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What is the ELCC, Eastside Lutheran Church Community?

By Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

On Sunday, March 23, 2025, during coffee hour, we will hear from Carolyn Ferris, a representative from the Eastside Lutheran Cluster about the ELCC, Eastside Lutheran Church Community. A cluster is a regional grouping of churches, all belonging to the same synod. The ELCC is an exploration of how closely cluster churches can cooperate with each other.

The vision of the ELCC is to make the kingdom work of the participating churches more effective and more inspiring at the same time. All kinds of collaborations are conceivable: From sharing software and bookkeepers to utilizing special skills of area pastors and musicians in a way that all churches can benefit from them. All this is intended to strengthen, not weaken, the local identity of each church.

A group of people from cluster churches has been meeting since 2022 and discerning possibilities. The churches are St. Andrew's, St. Mark's, and Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches in Bellevue; Mount Si Lutheran Church in North Bend; Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church in Sammamish and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah. Our Savior has joined these conversations only last year, after a long time of pastoral transition has come to an end with the call of Pr. Olaf and me.

Now, the Draft of a Charter Document has been created, which you will find as part of this article. Please read it; and start thinking about these possibilities! What do you find exciting about a possible closer cooperation with our area Lutheran churches? What concerns do you have? Carolyn Ferris is happy to answer questions you might have after her presentation on March 23.

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**CHARTER FOR
EASTSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY**

Effective TBD 2025

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CHARTER EASTSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY

Name and Offices

The name of this organization shall be Eastside Lutheran Church Community (ELCC).
The principal office of the organization shall be TBD.

Membership

ELCC shall be NW Washington Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) churches in the East King County Cluster whose Congregation Councils have approved this charter.

Mission and Vision

Mission: What we are aspiring to do together.

The mission of this collaboration is to share the love of God in Jesus by living in intentional relationships with congregations in our conference. Living in a relationship as one entity, with many sites, allows us to come together in strength to share administrative and organizational tasks. This shared support allows each ministry site room for imagination and innovation to be the body of Christ in their neighborhood. This shared mission creates a big church that equips and empowers local church expressions. Within this shared entity, pastors are able to live into particular passions that animate their call to ministry. Together, we will invest in and equip lay people to be invested in and participate in shared ministry.

Vision: What it looks like when we effectively live our mission.

Living together in a shared ministry will bring together all of the assets we have in common and allow us to be big and bold in our collective impact and community witness. Working together as God's people to be a diverse expression of ministry while having a larger identity together is a powerful witness. Pastors and lay leaders will invest in various ministry opportunities such as visitation, education, worship, preaching, and community engagement. There will be a leadership board that is representative of each ministry site that will oversee common finances, facility, and corporate governance. There will be local expressions of leadership that are particular to each congregation that will tend to the needs and imagination of their neighborhood and community.

Board of Directors

Powers and Duties

The ELCC shall be managed by, or under the direction of a Board of Directors (the “Board”) to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the ELCA.

The duties of the Board shall include the following: ***(Editorial note: the following duties are selectively lifted from the ELCA Model Constitution with appropriate wording changes.)***

- a) To lead the participating congregations in stating a common mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
- b) To seek to involve all members of participating congregations in worship, learning, witness, service, and support.
- c) To oversee and provide for the administration of activities needed to perform its mission.
- d) To coordinate sharing of resources whenever possible.
- e) To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.
- f) To promote a climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.
- g) To coordinate sharing of pastoral services among the participating congregations.
- h) To emphasize partnership with the NW WA Synod and churchwide organization of the ELCA as well as cooperation with other congregations, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran, subject to established policies of the synod and the ELCA.
- i) To recommend and encourage the use of program resources produced or approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- j) To seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel.
- k) To see that the provisions of this Charter are carried out.

The Board shall not have the authority to buy, sell, or encumber real property.

Number and Term

The Board shall have three (3) voting Directors from each participating congregation. One of the voting members shall be the Pastor. (In the case where there is more than one pastor serving a congregation, all can participate on the board but collectively, they only have one vote.)

