# F O C U S GROWING TO SERVE



2021

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

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#### Spring Will Rise

We know that the word "Lent" is derived from an Old English word for "length" or "lengthen." Somewhere along the line the word was applied to the days of late winter/early spring when the days of the year rapidly get longer with more and more daylight. And then, of course, the Church came to identify this time of year with the weeks leading up to Easter. New light is the first sign that new life is just around the corner. Deep below the wintery surface of emptiness and decay, the deep green and bright colors of life are building power to break through. Excitement and hope dominate the milieu.



Pastor Jim Kruse

We at Our Savior Lutheran are in the season of "lengthening days" in so many ways. By the time March ends, we will be on the doorstep of Easter Sunday. The COVID-19 pandemic stretches on, while the promise of a vaccine-based rescue buoys our spirits. The transition process toward new, permanent pastoral leadership is building momentum in the many Zoombased meetings of the leaders of the congregation. We cannot see it, but things are getting ready pop.

This is the fertile soil where faithfulness in the God of our world and our lives grows into maturity. As always, we will get more out of these days the more deeply we enter into them.

Enjoy the lengthening of days and the promise that spring will rise.

Good Cheer, Pastor Jim Kruse



#### **Our Savior Church Council**



## From the Desk of the Council President

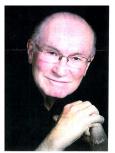
It's tough not worshipping together. Initially, our unit of three would print out the bulletin and watch the service

together, promptly at 10am. Now we don't print it out, and watch separately at different times on Sunday. The sermons are good. The music is good. The editing is good. I look forward to council meetings where a volunteer leads a short devotion and we pray and listen together on Zoom. It was wonderful when we had the drive thru communion last fall. I can't remember when a piece of bread and a cup of wine meant more. It was very disappointing when we cancelled one around Christmas because of the Covid spike.

It is a wonder the early church survived. Almost all of the original disciples were killed. Rome hunted and killed the believers. The analogy of Covid hunting us down or forcing us into isolation isn't apples to apples. When I feel a bit stressed, I sing the Lord's Prayer in my head. It helps to push negative thoughts out of my mind. It reminds me I'm not ever alone. I ask the Holy Spirit to breathe strength and courage into me almost every day.

I know a number of very regular members have moved out the region. People coming and going is a fact of church life. The problem is not being open makes "coming" much harder. It will be up to us to open our hearts to all who come to worship at OSLC. We need to feel Christ in our lives and share it.

Del Elliot died. He was pretty quiet and sat in a back row next to me during worship. He was a retired pastor from another denomination who liked the Lutheran services. I always asked him to come to the coffee hour. He would say he had to get going and would pass. I remember one time when I saw him in Anderson Hall and I sat down beside him to chat. He admitted he had avoided coffee time because the first couple times he came in, nobody talked to him. It really hurt to hear him say that. I don't want this to be our legacy.



Del Elliott

It's pretty easy to get involved at OSLC. We have music, bible study, pulling weeds or cooking meals as just a few things to offer. Most folks need an invitation to join the activities. For others the worship service is all they can do. It will be up to us to figure it out.

Yours in Christ, Chuck Bachman Council President





### Food Drive at Our Savior Saturday, March 6th

Hello Members and Friends of Our Savior,

Once again, the Community Outreach Team is planning a food drive for the Issaquah Food and Clothing bank that provides support to hundreds of families each week. The Food Bank now provides case management, youth feeding, Groceries to Go, school supplies, toiletries and more to local families. Additionally, the Food Bank recently received funding by the City to provide out-

reach to the homeless, and helped 60 individuals find shelter during last week's cold and snowy weather.

The date for the next drive is Saturday, March 6th from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. when you can drop off your items at Our Savior. Stop by and say Hi!

Here are the items needed most by the Food Bank:

Shampoo

Conditioner

**Body Soap** 

Baby Wipes

There are other ways to support this important mission, as well:

#### **Online Orders Shipped Directly From Vendors:**

Items from the Food Bank Clothing Bank List and Emergency Needs Lists or Amazon wish list can be shipped directly to our building at: 179 1st Avenue SE, Issaquah, WA 98027. Please include a gift message with your first and last name so we can acknowledge your gift!

Click on the links below to access online options for local delivery directly to the food bank.

Safeway Delivery

Fred Meyer Delivery

Albertson's Delivery

Costco Delivery

**Amazon Wish List** 

#### Financial Donations & Gift Cards:

The Food Bank also needs <u>financial contributions</u> and \$25 grocery store gift cards. Your financial donations help us purchase fresh produce, meat, and dairy items, and continue to run our vital programs. Grocery store gift cards allow us to provide self-selection options to shoppers when product availability limits our selection. If you'd prefer to write a check to avoid the 3% online processing fee, **we welcome checks** mailed to 179 1st Avenue SE, Issaquah, WA 98027.

