that are used by community groups (Scouts, 12-Step) and explain how that serves the community. Stop by the office, the storage spaces, the library, and the kitchen. These things all cost money, and form their church home. It is why we also give money to support our church.

The lessons we learn as children stick with us, even if they hibernate for a while. Faith language and seeing generosity at work will help children and their family learn that money can't buy happiness, but giving it away does. ~ from the Faith+Leader newsletter at Luther Seminary and your OSLC Stewardship Committee.

Warmest regards from your Stewardship Committee.

ELCA & Small Group Ministries



Notes From the ELCA

The ELCA Church Council has unanimously adopted a new social message: "Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy." This project was called for at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, with an intention that it be ready to read before the national election this fall. The social message defines government as a gift from God that can also be abused

and misused. It also delves into how we can view civic engagement as Lutherans. You can find the social message and study guide in English at www.ELCA.org. A Spanish translation of the message is also available.

Stay Safe Project

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 Alice Lewis at 425-432-0366 or alice@motorplex.com Orders placed by Sunday each week will be ready on the following Thursday. We have both elastic and tie masks with several different designs. In addition, around the head elastic is available, for those using hearing aids. 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

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life September 2020



¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. Luke 13:10-17

We humans like it when things are settled. When we know what to expect. This gives us comfort. We like it when we can count on God to be the same yesterday, today, and always. When we know what to expect. It settles us. But so often Jesus breaks the rules, upsets our world view, defies our expectations. When this happens, we don't know what to do. We may object. We may even reject his love, his healing, his forgiveness. That's how it was for the leader of the synagogue in this story. Jesus healed a woman who had been bent over in pain for 18 years. Everyone should have been happy, right? But this gift of healing came in a way that was unexpected, unorthodox. The leader of the synagogue didn't know what to make of it. He objected. He cited the rule book. He told people to come back and get their healing on the appointed day. Jesus is clear. He directly challenges the leader of the synagogue, and the human-made restrictions we want to put on God. Have some common sense, he seems to say. You water your animals on the Sabbath. "And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for 18 long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" Wow. Preach it, Jesus. Just when we think we have God figured out, Jesus breaks in and shakes us up. It can be unsettling. But the thing we can count on is that God is about love, and he sends Jesus to shake us out of our rules and our expectations, in order to discover, over and over again, what that love is really all about.

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

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



Worship Notes

What About the Sacrament of Holy Communion?



I have been very aware that Our Savior Lutheran Church has not celebrated Holy Communion since we last gathered for worship in the building in March. Being away from The Lord's Table has created a hunger in me for the blessing of this sacrament that I was not prepared to feel.

Many congregations have experimented with "virtual" experiences of Holy Communion on-line. Most common is a ZOOM call where people log-on

from their homes, break off pieces of bread from the family loaf, pour a little wine or juice in cups, and listen to the pastor say the Eucharistic Blessing over the internet. Then they eat and drink at the same time as everyone else who has logged-on. There are other variations of this general idea, some are more appropriate than others.

I have chosen not to offer Holy Communion in this way, at least not yet, at Our Savior. For me, undergirded by a Lutheran understanding of the Eucharist, so much of the action of celebrating Communion is in the "gathering." We see and hear and even touch each other. We move past each other going to and from the chancel rail. Everyone receives the same bread and the same drink (to the extent that our desire to be all inclusive will allow). We each wait for our turn, knowing that others have received before us and others are just behind. Paul's admonition to the Corinthians that "all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves," (1 Corinthians 11:29) is directed toward to a small group of worshippers who are purposefully separating themselves from others in the community to have Communion.

Also, there is a spiritual benefit to waiting, a "longing for the day" when we can return to the table together. Similar to "the fast of repentance," our hunger can sharpen our awareness of our mortality, our need for God's life-giving presence, and our enhanced celebration when we receive it anew. This opportunity for a spiritual blessing would be lost by the electronic version.



Let me know your hopes and thoughts. I may be way off base, and more easily dissuaded than you think.

Pastor Jim

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



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



**Powerful Giving
with Your Smartphone**

Apps make life easier. With GivePlus Church, you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!

- ⇒ Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone
- ⇒ 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



September Worship Readings

Sunday, September 6 — Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: Romans 13:8-14
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13 — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 20 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27 — Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



We remember in prayer...

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Carmen Saavedra, California Wildfires firefighters and those affected, Nancy Anderson, Doyle Watson, Scott, Gwynn and Don, Jeremy, Henrik & Patty Christopherson, Safety and peace for communities, Pattie Rutten, Paul Salazar, Lyle Bentley, Mike Golick, Linda Chambers, Dave Carlson, Guests of the Community Meals Program, All affected by the Corona Virus, Mark Howe, 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:

Delores "Dee" Bakamus (Dar Boni); Marlene Braun (sister to Cheryl Neeb); Nikki (niece to Doug & Dianne Tanner); Sheila Aldworth (daughter-in-law to Sandy Aldworth); Richard "Dick" Birdsall (Dianne Tanner); Germaine Korum (Lyle & Alice Lewis); Bob Gray (Doug & Dianne Tanner); Fran Hildebrand (Karen Hansen); Joe Rutten (uncle of Mark Howe); Don Brannon [former member of OSLC] (Rowan Hinds); Don McWhirter (Rowan Hinds); 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)

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.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



9/2	Irene Carn	9/22	Jane Shen
9/3	Garrett Steffan		Paul Craig
	Vince Smith	9/23	Jeanne Kuipers
9/4	Dar Boni	9/24	Ian DeVogel
	Jeff Wood	9/25	Erik Fabricius
9/7	George Kuipers	9/26	Martin Fuhs
9/10	Emily Gacek		Stephen Gacek
9/13	Miranda Smith	9/27	Dawson Loudermilk
9/14	Jordan Usselman	9/30	Michael Sladek
9/15	Amy Mogensen		
	Craig Gillin		
	Jennifer Hendrickson		
9/16	Henrik Christopherson		

9/2	Chawn & Amanda Loudermilk
9/6	Doug & Sue Friddell
9/7	Gene & Alla Elfstrom
	Paul & Jennifer Tolo
9/16	Don & Gwynn Wilkinson
9/20	Shawn & Karen Quinn
9/21	Jon & Stacy Smith
9/22	Todd & Joni Zink
9/25	Mike & Sandy Nygaard
9/30	Jeff Youngstrom & Becky Brooks





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