The term of office for a lay Director shall be three (3) years or until their successor shall have been elected; or until such time as the director resigns or is removed.

A lay Director shall be eligible to serve for no more than three (3) consecutive terms. Serving for part of a term (for example, to fill the position of a director who has resigned) shall not count as one of the three terms unless the Director serves at least one year of such partial term.

Pastors are voting members for the duration of their call.

Election

Directors shall be the Pastor, Congregation President and one other member from each participating congregation.

Resignation

The resignation of any Director from the Board shall be via email or in writing addressed to the President of the Board. If no effective date is stated, the resignation shall be effective upon receipt. Acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled by the congregation of the Director who vacates the Board. Each Director elected to fill a vacancy will hold office for the balance of the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

Compensation

Directors and Officers shall serve without compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for their reasonable pre-approved expenses and disbursements in that capacity.

Officers

Designation of Officers

The Officers of the ELCC shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected from among the directors, except that the Treasurer may be appointed by the Board. If the Treasurer is not a Director, they shall have voice but not vote on the Board.

Election and Term of Office

The term of each elected Officer shall be two (2) years, and each Officer may serve two (2) successive terms. If the Treasurer is appointed, the Board shall renew or change the appointment annually.

President

The President shall be responsible for conducting all meetings of the Board and Executive Committee. In addition, the President is authorized to sign documents for the Board.

Vice President

The Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe.

Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording and safekeeping of all non-financial records of the organization and correspondence of an official, legal or contractual nature between the organization and outside agencies, businesses, and governing bodies. During the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary shall preside at meetings normally being conducted.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing and maintaining the financial records of the organization and shall ensure adequate safeguards for all financial transactions.

The Treasurer shall work with the participating congregation Treasurer's to establish procedures for funding the organization.

Vacancies

Vacancies in any office arising from any cause may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term or for a new term established by the Board at any regular or special meeting.

Meetings of the Board

Regular Meetings of the Board

Regular meetings of the Board may be held at any place and time as the Board may provide by agreement of the members of the Board.

Special Meetings of the Board

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of written request of two (2) Directors stating the purpose of such meeting.

Notice of Meetings

Notice of meetings shall be given by the President or their designee by email.

Action in Lieu of Meeting of the Board

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting if a majority of the Directors consent to such action in writing, which shall include a writing sent by e-mail. Such written consent shall be made a part of the minutes of the proceedings. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a vote of Directors at a duly convened meeting.

Quorum

50% plus 1 of Directors in office immediately before a meeting of the Board begins shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at that meeting.

Voting

The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present at the time shall be the act of the Board. Proxy voting is not permitted.

Director Participation in Meeting

A Director or a member of a committee of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of video conference, telephone or similar communications equipment enabling all Directors participating in the meeting to hear one another, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Committees of the Board

Executive Committee

One Congregation pastor shall be designated by their colleagues as Presiding Pastor. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be members of the Executive Committee. The Presiding Pastor shall also be a member of the Executive Committee if not already an officer.

Other Committees

The Board, by a vote of at least a majority of the Directors then in office, may create one or more committees of the Board. The Board must appoint at least one director to serve on each such committee. Committees may include non-Board members. All such committee members will serve at the pleasure of the Board. Committees shall undertake such tasks as the Board specifies but shall not exercise any authority of the Board.

Amendments

This charter may be amended at any meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present by a majority vote of the Directors present and voting, provided notice of the general nature of such amendment has been given to the Directors at least ten (10) days preceding the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

All amendments shall be approved by the Congregation Councils of the participating congregations.

