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

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It Is Time to be Comforted

As we enter into the final month of 2020 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, we seem to be limping to the finish line as best we can. The year began with the formal organization of the Transition Team, who eagerly entered into the task of evaluating the congregation's vision and energy for the future. That vision and energy would later guide the Call Committee in their task of identifying a next Lead Pastor. After only two months, the Transition Team's strategy was hobbled by the now, well-known, Coronavirus pandemic. With an extra dose of focus and effort, they adapted their work and finally completed the required Ministry Site Profile (MSP) in October.



Pastor Jim Kruse

As all of this was going on behind the scene, OSLC had shifted its public face to an on-line video worship service, released each week on YouTube. Sunday morning worship as we knew it, with all of its opportunities for relationship building, ongoing communication, care and consolation of our members, and the building up of our faithfulness to God's presence in our world, stopped. We had to stay home, stay safe, and find other ways to stay connected. Lent quickly turned to Easter, Easter to Pentecost, and then the six-month long "after Pentecost" season, has introduced to OSLC a new way to be the church in these unusual times.

As a result, I am tired. How about you?

In the Reading for the Second Sunday of Advent, the prophet Isaiah cries out, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term." I am taking these words literally this Advent, like never before. It is time for God to act. It is time for us to come together. It is time for Our Savior Lutheran Church to confidently flow into its new future. "We have served our term."

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From the Desk of Pastor Jim

Pray with me this Advent for this work of the Call Committee. Pray for clarity of direction and purpose. Pray for the right pastoral candidate to rise up. Pray for 2021 to be as unlike 2020 as it can be. But above all else, pray for comfort.

Even as we limp to the finish line, we are convinced, it is going to be OK.

Good Cheer,
Pastor Jim Kruse



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prompts. Be sure to bookmark the page and do your shopping from there.

From the Church Council

SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, December 6th

Semi-Annual

Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Please join us for OSLC's Semi-Annual Congregational meeting Sunday, December 6th at 11:00 am, via Zoom video & phone conferencing. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. Friends of the congregation are encouraged to join 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.

Important agenda items include:

1. Introduction to upcoming changes to the OSLC Constitution & By Laws
2. Report from Call Committee
3. Finance Update
4. Intro to the Site Strategic Planning Team
5. Elections (*see full ballot on the following page*)

Congregational Officers:

President – Chuck Bachman

Vice President – Cheryl Hauser

Treasurer – Wendy Winslow

Secretary – Marilyn Carlson

Council Members –

Debby Beck

Name _____ [open for floor nomination]

Zoom Link and Log-in Information has been provided via congregational email. Need help logging on? Contact: Marilyn Carlson at auntmare@carlsonsnw.com or (206) 499-9601.

From the Church Council

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Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting December 6, 2020, Via Zoom Council Ballot

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominees whom we believe are qualified to serve, who are willing to serve if elected, and for whom we give thanks to God.

Church Council Members *(two-year terms)*

*President	_____	Chuck Bachman	(2 nd term expires 12/22)
*Vice President	_____	Cheryl Hauser	(2 nd term expires 12/22)
*Treasurer	_____	Wendy Winslow	(1 st term expires 12/22)
*Secretary	_____	Marilyn Carlson	(1 st term expires 12/21)
Council Member	_____	Debby Beck	(2 nd term expires 12/22)
Council Member	_____	Vacant	

(* Executive Committee Members)

2021 Continuing Church Council Members

*Financial Secretary	Lena Schaper	(1 st term expires 12/21)
Council Member	Ken Konigsmark	(2 nd term expires 12/21)
Council Member	Sue Johnson	(2 nd term expires 12/21)
Council Member	Jane Wuest	(1 st term expires 12/21)

Key Committees / Chairs:

Buildings & Grounds:	Vacant	Personnel:	Ken Konigsmark
Christian Education:	Sue Johnson	Stewardship:	Debby Beck
Community Outreach:	Connie Fletcher	Worship:	Jane Wuest
Endowment:	Justin Ulland	Youth:	Sue Johnson
Fellowship:	Marilyn Carlson		
Global Missions	John Stamm		
Kitchen / Coffee Hour:	Marilyn Carlson		

2021 Continuing Endowment Committee Members

Justin Ulland (2nd term expires 12/21)
Carl Boruck (2nd term expires 12/21)

Outgoing Council Members and Committee Chairs Thank you to the following outgoing Council Members and Committee Chairs for their service and leadership: Jon Smith (Council), Cheryl Leiter (Community Outreach) and Rick West (Building & Grounds).