Thank you!

Connie Fletcher & the Community Outreach Committee

#### Worship



#### Midweek Community Prayer on Zoom in Lent Wednesdays at 7:00pm Through March 31st

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 continues through March 31st.

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

Zoom link will be provided via email each Wednesday.



#### Add Your Voice to OSLC's Easter Service

You are invited to participate in the singing of two familiar hymns for **OSLC's Easter service**: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor & Jesus Christ Is Risen Today.* 

Dave Carlson has again graciously agreed to gather our voices in a "virtual congregation," as we raise our glad Easter alleluias. <u>The deadline for submitting</u> your recordings is Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

For more information – including instructions about how to participate – please contact Dave directly at <u>qajaq@carlsonsnw.com</u>.

#### Worship



Join us for worship, prayer & study during the coming observation of Holy Week, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter:

#### Palm / Passion Sunday, March 28th

Christ's entrance to Jerusalem recalled again in readings, preaching and song;
Holy Communion will be offered in two ways:
Drive-thru Communion at OSLC at 11:00am, or
Communion by Zoom at 11:45am.

#### Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31st

The final Midweek Community Prayer on Zoom gathering in Lent, and Pastor Kruse's last session on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

#### Maundy Thursday, April 1st

A reflective meditation from Pastor Kruse, recalling the intimacy of Christ's gathering with the disciples in the Upper Room.

#### Good Friday, April 2nd

A contemplative service of readings, prayer & the music of Taizé.

#### Easter Sunday, April 4th

A joyous return of the Alleluia, as we proclaim Christ risen indeed.

See the weekly announcements for additional details.



#### **Introducing...** The Congregational Care Ministry

One of the *mission priorities* listed in the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) prepared by the Transition Team is:

Intentional congregational care, with a focus on understanding the concerns, needs, interests, and growth areas of all age groups and individuals. This will enable us to grow in loving service to each other and find well-suited service opportunities for members to exercise their gifts.

This mission priority came out of the work and research of the members of the Transition Team, as they looked at past and present areas of congregational life, shared their findings with the congregation and received feedback from individuals. The MSP states:

This time of transition has deepened our sense of who we are as a congregation in this season of our history. Out of this new understanding has come a deep desire to grow in our care, encouragement, and support of all members of our congregational community. A Congregational Care Team is forming to provide leadership for this ministry to members.

The Congregational Care Ministry team currently consists of four people who expressed interest in this ministry: Bonnie Brice, Kate Gagnon (OSLC Lay Visitation Minister), Jane Shen and Ann Thomas. We would like to invite anyone interested in this ministry to join the team as we try to shape this ministry for OSLC members (contact annlthomas@gmail.com). Watch for more information as this ministry develops.

#### **OSLC Online**



#### Let's Connect!

If you, like we, are longing for real and authentic connections, to really get to know and make friends with other members at church, maybe find others you could talk all day with about:

Orchids or raising city chickens

IT or AI technology and the future

Gourmet cooking adventures

Significant issues facing seniors

Restoring old airplanes/cars/lawn mowers, bicycles or furniture

Favorite quilting arts and shows you've discovered or visited

Other forms of creativity like crocheting, painting or writing

Fun children's craft projects

Hiking or genealogy

Journeying from seeker to servant leader (developing your relationship with Christ)

Contemporary jazz, country, rock, the "golden oldies," classical, music

WWII military history or movies

Careers today and related issues

Other \_\_\_\_\_\_,

Then we invite you to talk to us about the types of online groups **you** can get excited about and would want to participate in! We can help make it happen—all we need are your ideas, hosts and people with mutual interests! Think about it, talk with your friends, and then let us hear from you. Now is the perfect time to start!

Please contact any member of your OSLC Stewardship Team – we're here for you! Debby Beck, Ray Harbolt, Connie Fletcher and Wendy Winslow.

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



### Spring Grounds Clean up Saturday March 20th

9:00 am — 12 noon

Come when you can, stay as long as you like

We will be outside and socially distanced. No experience required!

Questions? Please contact anneellett@yahoo.com

#### **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.



### Day Light Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 14th

Spring is on it's way...
Be sure to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday evening, March 13th!





