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Lutheran Church**
745 Front Street S
Issaquah, WA 98027

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From the Desk of Pastor Vaswig

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When each of you receive this newsletter, it will be between the Reformation Festival and the Festival of All Saints. I have really enjoyed over the years these back-to-back Sundays, with one always following the other. While Reformation Day is on October 31, we always celebrate it on the Sunday closest in proximity. Likewise, with All Saints Day which is on November 1, we always celebrate on the Sunday nearest to the day.

The beauty of the back-to-back is first we celebrate and recognize as Lutheran Christians our theological heritage with Luther's discovery of a compelling grace made known in faith. Luther's story remains significant not just for Lutherans, but for a world that changed dramatically in the 16th century in many and varied ways. Ultimately, there is cause for us to reflect with deep gratitude for the way God used Luther, the Reformer, as a prophetic voice in a world desperately needing the same.

Simultaneously, the back-to-back nature of the festivals reminds us as Lutheran Christians that we belong to the church as members of the body of Christ surely beyond the Lutheran experience. We are members of the one, holy, catholic church on earth as we confess in our creeds weekly. We are members of a global church made up of all the saints from varying traditions, cultures, backgrounds, nations, and places. What we have in common is the confession Jesus Christ is Lord. We confess a Trinitarian faith where the varying members of the Trinity are in relationship with each other, much like we are called to be in relationship with our sisters and brothers across the street and across the world.

So, yes, we commemorate the day of Reformation and the reinvigoration of the church, just as we give thanks for Christ's holy church on earth and all of its expressions. A most blessed All Saints Sunday and Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Pastor John L. Vaswig

Our Savior Community

From the Call Committee: Upcoming Dates for Call Process

Please mark your calendars. You're invited to attend these special events in Anderson Hall.
Hope to see you there!



Question & Answer Session, Sunday, November 5 @ 11 a.m.:

Following worship, we plan a Q & A session for the congregation to share the impact to our budget of the proposed call. There are a lot of moving parts in the process as the details of the call are finalized, and Council felt that the congregation needs to be informed about as much as we know to date.

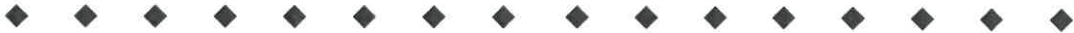
Meet & Greet the Candidate, Saturday, November 18 @ 10 a.m.:

There will be a meet & greet opportunity to meet the candidate in person, starting at 10 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Special Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 19 @ 11 a.m.:

Following worship, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting for a congregational vote on whether to extend the proposed call. This is a congregational decision, not a Council decision.

From John McDowell, Call Committee Chair, and the Call Committee



Building and Grounds Committee Hard at Work

Here's a photo of Gary Hanson trimming branches so the security light covers the parking lot better. Helpers Chuck Bachman and Anne Ellett. Lift courtesy of John McDowell.

Chuck Bachman

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Treasurer's Update for September 2023

Here are the numbers for September. What do they say? Well, they say that we are not as healthy as we had hoped.

Our new budget began on July 1. We were excited because giving for July was exceptionally good. August was not so good, but when combined with July we were still on track for our budgeted giving.

Then came September. Maybe it is just a glitch. Maybe lots of people left town for the month. (Because monthly attendance records show not as many people were coming to church.) But, frankly, giving in September was bad.

We need \$26,250 each month to meet our approved budget. In September we received only \$18,759. Year-to-date (July-September) we are below budgeted giving by almost \$8,000! Not to spread total panic—we are still under the budgeted spending! So, we are not “in the hole,” and we have not had to access our reserves.

But, let me take this opportunity to say this is a concern. We are on the cusp of placing a call to a new pastor. The September financials, only 3 months into our current fiscal year, makes me wonder if we can actually afford to call and support a long-term pastor. Yes, we are one of the fortunate congregations that has some reserves—thanks to the gift we received from Shepherd of the Hills in the merger—but those reserves will only carry us 2-4 years with this current giving pattern.