Our Savior Lutheran Church ADVENT 2020

**Join us for worship and prayer during Advent, as we
prepare for the coming celebration of Christmas.**

**In addition to Sunday services, including Drive-Through Holy
Communion on December 20th, we will gather via Zoom for 15
minutes of contemplative readings and prayer on Wednesday
evenings – a brief pause in the midst of our busy lives.**

See the weekly announcements for details.

Advent 1

Worship

Sunday, November 29th

Midweek Community Prayer on Zoom

7:00pm Wednesday, December 2nd

Advent 2

Worship

Sunday, December 6th

Midweek Community Prayer on Zoom

7:00pm Wednesday, December 9th

Advent 3

Worship

Sunday, December 13th

Midweek Community Prayer on Zoom

7:00pm Wednesday, December 16th

Advent 4

Worship & Drive-Through Holy Communion

Sunday, December 20th

Drive-through Holy Communion begins at 11:00am

Midweek Community Prayer on Zoom

7:00pm Wednesday, December 23rd

Christmas Eve

Carols & Readings to herald the Savior's birth

Thursday, December 24th

First Sunday of Christmas

The Christmas celebration continues

Sunday, December 27th

Small Group Ministries



A Christmastime update from the OSLC Finance Committee...

With our 2020-2021 budget work approved by the congregation in September, we've recently thrown ourselves into a long-overdue project to develop a comprehensive OSLC finance policy! In the course of our budget research and deliberations earlier this year, we found ourselves looking (among dusty old files, cabinets, dimly-recalled processes, records, procedures and, frankly, traditions) for a comprehensive policy to guide our work. We found none, but all agreed such a resource was very badly needed.

We're now immersed in what will be a months' long project to develop a single, updated manual of policies and procedures. All documents will be incorporated and contained in one place. Here's a brief sample of the contents:

- The "Goldenrod" Expense Reimbursement Process
- Receiving & Counting Money: Teller Process
- Recording & Reporting Gifts: Financial Secretary Job Description & Duties
- Treasurer: Job Description & Duties
- Mission Endowment Fund Committee: Job Description & Duties
- How Do I Request a Grant from the Endowment Fund?
- Finance Committee: Duties & Responsibilities
- Audit Team: Duties & Audit Process

We're not complaining, mind you. You have to realize that we're just nerdy enough to actually ENJOY this stuff! Be watching for our manual to arrive sometime in mid to late spring, 2021.

Christmas joy to all from the team!
Wendy Winslow, Chairperson

Carl Boruck
Marilyn Carlson
Jan West

Connie Fletcher
Ray Harbolt
Joan Friel

Pastor Kruse
Debby Beck

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Stewardship



A letter to God's people at Our Savior Lutheran Church

Some while ago I experienced what some would consider a tragic, life-altering event. And if it had been more severe, indeed, it could have been. So in the span of 2 years a heart attack with eight stents and now one and a half years later, something I could have never imagined, a stroke. Those were for old people I thought to myself – well at 62 I am not exactly young anymore. I will not give my name as it is my intent to focus in on this congregation and church and not on my own.

I've had a pretty good life, in fact one full of wonderful adventures all under the protecting hand of God. Have I forgotten to thank anyone or group of people for this? Yes, came to mind, the Winslow family of Issaquah and Our Savior Lutheran Church. Harold Winslow had taken me under his wing at a time when my father had been binge drinking every month or so. He became to me a sort of second father. Influencing my politics and leading me to God with his oh so subtle ways. And since his family went to this church it was always used to help in giving me God on Sunday morning whenever I stayed at their house on one of many weekends at what was a more stable and Godly household than that of my parents. I'm amazed that this was allowed to happen. I must have been a problem child.

In that era there were many activities at Our Savior. I remember sourdough pancake feeds and field trips to Holden Village, hikes on the beach, mountain climbs, all of which were led by one very unique man who was so much more than a pastor—a regular guy that caught my attention as a teenager, a what's he gonna do next kinda guy who had the support of the congregation. His name was Richard Wendt. He, along with the other kids and assistant pastors, the kind members of this congregation, the Winslow's, and this building all led me into the loving arms of Jesus and a lifetime of learning his ways. This wasn't perfect by any means but I have become a pastor of a church that deals with very troubled people that most of you would not sit down next to.

So, for me, this church did so much and for many others over the years—taught us the word, sent us out into the world where we have helped many others and, in turn, trained them and sent them out into the world. It's not a large church you have here by today's standards. But, know it or not, this church has been changing the world a little bit at a time. I am eternally grateful to this church, its pastors, congregation, lay people who serve without much in the way of recognition or compensation. Maybe they all have a pat on the back coming.

