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745 Front Street S.
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From the Desk of Pastor Vaswig

The season of Advent, sometimes called the blue season, is truly a study in contrasts between what the church does and what the world longs for us to do. As the world struts out Decembers' gods of consumption of varying kinds the church listens to John the Baptist's call to repentance. As the world sentimentally remembers aspects of the babe in manger, the church in Advent says prayers for the second coming of Christ. As the world plays the elevator music of Christmas the church sings hymns with titles like On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cries or Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus. As the harried holiday season takes over the Advent season declares Wait for the Lord. As I suggested the contrasts are remarkable and actually present us with a focus during the season which allows us to offset, if you will, December's gods.

In keeping with the same, I invite you to practice Advent during these December days. We will be having three Advent mid-week services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm through December 15th, employing Holden Evening Prayer originally written for Advent as a tool to practice Advent. I would also invite you into the discipline of Advent by reading texts associated with each Sunday prior to worship, and considering taking time for Advent quiet amidst the chatter of the holiday season. John the Baptist is Advent's figure - consider reading all the biblical texts associated with the Baptist. And yes of course, experience Advent worship where we will on the four Sundays' of the season use The Light of Christ setting from With One Voice. All of the aforementioned simply a way to stay in Advent amidst the world's mad rush to a premature Christmas.

I trust it will be a meaningful time for the people of God at Our Savior and those who choose to come from Shepherd of the Hills. May this

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From the Pastor

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season of Advent lead into a most blessed Christmas celebration as we live into the ongoing promises of God.

A most Blessed Advent and a most Blessed Christmas to you all.
Pastor Vaswig



Mid-Week Holden Evening Prayer During Advent Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm Through December 15th

Join us during Advent on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary for an evening of contemplative prayer in this busy time of year. **Masks are required.**

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Has Been Moved to January 16, 2022



The Church Council has elected to move the semi-annual congregational meeting from November to January 16th, 2022, in order to allow more time for Shepherd of the Hills to discern and address their future direction.

Church Council

Our Savior in Pictures

On Saturday November 20th, 30 members and friends of Our Savior and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Churches attended the **Ignite Leadership Workshop**. The workshop was hosted by Our Savior's Stewardship Committee, and was lead by Pastor John L. Vaswig. The theme: Lighting the Flame of Leadership.



Church Council

From Our Savior Lutheran Church Council



Members and friends of Our Savior should ponder the following letter from Pastor Matthew Best... "*Thoughts from a pastor's heart....*"

As a pastor, I'm grateful for the decline of the church as it exists. I pastor a church in decline, as far as numbers of people and finances. And I'm grateful for that. Because it means that the we are losing people who were never really interested in following Jesus, but rather having a social club.

I've told people before, I didn't change my entire life, go to seminary for a number of years, and take on student loan debt of significant size in order to be the customer service rep of a social club. I came to proclaim the Good News that sets people free, that is about Shalom, that opens our hearts and eyes to seeing the image of God in others, that calls us to be congruent between what we claim we believe and how we act it out.

The pandemic, while difficult, has forced the church to change and consider possibilities. It has forced intentional conversation about why the church exists and what it is about. And it has been a blessing because it has spurred conversation about intentional relationships with other congregations to do ministry together, consider how God is calling us to utilize the property and facility we steward and how it might be used to build community and serve those in need. It has sparked innovation and creativity and an embrace of holy risk. It's a challenge and a blessing. And I hope other churches receive the same challenge and blessing. It gives us life and moves us forward to live into the calling.

Pastor Matthew Best

Our Savior Life & Community



Thank you, dear OSLC family, for the wonderful send-off on Sunday, November 21st. The lovely gathering & gracious words shared following the service, along with your thoughtful cards & generous gifts, are deeply appreciated.

This faith community will continue to be held in my heart and prayers, and I wish you all blessed seasons of Advent and Christmas, and every good thing in the new year to come.

