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

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From the Desk of Pastor Vaswig

We as the body of Christ continue to face significant challenges, not the least of the same being the ongoing virus. I cannot count the number of times lately folks have commented to me on how the virus has impacted their lives. Of course we are all aware of the same in congregational life as we move from scheduled in-person classes to Zoom classes, in-person Talk & Listening sessions to Zoom sessions. Each of us as individuals and as church have faced some monumental hurdles in these last two years particularly. As a people of the cross we call something what it is, and we name out loud the struggles and confusion we have experienced as of late.

Having said the same I wish to convey simultaneously the remarkable faith being enacted by so many amidst the challenges being faced. It is astounding to me that so many in leadership, as Quilters, as Altar Guild, as Sound folk, as Ushers, as Site Team, continue to put one foot in front of the other on behalf of Christ and His church. While the world around us is fraught with turmoil in so many differing ways, I remain encouraged by the body of Christ living out their baptisms faithfully in the eye of the storm. To me such discipleship has heard the word of the Lord "peace be still." For surely it is such a peace that surpasses all understanding that does indeed keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we proceed ahead into an unknown future we do so in a confidence we share in the promise of the Gospel. We do as God's beloved, believing against all odds in the God who has made himself known in Jesus of Nazareth. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." *1 Corinthians 1:18*

Pastor John L. Vaswig



Church Council

From the Council President



Presidents report delivered during the Congregational Meeting
on Sunday January 16th, 2022

I was a disc jockey at my college radio station, KUPS, 90.1 FM in Tacoma. We were trained to think of a person or two when speaking into the microphone. It made the speaking, personable and genuine. I always would visualize my freshman year roommate, Mike George.

Here at OSLC , when I have written or spoken or made decisions I always thought of Lena Schaper and Jean Pass. Of course, I've thought of others, but Lena and Jean were my bell weathers. I wanted to make sure they (and all of you) had a **safe place to worship, gather in friendship and be able to do good works. That has been my mission since becoming President of Council.**

We've been blessed with outstanding **Disciples of Christ** on this council. Ending their second and final terms are Ken Konigsmark and Sue Johnson. Ken has been on the executive committee and most recently been the council representative with the site team and will continue with them to completion. Ken's had to deal with a concussion and lately Achilles tear but is soldiering on. Sue worked with youth and pretty much whatever else council needed. She will be very busy with the new Worship Team. Pastor Vaswig is training this group to do some of duties our Worship Director did.

We are extremely fortunate to have John Vaswig, as our transition pastor. He's there for meetings with stewardship, finance, executive teams from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and Our Savior, site team and bishop's office and probably many others. He's been a steady influence for all of us to feel the spirit moving us and not to think of us as members but as **disciples**. You've seen the "front of the House" with Pastor Vaswig, with his thought provoking bible study and fearless sermons.

Marilyn Carlson, council secretary and Bob Johnson, president at Shepherd of

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the Hills have been working on a new constitution. We should have it available shortly for the congregation to examine it and then we will call a special meeting for approval. Most of the changes are items which the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) requires in their model constitutions. Other items have melded together the two congregations.

It was a 'halleluiah' moment when the site team told us the Issaquah Food and clothing Bank wanted to partner with us. We will both maintain our separate identities but our physical closeness will be a tie that binds. We have been very close with that group for many years. We will continue to do everything we can to make them successful. It will be our **mission**. Sometimes changes can be hard and difficult. The changes coming are **exciting** and **uplifting** and **spiritually** driven. I feel the gentle hand of our Lord on my shoulder gently pushing me forward. I hope the congregation will feel it, too.

Chuck Bachman



Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.

