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

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From the Desk of Pastor Vaswig

I preached a sermon on the 22nd of May lamenting the violent nature of the world we live in following the mass shootings in Buffalo declaring, "Apparently we are simply not going to do anything about gun violence in America." Two days later at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas, another mass shooting and the slaughter of nineteen children and two teachers in an act of evil difficult even to fathom. And of course the reaction of many. In some cases a righteous anger exhibited for example by the Golden State Warrior coach, Steve Kerr, pleading for action with tears in his eyes coupled with rage, suddenly leaving the podium in what looked like futility.

I must say I experienced a similar rage coupled with a palpable sadness as yet again the slaughter of the innocent. I looked at the picture of each child killed in Uvalde, the beauty of the faces, the joy exemplified in a smile. I also pondered the many photos of parents in abject despair as the news of the death of their child was made known. How does one encompass such tragic loss?

In the sermon on the 22nd I focused on the words of Jesus to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid." While the words are designed to signify a peace which surpasses all human comprehension in times such as these, perhaps it is time that the same peace stir our hearts to be troubled. Perhaps a restless Christian peace is exactly what we need right now in the face of unending and unspeakable violence. A peace from the Prince of Peace

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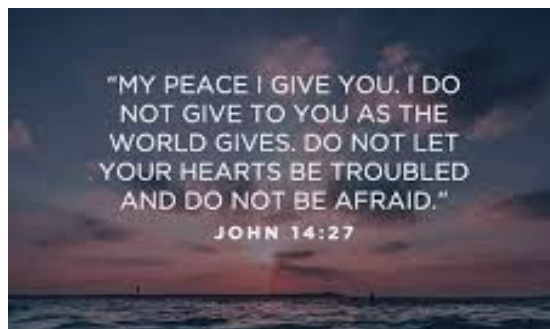


Church Council

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which suggests a courageous call to action against all forms of violence and weapons of hatred. As disciples of Christ we understand that every human life is a gift of God. We understand that all of life is to be treasured and protected. It is therefore incumbent on us as bearers of a Christ peace to speak into the current violence and make our voices known as our troubled hearts embrace the peace Christ has left us with.

Pastor John L. Vaswig



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

**Join us on
Sunday, June 26th
after Worship
Our Savior Annual
Congregational
Meeting**

Following the service on Sunday, June 26th, we will gather to celebrate the end of the program year and review our plans together for next year. On the agenda: Our Savior's 2022-2023 Mission & Ministry Budget. Look for more information in the weekly announcements.

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.



Worship



Worship With Us Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am Pentecost Begins Sunday, June 5th

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. You now have the option to sign up to bake/bring treats only, help with coffee, or sign up for

both. The sign-up sheet is located in Anderson Hall next to the kitchen pass through window. Thanks for your participation in making our time of fellowship truly wonderful.

Small Group Ministries



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. See the church weekly announcements in your email for location and Zoom links.

Stewardship Committee	Thursday, June 9	6:30 pm
Congregational Care Ministry	Monday, June 13, 20, 27	10:30 am
Site Planning Committee	Tuesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28	1:00 pm
Finance Committee	Thursday, June 9	7:00 pm
Community Meals	Tues./Thurs., June 14, 16	2:30 pm
Endowment Committee	Tuesday, June 14	7:00 pm

Our Community



The following is an excerpt from the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank Newsletter:

A Record-Breaking Gift!


We are excited to share AMAZING news! Our community has been blessed with an incredible gift from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. After 35+ years of partnering with the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank and many other organizations in our area, the church has sold its property and is closing its doors. To continue their legacy, they have gifted \$500,000 from the sale of their property to the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank. This is the largest single gift in our 50-year history! We are allocating this gift toward our future facility expansion so that thousands of people will be blessed by it for many years to come.

We encourage you to join us in expressing your appreciation for this gift to our community! Please e-mail Bonnie at bonnie@issaquahfoodbank.org with your message to the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church members, and she'll make sure they receive your message.

Thank you Shepherd of the Hills! Your legacy will live on!



Our Community

 **Shepherd of the Hills**
Lutheran Church
4580 Klahanie Dr. SE, #154
Sammamish, WA 98029

May 5, 2022

Our Savior Lutheran Church
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Issaquah, WA 98027-4206

Greetings!

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Sammamish will cease to be a church in mid-May but we are blessed with abundant resources from the sale of our property. The great sadness that we experienced with the closure of our beloved church will bring a blessing to many. It gives us great joy to be able to present monetary gifts to ministries and charities that were close to our congregation. Your organization is one we wish to support.