Scott



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Our Savior in Our Community

*Artwork from the children at Compass
on Dexter - thank you from all of us at
Compass Housing Alliance!*



It's Compass's first ever Gratitude Week and we want you to know that we are grateful for YOU! Thank you for carrying the Compass legacy through our 100th year and on into the future. Sign up for our newsletter and follow us on socials for special Gratitude Week updates, events, and stories.



P.S. - Don't forget to register for Gregg Colburn's "Homelessness is a Housing Problem" presentation this Wednesday 11/10 at 6:30pm

www.compasshousingalliance.org/gratitude-week

Stewardship



Every child on earth is holy,
Every crib is a manger lowly,
Every home is a stable dim,
Every kind word is a hymn,
Every star is God's own gem,
And every town is Bethlehem.

~ by W. D. Dorrity

Brought to you by Our Savior Stewardship Committee

Small Group Ministries



You're Invited!

Memorial Bells has been a big part of our worship for many years, dating to 1983. In recent years the number of ringers has become smaller for many reasons, with Covid really slowing things down. It is time to revamp and increase our numbers so that we can soon make use of the five octaves of bells in our storage space.

This is an open invitation to anyone that would enjoy some fun time learning something new, or maybe something left behind. The only thing necessary is the ability to read and understand music. It is not necessary to have played bells in the past. We all started new at some point, and maybe this could be something new for you. We rehearse in 3-4 week blocks to prepare for an assigned Worship service, then take a break.

Rehearsals will be held through December 14. We will ring for Worship on December 19. Would this be a good fit for you?

Contact Alice Lewis (425 432 0366/ 206 234 1701) or email – alice@motorplex.com

Praise with Music,
Alice



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Small Group Ministries



Community Outreach Christmas “Giving” Tree

Our Christmas “Giving” Tree in the narthex will be collecting gift cards for the teens at Vine Maple Place, an organization in Maple Valley that helps homeless families.

Take an ornament and purchase a gift card(s) for Starbucks or McDonalds in \$10.00 dollar amounts.

Drop the purchased gift cards in the box next to the tree. Please drop them in the box by **Sunday, December 12th**, so that teens will have an opportunity to spend time with their friends at these places.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Leiter at leiterc55@aol.com.



Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank
HOLIDAY GIFT BARN

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated gift cards to support the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank’s Holiday Gift Barn. We received 40 gift cards worth \$1,000.00 for them to support area parents buying Christmas presents for their children. Many children will be receiving gifts because of you!

Sincerely,
Our Savior Community Outreach Committee

Small Group Ministries



2022 OSLC Women's Retreat

Friday, March 4th to Sunday, March 6th
at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend

After a two-year hiatus, the Women's Retreat is back! It will be held March 4-6, 2022 at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. We are going to keep the theme of "Finding Joy in Transition" from 2020, but with a new speaker: Holly Postma. Holly comes to us from Evergreen Covenant Church on Mercer Island, and has spoken at several retreats. For the past fourteen years, she has taught a bible memory class to home-schooled middle school and high schoolers, and has also written her own bible study for women called *Refresh*, which she has lead at her church for five years.

Per the rules of Rainbow Lodge, masks will be required indoors, and proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required.

Registration forms will be available in January. Thanks to funds from previous fundraisers, we can keep the costs the same as they were in 2020 - the fee for a full-time guest will be \$170 for double-occupancy, \$190 for a single room (only four available), which covers lodging and meals for the entire weekend. You can also come for part of the weekend if you'd rather - the registration form will have several options.

If you have any questions about the retreat, please contact Joan Friel via e-mail at frielj4@comcast.net, or via phone call/text msg. at 425-941-2925.

Small Group Ministries



From Seeds of Faith, 2021 edition #22:

In 1982, a month after their wedding, Mark and Linda Jacobson moved to Kenya. Three years later they accepted a call with the Lutheran Church in America, a predecessor church of the ELCA, to serve as community health workers with the Arusha Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). Little did they know that they would become the ELCA's longest-serving active mission personnel, with 38 years of service.

