

Lent

OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

### **MISSION**

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.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
Sunday, March 30, 2025  
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**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**  
**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**  
**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**  
**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**  
**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**  
**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.  
**Amen.**

**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**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Sing the Kyrie once before the pastor reads the first prayer, and then sing it once after each prayer.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY****WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.****FIRST READING**

Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain.

<sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they hated the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

## PSALM 32

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
**and whose sin is put away!**
- <sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
**because of my groaning all day long.**
- <sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you for  
gave me the guilt of my sin.**
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- <sup>8</sup> "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
**I will guide you with my eye.**
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near  
you."**
- <sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
**but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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## THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]  
<sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he

answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

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

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

ELW 320

## **NICENE CREED**

We confess our faith in the words of the 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

**OFFERING MUSIC**      *Violin Partita no. 2 in D minor*—Bach      Kyla Lie, Violin

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**MEDITATION ON JESUS**

“[Jesus] took upon himself all human passions, excluding sin. That is: he hungered who gives food to all the living. He thirsted who gives the water of life to his believers. He felt weariness who is the rest of the weary. He slept who always kept Israel vigilant. He wept who wiped away every tear from all eyes. . . . He took on our passible body, so that he who is impassible might suffer with the passible body and he who is immortal might die with the mortal body, to free us who are guilty.”

—Gregory of Skevra (12th/13th centuries), *On True Faith and Pure Conduct in the Virtues*, 15-17

**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

**PREFACE**

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



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders. . . . With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us. You are our heart's desire. You are our priceless treasure. You are the garden of paradise. Come down, O Love divine. Come among us, O passionate Fire. Come within us, O Spirit of unity. Come, Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart. Come, Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity, that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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**

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL**

**LAMB OF GOD**



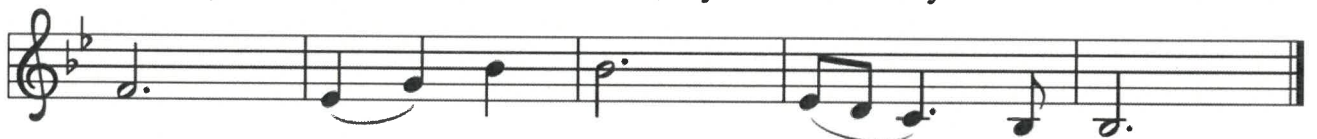
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* ELW 608

*Lord of All Hopefulness* ELW 765

*In the Singing* (sing twice) ELW 466

**AFTER COMMUNION: SIMEON'S SONG** *Now, Lord*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Oh, Love, How Deep* (verses 1-4)

ELW 322

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

# OSLC Announcements

## Hygiene Donation Drive for Vine Maple Place, TODAY, March 30

TODAY, March 30, the Community Outreach Committee will collect hygiene and home care items for Vine Maple Place. Families are having a difficult time affording hygiene supplies, and their Hygiene Closet is running out of supplies.

The list of essential hygiene and home care items was inserted in last week's bulletin (and this week's email). Please help us support women and children by bringing your donations to church today (you'll find a donation box and a table in the narthex for your donations). Please give generously! Thank you!



## Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20 at  
11:00 a.m. in Anderson  
Hall following worship

**Volunteers are needed** to help create a festive, delicious Easter Brunch! If you can donate food, set up, cook, serve, and/or clean up, please contact Suzanne D'Errico at 425-445-6892 to sign up.

On Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m., volunteers will set up and cook. Thanks!



## Mission Trip Fundraiser Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church April 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00pm



**LWA**  
Love With Actions

Please join us for a special Mission Trip Fundraiser for our cluster trip to Rwanda supporting the mission of *Love With Action* an organization that cares for children with disabilities.

We have members from Sammamish Hills, Mt. Si, and Our Savior's Lutheran churches going to serve in Rwanda in May.



**AUCTION** We invite your support! Join us for a Rwanda Meal, silent auction, and trivia game on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00pm.

Tickets for this dinner can be purchased at the door for \$30.

**We also welcome any basket donations or other fun donations for our auction!**



We hope you will join us and/or consider making a donation. All proceeds from this fundraiser go towards our service projects in Rwanda. Our fundraising goal is \$8000-\$10,000! Help us make a difference in the lives of children.

# OSLC Announcements

## Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer Continue on Wednesdays

On Wednesdays through April 9, please join us at 6:00 p.m. for a soup supper in Anderson Hall. At 6:45 p.m., we'll listen to a video greeting and devotion titled "Sumud Lenten Series 2025," with a theme for each week, created by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. At 7:00 p.m., Holden Evening Prayer will be in the sanctuary. Hope you can make it!