You have often heard me say, “The budget we approve each year is only a guideline.” And, I never forget that we are a people of faith, trusting that God will provide for our needs. But, we also need to be a practical people (there’s that Lutheran “both/and” again!). The budget is also a measuring stick by which to measure progress or its opposite.

I often find it difficult to pray for someone/something if I don’t have something specific for which to pray. How about you? Might it be that giving suffers from the same commitment: it is much easier to give when there is a specific need?

Please consider the Our Savior Lutheran Church budget to be that specific need. The budget covers the care and maintenance of our building (at one time called the “house of God”). The budget covers the care and maintenance of our chosen staff to preach

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and teach and keep things running smoothly. The budget covers the care and maintenance of our internal and external outreach through groups like Congregational Care, Community Outreach, Global Missions, and the ELCA. Do you give regularly to Our Savior Lutheran Church to support this budget? When was the last time you increased your giving?

Good, good things are happening at Our Savior Lutheran Church! It is a very exciting time as we are soon to be moving out of the “transition” phase into a new calling, a new life, and new adventures. Come, join us in worship, bring a friend, fill the pews on Sunday morning, and let’s raise our voices in song and praise. Come, fill the offering basket (or electronic giving) with monetary gifts, signs of thanks and praise to God for all His goodness and bounty to us as individuals and for this worshipping, thriving congregation. Come, offer your hands in service and healing to each other and our local and global communities. You are called.

With love and deep appreciation for my family at Our Savior Lutheran Church—may you be blessed this day. Love you,

Wendy Winslow, OSLC Treasurer



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From the Parish Administrator

October 18 was my 1st work anniversary at OSLC. It's amazing to believe I've been here a year already! I want to thank you for supporting, guiding, and including me in your church life. As I've created bulletins and newsletters, attended adult education classes, enjoyed desserts with the Mission Quilters, learned how things work around here, and gotten to meet and know many of you, it's been a growth-filled year. I look forward to serving and getting to know you more this upcoming year.

Here are some transitions underway at church. Please stay tuned for updates.

- ◆ In the next week or so we'll begin the process of transitioning away from using key cards to using individual, unique access codes to enter the church through Anderson Hall's electronic door lock. This will afford greater security since we have many key cards that have been lost or not returned by users over the years. Gary Hanson, Rick West, and I are working to prepare the lock with access codes so the key card access can be shut off. When the codes are ready, I'll send out an email asking you to bring your key card to the OSLC office so I can give you your new unique access code. All church members, friends, and outside users presently using key cards will be notified in time to get their access code before key cards are shut off. (If you currently use the universal access code—the one code that's been in place for many years—you'll need to get a unique access code.) No one needing access will be locked out. New users needing church access should get in touch with me to get an access code assigned. All users of the electronic lock will have instructions available to use the keypad. Please do not share your access code with others. We hope to complete this transition by December 1st to provide better security at OSLC.
- ◆ As of November 1, Mighty-N-Tidy Commercial Cleaning will start as OSLC's new cleaning service. Mighty-N-Tidy will clean the church on Friday evenings and after large events. Peter Ruelas, the owner, reassured Chuck Bachman and me that he and his team enjoy cleaning churches and will do a thorough, professional job here. We discussed detailed cleaning tasks and working together on proper recycling and trash removal (and hopefully composting in the near future).
- ◆ Since receiving emails from Recology two months ago about OSLC's recycling bin being contaminated with trash, I've been communicating with Lauren Herber, Waste Zero Specialist at Recology King County (our garbage and recycling provider). On September 21, Lauren met here with OSLC members (representing Council, Altar Guild, Community Meals/kitchen users, and Buildings and Grounds) as well as Spirit of Peace members. We discussed best recycling practices; what cups and plates are compostable (and hoping to buy those items for church use); composting service; and new containers, better signage, and education of church members and groups (so it's easier to know what item goes where). We want to be better stewards of God's earth. On November 1, Lauren will bring recycling and composting signage to OSLC. I'm committed moving this project forward.