"Mark and Linda Jacobson are the embodiment of a faithful servant of Christ," said Rafael Malpica Padilla, ELCA executive director for Service and Justice. "Their whole life has been a life of accompaniment." *Mission Support, which funds ELCA mission personnel, makes the Jacobsons' work possible.*

In the beginning, Mark, a doctor, supported Maasai community health workers in six small primary-care clinics. He quickly concluded that "prevention could only prevent a certain amount of disease; people still needed a place to go when they were acutely ill." So, with the ELCT, he developed one of the clinics into Selian Lutheran Hospital, which now provides care in orthopedics, fistula, hospice and other areas.

Then he and his team opened the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre, creating training programs for medical officers and nurses and opening a rehabilitation center for children recovering from surgery. Mark said he's proud of the work he and his colleagues have done together and loves seeing his colleagues' skillful leadership of the medical center since he stepped down from his leadership role there.

After working briefly in one of the clinics and then in hospital labs, Linda focused on coordinating volunteers, offering hospitality and arranging housing for visiting medical students and interns. But her most substantial accomplishment may be the support group Widow's Might, launched to counter Tanzania's practice of disinheriting widows.



Small Group Ministries



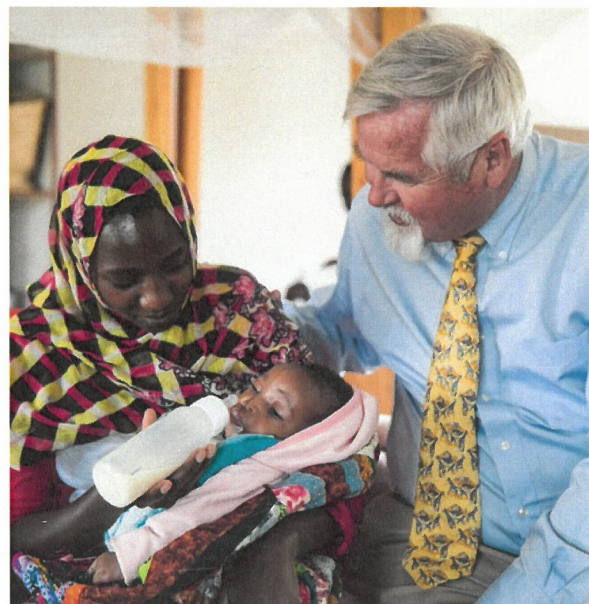
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When a Tanzanian woman's husband dies, their property goes not to her but to her in-laws. Not every widow's in-laws claim the inheritance, but Evelyn (last name withheld) and her children stood to lose their house. "I'm not going to fight my family," Linda remembers her saying. "I'm just going to work. God will help me." Together, Evelyn and Linda launched Widow's Might, whose members support their families by weaving, sewing, embroidering and beading.

"I'm not going to fight my family, I'm just going to work. God will help me."



Remembering her life in Tanzania, Linda is most struck by her neighbors' faith. "If things get really bad [here], we pray," she said. "My neighbors start by asking us what God wants to do. ... [I] am learning from this tremendous faith."



To learn more about the Jacobsons, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA for a link to the video documentary Kuambatana (Accompaniment): The Ministry of Mark and Linda Jacobson

Worship



Join Us Each Sunday In-Person or Live On-Line at 10:00am

Join us for worship in-person in the sanctuary, or view the service live-streamed online every Sunday.

In-Person: We are privileged to be in worship with one another; a privilege we hope to maintain. Per Washington State's most recent announcement, **masks are now required indoors in all public spaces** regardless of vaccination status. **Please mask up, vaccinated or not.** And please continue to be sensitive to physical distancing needs of others. Pastor John will discuss communion procedures at the start of each worship service. Thank you for your attention and service to others as we navigate this phase in our life together.

On-line: Worship services are broadcast live from our sanctuary at 10:00 am, with the prelude preceding. A link to the service is published weekly, or you can click here: [Worship Live](#). If you try the link prior to 10:00 am each Sunday, you may see a message "video unavailable."