I say this as someone who never joined your church nor do I have any position that will bring gain or advancement by saying such. I just want to thank you for influencing my life.

(From a letter submitted to Wendy Winslow.)

Warmest regards from your Stewardship Committee.

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Buildings & Grounds Site Planning

PLANNING COMMITTEE



A “Mission” item noted in the Ministry Site Profile completed by the Transition Team says this:

“A long range, comprehensive site plan as a resource for ministry. This planning is critical to fulfilling our desire to be faithful stewards of the gifts we have been given and is vital to our mission of living out God’s love in our community and world.”

For your information, there is a group of five lay people and Pastor Kruse who have begun looking at our property assets and what it would take to create multiple, sustainable, income streams for OSLC. The group consists of Doug Friddell, Rick West, Ken Konigsmark, Cheryl Leiter, and Carl Buruck.



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Good news!

While troubleshooting a beep from our Fire Alarm System, I had to call Comcast and inquire about testing our phone lines. During that call I asked them if all the individual costs on our monthly bill were necessary. They said that we could reduce our monthly bill with recent options unbundle services. The new package arrived at has given us faster internet download and upload speeds – all for \$258 per month. That's a savings of \$205 per month or \$2,460 per year. I like calls like that!

Sincerely,

Rick West, Buildings & Grounds Committee



OSLC Mission Quilters Update

Although we haven't been meeting in person, we've individually been continuing this ministry at home! We were able to give quilts to our graduating seniors and provide quilts for 5 Passage Point welcome baskets. We've also made some face masks. In early December we will deliver lap quilts to our neighbors at Issaquah Nursing and

Rehab. This is a ministry that was begun a few years ago. When the Puget Sound Honor flights begin again, we will have lap quilts ready for them. We're making larger quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief and when we are able to get together again as a group, we'll be able to finish these quilts.

If you're looking for a winter sewing project, we can always use more quilt tops. Cotton fabric is preferred. If you're starting from scratch, LWR requests that we use 1/2 inch seams for extra durability. LWR tops should measure 60" x 80" and cannot have religious or patriotic symbols. Sometimes we get quilts tops that are a bit smaller, and we're able to add another border to make them the right size. There's no "due date," just whenever you get them done! As you're cleaning out your closets, please save sheets or tablecloths that have lots of wear left and are free of spots or stains that we can use for quilt backs. Again, cotton, flannel or cotton/poly blends are best. We make good use of both solids and prints.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Friddell at 425-392-9730.

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Community Outreach Committee

The following letter is from the Issaquah Community Meals Program:

Hi Volunteers,

A huge thanks to you all for helping Issaquah Meals continue providing the support and services so those in need during these difficult times. You have made a huge difference!

We have a couple of different volunteer opportunities to share. If you have interest in both or either one, just send me an email.

Cleaning of towels

It isn't the most glamorous part of the Issaquah Meals Program but it is extremely important. We are in need of immediate help with washing and drying the towels that we use. This would include:

- Picking up the towels at the hall and taking them home
- Washing, drying, and folding the towels

Returning them to the hall

Additionally, it would be great to get some sort of schedule set for this and rotate so it is not too burdensome. If we could get four folks and they pick up on, say, a Friday we could have the folks share and do once a month or so. The number of loads per person would also be reduced. If you can help immediately and/or in the future, please let me know. Additionally, I will see about setting up a schedule.

As always, thanks!

Griffin Cole

Eastside Program Coordinator

Volunteer Services/Issaquah Meals

425-679-0342 (Office)

425-414-5388 (Cell)

Northwest Washington Synod COVID Update

December 2020

Dear Beloveds,

A prayer during this Advent season. *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when divisions seem unsurmountable, when hatred seems more real than love, when chaos churns, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when a mysterious and virulent disease stalks this earth, as loved ones become ill, as we see the exhaustion of caregivers, as we grieve those whose breath is now air, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when loneliness and anxiety are common, when we speak to one another behind masks or plexiglass, when we crave physical connection but are unable to touch, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when lies are disguised as truth, when leaders refuse to lead, when institutions we rely on begin to crack, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*



In these days when silence is complicit in keeping others unheard, when cries for justice are treated with derision, when black and brown bodies are treated as less than sacred, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when ... we pray, O Savior, Come.