Cynthia Delaney, Parish Administrator

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From the Community Outreach Committee Holiday Gifts Program

Starting Sunday, November 5, the Community Outreach Committee will be collecting gift cards for the Issaquah Food Bank's Holiday Gifts Program. There will be a Thanksgiving Tree in the Narthex.

Please take a leaf, purchase a gift card for one of the stores listed, and drop it in the basket next to the tree. We will collect them on Sundays, 11/5, 11/12, & 11/19. As we give thanks for our blessings this month, let us be a blessing to others. Here are details from the Issaquah Food Bank:



"Help brighten the holidays for local families! We're expecting 1,600 kids this year, so your help is needed! Gift cards allow parents or guardians the joy of selecting the perfect gift for each of their children. We are seeking donations of **\$25 gift cards** from the retailers our shoppers use most: **Amazon, Fred Meyer, and Target.**"



Tent City 4 Residents Say Goodbye and Thanks

After being our neighbors for seven months, camp residents will move from OSLC's property by November 15. Here is their farewell note of gratitude:

"Hello Everyone,
Now that it is almost time to leave you, we want to let you know just how much our stay here at your church has meant to us.

Besides waking up to such a lovely setting, it was nice to feel safe and that people really cared for us. That feeling will keep me warm on cold mornings and it's even making me smile now remembering all the love.



No matter where we go now, you will always stay in our hearts! Thank you so much for all your many kindnesses and may God bless you all the days of your life!"

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From Congregational Care Ministry (CCM)

Gifts for You

Christian discipleship is a *lifelong* journey. The more we discover about who *we* are and *whose* we are, the more we can appreciate the journey and the ministry to which we have been called. An important and enriching part of our faith journey is discovering our gifts, the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

You may wonder -

- ♦ What are my spiritual gifts?
- ♦ Would God give me a gift I don't want?
- ♦ Are spiritual gifts really necessary?
- ♦ What are they for?

You're invited to explore these questions and more in a one-session introductory study:

Gifts for You!
Sunday, December 3, 2023
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
in the Education Room
(A light lunch will be provided.)

Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, November 19.

This introductory study is presented by the Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) and will be led by Jen Winslow using the ELCA resource entitled, *Gifts for You: Opening Your Spiritual Gifts*.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

~ 1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

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2023 Women's Retreat

It's not too late! Register now for the 2023 Women's Retreat.

The Women's Retreat, *GRATEFUL: Finding Joy in the Midst of Life*, will be November 10-12 at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend.

Registration closes on November 2; sign up NOW.

OSLC is partnering with Saint Andrews in Bellevue to host this gathering, featuring guest speaker Donna Oiland, along with games, good food, and a lot of fun.

Here are some great quotes from our speaker:

"Pay Attention, Live Astonished, Tell About It! (Mary Oliver)"

"Joy is not the same as Happiness, but laughter makes it easier to be joyful."

"Prepare to be amazed at how we find God working in our everyday lives."

Cost:

Full retreat package: Friday evening through Sunday morning, with four meals: \$220

Mini retreat: Saturday and Sunday, with four meals: \$200

Minor retreat: Friday night and Saturday, with three meals: \$180

Main event: Saturday only, with three meals: \$120

Meals offered are Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch.

Rooms are double occupancy. Single room (no roommate) surcharge is \$45.

Yes, we need volunteers.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Marilyn Carlson at auntmare@carlsonsnw.com.

The word "GRATEFUL" is displayed in large, bold, uppercase letters. Each letter is filled with a different, vibrant, and intricate pattern, including floral, geometric, and abstract designs in various colors like red, green, blue, yellow, and orange. The letters are set against a plain white background.



October 23, 2023

Shepherd of the Hills Legacy Team
Our Savior Lutheran Church
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Dear Kristin, Jeff, Janet, Renee, Gary, and Congregants of Our Savior Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Hills,

The quarterly donation through ELCA is helping to buy diapers, infant formula, car seats, underwear, soap, shampoo and much more. These basic care items make a big difference for kids and families.