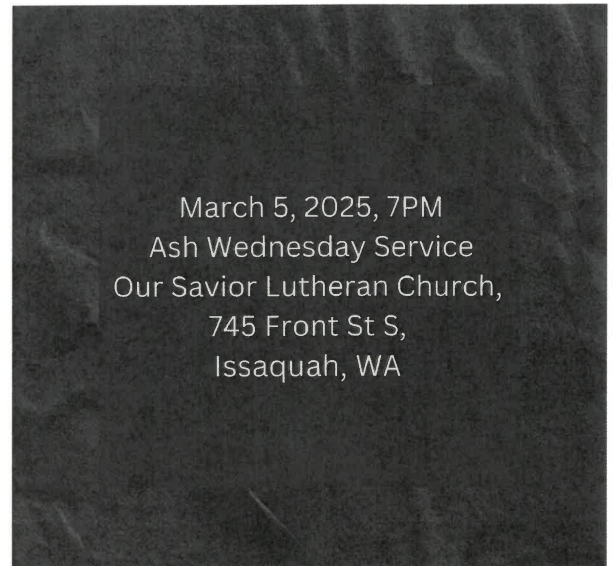
Our Savior Community

Announcements

Lent Starts Next Week

Ash Wednesday service will be on March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

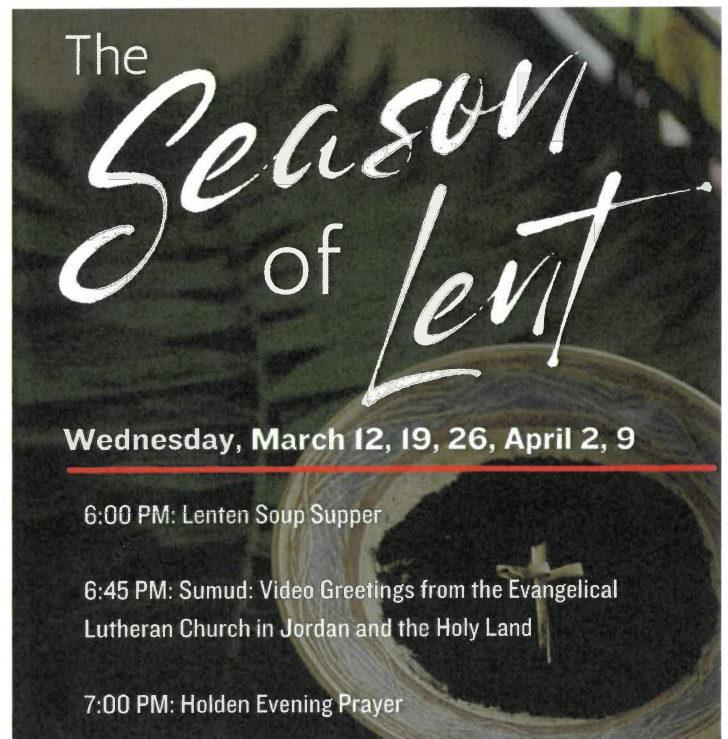
On Wednesdays, March 12-April 9, please join us at 6:00 p.m. for a soup supper in Anderson Hall. At 6:45 p.m., we'll listen to a video greeting and devotion titled "Sumud Lenten Series 2025," with a theme for each week, created by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. At 7:00 p.m., Holden Evening Prayer will be in the sanctuary. Hope you can make it!



Sumud Lenten Series 2025: "Is Not This the Fast That I Choose?"

- Week 1: "He Has Lifted Up the Lowly"
- Week 2: "Loose the Bonds of Injustice"
- Week 3: "Wilderness"
- Week 4: "To Set Free Those Who Are Oppressed"
- Week 5: "What Makes for Peace"
- Week 6: "Good Friday, Good News . . ."

"This series centers on Isaiah 58:6, 'Is not this the fast I choose?', with accompanying texts that follow Christ's journey to the cross and resurrection. There are six weeks in this series, and each week has a link to a Lenten video from the Holy Land featuring voices from the ELCJHL, a devotion written by a Palestinian theologian, a prayer to read aloud, and discussion questions to ponder with your group. Week 6 was written by a theologian from the ELCA."



