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we grow disciples for service and outreach.*

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Sunday Worship

Services:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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OSLC is Changing. God's Steadfast Love Remains!

By: Pr. Ryan Fletcher

The ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, famously wrote that the only real constant in life is change. Biblical wisdom has its own take on the human experience of the ever-shifting sands beneath our feet. God's Word acknowledges this truth of constant change, but it also holds to a second certainty. In addition to change, the other constant in our life is God's steadfast love. And, it is God's steadfast love that will reveal what OSLC is to become in the days ahead.

To ground our sense of the changes happening in our wider community, consider the following facts:

- In the last twenty years, the population of Issaquah has basically quadrupled growing from around 8,400 to over 33,000.
- Starting in 1996, the Issaquah Highlands and Talus were developed by the city as "Urban Villages." These new developments account for about a third of the total population and a large amount of new population growth.
- From 2000 to 2010, census data shows that while the number of residents identified as "White" grew by 131%, growth for non-white residents was far more explosive: 686% for "Asian," 326% for "Black," 279% for "Two or more races," and 241% for "Other race."
- From 2000 to 2010, census data shows a dramatic shift in the average age of Issaquah residents. In this decade, the population for those "65 years and over" grew by 46%, while it grew by 86% for those "18 to 64 years," and 171% for those "0 to 4 years."

Census data largely confirms what we already know if we look around while shopping at Costco and Fred Meyer or if we volunteer in local school classrooms. Youth and increasing cultural diversity are at the heart of change in Issaquah.

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And, this is where it gets exciting for us, as a faith community. Down through the ages, clear eyed prophets and bold saints have helped God's people lean into God's steadfast love in the midst of change. Psalm 144 was written in a time of incredible changes for Israel both within and without. New languages were spoken, new leaders were emerging, and the future seemed to many to be uncertain. Trusting in God's steadfast love, the psalmist wrote:

*I will sing a new song to you, O God;
upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you...*

*May our sons in their youth
be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars,
cut for the building of a palace.*

Embracing the steadfast love of the Lord in a changing world meant singing a new song and focusing on the vitality and stability that younger generations might bring to the community.

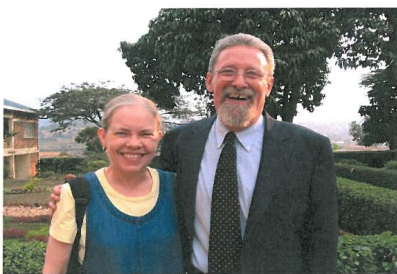
How might OSLC learn from our ancestors in the faith and lean into God's love in a time of change? How might we choose to sing a new song and seek out the vitality and stability that sons and daughters might bring?

These are questions for leaders in this community to answer and rally around together. In prayerful discernment, I believe that the answers most certainly include building up new ministries that target children, youth, and their families. I believe that God is calling us to dedicate more of our time, money, and listening to the diverse new peoples that are reshaping Issaquah. In worship, education, fellowship, outreach and every other area of our life together, this means making openness, experimentation, and listening to new voices a priority.

Join me in praying for the good changes that God is bringing to our faith community. If you haven't already, make a habit of listening to new voices in our congregation and in the wider community. Let your holy imagination wander and join the psalmist in beginning to write a new song to God.



SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH



In Gratitude to God and in Thanksgiving for the Ministry of LARRY AND ANN THOMAS

After 22 years of ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church and 40 years as an ordained minister, Pastor Larry E. Thomas is retiring. Please join the OSLC community as we wish Larry and Ann Thomas farewell and God's speed on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

We will gather for morning worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. (receptions following both services). A catered dinner will be served in Anderson Hall at 5:00 p.m., with a program in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Inquiries: office@oslcssaquah.org

Date of Event: 11/09/14
Morning Worship:
• 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Catered Dinner:
• 5:00 p.m.
Program:
• 6:30 p.m.

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Update – Transition Times and Preparing for Pastor Thomas' Retirement

By: Judi Case, Council President

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

~Ephesians 4:1-3

I was given some good advice the other day, from a pastor who has lived through transition and interim times. "The first thing to do is remain calm. The second thing is to listen. The third thing is to not forget the first two".

As we prepare to celebrate Pastor Thomas's retirement, and enter into our interim/transition period, I think this advice is solid and worth sharing. We are all facing times where patience and listening will be keys to our successful navigation. Staying calm is important. While we have God's guidance and the Bishop's support, we will be facing the challenges of helping voices to be heard while moving forward with a process that will be lengthy. Some may say that we should move quickly while others may prefer to take the time needed in our search for a new pastor. We are beginning a journey, one of self-discovery and learning, a time of reflection wherein we will invite the Holy Spirit to guide us. This time is not to be rushed, but rather savored, as we identify the needs and future directions of our congregation. During this time we will create a Ministry Site Profile (MSP), a picture of who we are as a congregation, along with areas for growth and development. This document will be the basis from which our Bishop will determine candidates for calling a pastor who will meet our needs and grow with us in God's name. We will follow the Synodical process for Pastoral Replacement. This document can be found on the Synod website (www.lutheransnw.org).