#### 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.

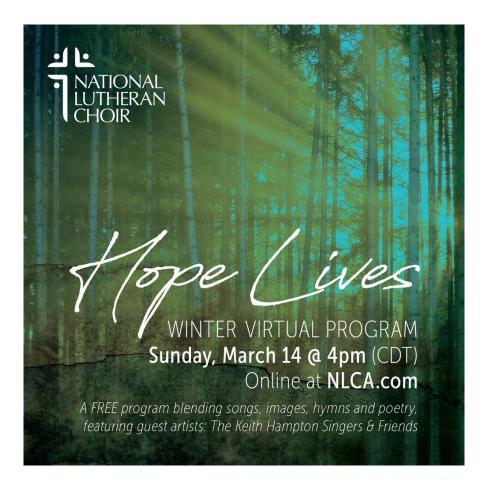
If you have any questions, please contact Sue Friddell at 425-392-9730.

#### 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**

# The Spirit

March 2021

Dear Beloveds,

The calendar date on my dest is, "March 10, 2020. Yes, I am not making a mistake, the year on this calendar is 2020.



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Last year, when I turned the page on this calendar, I had no idea that this date would mark the last time I had a "normal" day in my office – with my staff and I talking, sitting at our desks, crowded together, laughing, doing business – not thinking at all of masks or physically distancing or washing hands (well, hopefully we were washing our hands!).

I have kept this calendar on March 10, 2020 as a snapshot of when life changed to a new reality. Like many of you, I never dreamed that one year later we would all be planning our second Easter of COVID or having second birthdays under these strange circumstances or still not knowing for sure when we might gather together safely.

I did not anticipate the suffering so many people have undergone. The hundreds of thousands of people who have died. So many who are still suffering from the ravages of COVID. The impact of this virus has been brutal for millions of people.

While I consider myself a patient person, truth be told, I am becoming impatient. I am ready to be done with this pandemic. I am ready for the pain and anxiety of this disease to be over. I am ready for the loss of life and health of so many to stop. I am ready for this underlying feeling of anxiety and fear to end.

And you? My guess is you are feeling some of the same things.

But, as we hear in many of the psalms, we don't stop at despair. As people who believe in resurrection, we don't stop at death. In this Lenten season as we move towards Easter, we proclaim that we are a people of hope, too. As I read in my devotions this morning from Psalm 147: "The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Through community with one another, through helping those who are marginalized, through coming together in prayer and song and worship, we are healing the brokenhearted and binding up wounds.

So, let me ask you, even as we wait, what are you looking forward to? Truly, what is bringing you hope right now? What are some things that you have learned and discovered during this pandemic that you want to take forward? We know that God

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works through all things – how do you see God working in your life and in the life of this nation and world?

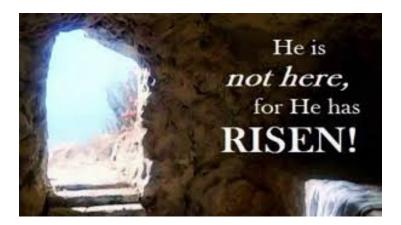
I would love to hear from you where you see God's Holy Spirit – in your congregation, in your home, in your workplace, in the world. Where are you finding hope? Where are you finding resurrection joy? You are welcome to email me at <a href="mailto:bish-op@lutheransnw.org">bish-op@lutheransnw.org</a>. I would love to hear from you.

In this Lenten season (a season that sometimes feels like it began last March and is still happening) we trust that we are walking the way of the Lord. God's hand is guiding us. God's love is surrounding us. And God brings us hope.

May you feel God's grace through Jesus in these days. And may we soon gather inperson again.

Stay safe. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Get a vaccine when you are eligible. And know that we are church together, even when we are physically separated.

In the Hope of Christ, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee (from the March 2021 edition of The Spirit)



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#### FROM THE VEEP:



I don't want to go back to normal. I want to go forward reformed. I keep hearing calls to return to the way things were in what I call the "before times" and, while there are many things I am certainly looking forward to being able to do safely again (such as travelling freely across the U.S./Canadian border to see my daughter), there are also so many lessons that we've learned over the past year that I want to build on. Not having buildings to go into, our faith communities have found new ways to take church

out into their neighborhoods and wider communities. I would hate to see us pull back inside our safe shells once our buildings are able to be safely occupied once again.

In an odd way, the enforced physical isolation has allowed us to forge new relationships and strengthen old connections. The synodical vice presidents, for example, used to meet only once every year or two (in-person), but now we meet monthly via Zoom to share ideas and support one another. Being unable to travel to in-person meetings has meant more time on the territory of the synod for our bishop and other staff members. Regular Zoom gatherings for rostered ministers and lay leaders have created a greater sense of community and mutual support. Recorded sermons and worship events have brought a wide range of "guest pastors" into our homes. The relationship between the congregational and synodical expressions of the church have deepened. I hope these practices continue once the COVID restrictions are lifted.