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Melodies of Love Recital by David Liu

On Sunday, February 16, our Parish Musician David Liu presented a piano recital in the sanctuary. Before he played each piece by Chopin, Beethoven, Debussy, or Liszt, David described what he believes each piece emotionally and musically conveys about love.

After performing his eight chosen pieces with artistry and skill, David received a standing ovation. It was an inspiring hour of music; my husband Kevin and I were grateful we attended.

Thank you, David, for offering your musical gifts to our community. We hope you'll offer more recitals in the future!

Thankfully, the recital was recorded. You can find the Melodies of Love video on OSLC's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@oursaviorlutheranchurchiss2726>.



Photos and Article by Cynthia Delaney

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Announcements

Meet Your Neighbors Coffee Hour This Sunday, March 2!

The second Meet Your Neighbors coffee hour is this Sunday, March 2 after service. It's a great chance to sit at a table with your neighborhood group and get to know your neighbors. Hope you can make it!

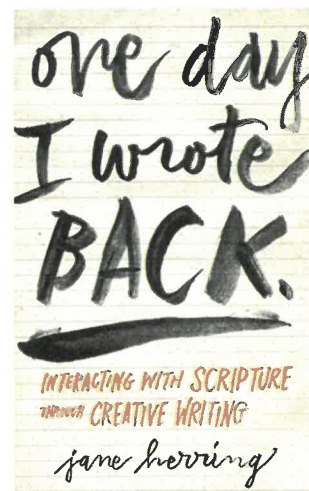
Men's Group: Wednesday, March 5

The Men's Group will meet in Anderson Hall from 8:00-9:00 p.m. on March 5 (after the Ash Wednesday service).

One Day I Wrote Back Book Study

The first session of the *One Day I Wrote Back Book Study* was held on Thursday, February 27. This engaging book study with creative writing will continue on March 6 at noon in Anderson Hall (and each Thursday through April 3). If you're interested, there's still time to join.

Copies of the book are available to purchase for \$13 in the office. The books are on the counter in the copier room, along with an envelope with the list of those who reserved a copy. Please add your name to the list and mark that you've picked up your copy and placed your payment in the envelope. Thanks!



Communion Services at Timber Ridge

Here are the upcoming dates for the services at Timber Ridge Retirement Community:

- **Thursday, March 6, 2:00 p.m.**, led by SALC
- **Thursday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.**, led by OSLC

Women's Retreat on March 7-9

Thanks to all who registered for the Women's Retreat: "WANDERING AND WONDERING WITH GOD." Registration closed on Friday, February 28. The retreat begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 7 at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. For those attending the retreat only on Saturday, March 8 (no lodging), Saturday's activities begin at 8:15 a.m. at Rainbow Lodge. Wishing all attendees an enjoyable weekend of rest, reflection, and fellowship.



Northwest Washington Synod

The Spirit: March 2025



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

From the Bishop:

Dr. Anna Lembke, a psychiatrist and an expert in addiction, states: “Rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide are going up in countries all over the world, and they’re going up fastest in the richest nations of the world. . . . We are now turning to [electronic] devices and to the Internet to meet our physical, emotional, sexual, educational, every need we have. We don’t really need other people anymore. We can get those needs met from the internet. I think that’s a very scary prospect because I think it means that we will become more and more isolated.” (“Digital Drugs Have Us Hooked. Dr. Anna Lembke Sees a Way Out,” The Daily by The New York Times podcast, 2/1/2025)

What Dr. Lembke is talking about is the dopamine hit that people receive while on their phones and other devices. More and more research is coming out that dopamine, the neurotransmitter that motivates us to do things we think will bring pleasure, is being activated by electronic media in the same way that junk food activates over-eating.

So why am I (a theologian, pastor, and bishop—but not a scientist) talking about this? Well, I think that the moving from human interaction to electronic interaction is of theological and pastoral concern. You see, at the same time that more and more research is telling us about the harm that is happening when we get “hits” of dopamine from electronic media, we are also hearing (and experiencing in our own lives and social networks) that loneliness and anxiety and stress are rising. In isolation, we might lose trust in others and in our institutions, experience a crumbling of empathy, be susceptible to disinformation, and build walls instead of bridges to another.