As president, I am and will continue to be in close contact with Bishop Unti and Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Buffum. The Bishop and Pastor Buffum have attended council meetings, and will continue to be available as we continue on our journey. I will bring updates each month in the FOCUS as well as posting information on the bulletin boards in Anderson Hall, in order to share important activities and progress. I do encourage anyone who feels the need, to contact myself or a council member, to share your voice and prayers, or to raise concerns as needed. Both council and staff are working to make this transition as easy as possible. Once we have an Interim Pastor in place, he or she will also be available for guidance and counsel.

We are encouraged through the Synodical process and by our Bishop to celebrate Pastor Thomas's retirement. The first and most important step at this time is to focus on saying a loving 'good bye!' to Pastor Thomas and Ann. Led by our Interim Choir Director and Worship Coordinator Scott Hafso, and our Parish Administrator Janet Heck, we are planning a celebration in Gratitude to God and in Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Larry and Ann Thomas. Through music, sharing memories and prayer, we will honor Pastor Larry and Ann and the twenty two years they have served us. More information regarding this November 9th celebration can be found in this FOCUS, and will also be sent out this month.

Christian Education & Small Group Ministries

Sunday School

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Infants, Toddlers & Their Families

Again this year at OSLC, we will have a Sunday School class for infants, toddlers, and their families. The class takes place the fourth Sunday of each month in the OSLC Nursery. Parents, grandparents, or caregivers should attend the class with their little ones. Each month, this class will include songs, story, and play time and opportunities for the adults to get to know one another. The first class takes place on September 28, 2014.

Preschool—Grade 5

For students in Preschool through Grade 5, our Sunday School programs are tied to the Sunday morning readings that we hear each week in worship. For more information on our Sunday school curriculum, visit www.activatefaith.org or contact Pastor Fletcher (rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org.)



Grades 6—12
Java Talk

For students in Grades 6–12 we offer an on campus program geared towards conversation and relationship building. Each Sunday, students meet in the upstairs youth room for JavaTalk, a program geared towards conversation and relationship building.

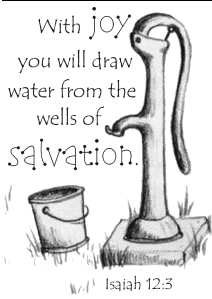


Sunday Morning Adult Class / Lectio Divina

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians

October 5-26 @9:45 a.m.

Pastor Thomas will lead a four week Bible study/lectio divina experience on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Philippians is Paul's happiest letter. In his introduction to Philippians in *The Message*, Eugene Peterson writes, "Before we've read a dozen lines, we begin to feel the joy ourselves - the dance of words and the exclamations of delight have a way of getting inside of us...When we read what Paul wrote to the Christian believers in the city of Philippi, we find ourselves in the company of a master. Paul doesn't tell us that we can be happy, or how to be happy. He simply and unmistakable *is* happy. None of his circumstances contribute to his joy: He wrote from a jail cell, his work was under attack by competitors, and after twenty years or so of hard traveling in the service of Jesus, he was tired and would have welcomed some relief. But circumstances are incidental compared to the life of Jesus, the Messiah, that Paul experiences from the inside." Each week participants will read, review and discuss one of the four chapters of Philippians. Each week we will devote a portion of our Bible study to lectio divina, a slow, contemplative experiential reading of a selected passage from the chapter for the week. Class will meet in the church library. Please join us.



A Deeper Well
Sunset Ale House
Tuesday, October 29 @ 8:00 p.m

Pastor Fletcher leads A Deeper Well, a time to talk about faith and life and experience some refreshment for both body and soul. We meet at Sunset Ale House on Front Street (20 Front Street, next to Flying Pie Pizzeria and Front Street Market), on the last Tuesday of each month. Join us on Tuesday, October 29th beginning at 8:00 p.m. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ryan at (425) 392-4169, ext. 105 or rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org.

New Life Spirituality Group
Sunday, October 5th
@ the home of Doug and Sue Friddell

Members of the New Life Spirituality Group represent a wide range of ages. Group members choose books to read and discuss that we hope will help us grow in our faith. Books are read a section or a few chapters at a time and take however long the group feels we need to get through the book. The New Life Spirituality Group will meet on Sunday evening, October 5th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Doug and Sue Friddell. They will begin discussing a new book, *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand. Participants should read Parts 1 and 2 (chapters 1-11). The book is available from a variety of online vendors. For more information, please contact Sue Friddell at fridsd@aol.com.