Learn more and apply here:

www.elca.org/our-work/global-mission/young-adults-in-global-mission

Church Council

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Results



The following were presented and voted into office:

Church Council Members *(two-year terms)*

*Secretary	_____	Marilyn Carlson	(2 nd term expires 12/23)
Council Member	_____	Jane Wuest	(2 nd term expires 12/23)
*Financial Secretary	_____	Lena Schaper	(2 nd term expires 12/23)
Council Member	_____	Doug Friddell	(1 st term expires 12/23)
Council Member	_____	Connie Fletcher	(1 st term expires 12/23)

(*Executive Committee Members)

2022 Continuing Church Council Members

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

2022 Continuing Endowment Committee Members

Carl Boruck, Bill Cash, Connie Fletcher, Ray Harbolt, John Stamm

2022 Committees:

Buildings & Grounds
Community Outreach
Endowment
Fellowship
Finance
Global Missions
Kitchen / Coffee
Personnel
Site Planning
Stewardship
Worship / Altar Guild
Worship Planning

Outgoing Council Members and Committee Chairs Thank you to the following outgoing Council Members and Committee Chairs for their service and leadership: **Ken Konigsmark** (Council); **Sue Johnson** (Council); **Connie Fletcher** (Outreach Committee).

Small Group Ministries

Site Planning Committee

OSLC is an “asset rich/cash poor” church. Your Site Team is tasked with evaluating how to utilize our under-used assets to create “sustainable income” for OSLC for the long term. This will allow us new opportunities for worship, outreach, and mission. Therefore, we are excited about our discussions with the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank (IFCB) and all the potential opportunities this would bring.



To make Our Savior Lutheran Church a success, we need a plan that includes:

- 1) Following God’s Word
- 2) Being truthful with ourselves and accepting the facts
- 3) Embracing change
- 4) Focusing on a “burning sense” of mission that gives us hands-on opportunities to serve others
- 5) “Right-sizing” our facility.

But we need to hear from everyone in the congregation through our Listen and Talk sessions, so please participate.

Here are the dates for the upcoming sessions which are planned to be held in the Fellowship Hall directly after church:

Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 6, Mar 20, please come.

God Bless you,
The Site Planning Committee

Small Group Ministries



2022 OSLC Women's Retreat **Registration Deadline: Friday, February 18th**

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.

Small Group Ministries



From the Community Outreach Committee

Our Savior supports several non-profit organizations working in our community. For the next several months, we will be featuring one of the organizations each month to familiarize the congregation with how they serve the community.

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

HOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

To us, this looks like helping provide food, clothing, hygiene, and household necessities and to do it in a way that allows customers, staff, volunteers, and donors to maintain a strong sense of dignity and respect for one another.

The existence of our organization is intertwined with many other partner organizations in the community. These partnerships allow us to create a special space that is full of caring, nurturing people who are working towards meeting the needs of others.

In our seemingly affluent community, the need is well hidden, creating a misconception that it doesn't exist. The high cost of living actually causes the need to expand into middle and low-income households where tight budgets can mean having to choose between basic needs like housing, food, healthcare, and transportation.

FOOD

There are families in Issaquah that are struggling to put food on their tables. We serve the following zip codes in our Food Bank: 98027, 98029, 98075 and 98059.

Perishables from grocery outlets are a big part of what we do. We are doing our best to keep useful food from being wasted, and people from going hungry. Even when the food is free, it still costs energy, fuel, hours to collect, prepare and distribute the food.

CLOTHING

Our customers need the same items that you need at home, including clothing and shoes for their family. While our onsite clothing bank remains closed due to COVID-19, we have seasonal clothing events at partner locations in the community on a quarterly basis. We serve the follow zip codes in our Clothing Bank: 98014, 98024, 98025, 98027, 98029, 98038, 98045, 98050, 98055-59, 98065, 98074, and 98075.

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Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

REFERRALS

Food and clothing are just part of the picture.

Most people in crisis don't know where to turn, so they often turn to a food bank first. Going hungry is usually a short term symptom of something bigger, such as losing a job, domestic abuse, dependency, medical concerns or other issues.

Part of our job is to refer our clients to a network of agencies and organizations. We make thousands of referrals a year. From food stamps to school lunches, educational opportunities to shelters, we help our clients reach the long-term solutions they need.

Sincerely, Our Savior Community Outreach Committee



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Hello Issaquah Meals Volunteers and Supporters,

An update from the Program Supervisor:

Meal Service in 2021 succeeded in providing a meal each weeknight, while fulfilling COVID-19 safety practices. Including holidays and all weather no night was missed for meal service. To ensure maximum social distancing, staff keep the number of the guests low by offering to-go meals. Volunteers help in many forms, from dropping off cooked food, to serving and helping with set up and clean up, to washing towels and delivering meals. The volunteers during this unprecedented time have been amazing.

