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

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The Next Chapter

With the election of a Call Committee at the congregation's Annual Meeting in September, we have turned to a new chapter in the process of calling a pastor. The Transition Team has:

- reviewed the history of OSLC for valuable ministries that we want to continue putting forward,
- reviewed the demographics of Issaquah for trends in growth and needed services,
- reviewed the congregation's demographics and style of leadership, and
- summarized their findings for the Call Committee and NW WA Synod to use in identifying our next Lead Pastor.



Pastor Jim Kruse

Last week, the Transition Team sent out their summary to the congregation by email for your review and input. The Transition Team wrote that "the top mission priorities which, if accomplished, hold the most promise for the continued development of" Our Savior Lutheran Church, are:

- Bible study for spiritual growth and fellowship,
- Intentional congregational care,
- Technology improvements to increase connections within the congregation and with the community,
- Intentional community outreach to children and families, and
- A comprehensive building and site plan as a resource for ministry.

These priorities will not only guide the process of calling a new pastor, but they will also be the main focus of the pastor and the congregation after she or he arrives.

As the Call Committee begins their work, they will increasingly turn to the

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From the Desk of Pastor Jim

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Bishop's office for leadership and direction. Your work during this next chapter of life at OSLC, is to do the best you can to understand these five priorities, prayerfully consider where you can participate in addressing them, personally commit whatever time, talents, and financial support you can to them, and offer your daily prayers for their success. My work will be to help you in do these things.

We are not just turning to a new chapter in the call process, we are turning toward a new day for Our Savior Lutheran Church. The Holy Spirit is our guide. Faith is our strength.

Be Well, and of Good Cheer,
Pastor Jim Kruse



Reopening Team Update

The Reopening Team appointed by the Council continues to meet. We have become well versed in the Washington State guidelines for gathering during

Phase 2 (which we are currently in), Phase 3 (which we eagerly await), and Phase 4 of the "Stay Home-Stay Safe" program. These include both general guidelines for all gatherings, and special, more lenient guidelines, for religious organization.

The Team has determined the protocols for allowing worship and other gatherings in the church building once we enter Phase 3. During October, many of these protocols will be put into place, and be ready and waiting.

Meanwhile, please continue to be patient and stay connected to one another. God is good. One day we will be back together. We are just redefining what "soon" really means.

Take good care,
Pastor Jim

Our Savior Church Council

ANNUAL MEETING

A Summary of OSLC's Annual Congregational Meeting 2020

Our Annual Congregational meeting was postponed from June due to COVID-19, and finally held via ZOOM last month on September 13th. We had 57 attendees counted – a new record for OSLC Zoom Events. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the meeting possible and who attended. It was so great to see everyone's faces!

Most of the verbal reports were simple summaries of the written reports that were distributed prior to the meeting. Here are a few highlights and decisions made:

With the resignation of Vice President Tami Cron due to relocation, the Council appointed Cheryl Hauser (who was treasurer) to the Vice President position and then appointed Wendy Winslow to fulfil Cheryl's Treasurer position for the balance of the term. These **Council Position Changes** were affirmed by a vote of the membership.

The **Budget** that was proposed by the Finance Committee and approved as a draft by the Council in June was approved by the membership. It was noted that it is a 'bare bones' budget that is relying on Designated Funds to keep some of our ministries going. In order to fully fund our ministries and a new pastor, we'd need about 15% more income than we had last year.

A **Call Committee** was elected; they will pick up the work from the Transition Team who have been working diligently for some months. The Transition Team's work is to assess our history and current state and complete a Ministry Site Profile. The Call Committee will take all of that work and move forward into the Call process. The members of the newly-elected Call Committee are: Bill Cash, Lori Downey, Jo Hess, Don Miller, Jean Pass, Peter Shen, Leslie Waltzer and Wendy Winslow.

A **Nominating Committee** was also elected; their job is to develop a slate of candidates to fill open Council positions (the Council terms end at the turn of the year), and also to assist the Building and Grounds Committee in finding a new Committee Chair. The newly-elected Nominating Committee members are Mary Fricke, Jon Smith and Jen Winslow.

It was good for all of us to hear about the many folks who continue to work hard in support of OSLC. Some of them we see every week via online worship – Pr. Jim, Dr. Lee, Scott Hafso and other musicians/singers, and the lay readers. There are also people behind the scenes helping produce the weekly services, as well as staff members, Council, committees and ministry teams that continue to do their work in mission and ministry along with new work to prepare for the longed-for reopening. Hats off to all of you!

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Carlson

Northwest Washington Synod

October 2020



Dear Beloveds of Christ,

There are stories in this world that we will never know. Stories that beg to be told and yet they will never be heard because they have been forgotten, covered up, never told or intentionally destroyed.

