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2022

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

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From the Desk of Pastor Vaswig

Burning with the Spirit of Christ in us, we are called to serve our neighbor. This is a proposed vision for the articles of merger which will be presented to both congregations as part of the process of eventually voting to merge or not. Since we know a people without a vision perish (Proverbs 29:18), we know of the importance of articulating such a vision toward the future.

The leadership of both congregations have been working diligently toward the formation of a new and vital ministry for the sake of the kingdom of God. At the center of the repeatedly discussed vision is how do we, as a people of God, respond faithfully not just to one another but to the neighborhood around us. The language we are borrowing suggests Our Savior Lutheran, hopefully in concert and partnership with Shepherd of the Hills, will become an epi-center for mission and ministry enacting the love of Christ. This is not to diminish or minimize the important ministry that has taken place over the years, it is simply to reinvigorate the ministry at the center of which is serving the neighbor. We are in a conversation currently with the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, examining a potential partnership as one avenue to express a ministry for the sake of others.

This is an exciting time to be in ministry with one another as the Holy Spirit enlivens our Life Together. You will of course be hearing much more as varying things start to unfold. For now please keep the leadership of both Shepherd of the Hills and Our Savior in your prayers. Pray for guidance, the Spirit's wisdom, and yes, the courage to embrace change burning with the Spirit of Christ in us.

A blessed 2022 for all.
Pastor John L. Vaswig &
Chuck Bachman, Council President



Church Council

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting January 16th In the Fellowship Hall



On Sunday, January 16th, following our 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will have our semi-annual congregational meeting at 11:00 a.m. The business at the meeting will include:

- Election of 2022 Church Council members
- Reports from: Pastor John Vaswig
Council President, Chuck Bachman
Treasurer, Wendy Winslow
Site Planning Team

Please plan to attend this meeting.

The Church Council elected to move the semi-annual congregational meeting from November 2021 to January 16th, 2022, in order to allow more time for Shepherd of the Hills to discern and address their future direction.



Save the Date NW Washington Synod Assembly Saturday, June 4, 2022

The Synod's hope is to hold an in person assembly.
Please mark your calendar and stay tuned!

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" that were going to use in 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 homeschooled middle school and high schoolers, and has also written her own bible study for women called *Refresh*, which she has led 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.

Online registration is now open: <http://www.oslcissaquah.org/womens-retreat/>
Paper registration forms will be available at the church.

Thanks to funds from previous fundraisers, we can keep the costs the same as they were going to be 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. Scholarships are available. Registration deadline is Friday, February 18th.

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.

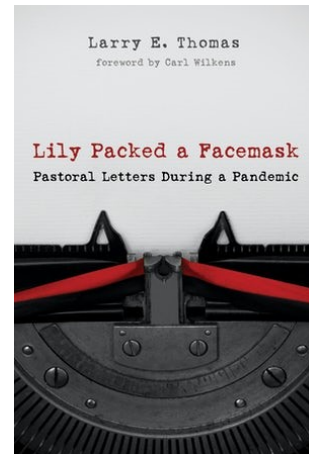
Our Savior in Our Community

Lily Packed a Facemask: Pastoral Letters During a Pandemic

By Larry Thomas

Dear friends:

My new book, "Lily Packed a Facemask: Pastoral Letters During a Pandemic," has just been published by Wipf and Stock Publishers. It is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org), [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com), and on the Wipf and Stock Publishers website. Trusting that you will give my one-time shameless promotion of my book the once over (okay twice if you saw my Facebook post) here's the description of the book:



"At the end of February 2020, Larry and Ann Thomas left their home in Issaquah, Washington, for a three-week vacation visiting family in Colorado and Texas. News of the coronavirus pandemic was slowly spreading. By the middle of March 2020 the world had changed and the global pandemic was in full swing. The Thomases decided to shelter in place in Flower Mound, Texas, for the next six weeks. On March 17, 2020, when Larry returned to his work as the interim pastor at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church in Sammamish, Washington, it was from a makeshift office in Texas, not his office in Sammamish. Working remotely, Pastor Thomas began organizing weekly virtual prayer gatherings and Bible studies. In order to connect with the congregation, he started writing pastoral letters as a way of reflecting on the intersection of faith, hope, and love while living through the pandemic. *Lily Packed a Facemask* is a chronicle of one pastor's commitment to engage with a congregation during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. Grounded in biblical texts, Thomas takes the threads of a variety of writers and contemporary resources and weaves a tapestry of living life faithfully in the midst of a year of constant changes and challenges."

Sincerely,
Larry Thomas

Letter reprinted at the request of Pr. John L. Vaswig.

Small Group Ministries



Thank you!

From the
Community Outreach Committee

Thank you to all for your generous giving this Christmas Season. Our Savior and Shepard of the Hills collected the following for each organization.