“Before we got assistance from KidVantage we would struggle to pay for diapers with all the other bills and needs we had going on. Some months we just couldn’t make it and you’d have to pick diapers over bus money...”

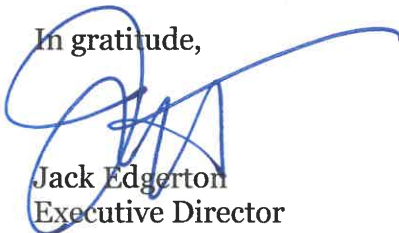
Bus money means getting to work, earning wages to pay for housing and food. The struggle to afford diapers was forcing this family into making a choice for immediate care over earning the money needed for stability and to exit from poverty.

Because of you, this isn’t a choice that has to be made.

The quarterly distribution of \$1,315.86 was gratefully received on 9/28/2023. ***Thank you!***

If you would like to find out more about how your gift is working to make lives better, please contact me at (425) 372-7526, or Director of Development Helen Banks Routon at helenr@KidVantageNW.org.

In gratitude,



Jack Edgerton
Executive Director

KidVantage is registered with the Washington Secretary of State. No goods or services, in whole or in part, in exchange or in consideration for this contribution were provided by KidVantage; your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please retain this letter for your records. Our tax ID number is 91-1617032.

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Worship with Us Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 a.m.

Sundays after Pentecost:

November 5: All Saints Sunday

November 12: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 26: Christ the King Sunday

In Person: Our Savior's Executive Committee 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.

Online: Sunday worship services are live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. A link to the service is published in the weekly email (sent with the bulletin), or you can click here: [Worship Live](#). If you try the link prior to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, you may see the 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 at www.oslcissaquah.org.

Gather with us for fellowship and coffee hour each Sunday following worship. Coffee hour hosts are needed. You can 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, and there are several folks happy to partner with you or walk you through the kitchen and teach you how it all works.



Call Committee Corner

Please continue to hold the Call Committee in prayer:

Barbara Fetty-Solders
John McDowell
Marilyn Jewell

Phil Griffin
LaRue Nelson

Gary Hanson
Jen Winslow



Northwest Washington Synod

The Spirit



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

From the Bishop:

In the song “Amazing Grace” we sing, “I once was lost but now I’m found.”

Because my job sometimes involves travel, there are times when I am wandering unfamiliar airports—trying to find my flight, trying to find edible food, trying to find a place to charge my phone, trying to find a place where there isn’t a cacophony of sound and crowds of people. And sometimes at airports I also experience a feeling like a disconnection from my “self.” Sometimes I am wandering the airport trying to find my “self.”

Strangely, there are moments at airports where I get this feeling as though I am unmoored from what connects me to other people. Honestly, I don’t know if this is something only I experience or if others feel the same way.

There have been a slew of recent articles and social media posts written about how churches are dying and pastors are leaving and people are upset and no one goes to church anymore and so on. These posts are hard to read, and I wonder—is this a sign that we are feeling unmoored? That we are searching for something? Or maybe it is simply being lost.

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus tells two parables —one about a lost sheep and one about a lost coin (Luke 15:1-10). You probably remember these parables—the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine in search of the one. The woman turns over her entire house for the one coin that is missing from her purse. I think that traditionally we hear these parables as Jesus searching for the one who needs to hear the good news of Jesus for the very first time. But I think that is a misreading. The lost lamb was a part of the shepherd’s flock. The lost coin was in the woman’s purse. This story is for insiders. For those who know and yet have gotten lost.

This lostness might be of one’s own volition. The sheep wanders from the prescribed pasture. But it can also be something that just happens. A coin cannot, on its own, get lost. We have all experienced the disruption of the pandemic, the cracks in our government, the warming of our climate causing suffering and death, and so much more. We notice changes in our churches and in our families and in our communities. Many of us have experienced personal troubles and tragedies. These all can lead to a sense of feeling adrift. And it can lead to fractures in our church community and our faith life.