A few weeks ago, I was floating down the Wenatchee River on an inner tube. It was a beautiful day – perfect weather – no sign of humanity anywhere. Rounding a bend, I suddenly saw a strange site: An old skinny white man wearing only a loin cloth flying a rainbow-colored kite. This man camping/living in an old RV on the banks of the Wenatchee, basically naked, long full beard and hair, arms outstretched towards the heavens and flying a beautiful multi-colored kite. What story does he have to share?

A few Sundays ago, the New York Times ran a photo essay about hunger in America. The author writes, “In the pandemic economy, nearly one in eight households doesn’t have enough to eat. The lockdown, with its epic lines at food banks, has revealed what was hidden in plain sight: that the struggle to make food last long enough, and to get food that’s healthful – what experts call ‘food insecurity’ – is a persistent one for millions of Americans ... Like many hardships, this burden falls disproportionately on Black and Hispanic families, who are almost twice as likely to experience food insecurity as white families.” (www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/09/02/magazine/food-insecurityhunger-us.html) Through the photo gallery in this New York Times photo essay, we catch glimpses of the lives of Kandice, Brayden, Doris, Armani and many others. What other stories are held in this story?

As I write this article, large swaths of California, Oregon and Washington are on fire. Houses burned to the ground. People missing. People killed. Treasured items gone. Lives disrupted and forever changed. What stories are lost in the raging fires?

When you read this article, there is a very good chance that over 200,000 people in the United States will have died from COVID-19. Over 6 million will have been infected. Common sense measures to mitigate the spread of COVID have been politicized. Suicide, depression, hunger, loneliness, domestic violence, joblessness, and other hardships have increased in these last six months. What story is no longer possible?

Today I am more and more aware of the stories that have disappeared, been forgotten, or pushed underground. And I am ever mindful that as people who follow Jesus, we

Northwest Washington Synod

have the responsibility, the obligation – maybe it is a calling – to listen to the stories in the gaps of other stories. And to understand that the biggest voice might not be the place where the story is happening.

In Matthew 18, Jesus says, ‘Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.’ A few verses later Jesus says, “It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.”

You see, we are the people of the book – we are the people who claim the Holy Story. We are the people who believe that the story of God and humanity did not end with the cross but continues in, with and under all of us today. The Holy Spirit is alive and active among us. And the Holy Spirit is calling us through the stories we remember, the stories we share, the stories we hear, and the stories we notice.

Let us listen to one another’s story. Let us be mindful of the stories that exist on the margins. Let those of us who have had big voices quiet ourselves to hear other stories. And let us be mindful that listening to stories is not the end. For those of us who are white, let us take to heart these words from Austin Channing Brown, “In too many churches and organizations, listening to the hurt and pain of people of color is the end of the road, rather than the beginning.” (from *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*)

I would love to hear your story. How are you doing? Where is God working in your life and in the life of the Church? Where do you see God? What stories need to be told? What pain needs to be shared? What stories do you want to hear?

May the One - whose story we live in - provide care, comfort, love, and justice for you and for this world.

Let us live, move, and be in God’s Holy Story. Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



Small Group Ministries

2020 Light My Fire Campaign



Believe it or not, our 'new' church kitchen is not so new any longer. Recently the commercial dishwasher failed and had to be replaced; thankfully, extra Raise the Roof funds were available to support that need. Now the big gas stove is becoming difficult (it was purchased used when the kitchen was remodeled). We have a quote for a new stove to replace it, and several of those who regularly use the kitchen for ministry have pledged funds to help. Now it's time to invite others to join us in this effort – if you feel led to help with the cost of replacing the kitchen stove, it would be a huge blessing. We need to raise about \$5000 more to accomplish the goal. Any funds received in excess of the need will be returned to the General Fund in support of the OSLC budget. We give thanks for the many people who so generously support OSLC in so many ways.

Sincerely, Your OSLC Kitchen Committee



Kitchen Ministry



Our Savior Fall Clean Up Day Thank You

A big shout out to the 11 people who helped with the Fall Clean Up last Saturday. They were: Ken Konigsmark, Chuck Bachman & Wendy Winslow, Ken DeCamp & Cheryl Leiter, Jane Wuest, Carl Boruck, Connie Fletcher, Anne Ellett, and Rick & Jan West. They gave 36 volunteer hours all together, and here is what was accomplished: raked, pruned, weeded, trimmed, cut up old bench for trash, and fixed a latch on the shed. Plus, we had no rain so everyone was very happy! The Building & Grounds Committee

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Oh, Those Assumptions!

Here's a popular one relating to finances: "Retired people are living on a fixed income. They are giving all they can." To be fair, I've heard a lot of retired people say, "I'm living on a fixed income and just can't give any more."

