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Summer 2026

Our Savior
Lutheran Church
745 Front Street S
Issaquah, WA

The World Ends Next Tuesday 5 p.m.

By Rev. Olaf Baumann



The following are a likely incomplete list of the ten most recent widely publicized Christian doomsday predictions. (Note: These are the doomsday predictions that gained widespread traction. These are by no means all doomsday predictions.)

As you are able to read this, it is extremely likely these predictions were wrong.

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Date	Predictor	Basis for the Prediction	Result
21 May 2011	Harold Camping	Predicted the Rapture based on elaborate biblical numerology. Family Radio promoted the date extensively through books and billboards.	Did not occur.
29 September 2011	Ronald Weinland	Calculated the return of Christ from prophetic chronologies.	Did not occur.
21 October 2011	Harold Camping	After May 21 failed, he moved the physical end of the world to October 21.	Did not occur.
27 May 2012	Ronald Weinland	Revised from his 2011 prediction.	Did not occur.
18 May 2013	Ronald Weinland	Third revision after earlier failed predictions, arguing that prophetic years should be recalculated.	Did not occur.
7 October 2015	Chris McCann	Extended Harold Camping's calculations and identified this as the likely final day.	Did not occur.
23 September 2017	David Meade	Combined Revelation 12, astronomy, and numerology involving the hypothetical Planet X (Nibiru).	Did not occur.
2021	F. Kenton Beshore	Argued from biblical chronology that Christ would return by 2021.	Did not occur.
23-24 September 2025	Joshua Mhlakela	Claimed Jesus revealed the date in a vision, linking it to the Jewish Feast of Trumpets. The prediction went viral as "#RaptureTok."	Did not occur.
7-8 October 2025	Joshua Mhlakela	Revised his earlier prediction using the Julian calendar after the September date failed.	Did not occur.

No day goes by without someone announcing that they can predict the end of the world. **It's next Tuesday at 5 p.m.!!** Those predictions come with a deluge of Bible verses that allegedly prove the point. And then doomsday comes, and the sun sets on another failed doomsday prophet. The predictions would almost be funny if they were not believed by so many people who make major life choices based on the words of charlatans.

The most used phrase in the Bible is "Do NOT be afraid." If you take only one verse of the Bible seriously, let it be this one: **"Do NOT be afraid."** God will never cast you aside or leave you behind.

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People have always struggled to reconcile God's plan with what they think God's plan should be. In Jesus' time, the Messiah was expected to be a military leader who defeats the Romans, restores Israel's national independence, and reinstates God as the proper sovereign. Jesus obviously failed to deliver on human expectations. Instead of defeating the Romans, he died on a Roman cross. That forced the early followers of Jesus to question everything they believed. Working through the questions of who Jesus is was the beginning of the church.

That Jesus would soon return was one of the core ideas the first Christians struggled with. The earliest writings of the New Testament are the letters of Saint Paul. The Christian community expected Jesus' imminent return and the end of history. The early Christians were mostly slaves or dwelled at the bottom of the social order. Many freeborn could not earn a living because slaves did all the work. They relied on handouts of the state and especially the church. Slaves worked in agriculture and mining. Their lives were hard and short. The lives of domestic slaves were slightly better. Women as well as men were subject to violence and rape. Very few early Christians were people of means.

All who suffered the injustices of life in the ancient world desperately hoped that Jesus' return and his judgment would bring long overdue justice. Christ would right all wrongs and deal with the immense amount of injustice that was their daily reality. Christ would turn the least into the first and send the rich away empty-handed. They became convinced that they would not see death before those end times came to pass.

Time moved on, and Jesus did not come back. The planet continued to revolve around the sun, and the injustices continued, and the Christian community had to adjust its expectations. We see this shift in thinking being reflected in Paul's letters. He tries to calm the fears of those who were concerned for those who had died while they were still waiting for Jesus to come back. Would they be part of the new life in Christ or not? Eventually, Christianity was forced to embrace the idea that Jesus' second coming was not imminent on a human timescale.