- Gift cards for Vine Maple Place totaled **\$1,385.00!** Homeless teens will be able to use the gift cards to spend time with their friends over the break.
- The Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank received 27 new coats and numerous new socks, hats, shoes and shirts. Also some cash donations.
- Eastside Baby Corner received many new toys and cash donations.

Thank you for being a blessing to our community!

Sincerely, Our Savior Community Outreach Committee

ISSAQUAH
Food & Clothing Bank



VINE 
MAPLE PLACE
ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Our Savior in Our Community



December 13, 2021

Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St S
Issaquah, WA 98027-4206

Dear Shari,

Your congregation's loyal and generous support of EBC has made a lasting difference in so many lives – and you just did it again. ***Thank you!***

Your gift will help to ensure that every request for diapers, formula, car seats and other essential items is filled. You have helped a child, provided them comfort, protected them, and promoted their healthy development.

We are grateful for your congregation's generous gift of \$500.00, received on 12/7/2021 and given in support of EBC – Eastside Baby Corner. **Thanks to your generosity, children like this baby are getting the help they need for a strong foundation in life...** *I am working with a foster mother that just got a new placement - a very tiny little girl. She is 4lb 6oz and did not come home with any extra clothing or diapers. She arrived with the clothes on her back. Foster mother has a few smaller sized onesies on hand but none of them fit her. She is drinking a specialized formula that is easier for premature babies to digest.*

~ note from an EBC agency partner

Because of support like yours, EBC was able to respond right away with preemie sized clothing, diapers, and the expensive specialized formula this baby needs.

It would be our pleasure to share with you how your support is working to make lives better. Contact Helen Banks Routon, Director of Development, at helenr@babycorner.org or call me at 425.372.7526, if you have a question about EBC or would like to come by to see us in action.

Thank you for **helping children to build a wonderful life!**

Warm regards,


Jack Edgerton
Executive Director

Our Savior in Our Community



heal
restore
transform

December 7, 2021

Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front Street South
Issaquah, WA 98027

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00!

You are an answer to prayer. Your gift provided a local homeless family with the miracle they so badly needed. Because of you, a mom and her kids are now living in a safe and warm place this holiday season.

I can't thank you enough for the wonderful gift you've given. I hope you will always remember the joy and safety you've given to a local mom and her kids at Christmastime. What a blessing you are!

You are providing life-changing safety and care to a young mom and her boy who just had to make a brave and terrifying decision. Alicia and her 8-year-old boy, Sean, fled their home after years of abuse had elevated to life-threatening danger. They had nowhere to go.

But your timely gift helped get Alicia and Sean into safe housing, and provided them with warm meals. Your gift not only provided that, but it's also helping them get back on their feet again. You're providing trauma counseling, job coaching, financial literacy training, and more.

Please know that you've been part of an incredible overflowing of support for so many moms and kids - and that your gift is making a real difference in their lives!

Thank you again for your generosity and compassion. Lives are changing right now because of you!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle K. Frets". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle K. Frets
Executive Director

Our Savior in Our Community



Thank You!

November 29, 2021

Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St S
Issaquah WA 98027-4206

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$100.00 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund!

Life in the COVID era has been so hard for so many of our neighbors, and we know the needs are only growing as conflict, natural disaster and other crises often affect those who are already suffering. Right now, a quilt or a kit might be the one item of comfort someone might have when they are facing poverty, disaster or war.

Because of your love, a family in a refugee camp can feel more at home with quilts to wrap around their shoulders. Families who have lost their homes in an earthquake can maintain their hygiene and dignity with a Personal Care Kit as they determine how to rebuild. And a mother living in the slums can welcome her new baby with pride, feeling your love and support every time she swaddles it with items from a Baby Care Kit.

I am so grateful that you are loving these neighbors by ensuring they'll receive these critical items just when they need them most.

Thank you,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

P.S. God bless you and your generous spirit.

As required by the IRS, this letter confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for this gift. This letter is your receipt for your charitable gift of \$100.00--Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.

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 Nursing 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.



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



**The GivePlus Mobile App
Has Moved to
Vanco Mobile!**



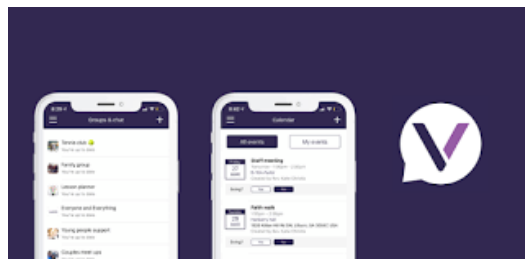
**Download the New
Vanco Mobile App Now
To Replace It**

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.
- ⇒ Make one-time donations as a guest user
- ⇒ Or make recurring donations by logging in and using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

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



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

From the Bishop:

During this winter, as many continue to grapple with - and be discouraged by - the continuation of the pandemic, isolation, discontent, and loneliness, we might feel that our relationships are not as strong as they once were - with family and friends, with colleagues and co-workers, and with those in our church.