My first thought is that almost everyone I know is living on a fixed income. It is called a salary. As is the case with working people, the "fixed income" that retired people are living on is fixed at widely varying levels. Some are fixed pretty low. Others are fixed amazingly high.



Having a fixed, predictable income can actually **make giving easier**. How? It's called giving by a percentage. When you know what your income is, it is easy to decide what percentage you want to give away, then calculate and give that amount month after month, until your income changes. For retired people, as for everyone else, an emphasis on percentage giving is most helpful. This way, at whatever level one's income is fixed, generous giving can happen.

In Christian tradition, the aim of many is to give 10% of their household income to the church as offering to God. Many people enjoy growing their giving, going beyond a 10% level.

Another assumption is that retired people are ready to turn volunteering over to younger people.

In my opinion, this is simply not the case. Many seniors derive great joy from volunteering. Many of my friends are finding new ways to get involved in church and in the community. They are talented, active people who have much to give and are giving generously of their talents and resources.

God is the owner of everything and we each have the joy and privilege to wisely manage what God has graciously placed into our care. Every aspect of thankful, daily living presents us with opportunities to make a difference by—exercising our spiritual gifts, praying and caring for others (and ourselves!), sharing our financial resources, advocating for justice through our words and actions, working for peace and more.

What unique needs are you experiencing as you say goodbye to old assumptions and explore fresh, new ways to be more intentional about responding to God's love for you with growing gratitude and faithfulness? How can our OSLC team accompany *you* on your lifelong stewardship journey?

~ Adapted from articles by Pastor Charles Lane and Grace Duddy Pomroy. Brought to you by your OSLC Stewardship Committee.

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Community Outreach Committee Updates

Thanks to all who participated in September's drive. It was VERY successful. Here is a picture of Irene Carn with diapers collected that day. It was really fun to see our members face to face once again.



These quilts from our OSLC quilters completed the Welcome Baskets sent to Passage Point in September. Our quilters, led by Alice Lewis, also crafted 270 masks for children served by Baby Corner this month. Many thanks for their beautiful work. It will make a difference to lots of people.

Here is a picture of masks that Alice Lewis crafted for Eastside Baby Corner. To date she has made over 400 masks. We got a very nice thank you from Eastside Baby Corner:



Hi Connie - Wow! Thank you! I'm really impressed with the fantastic variety of sizes and the super fun prints - the masks look amazing! Thank you too for organizing all of them by size and gender. We're currently filling 20-40 requests for reusable face masks on a weekly basis - I truly believe the cute prints will make it easier for kids to comply with mask wearing regulations. Thank you! Madeline

Council President, Chuck Bachman gave the ok to host Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank's ingathering of food and clothing at OSLC, as a part of the Mayor's Day of Concern on Saturday, October 31st. We asked that cardboard be put down under the pallets to be stored in the fellowship hall to minimize scuffing on the vinyl. I know the Food Bank has access to lots of cardboard! It's a privilege to help with this important community service and we are glad to help.

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Food & Clothing Bank

Sincerely, Connie Fletcher, Community Outreach Committee

Our Savior Lutheran in Our Community



September 3, 2020

Our Savior Lutheran Church
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Dear parishioners of Faith Lutheran Church,

This is a scary and unsettled time. Families are worrying about the upcoming school year, thinking about how to manage their children's education in this strange new world. But some of our neighbors are shouldering a much larger burden from the pandemic and deepening recession.

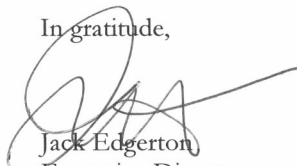
You and EBC are working together now to help those neighbors. Together we can give kids the help and hope they need to reach their potential.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your community drive donation of **27 new clothing items, 1 bib, 3 stuffed animals, 1,688 diaper wipes and 519 diapers**, received on 8/11/2020, and in support of EBC - Eastside Baby Corner. You are giving kids the support they need this school year. Your gift is providing school supplies, pants, shirts, shoes, shampoo, and much more. You are giving a caring boost to hundreds of children starting a school year like no other. **Thank you!**

Please call on me or our Director of Development, Helen Banks Routon, at any time to learn more about how EBC helps kids be ready to learn, and how your gift is helping. I can be reached at jacke@babycorner.org, and Helen at helenr@babycorner.org.

Thank you for joining hands with others and EBC to help children be ready for school, and ready for school success.

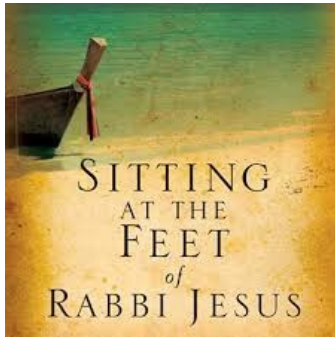
In gratitude,



Jack Edgerton
Executive Director

Eastside Baby Corner (EBC) is registered with the Washington Secretary of State. No goods or services, in whole or in part, in exchange or in consideration for this contribution were provided by EBC; your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our tax ID number is 91-1617032

Small Group Ministries & Christian Education



There's Still Time to Join Us!