Since that time, doomsday prophets roam the land and predict the end times. They see signs of doom everywhere. The collapse of the Roman Empire and the invasion of Germanic tribes were interpreted as clear indications that the end was near. And so were the conquest of the Huns, the Black Death, droughts, wars, dynastic squabbles, and each and every comet. That's no different today. Uncomfortable with modernity, equality, and an increasingly diverse society, some people see signs of doom. However, Christian history makes one thing abundantly clear. Domsday prophets were always wrong. Those who follow them will end up disappointed.

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Do NOT be afraid! God is a God of life and not a God of doom. God's judgment is the in-breaking of justice that will lift those whom the world and many Christians despise and reject. God is a creative force that always guides humanity on the way to create a world that is more loving, more inclusive, and more just. God wants to be approached with awe, and not with fear to be cast aside or left behind. The kingdom of God is a place where there is room for everybody. It is not a place where some gloat and others are tortured, because that is the world we already have.

It took St. Paul decades to refine his theology. In the end he was convinced that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39, NRSV).

If your calendar is open next Tuesday at 5 p.m., plan something nice that includes great company and ice cream. You will have time for that.



Our Savior Community

Finding Our Way

Jesus and the Role of Women

By Rev. Dr. Randall E. Webb

If you were asked, "In all of human history what do you think is the most important event that ever took place?" How would you answer? Huge contenders for that honor might be the discovery of fire, or perhaps the invention of the wheel. For followers of Jesus, it might well be "Christ is Risen!" It means that death is not the end of life. Jesus has demonstrated to us that there is life beyond the grave, and that power lies in the hands of God, not with the powers of this world which crucified Jesus for sedition.

Jesus entrusted the news of this most important event in all of history to women! Women were the first witnesses to the resurrection! "Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this [this incredible news of the mightiest of all God's acts] to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them" (Luke 24:10-11).

I suppose their disbelief was to be expected. After all, they were Jewish men, and in legal matters, women and slaves could not testify in court. Their words meant nothing. The law required the testimony of at least two male witnesses. Still, the fact that Jesus (also a Jewish man) chose to send this message through women is significant. I wonder how many messages from God the church might have missed through the ages by not allowing women to speak or by thinking their words could only be "idle tales."

Today a major source of push back against the recognition and advancement of women is coming from conservative religious sources. For example the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) overwhelmingly voted to advance the "Truth and Unity Amendment" which would permanently ban churches with female pastors and those that allow women to preach. At the heart of this decision is the belief that Scripture reserves the office of pastor for men only.

Predecessor Lutheran bodies of our ELCA denomination have been ordaining women to pastoral ministry since 1970. In 2022, half of ELCA bishops were women. Whenever this issue is debated in churches, the same scriptures are used by both sides! The issue is one of biblical interpretation and biblical scholarship. One of the most often quoted scripture verses is 1 Corinthians 14:33-36: "(As in all the churches of the saints, women should be silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be

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silent, as the law also says. If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church. Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only ones it has reached?)”

On the surface this seems pretty clear. But scholars whose call from God is to study the scriptures in their original languages, from the most ancient texts available, continue to discover things that inform our understanding. In the scripture quote above the (parentheses) are actually part of the quote! This is because most biblical scholars regard this passage as a later addition and not part of Paul’s original letter. Evidence for this within the text itself is seen in at least three different ways:

1. These verses interrupt the flow of Paul’s argument between verses 33a and 37.
2. In some ancient manuscripts, these same verses 33b-36 appear as a unit after verse 40 indicating they were inserted in two different places into the original text.
3. It contradicts the assumption in 1 Corinthians 11:5 that women were already praying and prophesying in the Christian assemblies.

What does the bible say the role of women should be? Without question, the cultural context of the Old Testament was patriarchal and women were subservient, although there are some exceptions among the Judges and for women like Ruth and Esther. But then this guy named Jesus came along and seemed to be operating from a whole different understanding of relationships and roles in society. So the next question is more specifically: What did Jesus say or show us that the role of women should be?

Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus seems to have largely ignored the rules about women from his surrounding culture. In John 4:1-30 when Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, even she knows it is inappropriate: “How is it that you, a Jew ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (verse 9) Jesus was alone with the woman at the well. When his disciples returned, “They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman . . . but no one said, . . . Why are you speaking with her?” (verse 27)

Remember when Jesus visited Mary and Martha? Martha was busy hosting, cooking, and making all the other preparations by herself, while her sister Mary was sitting directly at the feet of Jesus, a place traditionally reserved for male disciples only. Martha complained to Jesus that she needed Mary’s help with all the preparations, which always sounded very reasonable to me. Jesus’ response was unexpected: “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part which will not be taken away from her”

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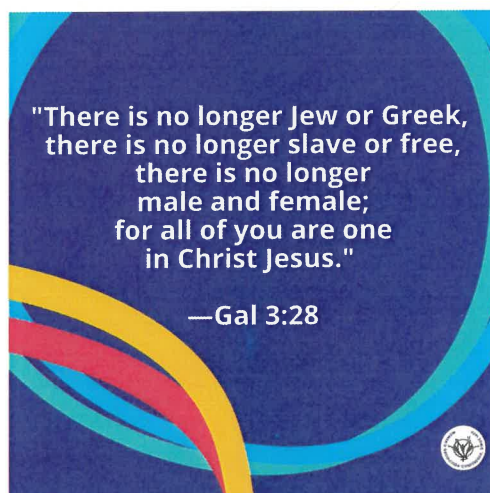
(Luke 10:41-42). Apparently, Jesus thinks that a woman's place is right there at his feet, listening to his words, together with the male disciples.

The issue here is not with the important duties necessary to extend hospitality. In this instance, those tasks are distracting Martha from something more important, namely deepening her relationship with Jesus as his disciple. I expect Jesus might have invited Martha to join her sister for the one thing that human beings really need. This story poses a question for us: Do the things we busy ourselves with day to day bring us closer to Jesus or do they distract us from seeing him in events throughout the day?

More evidence for the active role of women in leadership in the early church appears in Paul's letters. In Romans 16 for example, Paul specifically greets or commends nearly a dozen women for their leadership and hard work in the early church. Among those listed is Junia whom Paul says is "prominent among the apostles" (Romans 16:7).

Finally, there are the beautiful words of Galatians 3:27-28: "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is **no longer male and female**, for **all** of you are **one in Christ Jesus**." (Emphasis added.)

The kingdom of God that Jesus preached and initiated is a community of transformed relationships where earthly distinctions no longer matter. People are all seen as being of infinite worth because they bear the image of God and are children of God. No longer do distinctions like male or female matter. In Christ everything has been made new. This pushes me toward a question: If a church does not allow males and females to serve God in equal roles, is that church "in Christ" or not?



Northwest Washington Synod

The Spirit: July/August 2026



Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

From the Bishop:

On July 18, 1976 Pastor Nancy Winder was ordained into Word and Sacrament ministry. She was the first woman ordained in what was then the North Pacific District and the fourteenth woman ordained in the American Lutheran Church.

But Nancy and those thirteen women were not the first. We remember all the women who came before them. In scripture we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus, Elizabeth, Mary and Martha, Mary Magdalene, Phoebe, Priscilla, Junea, Lydia, and all the unnamed women including the Samaritan woman at the well who ran to proclaim what she had seen and heard, becoming the first to declare Jesus as Lord.

Along with these women in scripture, we also remember the countless women in these last 2000 years—Hildegard, Katie Luther, Argula von Grumbach, Maria Stewart, Phoebe Palmer, Catherine Booth, Margaret Wold, and so many others who were called by the Holy Spirit to preach, teach, proclaim, lead, and serve. We give thanks for the myriad of gifts that God has poured out through women for the sake of the church and the life of the world.

I am so thankful for the many women in our lives who passed on their faith to us. The women who taught Sunday School, prepared the altar, made meals, visited those who were sick, and marched against injustice. The women theologians, mystics, and writers. The women who, in countless ways, proclaimed through word and deed the good news of Jesus.

Thank you to our sisters in Christ. Thank you for the ways you have lived out your faith in every vocation. Thank you to the women who have gone before us, to the women serving today, and to the women who continue to say yes to God's call—including those called into ordained ministry.

I wonder, do you remember the first time you heard a woman preach? The first time you heard an alto or soprano voice chanting the liturgy or saying the words of institution? I remember. I was twenty years old. Seeing and hearing someone who looked

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like me, who had a body like mine, made the gospel come alive in a way I hadn't experienced before. Truly, it changed my life.