In these days when voices are raised up, peaceful protestors come together, incremental change occurs, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when truth is exposed, when the courageous stand up to injustice, when institutions give way to the Spirit's dance, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when we gather in chat rooms and zoom calls across the miles, see faces on screens that bring smiles, hold babies up to computer cameras and we clap and sing and pray and laugh together, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when scientists doggedly pursue a cure, nurses and doctors and medical staffs come day after day after day to bring expertise and healing to those who have fallen ill, when pastors and deacons

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bring comfort to the sick and to the bereaved, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In these days when we experience the ancient Word as the living Word, when we live into the radicalness of peace and wholeness and new life, when we join together in the Holy Community you call us into, we pray, *O Savior, Come.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

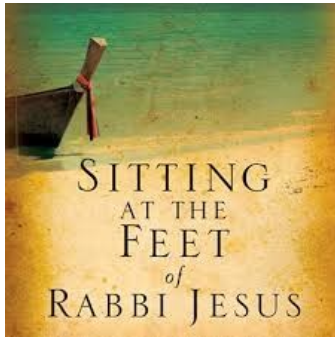
In these days when ... we pray, O Savior, Come.



Grace & Peace,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
(from the December 2020 edition of *The Spirit*)

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

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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

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Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life December 2020

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5



I have never been a terrific gardener. I get inspired for a weekend here and there, but then I get busy, or something else grabs my attention, and my garden suffers. The flowers droop. The leaves get parched. The bushes get overgrown and unruly, their branches choking each other out.

And so it is for us, says Jesus, when we don't root ourselves in him. We get off track. We lose energy. Our best efforts come to nothing.

The way for us to bear fruit, says Jesus, is to abide in him. The Message translation puts it this way: "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you." Jesus lives in us, and he invites us to live in him. To root ourselves in his ways of love and forgiveness. To drink deeply of his love, so that everything we do flows from that love. Like branches that grow and get their nourishment from a vine.

When we live in Jesus, we flourish. But we can't do it alone. We need a community of believers to remind us where we belong and where to get our true nourishment, to give each other strength and encouragement when we struggle. When we root ourselves together in the Vine, we bear fruit together. We are like a vibrant garden of flowers. We are like lush green leaves on a shrub. We are like the strong branches on a tree, all working together, all bearing good fruit.

Thanks be to God for being such a faithful gardener, and for giving us such a loving, life-giving Vine to root in. It's good to live and grow among his branches.

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

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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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- ⇒ 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

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



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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.



December Worship Readings

Sunday, December 6 — Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 13 — Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 20 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Sunday, December 27 — First Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10--62:3
Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Thursday, December 24th

Be sure to view a special Christmas Eve worship service video on Thursday, December 24th, with carols, candlelight, and a joyful experience as we celebrate together safely from home. Video link will be provided via separate congregational email.



We remember in prayer...

We remember in prayer:

Mayah, Gail, Judy Shaffer, Jerry Nack, Mary, Ron Gerde, Carol Johnson, JD Golick, Marlene Pickering, Nancy Cumming, Carmen Saavedra, Nancy Anderson, Doyle Watson, Jeremy, 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, 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, Dorothy Soland, Randi Strom, Margit Welch.

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); De-lores "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)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Alyssa Saavedra (Cheryl Neeb); Shawna McIntyre (Cheryl Neeb); 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:

Peace in Hong Kong. Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. Arusha Lutheran School of Nursing in Tanzania. Henrik & Patty Christopherson. For the congregations in Chiclayo, Peru: Pepe at Las Brisas, Merci in San Antonio and Harold at Las Lomas. Alexandra, Miriam, and Kati, the three recipients of our Global Missions Peru Scholarships. MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries



12/2	Caleb Cash	12/14	Doug Patur
12/3	Paige Lucas	12/16	Delaney Cash
	Stan Patterson		Rollie Kiefel
12/4	Jennifer Gardner	12/17	Haley Ziegler
	Sarah Wuest Parlin		Sam Piethe
12/5	Les Gagnon	12/18	Laura Halter
	Randi Strom		Marc Montague
12/6	Christiana Baseler Nelson		Talton Johnson
	Lori Downey	12/25	Brian FitzGerald
12/10	Frankie Tate	12/28	Gary Kneepkens
12/11	Kristina Steffen	12/30	Jack Gardner
12/13	Joyce Craig		Sue Friddell
	Judy Boruck	12/31	Kate Halter



12/2	John & Jean Pass
12/9	Justin & Katy Ulland
12/12	Steve & Vicki LeFever
12/14	Randy & Linda Baseler
12/21	Bob & Debby Beck
12/27	Les & Kate Gagnon



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