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2021

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

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#### Our Savior Community Outreach Committee Making an Impact

Hi, All:

Here is a mini report on what we have been doing as a Community Outreach effort at Our Savior for the past several months.

- → The Food Bank Drive held on January 9th was very successful! A lot of our members came by with lots of food and hygiene products, as well as a couple of new warm coats for the Food & Clothing Bank. I have a picture of the haul below. I can't guess how many pounds were donated, but it took a pick up and two SUV's to take the proceeds to the Food Bank warehouse. Thanks to all who donated.
- → The Christmas appeal held on October 31st for gift cards, food, clothing and toys to benefit the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank and Eastside Baby Corner was also very successful. This was a community wide appeal done at the request of The Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank.
- → A total of \$1100 in gift cards from our members were given to the Food Bank to be given to families since we were not able to do the Holiday Gift Barn this year. Another \$270 in gift cards were given to Eastside Baby Corner. We kept \$595 at OSLC for emergency requests for gas and motel rooms and other necessities.



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#### Community Outreach Committee

→ Earlier in the year we donated five Welcome Baskets to Passage Point, each containing about \$200 in household items to help new residents with a new start. Our quilters donated handmade quilts to add to the baskets, a very welcomed personal touch. There is a picture on the following page of the bundles.

✦ We have continued to cook and serve the Community Meal on the second Tuesday of each month. The number of people served ranged from about 30 to 50! Since most all of us are at-risk of Covid19, our meal delivery had to be modified. The food was put into individual to-go boxes and delivered to the Community Hall kitchen for others to hand out. We miss seeing the patrons and look forward to the day when we can again serve the meal to them. On several occasions this year, we opted to buy take-out dinners from Las Margaritas rather than cook together in the kitchen. This cost of these meals, well above the usual cost of \$130 to \$150 in groceries per meal, was donated by individuals.

We have had several new people express interest in helping with the Meals Program. Since we must keep the number of cooks to a minimum in the kitchen now in observance of social distancing, we have secured funding for a second dinner during the month. We will now we preparing the meal for the third Thursday of the month, as well as the second Tuesday. Thanks to our generous donors and our wonderful volunteers.

Sincerely, Connie Fletcher Community Outreach Chair





#### Worship



#### Midweek Community Prayer on Zoom in Lent Starting on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00pm

Join us **Wednesday evenings in Lent** for 20 minutes of contemplative readings and prayer – a "rest along the way" on our Lenten journey to Easter to hear a word of encouragement, and to pray together. Midweek Community Prayer begins **Wednesday**, **February 24**<sup>th</sup>.

Zoom room opens at **6:55pm**; service begins at **7:00pm**.

Zoom link will be provided via email in the Congregation Announcements and weekly reminders.

#### Lent, Holy Week & Easter at Our Savior

Join us for worship and prayer during Lent, as we prepare for the coming observation of Holy Week and celebration of Easter.

In addition to Sunday services, we will once again gather via Zoom for 20 minutes of contemplative readings and prayer on Wednesday evenings – a "rest along the way" on our Lenten journey to Easter to hear a word of encouragement, and to pray together. See the weekly announcements for details.

Opportunities for on-line worship in Lent, Holy Week & Easter:

Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>
Sunday Worship in Lent
Midweek Community Prayer on Zoom
Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>
Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>
Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>



#### An invitation from your OSLC Finance Committee!

We want to tell the story of how God is at work transforming lives through the many ways our members, former members and friends support OSLC. So get creative and send us a brief video telling a personal story about how you or someone you know was helped by an OSLC ministry, program or even individual member(s). New to the idea of making your own video? It's a new year, the perfect time to bravely stretch your wings and share a bit of God's story as you've lived it!



#### A few tips for videotaping your personal story:

Please limit your story to 2 to 3 minutes maximum.

Identify one time or event in your life at Our Savior Lutheran Church which speaks to how you experienced God at work transforming your life or making a difference in the life of someone else.

Once you've prepared what you want to say, you might practice by asking a family member or friend to listen to your story. Then invite her or him to give you some gentle feedback, so you can improve on how you tell the story before making your video.

It's easier than you think just using your smartphone!

- Use plenty of light.
- Use an uncluttered background.
- Record in landscape mode (horizontally instead of vertically).
- Include 10 seconds of filming before you start talking and again at the end to allow space for splicing your video into our format.
- Smile and speak clearly—act like you're talking to someone, don't read from a script.
- Slow down slightly when you talk.
- Allow your emotions to enhance your story... a little humor can be fun if appropriate!

When you're finished, email your video to Debby at <u>birchtwig@icloud.com</u>, and we'll take it from there!



