

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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**2024**

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Lutheran Church**  
745 Front Street S  
Issaquah, WA

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## Walking on the Path of Love

By Rev. Olaf Baumann

In a time of uncertainty when many people fear for the future of the church in the Western world, we need to remind ourselves that the global church is just fine. Christianity is the largest religious movement on the planet. It is also the fastest growing religion on the planet. Indeed, it grows exponentially as more and more people follow the man from Galilee.

What we are experiencing when we worry about decline and church closures is a shift of focus. The center of the Christian world shifts from the West to the countries of the global South. China is very well on its way to becoming the largest Christian country this planet has ever seen. Only a fraction of the vast Chinese population is Christian, but that fraction is large enough to soon outnumber Western Christians.

Those shifts are nothing new. Before the Muslim faith emerged from the deserts of the Arabian Peninsula, most Christians lived to the East of the Roman (Byzantine) empire, in the regions between Syria and India. The Muslim conquest of the Middle East shifted the center of the Christian world to the West.

Christianity was never a unified whole. From day one, the movement was theologically and culturally diverse. In antiquity, five powerful Sees vied for theological and political supremacy. A See is a Christian power structure or a church hierarchy. The word comes from the Latin sedes, which means seat. Those were the Sees of Alexandria, Jerusalem, Antioch, Constantinople, and Rome.

After the Muslim conquest and the fall of the Byzantine empire, the churches of Alexandria, Jerusalem, Antioch, and Constantinople became minority churches. The last man standing was the Holy See in Rome.

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Thanks to the European expansion that created the Western world, Roman Christianity and its Protestant offshoots dominated global Christianity throughout the last centuries. That changes now. As the political and economic power of the West declines and new players emerge on the global stage, so changes also the religious landscape. Not just the church, but the whole western world reinvents itself and what the world will look like in a few years or decades is almost unpredictable.

Navigating these changes, we should remember the one phrase that we find in the Scriptures more than any other:

**DO NOT BE AFRAID!**

Our part of the country is dominated by unchurched people. Most have only a vague concept of what church is. Perceptions about the church are often negative. Biblical literacy, even among churchgoers, is at an all-time low. It might help to remember where we as a religious movement come from and what has always been one of our most important expressions of our faith: Walking the path of love.

Let me tell you about a person who walked the path of love.

Roman legionaries are famous for marching at a standard legionary pace that will take you exactly 24 Roman miles (35.544 km or 22.086 modern miles) in five summer hours loaded with 20.5 kilograms (45 lb) of kit. Every army also needs cavalry. They are the eyes and ears of the marching legion. They scout the path ahead, or on the battlefield they flank heavy infantry or hordes of barbarians. Riding is a part of military life the real Romans who were born in Italy do not appreciate. Italians march; horsemanship they leave to provincials. Spanish soldiers are famous for their riding skills. Horse archers from Syria are highly effective: they rush in, ambush enemy troops, and as soon as the enemy gets organized to repel their attack, they are already gone, swallowed by the dust clouds their purebred oriental horses leave in their wake.

Most of these soldiers are born in the Roman Empire, but most of the time they are not Roman citizens. They earn Roman citizenship by serving 25 years in the Roman Auxiliaries. Arminius, the German chieftain who wiped out three Roman legions in the Teutoburg Forest, was for most of his life a Roman cavalry commander.

And so was Martinus from Pannonia, which is modern Hungary. He later became Bishop of Caesarodunum in 371. We know him as St. Martin of Tour in France. His feast day is November 11. Martin Luther was named after him. Martinus was a centurion in a Roman cavalry unit that was likely stationed on the German frontier. They hunted for German raiders who crossed the frontier and stole everything that was not nailed down and then disappeared again in the jungle-like forests of Western Germany.

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(St. Martin of Tour, Gate Höchster Schloß, Höchst Germany)

Against the will of his father, Martinus became a Christian convert. Legend has it that his unit returned to town on one bitter cold winter evening. At the city gates, Martinus encountered a poor man who was freezing and had no cloak. The man would probably not survive the night. Martinus cut his heavy military cloak in two and shared it with the poor man.