In 2021 the IMP program served a total of 7,732 meals to 236 unduplicated individuals.

This December came with freezing temperatures; several consecutive days of rain and snow making the space provided by IMP to get warm was dire. Since the Food and Clothing Bank has been closed, proper winter wear has been scarce for the participants in the Meal program. A few volunteers from IMP donated coats, hats, and warm items. The Thursday night Men's AA group also raised funds for IMP to purchase warm items. CCS was able to purchase warm items with these funds. These items were well received as it becomes so hard for those living in the elements to get dry after so many days of rain.

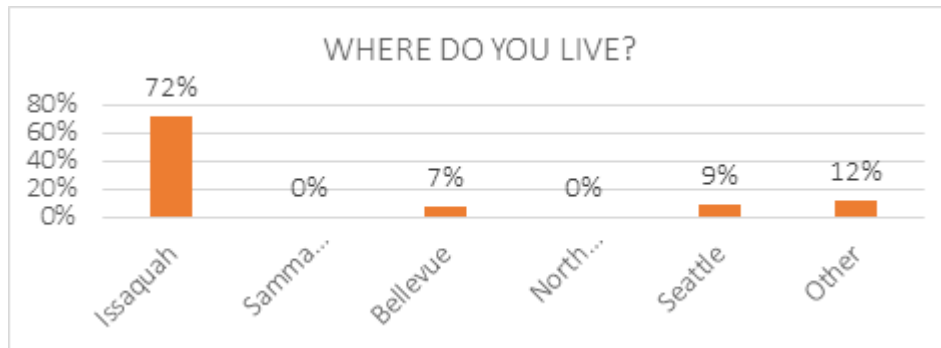
Those bearing the elements had less protection than in years past when donations were more available. Staff gave out hand warmers each night and warm, new socks. A few coats and hats came in through generous volunteers that were given to those living outdoors. This year the program saw less individuals at the Meal Program during the snowy, freezing days, due to the City of Issaquah providing hotel beds for the most vulnerable in the community. CCS Staff was thrilled to hear guests who would be houseless had a warm and dry place to stay during the coldest nights of the season. Through the city, IMP received the hotel numbers of the guests that were staying at the motel so that the leftover meals could be taken to them after the IMP closed. During their stay, 6-20 meals were delivered to the hotel rooms each night they stayed.

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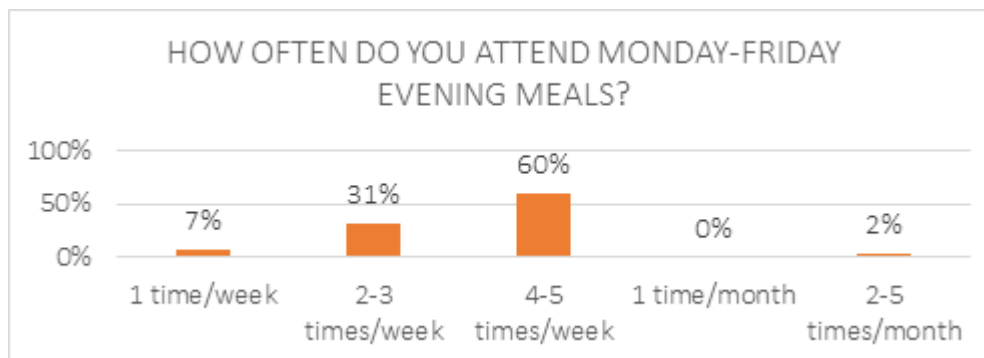
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The IMP serves real people right here in Issaquah.



A welcome survey is given to guests who participate. This year 43 guests made up the survey sample. Out of the 43 individuals who participated in the survey, 31 individuals reported to be living in Issaquah. Three reported to live in Bellevue, four reported Seattle was home, and five reported 'other.' The Issaquah response is significantly higher than the survey's results in 2020 that indicated only 52% reported to live in Issaquah. Perhaps with COVID-19 the population is limited to now is serving very local individuals since it is easy to get to and reliable.



When surveyed, guests were asked how often they came into the IMP for dinner; 91% reported 2-5 times a week. Broken down, 31% of the individuals receive meals 2-3 times a week, while 60% reported using IMP 4-5 times a week. CCS staff and volunteers work with many people in need who come in on a very regular basis.