Recently I read a book called *Tempered Resilience* by Tod Bolsinger. While I wasn't enthralled with the whole book, I did resonate with one visual that he used and perhaps you will find helpful in this time, too. He writes about how our different relationships help us in our resilience and in our on-going ability to adapt. On page 112 Bolsinger writes, "To flourish in ministry or other forms of social leadership, leaders need to be conscious of at least three different contexts, and the relationships needed to flourish in those contexts, 'front stage, backstage, and offstage.'"

The Front Stage is the public face that we show to the world. It is the place where "performance" happens. It is critical to have trustworthy colleagues or teammates where you are able to be yourself. These relationships could include peers and teammates, partners, and colleagues. An example from scripture would be the disciples. Who would you include in your life?



The Back Stage is the place to support and nurture you in your "front stage" work. Good front stage work depends on lots of time backstage analyzing and thinking about the work that is being done, learning from the lessons of success and failure from others, and especially, gaining perspective from experienced leaders. In his book Bolsinger cautions, "Backstage relationships don't happen because of others. They happen because of you." (p. 116) In other words, you might have to seek out "backstage people. Backstage relationships include therapists, coaches, mentors, spiritual directors, pastors, and more. An example in scripture would be David listening to Samuel or Moses listening to his father-in-law Jethro or Ruth listening to Naomi. Who would you include in your life?

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The Off Stage are the people that you are emotionally closest to and who are your confidants. As Bolsinger writes, “The quality of your relationships with other people influences how emotionally resilient you can be in the face of an emotional or physical crisis. In general, the more quality social support you can draw upon from family and friends, the more flexible and resilient you can be in stressful situations.” (p. 120) An example in scripture would be Elizabeth and Mary. Who would you include in your life?

So, I’m wondering, how are doing in these three areas? Are your relationships strong “front stage, backstage, and off-stage”? Do you have good connections? Where could you form deeper connections? Where do you need help in forming new relationships?

I’d love to hear from you how we can be a more connected church community, how we can support one another, and how resilience can be built up by forming and growing relationships.

I know this is a difficult and frustrating time for many. I feel it, too. May you feel connected with one another. May you feel upheld by one another. And, especially, in this Epiphany season, may God’s presence, love and grace be made known to you.

+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.

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



ELCA Tornado Disaster Response



On the night of Dec. 10 and early morning of Dec. 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery.

Your gifts to "U.S. Tornadoes" will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete - [Donate HERE](#)



ReconcilingWorks - FOUR online trainings!

- + Building an Inclusive Church
- + Consent in Community Building
- + Bias and Its Impact on Welcome
- + Let's Talk About SOGIE (Sex, Gender Identity, Gender Expression, and Sexual Orientation)

Read more & learn how to register here: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/trainings/>

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 **January 25** and **February 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

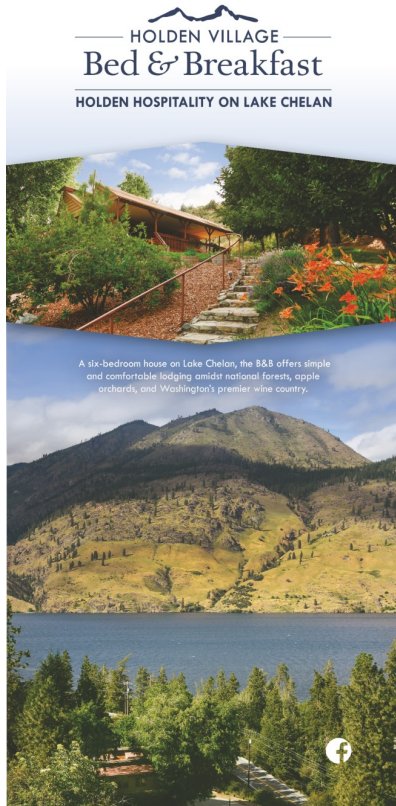
In the race to vaccinate the entire United States population, faith leaders across the country, including ELCA leaders, are leading by example, receiving the vaccine, advocating on behalf of its equitable distribution, and mobilizing their congregations to support vaccination administration.

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

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

Around the NW Washington Synod

Stay at the Holden Village Bed & Breakfast



In addition to being a jumping off point to reach Holden Village, this facility is a resource for personal enjoyment. You are invited to consider the B&B as a destination for you, your family, and your congregation or ministry. Come as individual guests or rent the entire house.