Now, before you say to me, “Do you know what is happening in this world?” Please hear me—I know. I know. There is a lot going on in our families, with people we care about, in the United States, and in the world as a whole. I, too, am feeling despair and disbelief. There are valid reasons for feeling anxiety and stress. And we might feel isolated and scared because of these circumstances.

But I implore you, please don’t try to navigate all of the things you are experiencing alone—without anyone around you. Please don’t always turn to your phone and doomscroll or neglect relationships or separate yourself. Instead, I encourage you to look for those spaces where you can physically connect with another person or people. Please find those places where you can authentically, truly be yourself—in your joy, in your sorrow, in your anxiety, and more.

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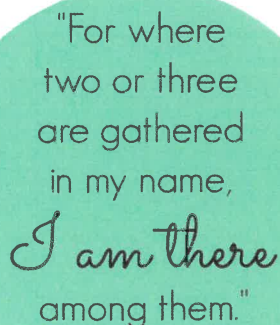
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I pray that one of these places is your church community. That you can pray and sing and learn and grow, that you can receive and grant forgiveness through Jesus, receive the sacraments, take action through the Spirit, give and receive care, and that you can rest when needed. I pray that you may do this all in a sacred space where you deeply connect with others—even if you don't always agree with one another. I pray that you can have meaningful relationships, conversation, and can be there for one another. I pray that you receive love just as you love others. I pray that if you are feeling lonely or despairing, there are those you can reach out to who will sit with you and bring God's promises again to you.

In these days, when it feels like there is so much, may you feel God's love and grace surrounding you in the community of others. May we trust in Jesus' promise, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

✝ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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"For where
two or three
are gathered
in my name,
I am there
among them."

{matthew 18:20}
{in endless songs}

Northwest Washington Synod



Kay Edgerton

From the VEEP:

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16

“There's a little light in all of us by God's design
But you can't be a beacon if your light don't shine.” - Marty Cooper

My congregation recently decided to do a little spiffing up of our sanctuary. While the painters were up on a ladder putting a new coat on the wall behind the altar, they bumped into the brown, wooden cross that is firmly affixed there. As they did, a shower of soot and dirt fell to the floor. On closer inspection, it turns out the cross is NOT entirely made of wood. In fact, a large portion is apparently made of brass. This came as a surprise to even the longest tenured members of the congregation. No one remembered it ever being anything but a matte brown. Our cross was created to shine, but over the decades, the soot from the candles on the altar below slowly accumulated, covering its true nature, dimming its brightness.

We, also, were created to shine. In her novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston describes our creation like this: “When God had made The Man, he made him out of stuff that sung all the time and glittered all over.” In her version, the angels got jealous and covered us all in mud, making us “tumbling mud-balls,” straining to show our shine. I don't know about jealous angels, but I do know it is easy to have our light dimmed slowly, layer by layer as the daily hardships of life begin to weigh us down. A rude word spoken here, a dismissive comment there, a missed deadline, a lost opportunity—even such seemingly minor things can add a layer of soot obscuring our sparkle. Add to that the truly traumatic and tragic happenings in our lives—natural disasters, wars, gun violence, political upheaval, loss of loved ones—and eventually our true natures, the spark given each of us by our creator God, can be so deeply covered we forget it was ever there.

How do we rediscover that God-given spark? How can we once again let our light shine? It can take some elbow grease, that's for sure. Recovering our true selves can take time and effort. Sometimes, it feels safer to stay hidden. Bright lights make good targets, after all. If, however, we want to start brushing that dust and soot away, we might start by refocusing our attention away from what the world says to and about us to what God wants us to be. We are made in God's own image. We are God's face to the world, carrying on Jesus' mission of reconciliation, healing, and love. We are called to welcome the stranger, love our neighbors and to do justice and seek mercy.