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However, the circumstance comes about—because of one's own actions or because of something that descends upon us—lostness occurs. And even when we know God's love and grace and comfort, even when we know that community is important, even when we are already part of God's community and church, we can still feel unmoored, lose our sense of belonging, our capacity to trust. We can get so lost that we don't know who we are or whose we are or where we belong anymore.

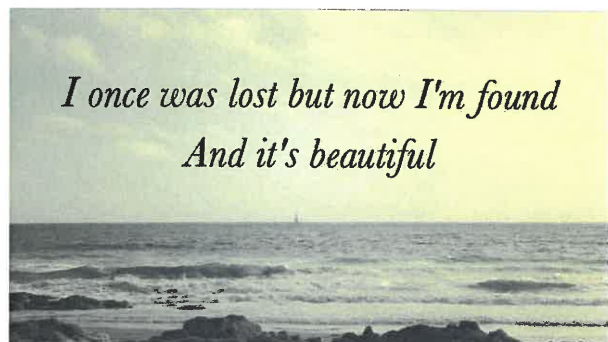
I don't know where you are at as you read this article today. Perhaps you are feeling snug with the other ninety-nine in the sheepfold of God. Perhaps you are a coin cozy with the other nine coins. But perhaps you are not. Perhaps you, too, are wondering and wandering. Perhaps you, too, are feeling disconnected from friends or family or your church community. Perhaps you, too, are wandering in Concourse C wondering how in the world you get to Concourse A. Perhaps you, too, are a sheep bleating for help or a coin under the couch cushions.

If this is you, the good news is that God is a searcher and a finder. The amazing news is that God is the shepherd hiking into the wilderness looking for you. The astounding news is that God is the housewife lighting her lamp and sweeping every corner in the house to find you. You are worth looking for. You are loved and desired. And when God finds you, there is rejoicing and laughter and a party! As Dan Erlander writes, "Love is God's action to bring us into abundant life—reconciled to God, to each other, and all creation!"

In the 2023-24 course offerings of the synod's LiVE Project there are many ways to be community together and the body of Christ together. There are ways to encourage and uplift one another. There are retreats, ongoing classes, and a year-long "Abide in the Word" Bible Study. (Learn more at <https://www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>) If you are feeling unmoored, lost, alone, adrift, I encourage you to first join in your community at your church, and second, to join in the offerings in the wider synod. We are church together. We are journeying together. We get lost, and we get found, together.

Together we sing, "We once were lost but now we're found."

✚Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org





ELCA Presiding Bishop Issues Statement on Israel-Hamas War

10/13/2023

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?" Psalm 22:1*

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people – through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence – must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America

Things you can do:

- ♦ Find updated resources and statements from the ELCA [here](#).
- ♦ Join our partner Churches for Middle East Peace for prayer every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time. Register [here](#).
- ♦ Call your lawmakers today through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and urge them to take action to deescalate the conflict and uphold unrestricted humanitarian aid to Gaza. Find your member of Congress at [govtrak](#).
- ♦ Support Lutheran Disaster Response [here](#).

Lutheran Counseling Network

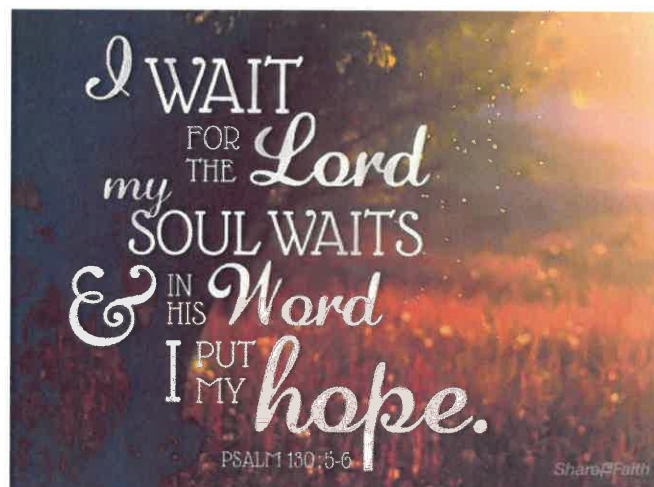
Faith and Everyday Life November 2023

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. (Psalm 42:11)

This verse describes a state of depression: cast down, disquieted within. The depressed person looks down, not up; his inner emotional state is disturbed, sad, and hopeless. In depression, there is a kind of giving up on life, of learned helplessness.

