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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 find ourselves in the midst of the Easter season and it is a glorious season indeed.

While many celebrate the day of Easter, as we did, the season of Easter continues with the joy filled news of the resurrection. The Easter word, so profoundly timely in a world bent on violence, a world where death seems to have the last word.

Easter's hymn of praise is the contrary word to everything the world indicates as a final word. It is, however, challenging to remember the Easter word of an empty tomb when the graves are filling up with the innocent in Ukraine.

It is difficult, as it was for the women at the tomb, to remember with a lively memory the words "he is not here, but has risen." The apostles, upon hearing the women's testimony, believed it to be "an idle tale."

The Easter word in the face of death requires faith in the hearing. Such faith receives the word of life against death, the word of life against all evidence to the contrary. As an Easter people we have been given "*a new birth into the mercy he has given us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*" 1 Peter 1:3.

As we travel the Easter season together remember "how he told you." Remember "*how he told you*" that you are the beloved of God. Remember "*how he told you*" you are forgiven, remember whose you are and who you are, God's Easter child. A blessed Easter season.

Pastor John L. Vaswig



Church Council

Special Congregational Meeting Recap



Our Savior Lutheran & Shepherd of the Hills Merger Vote Passed, Thanks be to God

At the special congregational meeting of Our Savior Lutheran Church held last month on Sunday, April 3rd, the vote to merge with Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church *passed* with a vote of 46 “yes” votes and zero “no” votes.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church also held a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 3rd, and their vote to merge with Our Savior passed with 19 “yes” votes, two “no” votes, and four abstentions.

Thank you to all who have met over the past several months to move this process forward. And thank you to all for your interest and participation to date in this important work in the life of our church.

Per the Agreement & Plan of Merger document, the **effective date** of the merger will be **Sunday, May 15, 2022**.

Sincerely,
Our Savior Lutheran Church Council



Worship



Worship With Us Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am **The Easter Season Continues Through Sunday, May 29th**

In-Person: Our Savior's Executive Committee strongly suggests attendees continue to wear masks in worship, principally because of singing. Please continue to stay home if feeling sick, and receive Holy Communion in a safe manner

On-line: When sound and videographers are available, worship services are live-streamed at 10:00 am. 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." Or go to our website www.oslcissaquah.org



Join Us!

Fellowship & Coffee Hour

Gather with us for fellowship and coffee hour each Sunday following worship.

Do you enjoy hosting?

Coffee hour hosts are needed.

Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

Small Group Ministries



Community Outreach Sunday, May 8th Mother's Day Diaper Drive!

In honor of your mother on Mother's Day, Sunday May 8th, please bring a pack of diapers or diaper wipes or both or as many as you would like. The donations will go to Eastside Baby Corner, helping families in need. There will be a table in the Narthex to put your donations on. Thanks!



FYI – The donation boxes that were in Anderson Hall for the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, and Eastside Baby Corner, have been removed. Both organizations have gone to a targeted needs list that's on their websites, with limited donation times. Hopefully you can find other organizations that will take the used items you wish to donate.

VOLUNTEER AT OUR SAVIOR

Our Sunday morning and community experience is held together by volunteers who do so many big and little things that make life happen.

All Meetings take place at the church unless otherwise noted.

Congregational Care Ministry	Monday	May 2, 16, 23	10:30 am
Worship Planning Committee	Tuesday	May 3	6:30 pm
Stewardship Committee	Thursday	May 5	7:00 pm
Community Meals	Tues./Thurs.	May 10, 19	2:30 pm
Endowment Committee	Tuesday	May 10	7:00 pm
Finance Committee	Thursday	May 12	7:00 pm

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 & 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 am until 12:00 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 other 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.

Our Savior Community

Fellowship Event



When: **Sunday, July 24th , 1:10pm**

Where: T-Mobile Park (1250 1st Ave S, Seattle)

Cost: **\$44 (100/main level seats)**



The Mariners are playing our AL West rivals, the Houston Astros.

Join your fellow baseball fans and cheer the M's on!

To sign up:

- 1) Contact Joan Friel (frielj4@comcast.net or 425-941-2925) and give her your name, and how many tickets you wish to purchase.
- 2) Write a check made out to "OSLC" for the cost of the tickets, with "Mariners' Game" on the subject line.
- 3) Put the check in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.



Our Savior Community



Dear OSLC Family,

I am writing this letter on behalf of our family to thank each and every one of you for your support and love you showed us after my Dad, Wayne Price's passing. From the moment I contacted the church and spoke with Pastor John, I felt taken care of and humbled that everyone no matter how busy they were jumped in to help out.

The service was perfect and I know my Dad felt very honored and touched that so many of you were able to attend. I truly felt he was there with us. I know many were not able to be there in person, but were able to watch on the feed that was set up and I really appreciated that you gave people that option.

The reception that followed far exceeded my expectations. Thank you to Dianne Tanner and her team for all of the coordination, set-up and work that everyone did to put on such a nice luncheon. I know many of you prepared food and even gave monetary donations to help. My mother and I were very touched by this.