This is why I grieve what is happening to some of our sisters in other denominations. In recent weeks, the Southern Baptist Convention voted at its annual assembly to further restrict women from teaching, preaching, and pastoral leadership. This means women ordained ten or twenty or fifty years ago may now find their callings denied by the very churches they have faithfully served. So many women—chosen, loved, called, sent—women with fire in their bellies to preach the gospel may no longer do so. Not by God, but by their denomination. Their silencing is not only a tragedy for them; it is a tragedy for the whole Church.

So today there is an urgency to remember, celebrate, and publicly proclaim, that women are called by God. Just as the Spirit came to Mary, who sang of the mighty brought down from their thrones, just as the Spirit sent Mary Magdalene to proclaim resurrection to the apostles, just as Lydia helped birth a community of believers, the Spirit has called and continues to call women in every age.

So, in joy, thankfulness, and celebration, let us give thanks for the women of the past, present, and future who continue to proclaim, teach, lead, and serve. For, as we read in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, "Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart . . . For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord."

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org

"The Church is strongest when every voice God calls is free to speak."

Quotation and image from the June 13, 2026 Facebook post by St. John's UCC in Massillon, OH.



**WHEN GOD CALLS,
*We Listen.***

At St. John's UCC,
women preach.
women teach.
women pastor.

That's how
WE
are different.

We believe the Holy Spirit
is not limited by gender.

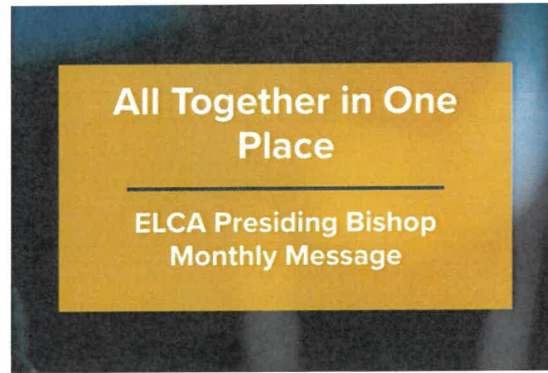
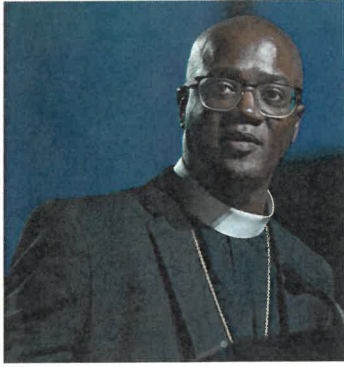
Women belong
in the pulpit.

Women lead
in faith.

Women serve
with love.

Women are called.
We say yes.

ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL ARE CALLED. ALL ARE GIFTED.



America at 250: Holding Gratitude and Humility

Dear church,

June 23, 2026

As we look toward the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, many of us will celebrate with fireworks, parades and barbecues. Independence Day often brings us together with family and friends. Yet there is more that connects us than our communal celebrations. We are also connected through a common vision.

Signed in 1776, the Declaration of Independence proclaims a vision of equality for all people. While there were other nations pushing for equality at the time, the declaration was and is a monumental document in the way it names the aspiration so boldly. As we observe and celebrate the 250th anniversary of that signing, we also affirm the vision of freedom and equality it casts. We can be grateful.

And with contrition and humility, we acknowledge all the ways we have failed to embody that vision. As members of this church, we are called to “pray, participate in, and advocate for civic life in the United States that reflects God’s activity and call, which seek both the well-being of all people and a creation marked by justice and peace” (ELCA social statement *Faith and Civic Life*, p. 89).

As Lutherans, we know the importance of naming realities for what they are. As citizens, we confess the ways we have not yet realized the vision of the Declaration of Independence and, more importantly, as Christians we confess the ways we have participated in or been complicit in failures to live into the vision God provides. This vision is rooted in creation and redemption. God crafts each person in God’s own image and sends Jesus Christ to redeem us, setting us free to follow Christ’s new commandment to love one another.

The history of the United States is complex, and all too often we have fallen short of our stated values. Indigenous peoples across this land have been forced to cede their ancestral homes and pushed to reservations. Women and men have been prevented

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from voting because of their sex and race and spat on and jailed when they demanded their rights. Japanese American families were interned during World War II. Queer and transgender people's lives are obstructed by federal and state orders.