 **Mission Quilters**

Join us Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until noon in Anderson Hall and assist us making quilts. The Mission Quilters make simple patchwork quilts that are donated to people in need. Contact the church office for more information, 425-392-4169, ext. 100.

Everyone is invited to help make quilts for the Compass Center from start to finish over three sessions. We will select fabric from the quilting closet, cut it into squares, sew the squares together and then assemble the quilts. Join us on Wednesdays evenings October 8th and 22nd and November 12th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. No sewing experience necessary! (If you have a rotary cutter and/or cutting mat, bring it to the first session.)



Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Thursdays @ OSLC



Pastor Thomas leads the Thursday morning Bible study. We meet in the church library. Our study focus is St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Our primary text is *Paul for Everyone: I Corinthians*, by N.T. Wright. Copies are available from a variety of on-line vendors.

Our reading/study schedule for October 2014 is:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bible Reading</u>	<u>Book Reading</u>
October 2	I Corinthians 12	Pages 153-170
October 9	I Corinthians 13	Pages 170-179
October 16	I Corinthians 14	Pages 179-201
October 23	I Corinthians 15	Pages 201-208



OSLC's Book Club
November 10th—7:30 p.m.
Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Issaquah

The next gathering for the Book Club will be on Monday, November 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Issaquah Barnes and Noble Bookstore. The book club will discuss the book *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Bolz-Weber is the founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints, an ELCA mission church in Denver, Colorado. She takes no prisoners as she reclaims the term "pastrix" (pronounced "pas-tricks," a term used by some Christians who refuse to recognize female pastors) in her messy, beautiful, prayer-and-profanity laden narrative about an unconventional life of faith. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our book selections please contact Marilyn Larson, at marilyn.larson@gmail.com or call her at (425) 392-6594.

New Member Orientation

Sunday, October 19th @ 9:45 a.m.

This informal event is for those persons who are interested in learning more about the life of this congregation and how they may formally join us in mission and ministry. This is a great opportunity for getting better acquainted with others who have been a part of our worshipping community for a while and with those who have been members for a long time. New members will be received on Reformation Sunday, October 26 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. To sign up for the October 19th New Member Orientation or to find out more about OSLC membership, please contact Pastor Fletcher @ 425.392.4169 ext 105 or by e-mail at rdfletcher@oslcissaquah.org.



Monthly Women's Bible Studies:

Hope and Faith Circles are monthly women's Bible study groups that meet in participants homes from September until June. These studies follow the Bible study found in the Lutheran magazine, *Gather*.

Hope Circle

Friday, October 17

9:30 a.m.

Hope Circle will meet Friday, October 17, 2014 at the home of Dianne Kleingartner. Hope Circle meets on the third Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. For more information on Hope Circle or for carpooling information, please contact Sandy Aldworth at (425) 837-1233 or mtnlady@comcast.net.

Faith Circle

Monday, October 20th

1:30 p.m.

On October 20, 2014 Faith Circle will meet at the home of Joan Schlemlein. Faith Circle meets on the third Monday of each month, at 1:30 p.m., in different member's homes. If you need more information or would like to join Faith Circle, please contact Rita Hansen at (425) 392-2108 or ritahansen@brigadoon.net.

2015 OSLC Women's Retreat

Friday, March 6—Sunday, March 8, 2015 @ Rainbow Lodge in North Bend

Seasons of the Heart; Seasons of Prayer will be the focus of the 2015 Women's Retreat. Pastor Karen Hanson will lead in exploring the seasons and cycles of life with a diversity of prayer styles. All women are invited to come! Pastor Karen is a former Associate Pastor at OSLC and is now a Spiritual Director, Board Certified Chaplain with a love of hospice ministry and Intentional Interim Pastor.

Registration information will be available soon. Contact Joan Friel with questions at frielj4@comcast.net.



Treasurer's Update

August 2014



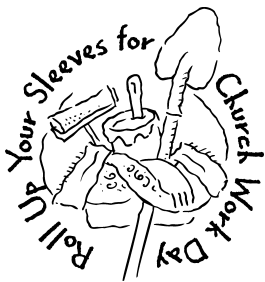
We are very blessed to be off to an excellent financial start to the 2014/15 fiscal year.

What has actually happened this year:

Two months ended August 31, 2014 YTD income is 105% of budget	\$87,942
Two months ended August 31, 2014 YTD expenses is 97% of budget	<u>81,183</u>
Surplus	\$ 6,759

Our giving for the first two months of the year is \$20,709 ahead of last year for the same time period.