# Our Savior Expense Reimbursement Form (aka Goldenrod Form) Is Now Available Online!

The Expense Reimbursement Request Form, otherwise known as the Goldenrod, is now available on the church website! If you go to <a href="http://www.oslcissaquah.org/">http://www.oslcissaquah.org/</a>, and scroll down to the bottom, you'll see the link to it on the bottom right of the screen. It is available in Word or as a PDF. Directions are included in each document. In this time of quarantine and the office being closed, you may also e-mail the Goldenrod to the Treasurer, including scans of your original receipts.

The Goldenrod form itself has also been updated to reflect recent changes to our accounting process, specifically adding account numbers to our income and expense funds. A list of commonly used expense accounts with their names and numbers are printed on the back of the paper version of the Goldenrod (or at the end of the online documents – no need to print them when turning them in to the Treasurer).

If you have any questions, contact either Wendy Winslow, <u>Treasurer (206-550-0472 or OSLC\_Treasurer@hotmail.com</u>), or Joan Friel, webmistress and Finance Committee secretary (425-941-2925 or frielj4@comcast.net).

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#### **Light My Fire Campaign Update!**

Huge thanks to all who have contributed to this effort! We now have enough collected to replace the stove, and are very eager to get underway. The local non-profit AmPowering (see <a href="www.ampowering.org">www.ampowering.org</a>) has gleefully accepted our donation of the old stove to their new commercial kitchen operation. The

transition is planned to begin in February, following the Community Meal preparation on Feb. 9, and be finished up before the March Community Meal preparation. We are so thankful for the many people who so generously support OSLC in so many ways.

Sincerely, your OSLC Kitchen Committee



#### **Buildings & Grounds Site Planning**



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.

#### **Stewardship**

#### A Winter Ritual of Thanksgiving

from the OSLC Stewardship Team

#### **Preparation**

Pick out your favorite cup, take a tea bag from your cupboard, and brew yourself a cup of tea. Invite a friend to join you if you wish. Rest your body in a comfortable place and relax.

#### Centering

This is the season of peace!

Let the spirit of peace surround you.

Let the spirit inside you rise in thanksgiving.



#### The First Sip

Let us dedicate this first sip to you. We give

thanks for who you are and for what you have done for your congregation, for your world. Take a few minutes while you sip tea to think of your goodness, and of the wonderful works you have done.

Blessed are you, Creator of All, for you have made people in your image.

#### The Second Sip

Let us drink this second sip in praise of our community of family and friends. While you sip tea, think of your family and friends who nourish you.

Blessed are you, Holy God, for you give us family and friends who love us fiercely and tenderly, and you delight us with family and friends to love fiercely and tenderly.

#### The Third Sip

Let us take this third sip remembering all those who suffer, those who have died for their ideals, those who live in war and chaos. While you sip tea, think of the world community yearning for peace.

Blessed are you, Spirit of Empowerment, for you help us to do justice and to bring peace.

#### The Fourth Sip

Let us enjoy this fourth sip remembering the spirit of this season. While you sip tea, think of all the emotions that you experience: Won-der, alienation, doubt, excitement, dread, ecstacy...and make peace with them.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for filling us with thanksgiving.

#### Closing

This is the season of peace!

Let the spirit of peace surround you.

Let the spirit inside you rise in thanksgiving as you make peace with yourself, your family and friends, and the world.

~ Adapted from a ritual designed by Diann Neu of WATER, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual.

#### **Our Savior in Our Community**

### Dave Waggoner Receives the City of Issaquah's Hall of Fame Award



Our Savior member, Dave Waggoner

Our Savior member Dave Waggoner received the coveted Hall of Fame award by the City of Issaquah for his service to the community and for his commitment to the Veteran community. He is a member & Service Officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 79 & Post 3436 (VFW).

#### **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. I love that and encourage more of you to call or text email me to get your masks.

Please contact Alice Lewis at 425-432-0366 or alice@motorplex.com <u>Orders placed by Sunday each</u>





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.



#### OSLC Mission Quilters

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.

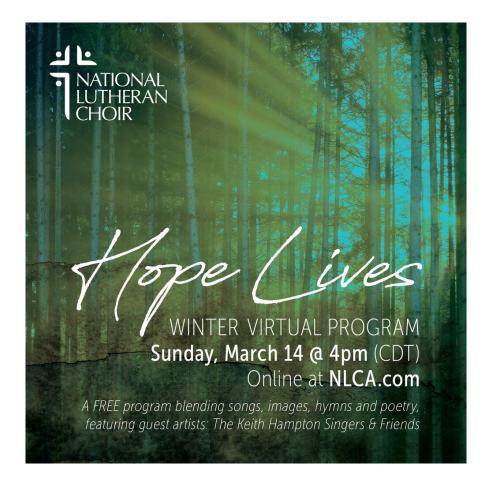
If you have any questions, please contact Sue Friddell at 425-392-9730.