He served as a Roman soldier for some more time until he decided that his Christian calling could not be reconciled with his service in the Roman cavalry. He became a priest and later a bishop. God called Martin, and it had a profound effect. He gave up his career and changed his life. Hindsight confirms that this was a good decision that made him eventually a bishop and a saint, but when Martinus left the barracks behind, his future was very much uncertain. Martin is venerated as the patron saint of beggars because he shared his cloak with the poor man. For the same reason, he is also the patron of the US Army Quartermaster Corps.

In the end, the secular world does not care who is right about religion. What people care about is what they see religious people do. Do they walk the path of love, or not? Does what they believe have any influence in the relationships that religious people have with the unchurched world? Do we pass judgement, or do we reach out with a helping hand when help is needed and leave the judging to God?

St. Martin shared his cloak with the poor man that God put in his path. He shared his cloak simply because the man was in need. St. Martin did not ask if the poor man was worthy, pious, or got his religion right. Most likely the poor man was a pagan like everybody else. St. Martin walked the way of love. 1700 years later we still tell that story. Let us hope this story helps us to follow Martin, who followed Jesus walking the path of love.

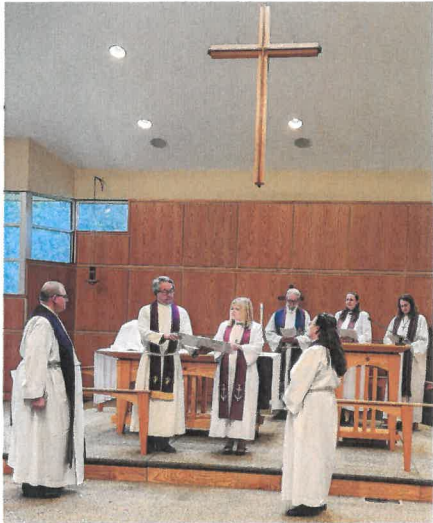
## Walking the Path of Love



## Our Savior Community

### Baumann's Installation Service on February 24

Thank you to everyone who helped make the service and luncheon a special event.  
Here are photos from the Installation of Pastors Kristin-Luana and Olaf Baumann:



## Our Savior Community

### From the Council Co-President

### Thoughts on Lent: An Opportunity to Study, Pray, Reflect, and Give

For me, when I consider the Season of Lent, I realize that the Season of Lent is an opportunity to study and reflect on faith, renew your spirit, and support those in need.

"One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord." Refrain from *One Bread, One Body*, ELW #496

I was in grade school when I learned about the Season of Lent, Holy Week, and the historical facts that occurred therein. I found myself horrified when I learned what Jesus went through on Good Friday. I distinctly remember a sermon on what transpired when Romans sentenced someone to being "scourged." How could this happen to a kind and good man, who was the Son of God? (Shows my sheltered upbringing in the suburbs of Oregon; I had no concept that such violence occurred in the world.) When I shared my horror with my mom, she acknowledged my distress and said to remember that there would be no Easter without Good Friday.

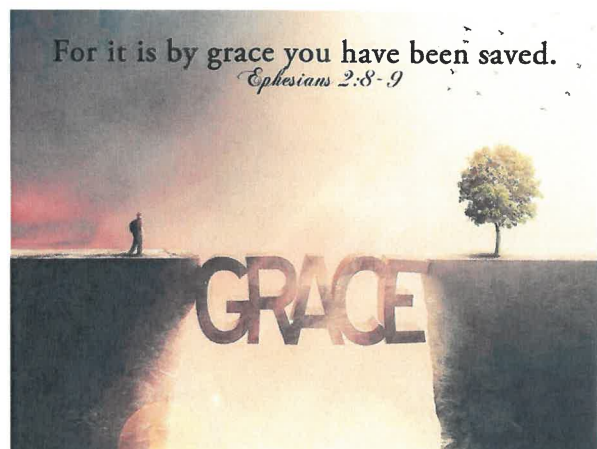
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

I appreciated Pastor Olaf's sermon on Sunday, February 25, referring to Luther's reflection that God does not want us to fear him, but to be joyful in the Grace that he sent his son to suffer and die for us.

May the season of Lent bring you many opportunities to study, pray, reflect, and remember those in need.