Like other psalms, this passage is one that demonstrates the intersection of good psychology and good theology. We use the principles and strategies of psychology and medicine to treat depression. Sometimes we see relief of symptoms through cognitive therapy, grief and loss therapy, problem-solving, or healing of a relationship. Then there is positive psychology – what one writer has coined “learned optimism.” It is revealed in the statement, “I shall again praise him, my help and my God.” Good psychology, good theology!

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network



OSLC in Our Community

These are the community organizations that use our church building for meetings, rehearsals, and trainings:



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA®



Spirit of Peace
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



MASTER CHORUS
EASTSIDE
Feed Your Soul

ISSAQUAH
Food & Clothing Bank





We remember in prayer . . .

Diane Murff, who is in the hospital (Lori Downey); **Bob Johnson**, who is receiving treatment for cancer, **and his family**; **Dianne Tanner**, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment; **Mary Ann Hult**, as she transitions into a new home in California (sister of Lorna Robertson); **Ron Sordahl**, for recovery from health issues; **Marilyn Carlson**, for quick recovery from COVID; **Angela**, for recovery and wholeness following knee replacement surgery (sister-in-law of Dave Carlson); **Dave Bachman**, for recovery from surgery (brother of Chuck Bachman); **Jake Carlson and family** (Dave & Marilyn Carlson); **Kathleen and her family** (Marilyn Carlson); **Amy Dunbar**, for peace and wholeness (sister of Dave Carlson); **John and Rita Hansen**; **OSLC Call Committee**, for clear direction and a smooth transition; **Guests of the Community Meals Program**; **all affected by COVID-19**.

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

Bob Bergquist (husband of Judy and father); **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl and grandmother of Thomas Zhu-Sordahl).

Healing and peace of mind: **Bob Beck**; **Lyle Lewis**; **Henrik & Patty Christopherson**; **Vern Lindquist**; **Jerry & Linda Nack**; **Marian James**; **Katie Moeller**; **Margot Inman**; **Dorothy Soland**; **Jeanne Kuipers**; **John Pass**; **Florence Kinnune**; **Bernice Jensen**; **Sandy Aldworth**; **Jen Winslow**; **Larry Pruitt**.

Undergoing cancer treatment: **Treasure Hinds** (daughter of Rowan and Barbara Hinds); **Bob Johnson**; **Dianne Tanner**; **John Hill** (Marilyn Carlson); **Jim Fricke** (son of Mary Fricke); **Kirsten Olshausen**; **Scott Paine** (Rowan Hinds); **Kip Hauser** (father of Cheryl Hauser); **Roger Stanley** (Alice Lewis); **Larry Harbolt** (Ray Harbolt); **Richard** (Debby Beck); **Marilyn Pro** (sister of Rick West).

Living with cancer: **Mike** (friend of Jane Wuest); **Deborah** (Marlice Gilmore); **Gene Christianson** (cousin of Duane Jacobson); **My brother Roger** (Alice Lewis); **Chris Howe** (brother of Mark Howe); **Peggy Scalise** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Eileen Letts** (cousin of Mark Howe); **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).

**If you have any prayer requests to be included in this list
(or if you or your loved ones no longer need to be included in this list),
please reach out to office@oslcissaquah.org. Thank you.**



November Worship Readings

Sunday, November 5 – All Saints Sunday

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, November 12 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 19 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