#### From the Financial Secretary:

If you're a regular user of offering envelopes, a new set has been mailed to you, along with your 2020 financial statement. If you have not received your envelopes, or are not a regular offering envelope user and would like some envelopes mailed to you, please email Lena Schaper at oslc\_financialsecretary@hotmail.com.



#### **National Lutheran Choir**



#### Hope Lives!

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the world shutting down due to the pandemic, we are slowly finding glimmers of hope: hope that vaccines will allow us to come back into the daylight of life and interactions with others!

People of faith are among those who long to fully come together. They have missed gathering weekly for services, and they deeply miss singing hymns together.

Join the National Lutheran Choir and guest artists, the Keith Hampton Singers & Friends, as we sing well-known hymns that highlight the joy of an ever-growing hope, and new hymns that speak to our time, inviting all people to sing in joy <u>together</u> "...as all the world in wonder echoes shalom".

#### **Northwest Washington Synod COVID Update**

February 2021

Dear Beloveds,

There were many images that horrified me during the Washington DC riots. The violence, cruelty, anger, and destruction were terrible.

One image that made me both angry and almost nauseous was the photograph of the person holding up a bright yellow sign with the words, "Jesus Saves." To be clear, it is not that I object to these words. I strongly believe that Jesus saves. But in this particular case, when one holds up a sign bearing these beautiful words but participating in mob vio-



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

lence, it becomes a mockery. Horrifically, there were other Christian symbols present that day. There was a giant wooden cross outside the Capitol. One man carried a Christian flag into an evacuated legislative chamber. Christian music blared all day from loudspeakers. It was disgusting to see sacred words and items suddenly used to foment violence. It was sickening, reckless, and horrifying. It was profane. The insurrection on the Capitol broke the first, second, fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth commandments. Any action that breaks one commandment is wrong. An action that breaks the majority of the commandments is beyond alarming. (And I could actually make an argument that this insurrection also broke the third and fourth commandments, too. This only leaves the sixth unbroken.)

In the ELCA social message on Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy we read,

ELCA social teaching holds that all residents of the United States have a responsibility to make government function well—not to abandon our democracy but to engage it in a spirit of robust civic duty. For Lutherans, this responsibility is lived out as a calling from God, expressed in the discipleship described in our baptismal promises.

This social message states that as residents of the United States and as followers of Jesus, we all have a responsibility for government to function well. We are called to be a part of civic society. We are called to vote. We are called to be civil servants. We are called to speak out against injustice. We are called to march against hatred. We are called to peacefully protest when those in power act in ways that promote prejudice or bigotry or discrimination. We are called to speak truth. For those of us with privilege, we are especially called to examine ourselves, to listen to others, and to speak for those without voice. We are called to act in ways where God's love is paramount – moving towards true peace, true equity, and true reconciliation. In short, we are called to live into our baptismal identity of forgiven and beloved children of God by loving and caring for God, our neighbor, and our world.

#### **Northwest Washington Synod**

I encourage congregations and ministry sites to study the social message mentioned above. There are also other social messages and social statements found on the ELCA website to further conversation and action as we continue to learn how to be disciples of Jesus by engaging in the world. Perhaps this could be something that you and others do during Lent. But please don't stop at reading, studying, and talking about it. Let us move forward with action. Our faith calls us to stand next to the oppressed and forgotten in faith, knowing that, as we are loved by God, we are called to love our neighbor.

I am appalled at what happened on January 6, 2021. As a citizen of the United States and, even more so, as a Christian, I am devastated. But I have hope. I have hope that out of this hatred, love will emerge. I have hope that those who have been fearful will gain courage. I have hope that we, siblings, beloveds in Christ, will join together and reclaim the words, "Jesus saves." I have hope that we as a nation will form a more perfect union. I have hope – not because I'm an idealist but because I'm a follower of Jesus – that out of this death resurrection will come.

In God's Spirit of Hope, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee (from the February 2021 edition of The Spirit)



#### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**



Dear siblings in Christ,

Greetings from the Global Mission Funding team!

As we celebrate this season of Epiphany, we rejoice in the ways you reflect the light of Christ by giving in support of ELCA missionaries at work in the world. Even with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our work continues in creative and innovative ways. We have enlarged our understanding of connection and community and are grateful for your ongoing partnership despite the challenges we all face.

Through your sponsorship of long-term ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) participants, you are walking alongside our international companions in every corner of the globe as they spread the good news and reach out to neighbors with love and care. Thank you!

Your prayers, communication and support allow missionaries to fully live into their ministry, connecting with global companions and offering their skills for God's good work. Not all of us can be missionaries — but all of us can grow together by supporting them!

If you have any questions at all (including how to receive news and updates from your missionary) or need help arranging visits during home assignment or following up on sponsorship contributions, please contact globalchurch@elca.org or 773-380-2820.

