



Advent

OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **VISION**

Burning with the Spirit of Christ in us, we are called to serve our neighbors. In following Jesus' teaching and example, we at Our Savior Lutheran Church will feed souls through worship, word, and witness while feeding our neighbor with our hands and actions.

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Our Savior is a community that aspires to follow Jesus so that all may know of the love of God in Christ.

**FAMILY RESOURCES** At the sanctuary entrance there are books and clipboards with paper & crayons. Children are welcome to take these items into worship. Additionally, the family area just outside the sanctuary has full audio and a view of the service. There you will find toys, books, seating, and room to roam.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Communion is the central gathering meal of the church. In this meal Christ promises to be fully present, offering forgiveness, a renewed faith, and a regenerative life. Everyone is invited to come forward, as you are able. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten-free bread is available. Communion will be distributed around the communion rail. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. As space at the rail is available, the right side of sanctuary fills right side of rail from back to front. The left side of sanctuary fills the left side of rail from front to back.

**WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT** If you find yourself in a time of spiritual need or you're searching for more, we would love to walk with you. Simply fill out a Connections Card and we will contact you.

**ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS INSTALLATION:** *40 + 1 Drops*  
40 days of rain. 40 days in the wilderness. 40 years of wandering.  
1 drop that changed everything.

Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 15, 2024  
10:00 a.m.



Our Savior Lutheran Church  
745 Front Street South  
Issaquah, WA 98027  
425-392-4169

## HOLY COMMUNION

**GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### KYRIE

**A** In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.      **A** For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

**C** A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (verse 3) (during processional and recessional)*

Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

**WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.**

**FIRST READING**

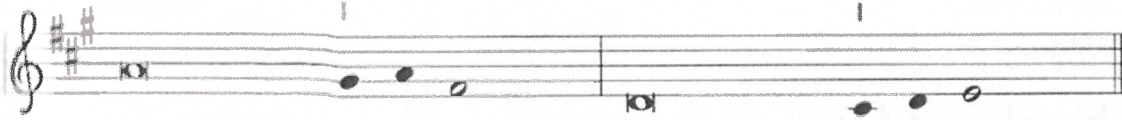
Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
“Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
<sup>17</sup> The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.”  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6** (sung responsively)

Tone 3



- <sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,  
**for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.**
- <sup>3</sup> With joy you | will draw water  
**from the wells | of salvation.**
- <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call | on God's name;  
**make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim that this name | is exalted.**
- <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done | gloriously;  
**let this be known in | all the earth.**
- <sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
**for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.**

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le- lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, "What, then, should we do?" <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup> So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

ELW 244

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**



**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy,  
 hear our prayer.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
 And also with you.

**MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**OFFERING STATEMENT**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

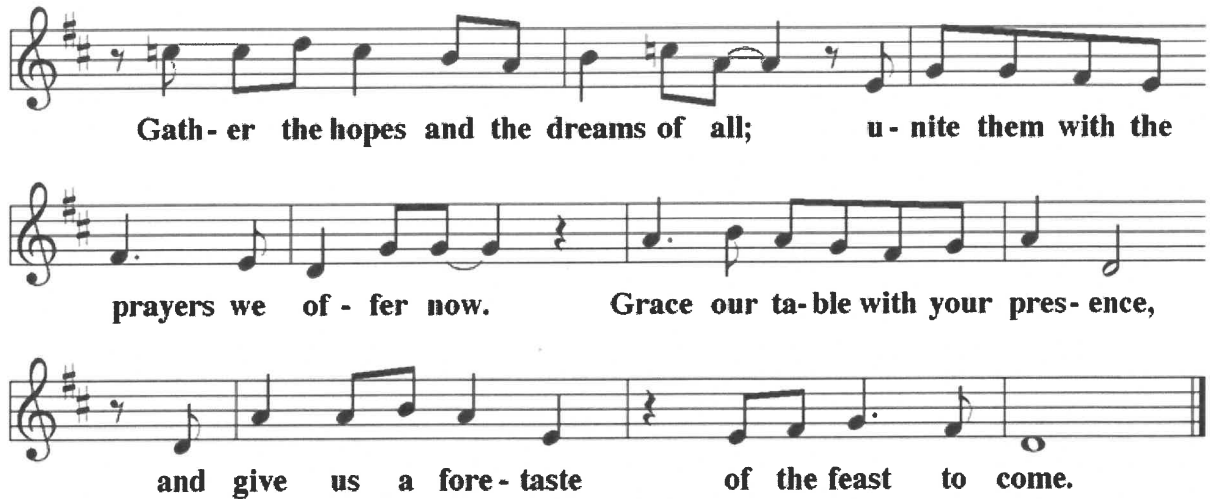
*A Christmas Prayer*—Gilbert Martin

Choral Ensemble  
 Jeff S., Piano

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
 cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,  
 that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.