Griffin Cole
Eastside Program Coordinator
Volunteer Services/Issaquah Meals

Our Savior in Our Community



December 17, 2021

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

*We are so grateful
for all the ways you
partner with us!
Bonnie*

Dear Our Savior Lutheran Church,

We have the unique privilege of uniting giver and receiver each and every day, and seeing the life transformation that results! We are so grateful for your \$1,500.00 gift through your Community Outreach Fund!

*"We make a living by what we get;
We make a life by what we give."
- Winston Churchill*

May your life be transformed through your kindness and compassion for those in our community who are struggling to get their basic needs met!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cori Walters".

Cori Walters
Executive Director
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cori@issaquahfoodbank.org

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie DeCaro-Monahan".

Bonnie DeCaro-Monahan
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envision a hunger-free community

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

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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.

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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



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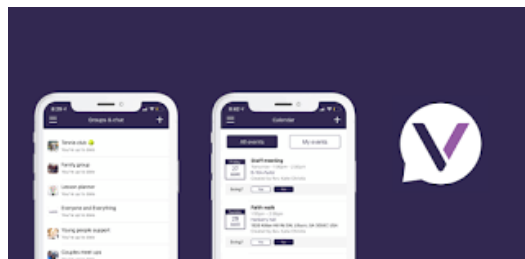
**Download the New
Vanco Mobile App Now
To Replace It**

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:

I don't usually write about personal things for this monthly column, but I have a birthday this month (it is not a significant birthday – it doesn't end in a zero or a five) but a birthday is a birthday. And a birthday is always a blessing – it is a marker that we are still given time on earth to be with loved ones, work to make this world more livable and loveable for others, learn and grow, listen and speak, play and dance in God's Spirit of love.

I remember a significant birthday ten years ago that I celebrated. It was very low-key birthday. My parents and my family were there. We had some sort of food that I don't remember and a cake that was probably chocolate. That was it. But I was so thankful to be celebrating it. You see, in the summer of 2011 I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. I underwent chemotherapy, a bilateral mastectomy, and radiation. In February of 2012 I had finished chemo and surgery and was just beginning radiation. (I am perfectly healthy now.)

This is what I wrote on my blog on www.mylifeline.org exactly ten years ago:

The other day I was complaining to some friends that it is hard for me to get motivated. I said, "I am not a depressed person but it is so hard to do things right now." My friend Laura said to me, "Maybe it's because you are battling cancer and have had months of toxic drugs, major surgery, forced work leave, a little too much mortality staring you in the face and no hair or eyelashes. Personally I think that's enough reason to feel what you are feeling." ...

Today I re-read what my friend Laura said and her words hold true for me and for so many of us right now. For many it is hard to be motivated and do things right now. We have had months – years! – of a pandemic, political divide, anxiety, forced separation, and, for some, physical and emotional difficulties as well. It makes sense that we are weary. And we can give ourselves and others compassion during this time.

And ... at the same time ... we also know that this is not the end.

We place our trust in God that this is only a season in our lives and in our world. A season that eventually we will look back on, be amazed how we survived and thrived, and be thankful for the place we are called to next.

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Here is how I ended my reflection from ten years ago:

As I close this blog post, I am reminded of the passing of seasons and the amazing presence of God. When I began treatment, summer was in full bloom. We have gone through the falling of leaves, the dormancy of winter, and are now on the cusp of spring. This is where I feel my body is, too. I am ready to live a new life of health and wholeness, hope and gratitude. Psalm 30:11-12 says it so well: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

May we rest and may we breathe.

May we live and move and dance in the Spirit.

May we trust that through all things God is present with us – above us, beneath us, before us, and behind us.

May this year bring us resiliency and hope.

May we – *together* – be filled with Christ's love and compassion for one another and for ourselves.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

bishop@lutheransnw.org



NW Washington Synod

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Grace and Peace to you.

I am Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee and I want to express my gratitude and thanksgiving for you and for your generosity. Despite and in the midst of the challenges we have faced this last year, congregations and ministry sites across this synod have continued to contribute generously to the Northwest Washington Synod. Incredibly, congregational mission support given in 2021 exceeds any year since 2009! Wow! You are amazing.