The B&B is a perfect setting for personal rest & relaxation, a family getaway, council, staff or small group retreats. The house has 6 bedrooms with sleeping space for 13. There are 3 bathrooms, a large kitchen and dining area, living room and additional seating areas. There is WiFi available, but no cell service. Winter rates are \$40 per person or \$350 per night to rent the entire house.

Is it time for a mini sabbatical, a reading retreat, a family reunion, to explore Chelan or adventure into the North Cascades? The Holden B&B could be just what you've been looking for.

[Check out their flyer HERE.](#) Please contact Roberta at (509) 687-9695 or email BandB@HoldenVillage.org for more information and to book your stay.

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life January 2022



I fell in love with the story of Naaman the first time I heard it. It didn't appear among the Bible stories I hear as a child, which made it clearly stand out when I heard it as an adult. In 2 Kings 5, there is an experience of healing that starts with a girl from Israel who was taken captive and was Naaman's wife's servant. The girl shared about a prophet in Samaria that can heal leprosy. Naaman, a commander of the army of the Aram King, had such a skin disease. To fast forward, Naaman ended up seeing Elisha, the prophet, who gave him the instruction to bathe in the river Jordan seven times and be healed. Naaman was frustrated by this instruction and he went away angry. A servant who was with Naaman suggested to him that if Elisha had asked him to do something difficult instead, he would have done it to be healed. The servant talked Naaman into trying the simple thing, in spite of his reservations, and wash in the Jordan. Naaman came out of the river after his seventh dip and his skin was restored to the skin of a young boy.

I wonder how often it is in our life that the ones that can and do speak healing and restoration come from unlikely places. It is the two servants in the story who Naaman ultimately believed. A young servant girl spoke about her God who heals. Another servant speaks of letting go of the anger and trying Elisha's instructions. Who do we listen to? Where do we get our instruction? What healing has happened in your life?

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...

Bev & Tia Price, Leslie & Mike Waltzer and family, Marlene Pickering, Ryan Steffen, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Guests of the Community Meals Program; all affected by COVID19.

Expectant Mothers: Kirsten Weber (daughter to Randy & Joanna Wood); **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:

Wayne Price (husband to Bev Price); **Jill Regal** (mother to Leslie Waltzer); **Pr. Ron Marshall** (Pr. Larry Thomas)

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); **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); **Gerald Welch** (Vern and Jeannie Lindquist); **Duane Jacobson; Mary Lewis** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Suzanne Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice Lewis); **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.



January Worship Readings

Sunday, January 2 — Second Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27
Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Sunday, January 9 — Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7
Second Reading Acts 8:14-17
Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16 — Second Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 23 — Third Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 30 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



Worship Assistants – January & February 2022

Service Time: 10:00 am

(unless otherwise noted)

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Usher	Altar Guild	Sound & Videography
January 2 Second Sunday of Christmas	Connie Fletcher	Jonathan Smith	Stacy Smith	David Hersey
January 9 Baptism of Our Lord	Mary Ann Hult	Sang-Beom Shim	Jane & Peter Shen	David Hersey
January 16 Epiphany 2 Congregational Meeting @ 11am	Joan Friel	Bill Suttmeier	Jane Wuest	
January 23 Epiphany 3	Bob Johnson	Don Robertson	Jean Pass Delaney Cash	
January 30 Epiphany 4	Lynne O'Shea	Ken Konigsmark	Jane & Peter Shen	
February 6 Epiphany 5	Jen Winslow	Jonathan Smith	Stacy Smith	
February 13 Epiphany 6	Sue Johnson	Sang-Beom Shim	Jean Pass Delaney Cash	
February 20 Epiphany 7	Joan Friel	Bill Suttmeier	Stacy Smith	
February 27 Transfiguration of Our Lord	Debby Beck	Don Robertson	Jane & Peter Shen	

January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 22
2 10:00am WORSHIP - Naming of Jesus Sunday, Guest Pr. Larry 11:00am Proposed Changes to the Church	3 6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting	4 8:30am Encompass 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Encompass 7:00pm Worship Planning 7:00pm AA	5	6 9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room) 7:00pm Stewardship Committee (Narthex)	7	8 9:00am Endowment Committee Meeting (Narthex) 10:30am Altar Guild - Take Down Christmas
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January Birthdays & Anniversaries



1/1	Ginny Amphlett	1/17	Pauline Montague
1/3	Morgan Wood	1/19	Ken DeCamp
1/4	Patty Christopherson	1/22	David Gretch
1/5	Margot Inman		Wendy Winslow
1/7	Becky Brooks	1/24	Don Rentschler
1/8	Maria Kampf	1/25	David Hersey
1/10	Paula Swanson		Bill Cash
1/13	Judith Bergquist	1/26	Jean Kampf
1/16	Lena Schaper	1/28	LaRue Nelson



1/1	Wayne & Bev Price
1/4	David Gretch & Lisa Thomassen
1/29	Richard & Jo Hess



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