Losing my Dad has been very hard since we were so close, but having the support of all of you and the memory of his service being a true celebration of his life makes me feel at peace.

Sending love and appreciation to all of you,

Tia and Bev

Northwest Washington Synod

The Spirit



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

From the Bishop:

I recently watched a documentary series that talked about bodies. In this documentary it was pointed out how in our society certain bodies are acceptable and “beautiful” (usually thin, young, female, white, etc.) and other bodies are not (usually fat, old, disabled, disfigured, etc.) One of the suggestions in this documentary to counteract society’s shaming culture about bodies is to stand in front of a mirror and look at your body. And, as you look at your body, to name, out loud, the positive things that you see in the mirror. For five minutes.

Five. Minutes. This is a long time. And, to be honest, I have a much easier time naming my body’s deficits than attributes. Perhaps you can relate to this.

I think that we have the same problem when it comes to “church bodies.” Just as individual bodies are critiqued, church bodies are critiqued in this society, as well. A church body that has 800 bodies in it seems “sexier” than a church body that has 40 bodies in it. A church body that has younger bodies in it seems more attractive than a church body that has older bodies in it. A church body that has X, Y, or Z seems better than a church body that has R, P, or G (you fill in the letters). We have narrowed what it means to be beautiful and viable in the church much like we have with people in society - and if your particular context is different, it is easy to become tired and overwhelmed. It is easy to feel overlooked and shamed. It is easy, quite simply, to be discouraged.

But what if we expanded what it means to be the body of the church? What if - much like beauty standards need to do - we embraced a diversity of sizes and shapes? What if we truly incorporated what God does constantly - create and shape and grow and nurture a multitude of church bodies for the sake of the good news of Jesus?

I mean ... just as God never intended for the evergreen to be the only tree on earth (as beautiful as our state tree is), God never intended for one body to be the perfect body (as beautiful as each body is). The same goes for our church bodies. Think if we truly embraced the young and the old, the small and the large, the variety and multi-faceted ways of being church - including celebrating all that we do and are for the sake of the Gospel.

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Northwest Washington Synod

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What if we listed all of the ministries that we participate in and that we partner with others outside of the church? What if we looked at the ministries that last a month or a year as important as those that last for decades? What if we said “yes” to ideas that seem different from what we’ve always done? What if we expanded church beyond worship on Sunday morning to ... what? What would you say? What do you envision? How is your imagination sparked through the Holy Spirit?

I encourage you to do the same exercise that is suggested from that documentary I mentioned above – only hold the mirror to our church body. What are you seeing and experiencing as attributes? What do you love about the church body that you participate in? What is beautiful? What formative experience is deep within you that you hold onto and would like to share with others? What do you see as a possibility beyond what you have been doing? What do you see as an obstacle that perhaps, upon closer inspection, could be a passageway? How has God gifted your community? Where is God’s Spirit nudging you now?

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, enslaved or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org



Northwest Washington Synod

Synod Assembly

**Saturday, June 4, 9am - 4pm
at Trinity Lutheran Church
in Lynnwood**



Deadline for nominations and resolutions is May 1.

We are now accepting **NOMINATIONS** for:

Synod Secretary

Synod Vice President

and 4 Synod Council Member positions

Learn more about nominations and resolutions at www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly

Would you like to lend a hand at the assembly? We will need registration helpers and ushers on the day of the assembly - please reach out to Susan@lutheransnw.org if you are interested!

PASTORAL CARE

Emergency Pastoral Care

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

253-677-4515 (mobile)

JLVaswig@gmail.com



Pr. John Vaswig

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network Faith and Everyday Life May 2022



Psalm 139: 1-18

This psalm has special meaning in our family. It is a favorite of our son's birth mother. I can see why. It talks about how God created each of us deliberately, and knows and loves each of us intimately. I can imagine that in the days leading up to her son's birth, it must have reassured her that he was no accident. It was God who knit him together in her womb. God created him on purpose, and had a plan for his life. This must have been so comforting as she prepared her heart for her adoption plan. She knew she wouldn't be there each day to see her birth son's life unfold. She had to trust that God had a purpose in mind for him, and would be watching over him, loving and guiding him, even when she couldn't.

The psalm has special meaning for me too, as an adoptive mother. It assures me that I am part of the plan for my son's life. Knowing God has created me to be just who I am has provided healing from the sadness of not being able to conceive. It assures me that my path is a good one. Knowing God loves me just as I am fills me with love I want to share. It fuels who I am as a mom. It helps me seek to know my son, to love him just as he is, to offer guidance and support. It also reminds me that ultimately, he is God's child, and that God will guide him when he's out on his own, beyond my influence.

This is true for each of us. God created each of us with love, just as we are. God has plans and a purpose for us. We are never beyond God's reach, or beyond God's loving care. We are never alone.

Thanks be to God!