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When we focus on whose we are, we are better able to remember who we are. God created us to sparkle and calls us to be light for the world; we should strive to live up to that calling.

My congregation has since had the brass on our cross scrubbed clean, but we haven't had it polished. The difference, even so, is amazing. We hope to get someone up there to buff it up and bring back the gleam, but for now we rejoice that we have restored some of the sparkle to our sanctuary. As we go about the work of dusting ourselves off, we should also pause every now and then to reflect on our progress. We can also seek help from others with the hard work of digging into the crevices and polishing up what has been revealed. The ELCA and the NWWA Synod have a network of coaches that can help if you need a hand. (www.lutheransnw.org/programs/coach-northwest; www.elcacoaching.org/).

Blessings on you all as you find new ways to let your light shine!

Kay Edgerton | Vice President of the NW Washington Synod | veep@lutheransnw.org



Lutheran Counseling Network

Faith and Everyday Life March 2025

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Proverbs 15:1)

When couples come into the therapy room, they are usually at odds with each other. Harsh words fly, and anger is stirred between them. They blame and point fingers at each other, their voices raised and their eyebrows knitted in anger.

I've begun to see angry behavior like this as a shield, a protection. It's too risky to show each other how much they hurt, and how much they care about each other, so they hide behind their protections and blame.

In the therapy room, we are able to slow down their arguments and discover what goes on inside, where they may harbor fears that their partner doesn't understand them, doesn't care about them, perhaps doesn't even love them.

The more the couple is able to get down beneath the anger and protection to more vulnerable emotions and share them from a softer, more vulnerable place, the more the partners begin to see each other in new ways. When one partner tentatively and vulnerably shares the fear that the other doesn't care about them, the other partner is able to respond with compassion rather than defensive anger. This begins a new pattern of vulnerability and risk that helps the partners reach for each other and rebuild their bond.

I see God at work in this process. God creates us in love, and creates us for loving relationship—with God and with each other. When our sin and brokenness get in the way, God shows us how to take down our protections and reach for each other with love and forgiveness, and a true desire to know one another. It's true for us as couples, as families, as congregations, and communities. When we live this way, we make room for God's love to grow in our homes, our churches, our world.

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, worship services, music lessons, rehearsals, recitals, art events, and/or trainings:



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Spirit of Peace
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**ISSAQUAH
ARTS**



**LESSONS
IN
YOUR HOME**



CITY OF
ISSAQUAH
POLICE

*MASTER CHORUS
EASTSIDE*
Feed Your Soul



**New Creation Church
(Messenger Evangelistic Ministries Int'l.)**

We remember in prayer . . .

Sandy A., for the healing of her paralyzed vocal chord; **Doris H.** (grandmother of Holly H.'s husband); **Melinda N.**, who receives daily chemo treatments for brain cancer (daughter of Cheryl N.); **Lena S.**, for health and strength; **Skylar H.**, for prayers to heal and get stronger as she struggles in her first weeks of life (granddaughter of the brother of Jan W.); In thanksgiving for the birth of **Sophia Rose** (great-granddaughter of Doug and Dianne T.), and prayers for new mom **Miranda** and new dad **Jack**, as they adjust to parenthood in England; **Dianne T.**, prayers for proper treatment for new issues detected; Peace and strength for **Tom K.**, due to the return of cancer (friend of Shelley & Mark H.); Peace and strength for **Deborah E.**, diagnosed with MS (friend of Shelley & Mark H.); In thanksgiving for the 90th birthday of **Andy A.** (father of Shelley H.); **Mary F.**, for encouragement, strength, and healing; **Evy S.**, who is in hospice; **Guests of the Community Meals Program; all affected by COVID-19.**

Mourning the death of loved ones: **Larry Harbolt** (son of Ray & Carol Harbolt); **Shirley Witsoe**; **Robert (Bobby) Enloe** (twin brother of Dianne T.); **Mardell Portin** (cousin of Ron S.'s father); **Ruby George** (grandmother of Holly H.).