We have shared worship opportunities (summer worship by the lake), youth events (National Youth Gathering) and a Women's Retreat over the years. Currently we share an interim pastor. Recently Our Savior Lutheran Church has provided office and meeting space at no cost to Shepherd of the Hills. We have shared the proclamation of the Gospel in the community of Issaquah/Sammamish. The opportunity to continue that proclamation and witness through this gift is significant to the members of Shepherd of the Hills.

You are receiving a wire transfer for \$420,000 to be used as you see fit for your organization and those you serve as you know where these funds are most urgently needed.

In order to fully celebrate this Legacy Gift to your organization, we would be so appreciative of feedback from you. We would love to know the impact this gift will have on your ministry.

Blessings to you!

In Christ's name,

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Legacy Team:
Janet Benson, Kris Cernak, Gary Hanson,
Renee Jacobsen, Jeff Jewell

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.

Northwest Washington Synod

The Spirit



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

From the Bishop:

Today I walked my dogs. As I was walking, one person told me how beautiful my dogs were. (I agree!) Another person told me they were so glad to see the sun. (Me too!) Another mock-yelled after me when I didn't greet him, "Hey! Aren't you going to say hello?" (I smiled and waved.) I love my neighborhood in South Everett. I especially love that there are several languages being spoken in the homes surrounding mine: there is a multitude of ethnicities, there are different religious expressions, children's voices are heard at all hours of the day, and there are different food smells wafting out windows at dinner time.

Even as I experience belonging and love for this neighborhood, though, I am also aware of the troubles and heartaches here. A little girl was hit by a car and died here a few years ago. People have been affected by COVID. Rising prices are causing some to not be able to live here. People who are renting are being forced out when landlords decide to sell. And there are people affected by meth, domestic violence, and so much more behind the walls of the homes in my neighborhood.

I think of all of us in the "neighborhood" of the Northwest Washington Synod and how I love our neighborhood. I love the diversity we have in our synod. I love the different geographies, landscapes, languages, ethnicities, cultures, and foods in our synod. As I journey through the 110+ congregations and ministry sites of this synod, I am aware of the deep joys and crushing sorrows, and the connections and the loneliness that surround us. Much like my little neighborhood, there is diversity and there is belonging here. And much like my little neighborhood, there is loss and there is grief and there is difficulty. We cannot ignore that there are thorny and deep-seated social and relational complexities within us as a church and in society as a whole.

Holding the "both/and" of this reality – the true joy and the deep sorrow and frustration – is why the theme for this year's 2022 Synod Assembly is *abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit*.

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Northwest Washington Synod

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Now let me say this: While it is true that some may look at our theme, “Abound in Hope” and assume that we are naively optimistic or positive. Others may look at our theme, “Abound in Hope” and think that we do not understand the mountain that we must climb. Still others may look at our theme, “Abound in Hope” and wonder how – with the pain Church has caused many or the sins of our ancestors – that we are only living in the present and not acknowledging the past. To those, this is what I say:

We are abounding in hope. And because we are abounding in hope we are invited into complex and difficult conversations through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are able to face the realities of life today - knowing that we are not alone. We do not ignore or downplay or pretend that there are not sad and horrifying realities in our world today. We fiercely hold on to the hope that comes only through Jesus. And, knowing this, together, we are called to be, share in, and live into the good news that comes through our risen Savior Jesus. And so ... we are *abounding in hope*.

I am thankful to be living in this neighborhood of Northwest Washington Synod with you.

May we abound in hope through God’s Spirit living in this world and into God’s future.

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org



Northwest Washington Synod



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 June 2022



Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' (Luke 15:4-6)

Let's back up a chapter. Jesus has been talking to the scribes and Pharisees, who criticized Jesus for receiving and eating with sinners. How interesting that sinners were drawn to Jesus, and were comfortable in his presence.

In the above parable, there is no criticism of the one who became lost, no chiding of a sheep whose own foolish choice may have caused the disconnect from its shepherd. The focus and clear emphasis is on the determination of the shepherd to find even one that becomes lost.

Jesus said elsewhere, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father." What a Father, who is so devoted to his creation that he cares that not even one be lost.

Consider that whatever lost-ness you may have experienced, whether in the past or right now, the heart of the Father is pursuit *and finding*. It is not a calloused, flippant attitude. Nor is it shaming. Once found, the shepherd is ecstatic and calls his friends and neighbors to share his joy. Connection is restored. As image-bearers of our Father, this longing for deep connection and restoration is in us also.

What a Great Shepherd who cares for the many *and* the one!