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

Giving & Offerings



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Has Moved to
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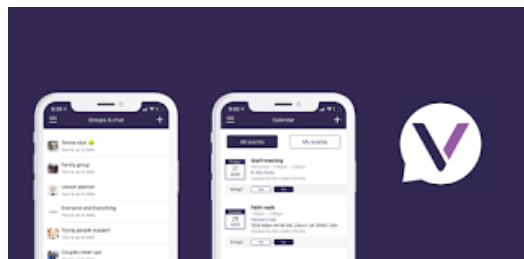
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Questions? Contact Financial Secretary, Lena Schaper by email at oslc_financialsecretary@hotmail.com.

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



OSLC In Our Community

Did You Know?

Community Organizations that use our
church building for meetings and training:



ISSAQUAH
Food & Clothing Bank





We remember in prayer...

Ken DeCamp (Cheryl Leiter), **Lynnette** (Cheryl Neeb), **Bob Beck** (Debby Beck), **Margaret Lemons and family** (Cheryl Neeb), **Nicole Marsh** (Cheryl Neeb), **Shelley Howe**, **Guests of the Community Meals Program**; all affected by COVID19.

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

We pray for members and friends serving in the Military; Fire and Police Department personnel; Emergency Room personnel. We pray 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: **Edith Hesselbrock** (mother to Jan Hazelton); **Ed Sommerlath** (brother-in-law to Rick & Jan West)

Healing and peace of mind: **Lyle Lewis**; **Steve & Emily Gacek**; **Josee Jordan**; **Lucy Acker**, **Nicole DeCamp**; **Rachel** (Marilyn Carlson); **Henrik & Patty Christopherson**; **Vern Lindquist**; **Mary Fricke**, **Jerry & Linda Nack**, **Marian James**; **Katie Moeller**; **Margot Inman**; **Tanisha Foote** (Marilyn Carlson); **Dorothy Soland**; **Randi Strom**; **Jeanne Kuipers**; **John Pass**; **Florence Kinnune**; **Ray & Carol Harbolt**; **Bernice Jensen**, **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.



May Worship Readings

Sunday, May 1 — Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 8 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43
Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel: John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 15 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel: John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 22 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15
Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5
Gospel: John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 29 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34
Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Gospel: John 17:20-26



Worship Assistants – May & June 2022

Service Time: 10:00 am

(unless otherwise noted)

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Usher	Altar Guild	Sound & Vid- eography
May 1 Easter 3	<i>Open</i>	Jonathan Smith	Stacy Smith	Jonathan Smith
May 8 Easter 4	Mary Ann Hult	Sang-Beom Shim	Jane Wuest	Jonathan Smith
May 15 Easter 5	Joan Friel	Bill Suttmeier	Jane Shen	Jonathan Smith
May 22 Easter 6	Jen Winslow	Don Robertson	Stacy Smith	Jonathan Smith
May 29 Easter 7	Connie Fletcher	Ken Konigsmark		David Hersey
June 5 Pentecost	Jen Winslow	Jonathan Smith		Jonathan Smith
June 12 Holy Trinity	Bob Johnson	Sang-Beom Shim		Jonathan Smith
June 19 Pentecost 2	Joan Friel	Bill Suttmeier		Jonathan Smith
June 26 Pentecost 3	Mary Ann Hult	Don Robertson		Jonathan Smith

May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1 10:00am WORSHIP	2 10:30am Congregationa l Care Ministry (Narthex) 6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting	3 10:00am IF&CB (Ed. Rm) 1:00pm Site Planning (Ed. Room) 6:30pm Worship Planning (Narthex) 7:00pm AA (Fellowship Hall)	4	5 9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room) 7:00pm Stewardship Committee (Narthex)	6	7 8:30am Master Chorus Eastside Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8 10:00am WORSHIP	9 6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting	10 1:00pm Site Planning (Ed. Room) 3:00pm Community Meal Prog. 7:00pm Endowment Committee 7:00pm AA (Fellowship	11 2:00pm Issaquah Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)	12 9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room) 7:00pm Finance Committee (Narthex)	13	14
15 10:00am WORSHIP 12:00pm Focus Deadline 1:00pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)	16 10:30am Congregationa l Care Ministry (Narthex) 6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting	17 10:00am IF&CB (Ed. Rm) 1:00pm Site Planning (Ed. Room) 7:00pm Church Council (Narthex) 7:00pm AA (Fellowship Hall)	18	19 9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am Al Anon (Ed. Room) 3:00pm Community Meal Prog. (Kitchen & Fire 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676	20	21
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May Birthdays & Anniversaries



5/2	David Carlson	5/15	Marshall Inman
5/3	Karen Gerde	5/17	Ken Konigsmark
	Lil Schmidt	5/18	Joan Schlemlein
5/4	Karen Quinn		Mikey Inman
5/8	Marcy Wood	5/19	Russell FitzGerald
5/9	Lisa Thomasson	5/23	Joan Friel
	Bob Gerde		Lucille Hersey
5/13	Jo Hess	5/29	Joanne Suttmeier



5/10	Henrik & Patty Christopherson
5/21	Mike & Lisa DeVogel



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