Having our world turned upside down has revealed some serious foundational cracks. Issues that we have swept under the rug have now been brought to light. The pandemic implications of congregate shelters, for example, have led to more serious considerations of alternatives that in the past were dismissed as too difficult. Similarly, we have had to confront the many inequities in our systems of justice, education, and religion. Issues of economic justice have also been raised as we have had to reckon with the way essential workers have been underpaid and undervalued.

Lent is a time for reflection and repentance. In the last year, we've been given much to reflect upon and to repent, individually and communally. As we move through this Lenten season, "let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord." (Lamentations 3: 40). Let us consider which aspects of the before times we should leave in the past and what lessons and new ways of being we will bring forward with us into the future. Let us commit to going forward reformed.

I would be happy to visit and worship with you — online. Please don't hesitate to contact me: veep@lutheransnw.org.

Kay Edgerton, Synod Vice President NW Washington Synod/ELCA From the March 2021 Edition of *The Spirit* 

#### **Lutheran Counseling Network**

# Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life March 2021

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Proverbs 15:1)



When couples come into the therapy room, they are usually at odds with each other. Harsh words fly, and anger is stirred between them. They blame and point fingers at each other, their voices raised and their eyebrows knitted in anger.

I've begun to see angry behavior like this as a shield, a protection. It's too risky to show each other how much they hurt, and how much they care about each other, so they hide behind their protections and blame.

In the therapy room, we are able to slow down their arguments and discover what goes on inside, where they may harbor fears that their partner doesn't understand them, doesn't care about them, perhaps doesn't even love them.

The more the couple is able to get down beneath the anger and protection to more vulnerable emotions and share them from a softer, more vulnerable place, the more the partners begin to see each other in new ways. When one partner tentatively and vulnerably shares the fear that the other doesn't care about them, the other partner is able to respond with compassion rather than defensive anger. This begins a new pattern of vulnerability and risk that helps the partners reach for each other and rebuild their bond.

I see God at work in this process. God creates us in love, and creates us for loving relationship – with God and with each other. When our sin and brokenness get in the way, God shows us how to take down our protections and reach for each other with love and forgiveness, and a true desire to know one another. It's true for us as couples, as families, as congregations and communities. When we live this way, we make room for God's love to grow in our homes, our churches, our world.

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

#### **Help Getting Us Through**

#### **Lutheran Counseling Network**

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

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

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

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

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

Bellingham: 360-715-2166

Bothell / Issaquah / Kirkland / Sammamish: 425-455-2960 Des Moines / Enumclaw / Federal Way: 253-839-1697 Everett / Marysville / Mill Creek: 425-258-2955

Everett / Marysville / Mill Creek: 425-256

Kent / Renton / SeaTac: 425-271-9711 Seattle / Shoreline: 206-364-1046





# 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



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- ⇒ Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- $\Rightarrow$  Log in or donate as a guest
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#### **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.

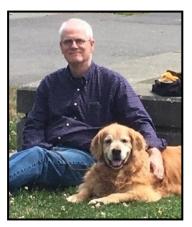
We will do our best to support those needing this assistance and hope it will make this difficult time a bit easier for you!

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.





#### **March Worship Readings**

Sunday, March 7 — Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 14 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 21 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10
Gospel: John 12:20-33

Sunday, March 28 — Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Mark 14:1--15:47





#### 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, 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:

JD Golick (nephew to Patty Gerde); Dave McMurray (father of Shannon Dickens); Del Elliott (Kate Gagnon); John Sneva (Evy Sneva's son); 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)

#### We pray for expectant mothers:

Marian Martin (Stacy Smith); Alyssa Saavedra (Cheryl Neeb); Shawna McIntyre (Cheryl Neeb); Jessica Murguia (Cheryl Hauser)

<u>We pray for members and friends</u> 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.

# March Birthdays & Anniversaries



| 3/2  | Abagail Gardner | 3/13 | Jim Hubly         |
|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|
| 3/4  | Stacy Smith     | 3/16 | Shelley Howe      |
| 3/6  | Carl Boruck     | 3/21 | Randy Baseler     |
| 3/7  | Jean Chaney     | 3/22 | Jeff Saathoff     |
|      | Sherry Kiefel   | 3/23 | Jean Pass         |
| 3/9  | Bonnie Brice    |      | Vern Lindquist    |
| 3/11 | Evy Sneva       | 3/24 | Amy Gretch        |
|      | Josee Jordan    | 3/26 | Marlene Pickering |
| 3/12 | Chuck James     | 3/28 | Douglas Tanner    |
|      |                 | 3/30 | Ryan Saathoff     |
|      |                 |      |                   |

3/1 Erik & Jeanne Fabricius
3/19 Bob & Patty Gerde
Gerald & Margit Welch
3/30 Randy & Linda Baseler





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