And may the miracle and grace of Easter be with you all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Fetty-Solders  
OSLC Council Co-Chair





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### OSLC Parsonage Capital Campaign Update March 1, 2024

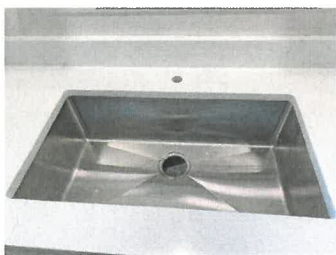
The Parsonage renovation is coming along and may be completed by the end of March! To date, members of the congregation have given \$120,950 to the project. Thanks to all who have helped to bring this asset of our congregation back to life to serve as a home for our new pastors. You are welcome to stop by and take a look at the progress. One of our congregation's team is often on site.

Current costs of the project are \$178,261, which address several items not included or foreseen in the original contractor bid of \$118,800, such as plumbing pipes, flooring rot, landscaping, appliances, and repairs to the carport and patio. While the congregation approved using up to \$100,000 in legacy funds from the merger with Shepherd of the Hills, reserving these funds for future church mission opportunities is the preference of the Church Council. We ask that you consider contributing to the parsonage campaign, or making a second gift if you have already done so.

In addition to the parsonage project, the exceptionally cold weather resulted in frozen pipes and damage to the roof in two areas of the church, Anderson Hall, and the pre-school area being leased by Spirit of Peace UCC. The fire alarm systems must also be replaced, resulting in additional costs of approximately \$30,000. The existing maintenance reserve fund of \$50,000 should cover these expenses, but the fund will need to be replenished. This is one more reminder of the importance of continuing your regular giving to the church.

We thank God for the blessings of our new clergy and the wonderful installation celebration. We thank YOU for your continued faithfulness and support for our church.

Connie Fletcher,  
Church Council Vice President



New kitchen sink



New kitchen cabinets and counters  
in the parsonage

# Our Savior Community

## Treasurer's Update: January 2024

We are over half way (7 months) into our current fiscal year (July 1-June 30), **and it is budget time!** The Finance Committee is gathering data from all the ministry and mission teams and committees and everyone—what are your goals for the year? What funds do you need to meet those goals? Please contact me if you would like details on what your team spent in the past, or what your current budget looks like. **Dream big!!!** New budget year begins on July 1. Requests can be emailed to [OSLC\\_Treasurer@hotmail.com](mailto:OSLC_Treasurer@hotmail.com), or catch me when/where you can.

In other news: Worship attendance at Our Savior continues to grow (we are 30 attendees over last year at this time: combined in-house and on-line count). Giving continues to grow as well, though maybe not in the same proportion as the body count. But grows it does and that is good, for January brought many additional expenses! We had a quarterly insurance payment due, and Hallelujah!, we had moving expenses for our new pastors, and just lots and lots of little things happening that added up. If you would like more details, please feel free to ask me.

### What has happened this month:

In January we received contributions of:	\$31,397	<b>Last year actual:</b> \$21,683
In January we spent:	<u>-\$45,834</u>	<u>-\$51,737</u>
We spent more than we received:	-\$14,437	-\$30,054

### Compared to the budget for the month of January:

We are OVER budgeted giving by:	\$ 5,147
We are OVER budgeted spending by:	\$ 7,755



Our contributions for the month of January were OVER last year by: \$9,714

Our contributions YTD for January were OVER last year by: \$28,951

### Let's look at the numbers budget year-to-date:

Budgeted contributions YTD (July-December):	\$183,750	<b>Last year YTD:</b> \$194,250
Actual contributions YTD (July-December):	<u>\$228,476</u>	<u>\$199,525</u>
OVER budgeted contributions by:	\$ 44,726	\$ 5,275
Budgeted expense YTD (July-December):	\$266,553	\$220,570
Actual expenses YTD (July-December):	<u>\$204,631</u>	<u>\$186,795</u>
UNDER budgeted expense by:	\$ 61,922	\$ 33,775

Keep up the good work! And if you feel a little nudge from the Spirit to give a little more, please listen. You'll be glad you did. "May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17

Wendy Winslow; OSLC Treasurer

## Our Savior Community

### Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer during Lent

This year we return to our long-time tradition of sharing Holden Evening Prayer. The theme is Prayers for Peace, as an acknowledgement of our troubled world today.