Because of your support, the ELCA remains committed to engaging the global church. As we live into God's abundance, we give thanks for your generosity — it makes a difference in the world.

Together in Christ,

Jessica Nipp Hacker

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Director, Stewardship Strategy and Operations Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Rahel Mwitula Williams

Director for Global Mission Funding Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

#### **Northwest Washington Synod**

Greetings congregations and leaders of the Northwest Washington Synod,

I am pleased to be sharing with you some preliminary information regarding our 2021 Synod Assembly. This assembly will be VERY different than previous assemblies, so please be attentive to information coming out in these upcoming months to prepare you for an easy experience!.

First and foremost, our assembly will be **Saturday May 15, 2021, from 9am-4pm**, and it will be completely online, via zoom. We are building a great team to make the event smooth and easy to navigate.

Assembly will include worship, reports from our synod and churchwide leaders, elections, resolutions, and ministry anniversary celebrations.

Registration will open February 1st and close March 31st.

The cost is \$25 per voting member.

(Visitors are free – and while not part of the zoom meeting, will be invited to participate by following the livestream of the event.)

As you prepare to elect voting members from your congregations, please keep in mind that due to the online nature of this Assembly, it will be necessary for each voting member to have access to their own computer and smart phone to participate in the meeting and our voting process. Voting allotment for each congregation and additional necessary information can be found at lutheransnw.org.

Much, much more will be coming out in the upcoming months, but should you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me <a href="mailto:colver.liz@gmail.com">colver.liz@gmail.com</a> or the Synod Office susan@lutheransnw.org.

With Advent Hope, Sr. Liz Colver (she/her) Assembly Planning Team Chair



#### **Lutheran Counseling Network**

# Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life February 2021



The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:2-4)

These verses about the Good Shepherd are comforting, no matter our age. When we are young, we have a special affinity for the Good Shepherd. We are open to the love and care the Shepherd gives, and are able to give back that same deep love. We want to hear our names and follow. We find joy in being sheep of the Good Shepherd.

As we grow, our scope changes, and we look beyond the safety, love and care of this loving relationship. We develop interests that take us to different places. We may stray off the path. But when that happens, the Shepherd comes looking for us. The Shepherd values each of us, seeks after us when we are in danger, and welcomes us back into the fold.

The beautiful thing is, we are never too old to be sheep. In fact, the older we get, the more we need that comforting assurance that the Good Shepherd knows us, loves us, and will never let us go. We do not always know what lies ahead. But we know the Shepherd, who leads the way. All we need to do is trust and follow. No matter our circumstances, it's a comfort to know we can rely on the Good Shepherd.

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

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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. OLSC 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
- $\Rightarrow$  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





#### **OSLC's Reaching Out Program**

At the last Council meeting, we agreed to help people obtain groceries by providing pickup 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 you order #, and schedule a pickup date and time.
- 3.) Email <u>kenkonigsmark@yahoo.com</u> 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.

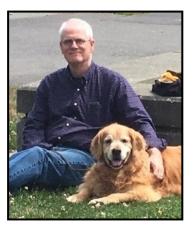
We will do our best to support those needing this assistance and hope it will make this difficult time a bit easier for you!

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 homebound, 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.





#### **February Worship Readings**

Sunday, February 7 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 14 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, February 17 — Ash Wednesday

First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10 Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 21 — First Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, February 28 — Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38





#### We remember in prayer...

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Evy Sneva and her family, the Smith and Taylor families, James Murphy, Joan Perry & her daughter Stephanie, Betty Anderson, Brandi Kowal, Katia & Rahul, Willie & Mary, Donna, Bruni, the the Kowal & Zazueta families, Roger Stanley, Carol Harbolt Weatherly Inn staff & residents, Mayah, 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, 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, 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:

Alec Wright (Shelley & Mark Howe); Del Elliott (Kate Gagnon); John Sneva (son to Evy Sneva); Beverly (sister of Ashley Saunders, son of Gay & Stephen Saunders); Gail (sister of Sandy Aldworth); Mike Golick (brother-in-law to Patty Gerde); Ray Kruckenberg (uncle of Dianne Tanner); Tom Wiese (Sandy Aldworth); 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)

#### 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.

# February Birthdays & Anniversaries



2/1	Cassidy Rimmer	2/12	Cheryl Leiter
	Juliana Kampf		Don Miller
2/2	Lindy Downey		Marilyn Carlson
2/3	Nancy Anderson	2/13	Anne Ellet
2/4	Jerry Welch	2/14	Kate Gagnon
2/5	Bruce Byrkett		Colae Migge
2/7	Rowan Hinds	2/16	Sandy Aldworth
	Susan Ferrarini	2/17	Carol Johnson
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