We are so grateful because this allows us to continue the ministry God is calling us to *together*. The calling that every congregation and every ministry site has of sharing the good news of Jesus with all as well as our calling of sharing and living into the good news of Jesus to all through new ministry starts, LiVE, and other initiatives we are creating and growing. Plus, the mission support you give is expanded throughout the United States and the world through the ELCA and its partners so that all may be fed, all may be housed, all may receive justice, and, fundamentally, all may know they are beloved of God through Jesus Christ.

As we journey together, we continue to trust that the Spirit is alive and well amongst us in the Northwest Washington Synod and that we are surrounded by the love of Christ. As Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Thank you and God's abundant blessings!
+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



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

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.



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

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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. **Final webinar date 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/>

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life February 2022



The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. (John 10:2-4)

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

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

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

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

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...

The Steffen Family, Natalie Francois, Dontay Maurice Wilson, Bob Beck, Jerry & Linda Nack, Les & Kate Gagnon, Ken Konigsmark, Les Carlson, Lynnette Braillard, Miyako Griffin, 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); **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: Carmen Saavedra (Cheryl Neeb); **Doug Patur** (Dianne Tanner); **Grace Carlson** (mother to Dave Carlson); **Wayne Price** (husband to Bev Price)

Thanksgiving: For the joyous birth of **Dontay Maurice Wilson** to Emily and Dontay Wilson (grandson to Larry & Ann Thomas); **Noa Jane** to Hannah Ham (granddaughter to Chuck Bachman & Wendy Winslow).

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); **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.



February Worship Readings

Sunday, February 6 — Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 13 — Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

Sunday, February 20 — Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, February 27 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]



Worship Assistants – February 2022
Service Time: 10:00 am
(unless otherwise noted)

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Usher	Altar Guild	Sound & Videography
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	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5
		<div>1:00pm Site Planning Committee</div> <div>5:00pm Encompass</div> <div>7:00pm Worship Planning</div> <div>7:00pm AA (Fellowship)</div> <div>7:30pm Memorial Bells</div>	<div>7:00pm WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY (Via Zoom)</div>	<div>9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall)</div> <div>10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room)</div> <div>7:00pm Stewardship Committee (Narthex)</div>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<div>10:00am WORSHIP</div> <div>11:00am Site Planning Listen & Talk (Fellowship Hall)</div> <div>1:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676</div>	<div>6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting</div>	<div>1:00pm Site Planning Committee</div> <div>3:00pm Issaquah Meal Program</div> <div>7:00pm Endowment</div> <div>7:00pm AA (Fellowship)</div> <div>7:30pm Memorial Bells</div>	<div>7:00pm WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY (Via Zoom)</div>	<div>9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall)</div> <div>10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676</div> <div>7:00pm Finance Committee (Narthex)</div>		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<div>10:00am WORSHIP</div>	<div>6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting</div>	<div>12:00pm Focus Deadline</div> <div>1:00pm Site Planning Committee</div> <div>7:00pm Church Council (Narthex)</div> <div>7:00pm AA (Fellowship Hall)</div>	<div>7:00pm WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY (Via Zoom)</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>		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<div>10:00am WORSHIP</div> <div>11:00am Site Planning Listen & Talk (Library)</div>	<div>6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting</div>	<div>1:00pm Site Planning Committee (Christian Ed. Room)</div> <div>7:00pm AA (Fellowship Hall)</div>	<div>7:00pm WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY (Via Zoom)</div>	<div>9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall)</div> <div>10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room)</div>		
27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
<div>10:00am WORSHIP - Transfiguration of Our Lord</div> <div>11:30am Shepherd of the Hills Congregationa l Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</div>	<div>6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting</div>					

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



2/3	Nancy Anderson	2/13	Anne Ellet
2/4	Jerry Welch	2/14	Kate Gagnon
2/5	Bruce Byrkett		Colae Migge
2/7	Rowan Hinds	2/16	Sandy Aldworth
	Susan Ferrarini	2/17	Carol Johnson
2/9	Sue Johnson	2/24	Randy Halter
2/10	Bill Suttmeier	2/28	Myles Cash
2/12	Cheryl Leiter		
	Marilyn Carlson		

2/23 Michael & Margot Inman





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