Wednesday, February 21 was the first of five midweek evenings with soup supper and Holden Evening Prayer. We hope you can come on the remaining three Wednesdays: March 6, 13, & 20. Soup supper will be offered from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in Anderson Hall, with Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

If you don't drive at night, the Congregational Care Ministry team is happy to help with rides. Please reach out to Ann Thomas at [annlthomas@gmail.com](mailto:annlthomas@gmail.com) or Bonnie Brice at [bonbrice@gmail.com](mailto:bonbrice@gmail.com) to arrange for a ride.



### Spring Grounds Spruce-Up Event: Saturday, March 23

Please join us on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon for our Spring Grounds Spruce-Up Event. If you have favorite garden tools, gloves, pruners, etc., bring them! Don't have any? OSLC has some garden tools and gloves for you to use. Pick your favorite area and join in the fun. Questions? Contact Anne Ellett at 206-225-9592 or [Anne.Ellett@outlook.com](mailto:Anne.Ellett@outlook.com).



**SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP**



# Our Savior Community

## *The Passion Prophecy*

Twenty years ago, a piece of music was commissioned by Our Savior Lutheran Church to be created by the composer, Cathy Moglebust, as a gift to me for twenty years of leading Memorial Bells. The then-Director of Music, Vicky Thomas, secured this gift; the result is *The Passion Prophecy*.

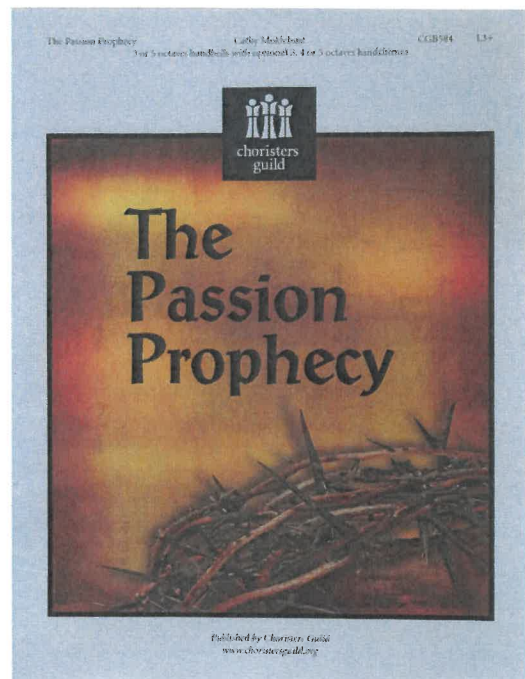
I feel that the piece belongs to Our Savior Lutheran Church, and it is only interpreted by me as a director. I know several other handbell choirs have played this piece at their churches. Even a famous national conductor sent an email with praise for it after directing the work at a National Handbell Conference. Some may remember *The Passion Prophecy* at its debut performance in 2004 when we used all five octaves of our handbell equipment. I hope that members will now hear it again, with a slightly smaller group, on March 24, Palm Sunday, 2024.

The work is based on Isaiah 53:4-5 (*New King James Version*): "Surely, He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our inequities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."

The music flows easily in the beginning. I hear Christ's footsteps within the simple melody and envision those that heard Him and followed Him. Wispy short phrases and pauses hint at the future ahead.

As the music continues, it is clear that trouble and pain are near. The music becomes harsh, even hard to hear and understand. At the climax near the end, bells rush through every note possible to ring, reaching for Heavenly Peace. Alas, as death wins for a moment, the real gift of peace is given in the Everlasting Life for all that believe in Him.

With Thanksgiving and Praise,  
Alice Lewis  
Memorial Bells' Director



## Our Savior Community

### Vine Maple Place

Vine Maple Place (VMP) is a Christian organization that breaks the generational cycle of homelessness by working with single parents and their children. Our Savior Lutheran Church was one of the initial nine churches that came together in 2000 to form this safe and stable environment in Maple Valley. The vision of Vine Maple Place is to end family homelessness in South King County, resulting in healthier communities where every child and parent has a stable home to grow and thrive.

Housing with all furniture, personal care, and cleaning supplies, including a kitchen with pots, pans, and dishes, is provided move-in ready. The housing is part of an integrated approach that includes rent help, classes for adults, counseling, workforce placement, budgeting, and child and youth services to build basic skills to become independent.