Book Study

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

There's still time to join our book study group 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. We're meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. If it works out, we will continue to meet each Wednesday through 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).

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

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life October 2020

¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18



I recently visited Rancho La Hermosa orphanage near Primotapia, Mexico. In this orphanage there were more than 20 children, who previously had been living on the streets. The mission of the orphanage is to rescue children from the streets and provide them with school, clothing, food and a future. I saw God's light in these children. I saw them playing and enjoying their summer vacation with clothing, good food, love and care. Ordinary people are donating their time and money to build school rooms and more dorms to continue restoring these children.

Seeing the work the orphanage is doing changes my perspective on how to give back. I realize one week is not enough to really help others. I have been thinking of ways to continue the call to help others. There are many in our communities that need help. My plan is to be able to do that.

This is what God calls the church to do. God calls us to help widows and orphans. To show each child that they are valuable and worthy of love and care. That God has loved them from the beginning of time. God knew about each of them before mom or dad or anyone else. He calls his creation perfect. He never makes mistakes and has a purpose for each of these children.

How has God blessed you and called you to help others? I invite you to ask God to reveal how you can help in your community, your church, or to the ends of the earth.

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Wildfire Support

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with Lutheran social services agencies and local synods to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs may include food and other necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized. Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "U.S. wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires, until the response is complete. Or make a gift to "Lutheran Disaster Response" so we can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Donate at elca.org.



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.

Small Group Ministries



Now Is THE TIME! YOUR GUIDE TO YEAR-END GIVING**

Fall is the time to review charitable giving and make plans to achieve your goals for 2020. Planning ahead may allow you to leverage your giving in a ways that will reduce your tax bill while benefiting OSLC. Everyone wins!

Donate appreciated stock held long-term. You can deduct the value of the stock and avoid the capital gains tax on the appreciation. Keep in mind that your broker may need several days to facilitate a transfer. Calling your broker on December 31 may be too late for a 2020 deduction.

Designate a portion (or all) of your IRA required minimum distributions. The amount donated will not be taxed. This is especially advantageous for those who don't itemize deductions and therefore can't otherwise deduct charitable donations.

Consider a donor advised fund (DAF). A donation to a DAF is immediately tax deductible, but the donor can request charitable disbursements from the fund over time. This is a good vehicle for anyone with a lump sum donation, but wants more time to decide which charities to give to - just remember to include OSLC! Your investment advisor can give you more information on these funds.

Good old-fashioned checks and cash. Those who itemize can deduct their contributions on their tax returns.

The above listing is focused on year-end planning, but also consider the many long-term opportunities such as naming OSLC as a life insurance or IRA beneficiary, a bequest in a will, or as a memorial. However you choose to do it, gifts to both the general fund and the Endowment fund of OSLC will further our vision of fearlessly following Jesus.

**Tax law could change before the end of the year or some methods may work better than others depending on individual circumstances. Contact your tax or investment advisor before implementing any of these techniques.



Presented by:
The OSLC Endowment Fund Committee

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**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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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

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

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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



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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



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.



October Worship Readings

Sunday, October 4 — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11 — Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25 — Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46



We remember in prayer...

We remember in prayer:

Ron Gerde, Carol Johnson, JD Golick, Marlene Pickering, Carol Johnson, Nancy Cumming, Carmen Saavedra, California Wildfires firefighters and those affected, Nancy Anderson, Doyle Watson, Scott, Gwynn and Don, Jeremy, Safety and peace for communities, Pattie Ruten, 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:

Talton Johnson (husband of Carol Johnson); Jean Stanley (sister-in-law to Alice Lewis); 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" Bird-sall (Dianne Tanner); Germaine Korum (Lyle & Alice Lewis); Bob Gray (Doug & Dianne Tanner); Fran Hildebrand (Karen Hansen)

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.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



10/3	Peggy Coyle	10/24	Bayden Loudermilk
10/5	Paul Isop	10/25	Elaine Stamm
10/11	Shane Small	10/28	Peter Shen
10/12	Dianne Tanner	10/29	Marianne Kampf
	Lisa Thomassen		Thomas Zhu-Sordahl
10/17	Marilyn Kneepkens	10/30	Lisa Gillin
10/21	Anna Montague		Shirley Witsoe
	Carol Harbolt		
	Marian James		

Anniversaries

10/5	Mike & Joan Friel
10/26	Lyle & Alice Lewis





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