There is a photograph of Elizabeth Eckford, one of the nine Black teenagers who integrated Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., in 1957. Books under her arm, she faces forward as angry white people crowd behind her. She was just trying to go to school.

Holding both the failures and the vision in our hearts and minds, I invite us to ask ourselves, "What does it mean to celebrate a promise that is real and yet still unfolding? What does it mean to be a people who always live in 'the already but not yet'?"

This is a central question for us not only as we mark the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence but also in our daily lives as people of faith. The prophets repeatedly remind us of the vision God casts for all of creation, and they call us to account when, as God's own people, we fall short.

When we fall short, we remember we are rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We think, speak and live out faith through God's future. God's future is resurrection. As a church, we are turned not only to the past but to the future God is making possible right now through us as we love and serve others.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that God calls us to:

- Remember our connection to each other through baptism, as Scripture teaches us: "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:5).
- Name sin for what it really is and to repent of it, as the Augsburg Confession and the catechisms remind us.
- Serve the common good in society as "earthly measures toward God's intention" (*Faith and Civic Life*, p. 11).

As we celebrate 250 years of the Declaration of Independence, we can hold gratitude and humility, possibilities and shortcomings. We continue to live in the already and the not-yet.

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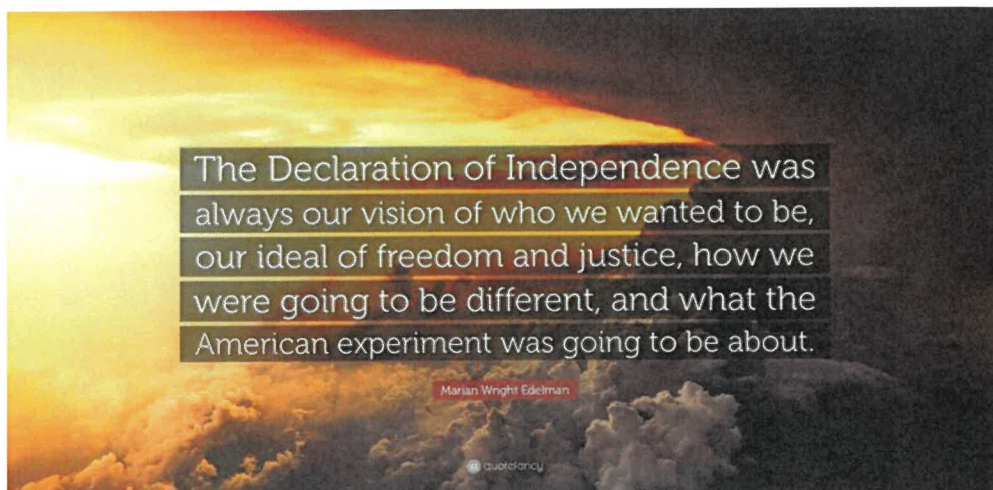
And we hold fast to the most important promise of all: the presence of God with us, the power of the resurrection of Christ, the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit and the ever-unfolding grace of God.

We celebrate this occasion neither as a perfect nation nor as a perfect church but as a people held in God's grace and called into community in service to all neighbors and for the sake of the world God so loves.

In Christ,



The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Quotation by Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President Emerita
of the Children's Defense Fund

Lutheran Counseling Network

July Faith and Everyday Life

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

Hope is essential in order for humans to thrive. Yet, hope can be hard to come by at times. I know this firsthand through the many very personal griefs and sorrows shared in my counseling office. Relationships fail. Loved ones die. Dreams are lost. Chronic illness robs quality of life.

What is hope, anyway? Is it related to the joy and gratitude that can be found when the sun comes out on a beautiful Northwest day, or when our life circumstances flow together without much difficulty, or when we sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* with vigor on Easter Sunday? Yes, certainly. The hope we feel in such moments is real and sustaining, and provides a foreshadowing of our heavenly hope for a time when sorrow will be no more.

Sometimes, however, I think hope is a far grittier thing, and something hard won. Sometimes we barely cling to hope by our fingernails, as we feel tossed about in a sea of emotional turmoil or personal trials. Sometimes hope eludes us entirely during our darkest days, and we may need the support of someone who can hold onto hope for us when we cannot.