The goal is that through the help that's provided, clients will one day be able to take over the full costs of their apartment and sustain living on their own. VMP's success rate is 91% (still housed one year after exiting the program). In 2011, VMP helped 14 families per year, and by using the Stable Families' Model since 2012, it now helps 524 families annually.

VMP depends on volunteers and donations to sustain all programs and needs until clients gain independence. In the past, families were adopted to provide holiday food, warm coats for children, stocking stuffers, toys, and clothing at Christmas. Currently, OSLC members support VMP with gift cards for teens at Christmas, and we recently completed a large personal care item delivery (see photo below). VMP has a dedicated staff, and OSLC has supported its mission from the beginning.

If you're interested in helping with Vine Maple Place, please contact Dianne Tanner at [butterdmt@comcast.net](mailto:butterdmt@comcast.net).

Many volunteer opportunities await you. Thank you!

Dianne Tanner,  
Community Outreach Committee  
Member



**Pictured standing, from left to right:**  
Lisa (VMP Staff); Myda (VMP Staff); Doug Tanner; Roberta Waggoner; Dianne Tanner.  
**Sitting in front:** David Waggoner.

## Come Worship with Us in Lent, Holy Week, and Easter



**Sunday, March 3:** Third Sunday in Lent  
**Wed., March 6:** Holden Evening Prayer – 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 10:** Fourth Sunday in Lent  
**Wed., March 13:** Holden Evening Prayer – 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 17:** Fifth Sunday in Lent  
**Wed., March 20:** Holden Evening Prayer – 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 24:** Palm Sunday  
**Thursday, March 28:** Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m.  
**Friday, March 29:** Good Friday – 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 31:** Easter Sunday

**In Person:** 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." **The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be live-streamed as well (7:00 p.m. on March 28 and 29).**

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](http://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.





# Northwest Washington Synod

## *The Spirit*



*Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee*

### **From the Bishop:**

**March 2024**

During the cold snap in January, I realized that the hummingbird food had frozen again. I went outside to replace it and noticed a hummingbird just sitting, seemingly frozen, perched on one of the little prongs of the feeder. Now, usually the hummingbirds I feed are fierce. They swirl around my head demanding new syrup and for me to move out of their way. They exert a force that, if bigger, would be scary. But this one did nothing as I moved closer.

I stood there. Not sure what to do. Do I shoo it away? Do I simply hope it moves when I reach out? Do I come back later hoping this bird is still alive?

As in most things we do these days, I decided to research online. According to the website Science, hummingbirds may appear “frozen” on a feeder, but they're using torpor to conserve energy. This article urges one to not disturb them as this is a natural behavior and allows them to save their energy.

With this, I decided to wait until the hummingbird flew off before replacing the feeder with fresh syrup (which happened about a half hour later).

So why tell you this small story of hummingbirds and me? I think there is some overlap between energy and torpor and what this all might mean for us as church together.

While not a perfect analogy, sometimes we can act like hummingbirds swirling and swooping, using lots of energy to do things. Sometimes we think that if we aren't doing activities, or if other people aren't doing activities, then we are failing as a church. It reminds me of a pastor saying to me at an event for Rostered Ministers, “Bishop, I feel that I have to attend everything that is planned. But, may I ask, is everything planned necessary?”

Perhaps we use energy up when it is not necessary. Perhaps, like the hummingbird, we also need a time of torpor. Perhaps we need a “time out” time or a reflection time or a meditative time or just a time to inhale and exhale without worrying about the next event or program or activity. As theologian Richard Rohr puts it when describing centering prayer, “Prayer is simply sitting in silence, open to God's love and your love for God. This prayer is beyond thoughts, emotions, or sensations.”

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## Northwest Washington Synod

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Dear Beloveds in Christ, Lent is here. As we plan and attend the meaningful worship and fellowship that we all love during the season of Lent, I pray that in worship and in other ways you can find the space and openness to embrace the wonder of the Spirit.

For we can learn from hummingbirds—not that we are to eat one and a half to three times our body weight every day like a hummingbird—but instead, we are called to have a flow between busyness and stillness, action and reflection, hustling and torpor, acts and prayer.