Services are recorded and posted to the [Our Savior YouTube Channel](#). If needed, pull down the menu under "Uploads," then click on "Past Live Streams." You can also find links on our website www.oslcissaquah.org

Small Group Ministries



Mission Quilters

Join the Fun & Fellowship

OSLC Mission Quilters have been meeting for 34 years! According to records kept since 1987, 4200 quilts have been donated to Lutheran World Relief. Another 100 quilts will be ready to ship to LWR in November. An additional 580 quilts have been donated to other individuals and organizations including OSLC high school graduates, the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank, Vine Maple, Eastside Baby Corner, ministries in Russia and Africa, Issaquah Nurs-

ing and Rehab, Compass Housing Alliance and Passage Point. There are lap quilts ready for Veterans once the Puget Sound Honor flights resume.

Mission Quilters meet in Anderson Hall on Thursday mornings from 9:30 until noon to pin quilt edges and tie the quilts together. We'd love to have you join us for ministry and fellowship; *no experience needed!* There are also ways for you to be involved in this ministry. If you'd like to talk with one of the Mission Quilters, please contact Sue Friddell at (425) 392-9730 or email fridsd@aol.com.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry provides knitted or crocheted shawls to those who are hospitalized, sick or just need a hug!

Yarn and patterns are available. No experience necessary.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, or, learning how to knit or crochet, contact Wendy Winslow at wendywinslow@hotmail.com.

Giving & Offerings



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 2022. Planning ahead may allow you to leverage your giving in a ways that will reduce your tax bill while benefiting Our Savior. 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 2021 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 Our Savior! 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 Our Savior 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 Our Savior will further our vision of 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

Giving & Offerings



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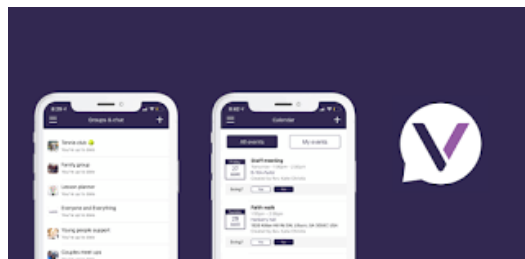
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We are excited to share our new e-giving app [Vanco Mobile](#)! (Previously, we used the Give+ app, which is being retired). You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the app store on your device. If you had previously set up an account on Give+, that info will also work in Vanco Mobile and it will bring over any recurring giving you set up.

- ⇒ Securely and conveniently manage donations using fingerprint or password.
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Questions? Contact Financial Secretary, Lena Schaper by email at oslc_financialsecretary@hotmail.com.

We thank all givers for supporting the mission and ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church.



Northwest Washington Synod

The Spirit

From the Bishop: What is Our Purpose?

Miriam sings, *"Sing to the Lord, for God has triumphed gloriously!"* Exodus 15:21

Hannah sings, *"My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God!"* 1 Samuel 2:1

Mary sings, *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!"* Luke 1:46



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

I am so grateful for the stories of Miriam, Hannah, and Mary. I love their spirit. I love their faith. I love their songs. I love that even with the great adversity, sorrow, and difficulty each of them endured, Miriam, Hannah, and Mary defiantly sang.

Each of these women's stories unfolded in a world that seemed bleak. A world of systemic injustice and no safety nets. A world where people upheld their own power to the detriment of others. A world where people refused to see another person made in God's image before them. A world where people threw away people because they were perceived as "less than." A world where people threw away people because they could not bear children. A world where people threw away people because they became pregnant without being married.

And while their experiences are not our experiences, for many still today, the world feels desperate.

Today, so many people are living in dire conditions. So many who are hungry, houseless, voiceless. We have injustice and violence, racism and hatred. We have anger and acrimony. We have the spreading of lies and misinformation. As I write this, our world is grieving the deaths of over 5 million people who have died of COVID. Over 100,000 people died of drug overdoses in the United States this past year. And so many other deaths and losses. There are still people that society throws away. There are still people that other people don't even look at as human.

And yet ... And yet ...