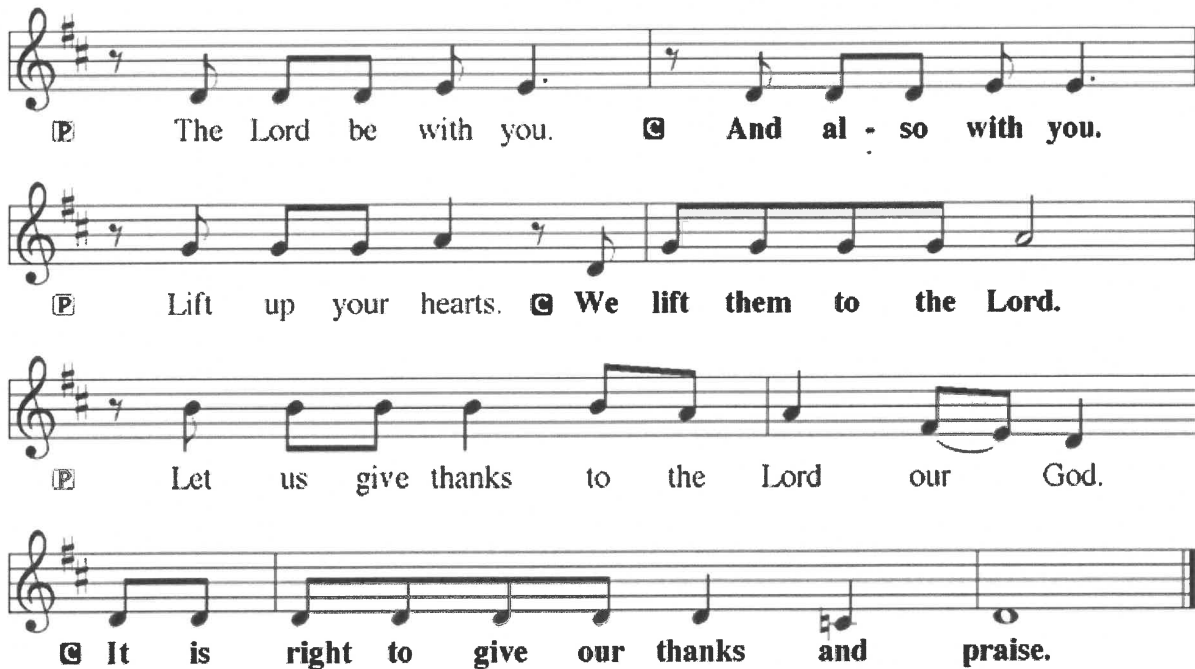




Gath- er the hopes and the dreams of all; u- nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta- ble with your pres- ence,  
 and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**DIALOGUE**



Ⓐ The Lord be with you. Ⓑ And al - so with you.  
 Ⓐ Lift up your hearts. Ⓑ We lift them to the Lord.  
 Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 Ⓑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff has a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff has a quarter rest. The fourth and fifth staves continue the melody and lyrics. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

Please follow the guidance of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. As space at the rail is available, the right side of sanctuary fills right side of rail from back to front. The left side of sanctuary fills the left side of rail from front to back.

**LAMB OF GOD**

③ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*As the Grains of Wheat* ELW 465

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ELW 484

*All Earth Is Hopeful* ELW 266

**COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Soon and Very Soon*

ELW 439

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

# OSLC Announcements

**TODAY, Sunday, December 15**

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Anderson Hall**

During the Semi-Annual Meeting at Coffee & Fellowship Hour, OSLC members will vote on two new Council members and thank the two members whose terms end on December 31. All members are encouraged to attend.



**Monday, December 16**

**Knit-In (Community Knitting for Art Installation), 4:00-6:00 p.m., Narthex**

**The Men's Group meets on Monday, December 16, 7:00 p.m., Levitate Gastropub, 185 Front Street N, Issaquah.** Thanks for your survey responses. This is the first meeting.



**Tuesday, December 17**

**Caroling Party at Formula Brewing, 4:00 p.m., 1875 NW Poplar Way, Issaquah** (See announcement next page.)

**Saturday, December 21**

**Sound Bowls and Candlelight: Opening Night of the Winter Art Activation, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

**Tuesday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Please mark your calendars to worship with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Musicians from Issaquah Suzuki Strings will play during the service. Hope to see you there!



# OSLC Announcements

## Final Sunday of Christmas Giving 2024



TODAY, Sunday, December 15 is the final day that Community Outreach Committee is collecting **\$20 gift cards** for two purposes:

**Vine Maple Place**, an organization that breaks the generational cycle of homelessness by working with single parents and their children, **is asking for \$20 gift cards from Safeway and Fred Meyer** for parents to gift their teens to use to go out and visit with friends.