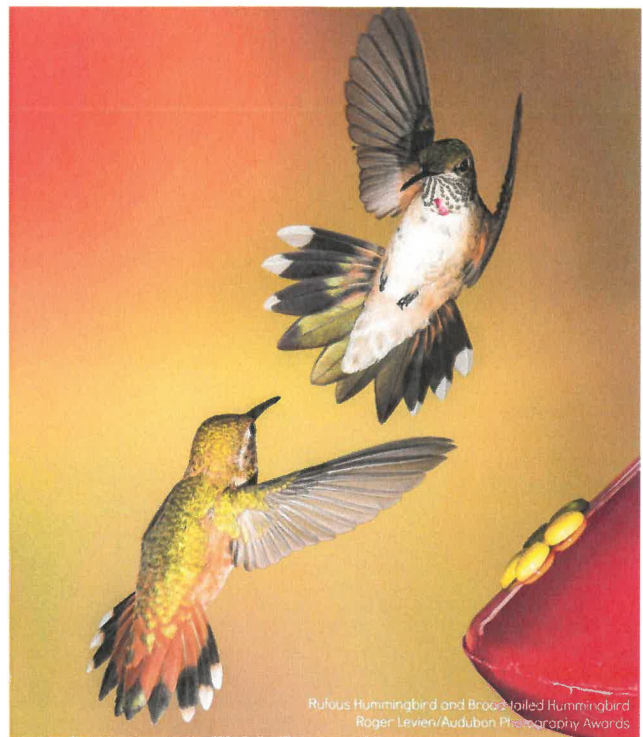
I pray that as we follow Jesus, as we live in Jesus' love, as we contemplate his words and actions, we may do the same.

*In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. Mark 1:35*

✚Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee  
[bishop@lutheransnw.org](mailto:bishop@lutheransnw.org)



Hummingbird resting in torpor



Hummingbirds fighting and flying around a feeder  
(Photo by Roger Levien/ Audubon Photography Awards)

# Lutheran Counseling Network

## Faith and Everyday Life March 2024

*"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness,  
for his name's sake."  
PSALM 23 (NKJV)*



Who is this Shepherd? At the outset, He is the One who does not leave his sheep in lack. This wonderful Shepherd Lord knows intimately the sheep over which he has charge and what their needs are. In the vernacular of the counseling profession, I liken this to parental "attunement," that special attentiveness of a mother to her child, who comes to not only anticipate her baby's needs, but to know from her baby's cries and behavior if the baby is hungry, tired, upset, or content. And what parent doesn't know the satisfaction that comes from soothing and providing rest for an upset child?

The same is true of our Shepherd God who desires peace and rest for each one of us. It may have been a long time for some of us to consider this Shepherd as concerned for our needs. Or perhaps life's road has been rugged, and we learned long ago to shelve our needs, or have little expectation of them being met. Having needs is being vulnerable, and being vulnerable can be risky.

Consider this Shepherd Lord who cares that we be able to lie down, to rest, who gives restoration to our very soul. God gives leading and guidance and provides righteousness.

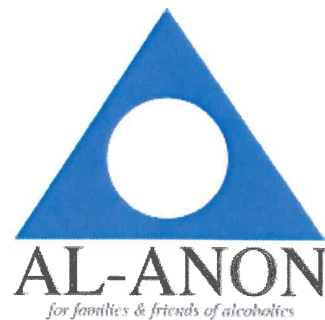
Meditate on this Psalm; soak in this revelation of our Provider God in verse after verse. Open your heart and mind to hear God's heart speaking to you.

*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:





## **We remember in prayer . . .**

**Our son Brett and his wife Talia**, strength and prayers for them as they care for their newborn twin boys (Chuck Bachman and Wendy Winslow); **Patty Gerde**, who fell and cracked her patella (kneecap); **Rick Saavedra** (Cheryl Neeb); **David Waggoner**, for diagnosis and healing; **Norm Baullinger**, for healing after a severe heart attack (Doug Tanner); **Lou Lovelace**, 94 years old, who is being treated for cancer tumors at Overlake (Dianne Tanner); **Bob Johnson**, who is receiving treatment for cancer, **and his family**; **Gary Hanson**, for God's continued healing presence in his life; **Dianne Tanner**, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment; **Carol Perry**, who has heart problems (Ray Harbolt); **Mary Fricke**, for strength and peace of mind; **Diane Murff**, who is in a rehab center; **Treasure Hinds**, who is receiving chemotherapy treatment (daughter of Rowan and Barbara Hinds); **Baby Jack**, who is being treated for leukemia (nephew of Bill Suttmeier); **Guests of the Community Meals Program**; **all affected by COVID-19.**

**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:** Lou Lovelace (Dianne Tanner); **Baby Jack** (nephew of Bill Suttmeier); **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); **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@oslcssaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcssaquah.org). Thank you.