We have Miriam, Hannah, and Mary. We have their defiant voices lifted up singing not only to their world in their time – but beyond their time – to us – and to future generations beyond us.

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Northwest Washington Synod

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In this Advent time, let us turn to the stories and the songs of Miriam, Hannah, and Mary. Let us remember their prophetic voices. Let us remember their perseverance, their faith, and their grit. For even as the reality around them was difficult, they continued to sing of a new day, a new promise, a new reality.

May these amazing prophet women bring hope to us in this time. May we remember that new life is coming. May we trust that the world now is not how the world will be. May we hold before us that, through Christ, a new day is being born.

In this Advent time, we live in anticipation and in faith. And we sing. We sing.

*People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
She conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth
Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.
ELW #266, All Earth is Hopeful vs. 3*

In Advent Hope,

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org



NW Washington Synod

2022 Ignite the Church Conference

Seismic Shifts: Where do we go from here?



February 8-10 in Orlando and Virtual

Since February 2020 and before, the Church has been enduring unprecedented seismic shifts. In response, a new hybrid version of the conference will gather this February (in-person in Orlando AND online) to reflect on the theme: SEISMIC SHIFTS: Where Do We Go From Here?

Four large group sessions will focus on the following shifts:

Public Church with Robin Steinke and Winston Persaud

Hybrid Church with Joe and Jess Liles

Adaptive Church with Tod Bolsinger

Thriving Church with Stephanie Spellers

Ten 90-minute workshops will dig deeper into these shifts to offer encouragement, inspiration, and challenge for church leaders. To register and learn more about the presenters, workshop options, and other details go to www.IgniteTheChurch.net.

Register to attend by November 30 to access the lowest \$99 In-Person rate.

The Online option will provide live and recorded access to each large group session.

The Online option is FREE with a suggested donation of \$30 to the ELCA Fund for Leaders.

All proceeds continue to benefit the ELCA Fund for Leaders.



Need a little extra support during the holidays? Lutheran Counseling Network is a coalition of licensed pastoral counselors with offices in the Issaquah area.

To make an appointment call: 425-455-2960

Find out more at: Lutherancounseling.net

Northwest Washington Synod



**Churches Beyond Borders releases
devotional inspired by United Nations
anti-violence efforts
'Working alongside the United Nations'**

"16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" campaign, the four member churches of Churches Beyond Borders have compiled a 16-day devotional focusing on the campaign's theme opposing intersectional violence against women.

The devotional — an annual tradition for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada — dives into each of the 16 days in the U.N. campaign, which begins with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on Nov. 25 and ends on Human Rights Day, Dec. 10.

This year, Mary's Magnificat — found in Luke 1:46-55 — was selected as the guiding text for the booklet in recognition of the campaign's alignment with Advent. For the first time, the annual contributions include devotions written by laity and clergy in addition to ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the other heads of communion. New writers were selected for their work related to anti-violence, missing or murdered Indigenous women, trafficking, women at the borders, and domestic violence. Joining Eaton as authors from the ELCA are the Rev. Joann Conroy, president of the ELCA's American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association; Denise Rector, womanist theological student at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; and the Rev. John Lund, director of Emmaus Campus Ministry at the University of Montana in Missoula. Readers of "Churches Beyond Borders Joint Devotions 2021" are encouraged to utilize the writings throughout the year. **The devotional can be found [here](#).**



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Northwest Washington Synod



Health & Wellness Coaching for Ministry Leaders

Synod Wellness Grant with Living Well

Lay and rostered leaders in the synod have reported exhaustion, physical decline, depletion of resources, less joy, inability to filter non-constructive feedback, lack of confidence, and dwindling creativity. Due to these reports, the Synod has partnered with Living Well, a holistic wellness coaching organization.

Monthly Ministry Leadership Wellness Webinars will be offered for all synod rostered and lay leaders on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm. Webinar dates are Dec. 28, Jan. 25, and Feb. 22. The interactive webinars will be designed to implement specific holistic wellness strategies within the ministry setting as a way to assist with stress management, maximize engagement, self-care, and self-compassion. Find more info and Zoom link [here on our website](#).