Each year when we tire of the dark and gloomy days of Northwest rain that seem to last for months, we may also recall that the sun is literally just behind the clouds. It can't be seen yet, and it may yet be a while until it makes its appearance. However, it *is* there, and it is more stalwartly constant than the clouds which occupy our vision.

If you are living amidst a lingering time of dark clouds, and have forgotten what the sun looks and feels like, please know that the sun *is* still present. And may we as the community of faith remember and hold onto that hope for those among who at this time cannot. Amen.

Written by a Staff Member of Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network

August Faith and Everyday Life

“Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off” (Proverbs 23: 18).

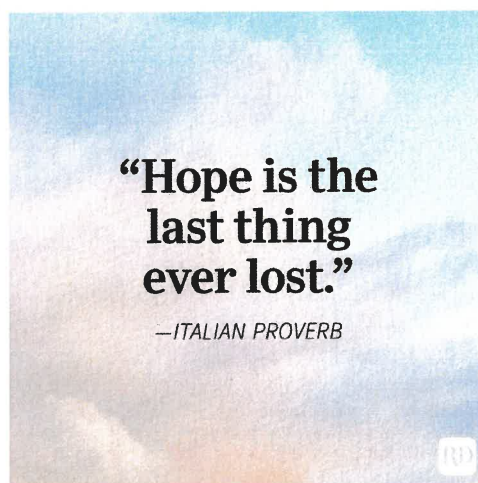
When couples come to therapy, things can look awfully bleak. There may be intense conflict that has raged for years. There may be resigned distance. There is often lack of hope that change is possible.

But something has brought them in that door. Some glimmer of hope that things could be different. It is that glimmer of hope that lights the way to change in therapy.

Whether we use the name of Christ in the therapy room or not, Christ is present in that glimmer of hope. Christ points the way to change. Christ helps couples begin to understand each other and risk lowering their protections with one another. Christ helps them reveal their true feelings, and opens them to experiencing each other differently.

It can be this way for each of us. Trusting in Christ, we can receive and embrace that glimmer of hope that things could be different. We can trust Christ to light our way, and begin step by step to embrace change, lower our protections, and reach out to others. We can begin to take risks and have new experiences. In all of this, Christ is present, leading us forward, guiding our steps, helping us change and grow toward a future full of hope.

Written by a Staff Member of Lutheran Counseling Network





Thank You!

May 21, 2026

Our Savior Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends,

We are profoundly grateful for your congregations's gift of \$710.00. For the millions of children living in crisis, your swift and generous action truly matters.

Around the world, urgent crises are rising even as available resources diminish. **Your steadfast commitment to our most vulnerable** neighbors empowers us to respond first to the greatest needs. Because of your dedication, we can ensure that **compassion guides our actions, rather than the limits of funding.**

For **children shouldering fears no child should ever face**, your boundless support offers the **greatest comfort and dignity**. Your gift delivers not just the most urgent shelter, nutritious meals, clean water and critical health care — but the most precious promise of brighter days ahead.

You have answered the cries of our neighbors in their darkest hours. Through your dedicated leadership, your congregation provides more than just immediate relief; you provide lasting hope.

Thank you for your unwavering partnership. **Because of your congregation, the burden of crisis is lighter for the smallest shoulders that carry them.**

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$710.00–LWR.

Please retain this letter for tax purposes



June 10, 2026

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Pastors Kristin-Luana and Olaf Baumann
745 Front St. South
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Dear Pastor Kristin-Luana and Pastor Olaf,

With your donations, you are helping to provide the resources families need to survive – and thrive – right here in our communities. The child next door, the kids in your local school, the babies you see at the park, will benefit from your generosity. **Thank you.**

Your support is strengthening KidVantage's ability to close the gap for hundreds of families each week. In just the first quarter of this year, KidVantage provided more than 400,000 diaper changes, over 2,000 Big Bundles of clothing, toys and books, more than 600 car seats, and much more.

We gratefully acknowledge your recent donation of over 1,600 diapers and boxes of wipes. **Working together, you and KidVantage are giving more than 1,400 kids each week a healthier start in life.**

Community partners make the work of KidVantage possible. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about KidVantage. You can reach me at 425.372.7525.

Thank you for giving kids a strong foundation in life.