## **Worship Readings for Sundays in March**

### **Sunday, March 3: Third Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

### **Sunday, March 10: Fourth Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

### **Sunday, March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

### **Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday**

Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

First Reading: Isaiah 53:3-10

Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

### **Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday**

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8





## Worship Assistants for March Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.

Dates & Services	Assisting Minister	Usher	Altar Guild	Sound & Videography
<b>March 3:</b> Third Sunday in Lent	Debby Beck	Larry Thomas	Stacy Smith	Tom Knollmann
<b>March 10:</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent	Anne Ellett	Sang-Beom Shim	Jane Wuest	Gabby Gibbert
<b>March 17:</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent	Joan Friel	Don Robertson	Barbara Fetty-Solders	Anne Ellett
<b>March 24:</b> Palm Sunday	Connie Fletcher	Bill Suttmeier	Barbara Fetty-Solders	Jonathan Smith
<b>March 28:</b> Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	Anne Ellett	TBD	Jane Wuest (all hands to strip altar)	Jonathan Smith
<b>March 29:</b> Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.	Jen Winslow	TBD	Jane Wuest	Jonathan Smith
<b>March 31:</b> Easter Sunday	Lori Downey	Two ushers: TBD	Stacy Smith	Jonathan Smith

### Psalm Cantors

**March 3:** Dave Carlson

**March 10:** Dave Carlson

**March 17:** Nora Thomason

**March 24:** Wendy Winslow

**Maundy Thursday:** Nora Thomason

**Stripping of the Cross:** Dave and Lori

**Good Friday:** Lori Downey

**March 31:** Nora Thomason

### Volunteer Coordinators

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

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Ushers: Bill Suttmeier

Memorial Bells: Alice Lewis

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Cynthia Delaney

Sound & Videography: Jonathan Smith

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

3/4 Stacy Smith  
3/6 Carl Boruck  
3/7 Jim Amphlett  
Jean Chaney  
3/9 Bonnie Brice  
3/11 Evelyn Sneva  
3/16 Shelley Howe  
3/21 Randolph S. Baseler  
3/22 Jeff Saathoff  
3/23 Jean Pass  
3/24 Amy Gretch  
3/26 Samuel Hansen  
Marlene Pickering  
3/28 Douglas Tanner  
3/30 Ryan Saathoff



### Anniversaries

3/19 Robert & Patricia Gerde



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!

# March 2024

March 2024							April 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
3 9:30am SOP (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Worship 12:30pm New Creation	4 3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online) 6:30pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	5 7:30pm Memorial Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)	6 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson) 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	7 9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed) 1:00pm Autumn	8	9
10 9:30am SOP (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Worship 12:30pm New Creation	11 10:30am Congregational 3:00pm Companions 6:30pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	12 1:00pm Community 7:00pm Council 7:30pm Memorial Bells 7:45pm AA (Anderson)	13 10:00am Issaquah Garden Club 6:00pm Lenten Soup 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	14 9:30am Mission Quilters 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed) 1:00pm Autumn 7:00pm Finance	15	16 10:00am Master Chorus Eastside Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
17 9:30am SOP (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Worship 12:30pm New Creation 1:00pm Master Chorus	18 3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online) 6:30pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	19 7:00pm Church Council (online) (Zoom) 7:30pm Memorial Bells 7:45pm AA (Anderson)	20 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson) 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	21 9:30am Mission Quilters 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed) 1:00pm Community 1:00pm Autumn	22 10:00am Focus Newsletter Deadline	23
24 9:30am SOP (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Palm Sunday 11:30am Debra Zadinsky 12:30pm New Creation	25 10:30am Congregational 3:00pm Companions 6:30pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	26 7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)	27	28 9:30am Mission Quilters 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed) 1:00pm Autumn 7:00pm Maundy	29 7:00pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)	30
31 9:30am SOP (Anderson Hall) 10:00am Easter Sunday 12:30pm New Creation	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6



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