[Click HERE](#) for more detailed information about the Living Well partnership.

*If you identify as black, indigenous, or other person of color you are eligible for full funding of this program. Individuals participating in the cohort can use continuing education funds, FSA/HSA, or personal fund.



Supporting the vaccination effort, caring for our neighbors

In the race to vaccinate the entire United States population, faith leaders across the country, including ELCA leaders, are leading by example, receiving the vaccine, advocating on behalf of its equitable distribution, and mobilizing their congregations to support vaccination administration.

Faiths4Vaccines is connecting and supporting faith communities in these life-saving efforts.

Learn more here: <https://faiths4vaccines.org/>

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Faith and Everyday Life

December 2021

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

Pastoral Care & Visitation



Emergency Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care, please contact
OSLC Transition Pastor John Vaswig at:

253-677-4515 (mobile)
JLVaswig@gmail.com

Pastor John's Office Hours:

Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm



Pr. John Vaswig



Lay Visitation Ministry

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.



We remember in prayer...

Leslie & Mike Waltzer and family, Connie Fletcher, Becky Dodel, Ryan Steffen, Scott Hafso, the people of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Marlene Pickering, Kelsey, Safety and peace for communities; Guests of the Community Meals Program; all affected by COVID.

Expectant Mothers: Hannah Ham (daughter to Chuck & Wendy Bachman); **Elsa Walker** (daughter to Chuck & Wendy Bachman)

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 ask for peace and comfort for those mourning the death of loved ones:

Jill Regal (mother to Leslie Waltzer); **Pr. Ron Marshall** (Pr. Larry Thomas); **Polly Wendt** (Wife of Pr. Dick Wendt)

Healing and peace of mind: Steve & Emily Gacek; Josee Jordan; Lucy Acker, Nicole DeCamp; Rachel (Marilyn Carlson); **Henrik & Patty Christopherson** (Dianne Tanner); **Vern Lindquist; Mary Fricke, Jerry & Linda Nack, Marian James; Doug Patur; Katie Moeller; Margot Inman; Taufik Hidayut** (Ken Konigsmark); **Rebecca Thomas; Tanisha Foote** (Marilyn Carlson); **Dorothy Soland; Randi Strom; Jeanne Kuipers; John Pass; Florence Kinnune; Ray & Carol Harbolt; Bernice Jensen, Margit Welch, Sandy Aldworth; Jen Winslow; Larry Pruitt.**

Undergoing cancer treatment: Kip Hauser (father of Cheryl Hauser); **Vernell Johnson** (Shelley & Mark Howe); **Roger Stanley** (Alice Lewis); **Tim Rutten** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Carol Howe** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Tom Killoran** (Shelley Howe); **Les Carlson** (father of Dave Carlson); **Chris Howe** (brother of Mark Howe); **Peggy Scalise** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Eileen Letts** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Keith DeCamp** (brother of Ken DeCamp); **Doug McVety** (Helen Nychay); **Larry Harbolt** (Ray Harbolt).

Living with cancer: Harold Mandt (brother of Mary Ann Hult / Lorna Robertson); **Sonja** (Dianne Tanner); **Jeannie Lindquist; Gerald Welch** (Vern and Jeannie Lindquist); **Duane Jacobson; Mary Lewis** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Barbara Krogh Jarvis** (sister of Steve Krogh); **Suzanne Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice Lewis); **Greg Petersen** (Wes Collum); **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl); **Al Batt** (Connie Fletcher)

We pray for our missionaries and global missions: Henrik & Patty Christopherson. For the congregations in Chiclayo, Peru: **Pepe** at Las Brisas, **Merci** in San Antonio and **Harold** at Las Lomas. **MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School** in Monduli, Tanzania.

Thanksgiving: Connie Fletcher for full recovery from Covid.