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

Giving & Offerings



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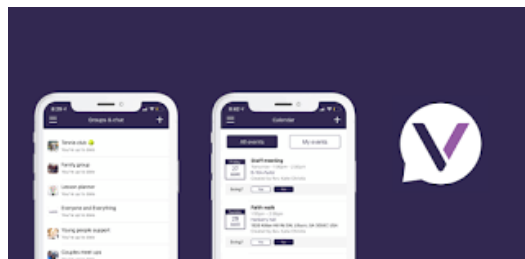
**Download the New
Vanco Mobile App Now
To Replace It**

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.
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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...

Scott Paine, Lois Dounis, Kirsten Olshausen, Lynnette, Bob Beck, Guests of the Community Meals Program; all affected by COVID19.

Thanksgiving for recovery from a serious arm infection for **Shelley Howe**. For the joyous birth of **Clara Wood Weber** to Patrick and Kirsten Weber (granddaughter to Joanna and Randy 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: **Carol Howe** (cousin of Mark Howe); **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); **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.



June Worship Readings

Sunday, June 5 — Day of Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Sunday, June 12 — The Holy Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 19 — Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9
Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29
Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 26 — Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



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

Date & Service	Assisting Minister	Usher	Altar Guild	Sound & Videography
June 5 Pentecost	Jen Winslow	Jonathan Smith	Jean Pass	Jonathan Smith
June 12 Holy Trinity	Bob Johnson	Sang-Beom Shim	Stacy Smith	Jonathan Smith
June 19 Pentecost 2	Joan Friel	Bill Suttmeier	Barbara Fetty-Solder	Jonathan Smith
June 26 Pentecost 3	Mary Ann Hult	Don Robertson	Jane & Peter Shen	Jonathan Smith

June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
			10:00am IF&CB (Ed. Rm)	9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am AI Anon (Ed. Room) 6:30pm Boy Scouts - Alpine District (Fellowship)		9:00am AA Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00am SOP (Encompass Rm) 10:00am WORSHIP - DAY OF PENTECOST	6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 Meeting	1:00pm Site Planning (Ed. Room) 6:30pm Worship Planning (Narthex) 7:00pm AA (Fellowship)	2:00pm Issaquah Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)	9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am AI Anon (Ed. Room) 6:30pm Stewardship 7:00pm Finance Committee	9:00am Mission Quilters - Sue & Lorna	10:00am Bellevue Youth Choir (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00am SOP (Encompass Rm) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	10:30am Congregation al Care 6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	10:00am IF&CB (Ed. Rm) 1:00pm Site Planning (Ed. Room) 3:00pm Community 7:00pm 7:00pm AA	12:00pm Focus Deadline	9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am AI Anon (Ed. Room) 3:00pm Community 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00am SOP (Encompass Rm) 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00pm Boy Scout Troop	10:30am Congregation 12:00pm TENTATIVE 6:30pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	1:00pm Site Planning (Ed. Room) 7:00pm Church Council (Narthex) 7:00pm AA (Fellowship)		9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am AI Anon (Ed. Room)		
26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
9:00am SOP (Encompass Rm) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Annual Congregation al Meeting	10:30am Congregation al Care 6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	10:00am IF&CB (Ed. Rm) 1:00pm Site Planning (Ed. Room) 7:00pm AA (Fellowship Hall)		9:30am Mission Quilters (Hall) 10:00am AI Anon (Ed. Room)		

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



6/5	Sharon Mantei	6/20	Olivia Hanson
6/8	John Pass	6/22	Cheryl Neeb
6/9	Jeanette Patterson	6/25	Vicki LeFever
	Paul Swanson	6/26	Lena Diaz
6/10	Cheryl Landers	6/28	Bob Beck
6/11	Lorna Robertson		Libby FitzGerald
6/12	Tommie Troutman		Larry Thomas
6/13	John Diaz	6/29	Dianna Knue
6/14	Jane Wuest	6/30	Tim FitzGerald
6/15	Linda Baseler		Addysen Jacobs
6/18	Connie Fletcher		
	Barbara Hinds		
	Kristen Jacobs		
	Lilly Steffen		



6/5	Ken DeCamp & Cheryl Leiter
6/11	Paul & Nilvane Swanson
6/13	Ron & Sharon Mantei
6/14	Bruce & Norma Byrkett
6/17	Ray & Carol Harbolt
6/18	David & Marilyn Carlson
6/28	Chuck Bachman & Wendy Winslow



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All information for the *Focus* newsletter is **due by the 15th of each month**, unless noted otherwise. Please email items to office@oslcissaquah.org.

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