Secondly, **OSLC is collecting \$20 Target, Safeway, and Fred Meyer gift cards** to use when we get requests from our church members and the community for a little extra help. They can help purchase food, gas, medications, etc.

**Please place your gift cards in the box next to the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Thanks for your generosity!**

JOIN US FOR A  
**CAROLING PARTY**

Spread the joy of the season  
WITH THE POWER OF SONG!

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH  
4 PM**

FORMULA BREWING  
1875 NW POPLAR WAY STE. 3  
ISSAQUAH WA 98027

Caroling Christmas Songs  
Friends New and Old  
Pub Grub, Brews etc.

Hosted by:  
Our Savior Lutheran Church,  
Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ,  
Community Church of Issaquah,  
Faith United Methodist Church, and  
I-90 Community Church



## FREE *Handel's Messiah* Performance in Bellevue This Weekend!

Announcement from violinist Debra Z.:

I am performing the very famous and wonderful *Handel's Messiah* this weekend in a chamber orchestra with FABULOUS vocal soloists and a big chancel choir at First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, in Bellevue. The concerts are at 2:00 p.m. both Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15, and they are FREE!

Lots of free parking as well, half mile north of Bellevue Square mall. It's going to be a very high level professional performance without having to go to Seattle or drive in the dark. OSLC has many music lovers, and I think folks would really enjoy this free performance.



# OSLC Announcements

## Serving in Worship Today

**Presider:** Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann  
**Preacher:** Pr. Olaf Baumann  
**Assisting Minister:** Joan F.  
**Parish Musician:** David Liu  
**Advent Candle Lighter:** Delaney C.  
**Psalm Cantor:** Dave C.  
**Ushers:** Gabby and Rob G.  
**Altar Guild:** Barbara F.-S.  
**Sound/Videography:** Jon S. and Anne E.



## You're Invited to the Memorial Service for Jerry Nack

Jerry Nack passed away on November 19. Jerry's memorial service will be on Saturday, January 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (10021 NE 124th in Kirkland). Jerry's wife Linda wrote to share memorial details and invite all to attend. Linda noted that she and Jerry were OSLC members for 18 years.



## Mourning the death of loved ones:

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

- ◆ **Jerry Nack**
- ◆ **Nancy** (mother of Ron S.'s sister-in-law Dana)
- ◆ **Bob Beck**



## ✚ Share & Prayer ✚

*We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can send your prayer requests via email to [office@oslccissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslccissaquah.org). A **complete list of prayers can be found in the Focus newsletter each month.***

- ◆ **Bob J.**, who is receiving treatment for cancer, **and his family**
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for healing, strength, and peace through her ongoing treatment
- ◆ **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing
- ◆ **For people served by the Community Meals Program**
- ◆ **Melinda N.**, who will be receiving stronger chemo for six months (Cheryl & Lou N.)
- ◆ **Cheryl N.**, who is recovering from eye surgery
- ◆ **Ginny A.**, who has a broken femur bone
- ◆ **Jared K.**, who is receiving chemotherapy after being diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma; prayers for healing and discernment about the best course of treatment (nephew of Jane W.)
- ◆ **Suzanne L.**, who is fighting a new cancer on her tongue and mouth and had surgery on November 11 (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice L.)
- ◆ **John N.**, for his well-being as he returns home from rehab; and strength for his wife **Helen N.**, who cares for him
- ◆ **Shelley H.**, for healing and peace
- ◆ **Kim A.**, who is undergoing cancer treatment (dear friend of Shelley H.)
- ◆ **Vicki**, a client of the Meals Program, who is very ill
- ◆ **Evy S.**, who is in hospice
- ◆ **Doris H.**, who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer (cousin's wife of Duane J.)
- ◆ **Florence K.**, who has been taken to Swedish Hospital

# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 15—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour**

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting**

*New Creation Church Pastor Appreciation Day (Sanctuary)*

## MONDAY

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 16**

**Companions Bible Study (online)**

**Knit-Ins (Community Knitting for Art Installation) (Narthex)**

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

All Day

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 17**

*Issaquah Police Dept. Training (Anderson Hall and five upstairs rooms)*

**Council Executive Committee (online)**

*AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY

All Day

7:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 18**

*Issaquah Police Dept. Training (Anderson Hall and five upstairs rooms)*

*Boy Scout Troop 676 PLC (Anderson Hall)*

## THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 19**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

*Spirit of Peace Event (Sanctuary)*

**Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)**

**Finance Committee (online)**

## SATURDAY

7:00 p.m.

## **DECEMBER 21**

**Sound Bowls and Candles: Winter Art Activation (Sanctuary)**

## NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

*Spirit of Peace UCC*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour**

*New Creation Church (Youth Room)*

## **Emergency Pastoral Care**

For emergency pastoral care, please contact Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann at 360-912-1245 or Pr. Olaf Baumann at 360-912-1830.