December Worship Readings

Sunday, December 5 — Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Sunday, December 12 — Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Sunday, December 19 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Friday, 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 26 — First Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]
Gospel: John 1:1-14



Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Friday, December 24th

Join us for Christmas Eve worship on Friday, December 24th,
with carols, candlelight, and a joyful experience as we
celebrate together.



Worship Assistants – December 2021
Service Time: 10:00 am
(unless otherwise noted)

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Usher	Altar Guild & Bread Baker
December 5 Advent 2	Jen Winslow	Jonathan Smith	Jane Shen
December 12 Advent 3	Debby Beck	Sang-Beom Shim	Jane Shen
December 19 Advent 4	Joan Friel	Bill Suttmeier	Stacy Smith
Friday December 24 *7:00 pm Christmas Eve	Mary Ann Hult	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>
December 26 Christmas 1	Lynne O'Shea	Don Robertson	Jane Wuest

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4
			<div>10:00am Staff Meeting (Narthex)</div> <div>7:00pm Advent Wednesday Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)</div>	<div>8:00am TOPS (Ed. Room)</div> <div>9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall)</div> <div>10:00am Church Tour - Ken Konigsmark</div> <div>10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room)</div> <div>7:00pm Stewardship</div>	<div>12:30pm Church Site Tour - Rick West</div>	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<div>10:00am WORSHIP - Advent 2</div>	<div>6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting</div>	<div>8:30am Encompass NW (Youth)</div> <div>5:00pm Encompass NW</div> <div>7:00pm Memorial Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm AA (Fellowship)</div>	<div>10:00am Staff Meeting (Narthex)</div> <div>2:00pm Issaquah Garden Club - Fellowship Hall & Kitchen</div> <div>7:00pm Advent Wednesday Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)</div>	<div>8:00am TOPS (Ed. Room)</div> <div>9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall)</div> <div>10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room)</div> <div>6:30pm Boy Scouts - Alpine District</div> <div>7:00pm Finance Committee</div>		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<div>10:00am WORSHIP - Advent 3</div> <div>1:00pm Master Chorus Eastside Holiday Concert (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)</div>	<div>1:30pm Parkinson's Support Group (Anderson)</div> <div>6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting</div>	<div>8:30am Encompass NW (Youth)</div> <div>3:00pm Issaquah Meal Program</div> <div>7:00pm Endowment</div> <div>7:00pm Memorial Bell Rehearsal</div> <div>7:00pm AA (Fellowship)</div>	<div>10:00am Staff Meeting (Narthex)</div> <div>12:00pm Focus Deadline</div> <div>7:00pm Advent Wednesday Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)</div>	<div>8:00am TOPS (Ed. Room)</div> <div>9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall)</div> <div>10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room)</div> <div>3:00pm Issaquah Meals Program (Issaquah Fire Station) (Kitchen)</div>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<div>10:00am WORSHIP - Advent 4</div>	<div>6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting</div>	<div>8:30am Encompass NW (Youth Room)</div> <div>7:00pm Church Council (Narthex)</div> <div>7:00pm AA (Fellowship Hall)</div>	<div>10:00am Staff Meeting (Narthex)</div>	<div>10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room)</div>	<div>7:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP</div>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 22
<div>10:00am WORSHIP - First Sunday of Christmas</div>	<div>6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting</div>	<div>8:30am Encompass NW (Youth Room)</div> <div>7:00pm AA (Fellowship Hall)</div>	<div>10:00am Staff Meeting (Narthex)</div>	<div>9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall)</div> <div>10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room)</div>		

December Birthdays & Anniversaries



12/2 Caleb Cash
 12/3 Stan Patterson
 12/4 Sarah Wuest Parlin
 12/5 Randi Strom
 12/6 Lori Downey
 12/10 Frankie Tate
 12/11 Kristina Steffen
 12/13 Joyce Craig
 Judy Boruck

12/14 Doug Patur
 12/16 Delaney Cash
 12/18 Laura Halter
 12/25 Brian FitzGerald
 12/28 Gary Kneepkens
 12/30 Sue Friddell
 12/31 Kate Halter



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



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