### Serving in Worship Today

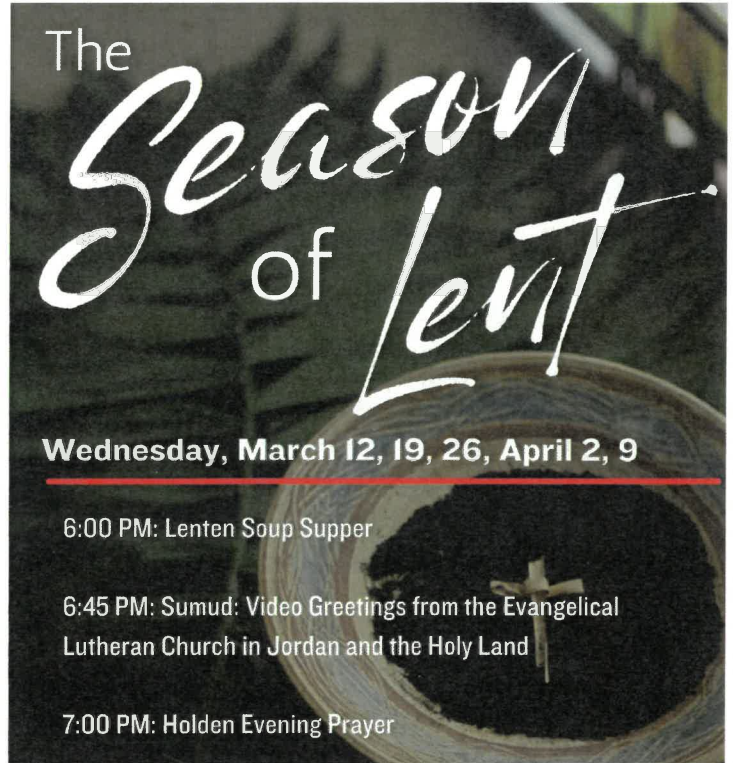
**Presider:** Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann  
**Preacher:** Pr. Olaf Baumann  
**Assisting Minister:** Lori D.  
**Pianist:** David Liu  
**Ushers:** Anne E. and Mike A.  
**Altar Guild:** Holly H.  
**Sound/Videography:** Jon S. and Gabby G.



### Celebration of Life Gathering for Larry Harbolt on May 3

The family of Larry Harbolt is hosting a Celebration of Life gathering for Larry on Saturday, May 3 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Light refreshments will be served along with some great storytelling about Larry. This is a casual event, and the wearing of Seahawk colors is encouraged. All are welcome!

Here is the link to Larry's obituary:  
<https://cadycremationservices.com/obituaries/laurence-ray-harbolt/>



The Season of Lent

Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

6:00 PM: Lenten Soup Supper

6:45 PM: Sumud: Video Greetings from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

7:00 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- 10:00 AM **APRIL 13**  
Palm/Passion Sun.
- 7:00 PM **APRIL 17**  
Maundy Thursday
- 7:00 PM **APRIL 18**  
Good Friday
- 10:00 AM **APRIL 20**  
Easter Sunday



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# OSLC Announcements

## ✦ Share & Prayer ✦

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

- ◆ **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing
- ◆ **For people served by the Community Meals Program**
- ◆ **Evy S.**, who is in hospice
- ◆ **Dianne T.**, for her medications to work
- ◆ **Melinda N.**, who receives daily chemo treatments for brain cancer (daughter of Cheryl N.)
- ◆ Peace and strength for **Deborah E.**, diagnosed with MS (friend of Shelley & Mark H.)
- ◆ Peace and strength for **Tom K.**, due to the return of cancer (friend of Shelley & Mark H.)
- ◆ **Sandy A.**, for the healing of her paralyzed vocal chord
- ◆ **Judi C.**, who was recently diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), for successful treatment and quick healing (former OSLC member)
- ◆ **Peter R.**, who starts radiation for the shrinking of his brain tumor (OSLC's cleaner)
- ◆ **Lena S.**, for her complete recovery following hospitalization
- ◆ **Duane J.**, for the healing of neck problems
- ◆ **Bill S.**, who had a cardiac ablation on March 26

## YOU ARE INVITED

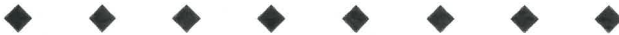


## Women's Spring Luncheon

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bellevue  
Sat, April 26, 2025 Meet & Greet 11:00 -Lunch 11:30 AM

Speaker: Pastor Nyla Schoeld  
"What Does God Require of You?"

Donations benefit ELAP & KidVantage  
RSVP by 4/14/25 to Jeanne Vevang (425) 829-2213  
<jvevang@comcast.net> ( dietary restrictions ? )



## Mourning the Death of Loved Ones:

Please keep their family, friends, and loved ones in your prayers.

- ◆ Larry Harbolt (son of Ray & Carol Harbolt)
- ◆ Shirley Witsoe
- ◆ Robert (Bobby) Enloe (twin brother of Dianne T.)



# This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

## TODAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## **MARCH 30—FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

*New Creation Church (Youth Room)*

## MONDAY

10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **MARCH 31**

**Congregational Care Ministry (Library)**

**Companions Bible Study (Online)**

*Master Chorus Eastside (Sanctuary)*

*Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall)*

## TUESDAY

7:45 p.m.

## **APRIL 1**

*AA—Alcoholics Anonymous (Anderson Hall)*

## WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **APRIL 2**

**Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson Hall)**

**Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)**

## THURSDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

## **APRIL 3**

**Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)**

*Al-Anon (Education Room)*

**One Day I Wrote Back Book Study (Anderson Hall)**

**Communion Service at Timber Ridge (Timber Ridge)**

## NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

## **APRIL 6—FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*Spirit of Peace UCC (SOP Sanctuary)*

**Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Coffee & Fellowship Hour (Anderson Hall)**

*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.