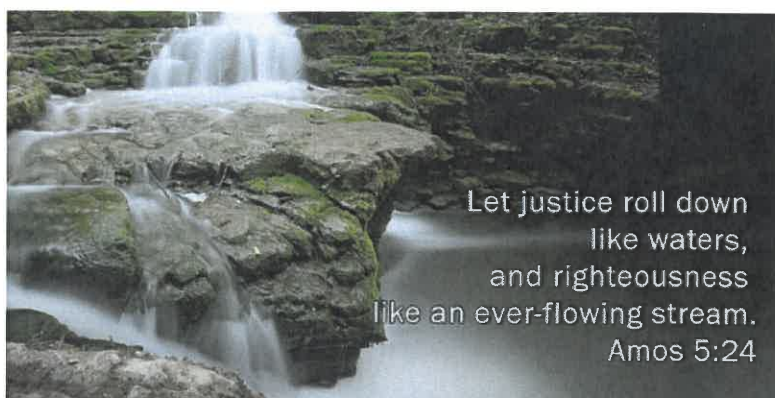
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 26 – Christ the King Sunday

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46





Worship Assistants for November

Sunday Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

Dates & Services	Assisting Minister	Usher	Altar Guild	Sound & Videography
November 5: All Saints Sunday	Connie Fletcher	Larry Thomas	Barbara Fetty-Solders	Jonathan Smith
November 12: 24th Sunday after Pentecost	TBA	Sang-Beom Shim	Stacy Smith	Jonathan Smith
November 19: 25th Sunday after Pentecost	Joan Friel	Bill Suttmeier	Jane Wuest	Jonathan Smith
November 26: Christ the King Sunday	Anne Ellett	Don Robertson	Jean Pass & Delaney Cash	Jonathan Smith

Volunteer Coordinators

We're thankful for all our volunteers and for those who coordinate them!

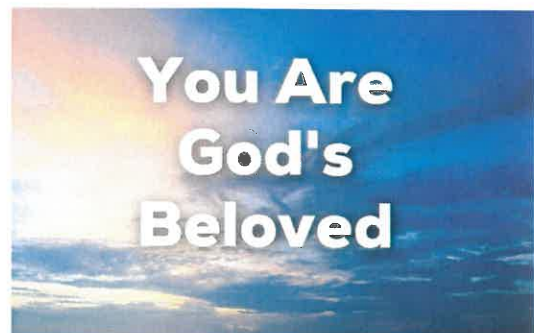
Altar Guild: Jane Wuest

Ushers: Bill Suttmeier

Memorial Bells: Alice Lewis

Assisting Ministers: Cynthia Delaney

Sound & Videography: Jonathan Smith



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

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Lyle Lewis
11/8 Mary Ann Hult
11/9 Phil Griffin
Florence Kinnune
Ronald Mantei
11/10 Allison Gretch
Nilvane Swanson
11/11 Pr. John L. Vaswig
11/13 Michael Inman
11/17 John McDowell
11/21 Patricia Gerde
11/24 Gerrie Hendrickson
11/25 Cheryl Hauser
11/30 Donald N. Robertson



Anniversaries

11/21 Paul & Joyce Craig



If your name is missing
from the birthday or anniversary list,
please contact the church office
so we can update our records.
We want you to be included!

November 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
9:00am Gospel of St. Mark Class (Final)			1:00pm Cynthia meets with Lauren from Recology	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)		
9:30am SOP (Encompass Rm)						
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)						
11:00am Question &						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00am Gospel of St. Mark Class (Final)	3:00pm Companions Bible Study (Zoom)	10:00am Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (Ed. Room)	10:00am Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall)	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)		
9:30am SOP (Encompass Rm)	6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)	7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)	1:00pm Cluster Meeting of Pastors (Library)	10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)		
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop			7:00pm Finance		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am SOP (Encompass Rm)	3:00pm Companions Bible Study (Zoom)	1:00pm Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)		9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)	10:30am Congregational Care Ministry (Library)	10:00am Congregational Meet & Greet with Candidate (Anderson Hall)
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)	7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)		10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)		
11:00am Special	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop			1:00pm Community		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am SOP (Encompass Rm)	3:00pm Companions Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00pm Church Council (Zoom)	10:00am Focus Newsletter Deadline	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)		
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)	6:30pm Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)	7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)		10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)		
11:00am Special	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop					
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
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	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop					

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