Best Regards,

Helen Banks Routon
Director of Development & Community Relations

Cc: Dianne Tanner

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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:



BOY SCOUTS
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Spirit of Peace
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST


MASTER CHORUS
EASTSIDE
Feed Your Soul



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



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PARKINSON DISEASE
ASSOCIATION
NORTHWEST CHAPTER
Strength in optimism. Hope in progress.



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POLICE



We remember in prayer . . .

Beverly P., who has moved to an adult family home and entered hospice care (a charter member of OSLC); **Marlice G.**, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer; **Cheryl N.**, for health concerns; **Doug T.**, for proper diagnosis (husband of Dianne T.); **Rita H.**, who is undergoing aggressive chemo treatment for cancer (dear friend of Dianne T. and former OSLC member); **Dean V.**, for pain relief and a skilled surgeon for his upcoming neck surgery (son-in-law of Doug and Dianne T.); **Judy K.**, who's recovering from back surgery (second cousin of Dianne T.); **Christine W.**, may she feel God's love and guidance as her life moves on without Richard (friend of Anne E. and Mike A.); **Millie H.**, for her new tooth to come soon; **Shelley H.**, as she works through several health issues; **Jan S.**, who is recovering from health issues (friend of Shelley H.); **Bobbie M.**, for a strong heart and successful cancer treatment (grandmother of Holly H.); **Hannelore M.**, for her heart issues; **Barbara H.**, for healing (wife of Rowan H.); **Suzanne D.**, for healing her lower back fracture; **Dianne T.**, for healing and pain relief; **Mary F.**, for healing and comfort; **Guests of the Community Meals Program.**

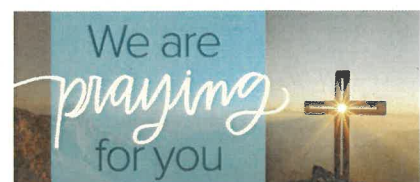
Mourning the death of loved ones: Nancy Cumming (long-time member).

Healing and peace of mind: Lena S.; Peter R.; Shelley H.; John & Helen N.; Diane M.; Lyle L.; Henrik & Patty C.; Vern L.; Katie M.; Margot I.; Dorothy S.; Jeanne K.; Larry P.

Undergoing cancer treatment: Rowan H.; Dianne T.; Melinda N. (daughter of Cheryl & Lou N.); 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.); John H. (Marilyn C.); Jim F. (son of Mary F.); Kirsten O.; Scott P. (Rowan H.); Kip H. (father of Cheryl H.).

Living with cancer: Guy M.; Sandy A.; 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.); 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 add (or you or your loved ones no longer need to be on this list), please reach out to office@oslcissaquah.org. Thank you.





Worship Assistants for Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

Date	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Altar Guild	Sound & Videography
July 5	Jen W.	Carl and Judy B.	Barbara F-S.	Jon S.
July 12	Debby B.	Rick and Jan W.	Stacy S.	Jon S.
July 19	Joan F.	Anne E. and Mike A.	Jane W. and Jane T.	Tom K.
July 26	Connie F.	Lois D. and Don R.	Jean P. and Delaney C.	Jon S.
August 2	Jen W.	Carl and Judy B.	Jane W. and Jane T.	TBD
August 9	Debby B.	Barbara F-S. and Tom K.	Stacy S.	TBD
August 16	Joan F.	Rob G. and Bill S.	Barbara F-S.	TBD
August 23	Connie F.	Don R. and Larry T.	Jean P. and Delaney C.	TBD
August 30	Lori D.	Bill S. and Ken K.	Jane W.	TBD

Sunday worship services are in person and livestreamed at 10:00 a.m. A link to the service is published in the weekly email, or you can go to the **Our Savior Lutheran Church Issaquah YouTube** channel.

Please note: This schedule reflects information known as of July 1. It is subject to last-minute changes.

July & August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

7/7 Debby B.
Reidar G.
Marlice G.
Joanna W.
7/9 Holly H.
7/10 Carla G.
7/11 Helen N.
7/13 John T.
7/15 Dianne K.
7/20 Alice L.
7/21 Ann T.
7/22 Ashley S.
7/23 Alice N.
7/25 Gabby G.
7/26 Jeff J.
7/28 Cecilia K.
8/2 Lana G.
8/5 Evie G.
8/10 Barb P.
8/12 Mary F.
8/17 Chuck B.
8/18 Doug D.
8/24 Paul G.
8/25 Lisa D.
8/26 Leslie W.
8/27 Jan W.
8/29 Yumio D.