Healing and peace of mind: **Shelley H.**; **John & Helen N.**; **Diane M.**; **Lyle L.**; **Henrik & Patty C.**; **Vern L.**; **Katie M.**; **Margot I.**; **Dorothy S.**; **Jeanne K.**; **Florence K.**; **Sandy A.**; **Jen W.**; **Larry P.**

Undergoing cancer treatment: **Rowan H.**; **Kim A.** (dear friend of Shelley H.); **Melinda N.** (daughter of Cheryl & Lou N.); **Jared K.** (nephew of Jane W.); **Suzanne L.** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice L.); **Mary F.**; **Lou L.** (Dianne T.); **Baby Jack** (nephew of Bill S.); **Treasure H.** (daughter of Rowan and Barbara H.); **Dianne T.**; **John H.** (Marilyn C.); **Jim F.** (son of Mary F.); **Kirsten O.**; **Scott P.** (Rowan H.); **Kip H.** (father of Cheryl H.); **Richard** (Debby B.).

Living with cancer: **Mike** (friend of Jane W.); **Gene C.** (cousin of Duane J.); **Chris H.** (brother of Mark H.); **Peggy S.** (cousin of Mark H.); **Eileen L.** (cousin of Mark H.); **Sonja** (Dianne T.); **Gerald W.** (Vern and Jeannie L.); **Duane J.**; **Mary L.** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice L.); **Suzanne L.** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice L.).

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



Worship Readings for Sundays in March

Sunday, March 2: Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

Sunday, March 9: First Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 16: Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 23: Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



**Worship Assistants for Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.
(and Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.)**

Dates & Services	Assisting Minister	Usher	Altar Guild	Sound & Videography
March 2	Jen W.	Bill S. and Lois D.	Stacy S.	Jon S. and Anne E.
Wed., March 5: Ash Wednesday	Jen W.	Larry T. and TBD	Jane W.	TBD
March 9	Anne E.	Rick and Jan W.	Jane W.	TBD
March 16	Joan F.	Ken K. and Bill S.	Barbara F-S.	TBD
March 23	Connie F.	Larry T. and Don R.	Jean P. and Delaney C.	TBD
March 30	Lori D.	Anne E. and Mike A.	Holly H.	TBD



Volunteer Coordinators

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

- Altar Guild: Jane W.
- Ushers: Bill S.
- Memorial Bells: Alice L.
- Choral Ensemble: Nora T.
- Assisting Ministers: Cynthia D.
- Sound & Videography: Jon S.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3/4 Stacy S.
3/6 Carl B.
3/7 Jean C.
3/9 Bonnie B.
3/11 Evelyn S.
3/16 Shelley H.
3/21 Randolph B.
3/22 Jeff S.
3/23 Jean P.
3/24 Amy G.
3/26 Samuel H.
Marlene P.
3/28 Douglas T.
3/30 Ryan S.



Anniversaries

3/19 Robert & Patricia G.



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 2025

April 2025

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 23	24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Spirit of Peace 10:00am Worship 11:00am Meet Your 12:30pm New Creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online) 7:00pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 8:00pm Men's Group (Anderson Hall) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Mission Quilters 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed) 12:00pm One Day I 2:00pm Communion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge (North Bend) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Master Chorus Eastside Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Spirit of Peace 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & 12:30pm Master Chorus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online) 7:00pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pm Community Meal Prep (Kitchen) 7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Issaquah Garden Club (Anderson Hall) 6:00pm Lenten Soup 7:00pm Holden Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed) 12:00pm One Day I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Master Chorus Eastside Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Spirit of Peace 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & 12:30pm Master Chorus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online) 7:00pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Council Executive Committee 7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7:00pm Holden Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed) 12:00pm One Day I 		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Spirit of Peace 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee & 12:00pm Zadinsky Violin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online) 7:00pm Master Chorus 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Church Council (online) (Zoom) 7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (Anderson) 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed) 12:00pm One Day I 		
30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5
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