Anniversaries

7/11 Stan & Jeannette P.
7/17 Randy & Joanna W.
7/20 Don & Lorna R.
Doug & Lori D.
7/25 John & Elaine S.
7/29 Nora & Steve T.
7/31 Cynthia & Kevin D.
8/5 Pete & Hannelore M.
8/8 Ann & Larry T.
8/10 Jeff & Sandy S.
8/12 Lana & David G.
8/18 Phil & Evie G.
8/19 Jeff & Marilyn J.
8/20 Dianne & Doug T.



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!

July 2026

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August 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4
9:30am Spirit of Peace Worship (SOP)			9:00am Marcus Talley Studios Chamber Music Camp	9:00am Marcus Talley	9:30am Mission Quilters	
10:00am Worship			6:00pm AA Meeting (Education Room and Visioning Group)	10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)	10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)	
11:00am Coffee				2:00pm Timber Ridge	6:00pm New Creation	
12:30pm New Creation				6:00pm Marcus Talley		
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9:30am Spirit of Peace Worship (SOP)	10:30am Congregational Care Ministry (Library)	7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)	6:00pm AA Meeting (Education Room and Children's Classroom)	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)		
10:00am Worship	11:00am Line Dancing		6:00pm Property Visioning Group	10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)		
11:00am Coffee	3:00pm Companions			6:00pm New Creation		
12:30pm New Creation	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop					
4:00pm Saathoff Music						
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9:30am Spirit of Peace	11:00am Line Dancing with Renata (Anderson Hall)	1:00pm Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)	6:00pm AA Meeting (Education Room and Children's Classroom)	9:30am Mission Quilters		5:00pm RIC Group Visioning Meeting (Online)
10:00am Worship		7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop	10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)		
11:00am Coffee	3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online)		676 PLC (Anderson)	1:00pm Community		
12:30pm New Creation				6:00pm New Creation		
4:00pm Saathoff Music				7:00pm Finance		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am Spirit of Peace Worship (SOP)	10:30am Congregational Care Ministry (Library)	7:00pm Council Executive Committee (online) (Zoom)	6:00pm AA Meeting (Education Room and Children's Classroom)	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)		
10:00am Worship	11:00am Line Dancing with Renata	(online) (Zoom)	7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)	10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)		
11:00am Coffee				6:00pm New Creation		
12:30pm New Creation	3:00pm Companions					
26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
9:30am Spirit of Peace Worship (SOP)	11:00am Line Dancing with Renata	11:00am Memorial Service and	4:00pm Emma Huang's Piano Recital (Sanctuary)	9:30am Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall)		
10:00am Worship	3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online)	7:00pm Church Council (online) (Zoom)	6:00pm AA Meeting (Education Room and Visioning Group)	10:00am AI-Anon (Ed Room)		
11:00am Coffee				6:00pm New Creation		
12:30pm New Creation	5:00pm Setup for	7:45pm AA (Anderson Hall)				

August 2026

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9 9:30am Spirit of Peace 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee 12:30pm New Creation	10 9:00am Tierra Strings Summer Camp 3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online)	11 9:00am Tierra Strings Summer Camp 1:00pm Community 7:45pm AA (Anderson	12 9:00am Tierra Strings Summer Camp 6:00pm AA Meeting (Education Room and	13 9:00am Tierra Strings 9:30am Mission Quilters 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed 5:00pm Aire Craft	14 9:00am Tierra Strings Summer Camp 5:00pm Aire Craft Festival (Parking Lot)	15 10:00am Aire Craft Festival (Parking Lot)
16 9:30am Spirit of Peace 10:00am Aire Craft 10:00am Worship at 12:30pm New Creation	17 3:00pm Companions Bible Study (online) (Zoom)	18 5:00pm RIC Group Visioning Meeting 7:00pm Council 7:45pm AA (Anderson	19 6:00pm AA Meeting (Education Room and 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 676 PLC (Anderson	20 9:30am Mission Quilters 10:00am AI-Anon (Ed 1:00pm Community 6:00pm New Creation	21	22
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