Respectfully, Randy Halter, Treasurer



It's Time for an OSLC Outdoor Work Party!

Saturday, October 18th @ 9:00 a.m.

Wow, a new season is upon us, salmon running, leaves turning color, rainy days...also is the realization that Pastor Thomas will be retiring soon...change...sometimes, difficult to face. Let's face it together for a **real big** clean up party to make the place look great for the fall and winter to come. Let your light shine through with shovels and rakes and brighten up OSLC! Saturday, October

18th, 9:00 a.m. – noon offishally. Snacks and cider provided. Bring your own gloves.

Call or email Mark Cron with questions or if you want more information, mwcron@comcast.net or 425-432-2331.

Church Website Includes Audio From Recent Sermons Preached At OSLC:

www.oslcissaquah.org

OSLC's website includes audio from recent sermons preached at OSLC. Preaching is a central part of our worship life at Our Savior Lutheran Church, as we proclaim God's Word to be a living thing in our lives. Both in the live event and in the days and weeks that follow, we understand preaching to be a conversation between God and the entire gathered community. We invite you to join in that conversation. The audio recording from recent sermons preached at OSLC are available to you on the OSLC website as an invitation to engage God's living Word! Check it out at www.oslcissaquah.org. Click on the Worship and Music tab and follow that to sermons.





Upcoming OSLC Youth Events

- October 5
2015 ELCA Youth Gathering
Informational Meeting
- October 10-12
Confirmation Fall Retreat at Mt. Rainier
- October 19
Whirlyball (Middle & High School)
- October 26
Trunk or Treat (All Ages)

2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering

Every three years, 40,000 Lutheran youth and adults gather together for a huge event filled with music and speakers that inspire, daily service learning, games and activities and meaningful Bible studies. The dates are set for next summer in Detroit for July 15-19, 2015. **Pr. Fletcher will be having an information meeting on Sunday, October 5th at 9:45 a.m. in the narthex.**

OSLC Confirmation Program

For youth in Grades 7-9, OSLC offers a program that provides a broad introduction to the Christian faith. At the end of the program, youth are invited to affirm the promises first made at their baptisms. Teaching sessions are the faith formation and learning core of the confirmation program. These sessions are led by one of the pastors in partnership with adult guides. This year the confirmation program will focus on *Confessions & Creeds, the Beliefs of Others, Art and Spirituality* and *Tough Questions*.

An important part of confirmation is Small Groups. These groups are led by an adult small group guide. During teaching sessions, small groups are used to engage in conversation and collaborative work. During the designated small groups sessions, fellowship and service opportunities provide the context as friendships between youth grow.

Each fall, we go on a retreat with the confirmation students. This year, the retreat will be held at a lodge on Mt. Rainier. We will gather on Friday, October 10 at OSLC and head over together by van. The retreat ends when we return midday on Sunday, October 12 to OSLC.

The October confirmation schedule is:

- October 1 – Orientation for Students & Parents (7:00-8:00 p.m.)
- October 8 – Teaching Session #1 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
- October 10-12 – Confirmation Retreat @ Mt. Rainier, Teaching Sessions #2 & #3
- October 22 – Teaching Session #4 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
- October 29 – Prayer Partner Event (7:00-8:30 p.m.)

Youth Ministry Committee:

October 6, 7:00 p.m.

Towards the end of the Gospel of John, Jesus promises that God, the Father, will not abandon the disciples but will send them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will be with them. Soon, the disciples discover that this Holy Spirit comes to them in and through the early Christian community that becomes the Church. Our children and youth need you to step out in faith and answer this same Spirit's call. We need advocates to listen well to the stories their lives are telling and to lift up their participation in the life of our congregation. Come join the Youth Ministry Committee! We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6th in the OSLC library. Questions? Contact Pastor Ryan.

2015 ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraiser

Christmas Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

Orders Due by Sunday, November 2nd

OSLC Youth participating in the July 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan, are having a fundraiser selling Squak Mt. Nursery poinsettias and wreaths. Orders must be placed no later than Sunday, November 2nd. (The delivery TBD.) The poinsettias come in white, pink and red and are absolutely huge and the best quality you can buy. The wreaths are fresh greenery with pine cones and smell wonderful. Please tell your friends and neighbors as well. Place your orders in the box on the table in the narthex.

Contact Glenna Usselman, 206-496-9695 or by email at glennausselman@aol.com if you have questions. Thank you for your support!!



**2015 ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraiser
Christmas Poinsettia and Wreath Sale
From Squak Mt. Nursery**

EVERGREEN WREATHS \$16.50 EACH

POINSETTIAS \$13.50 each

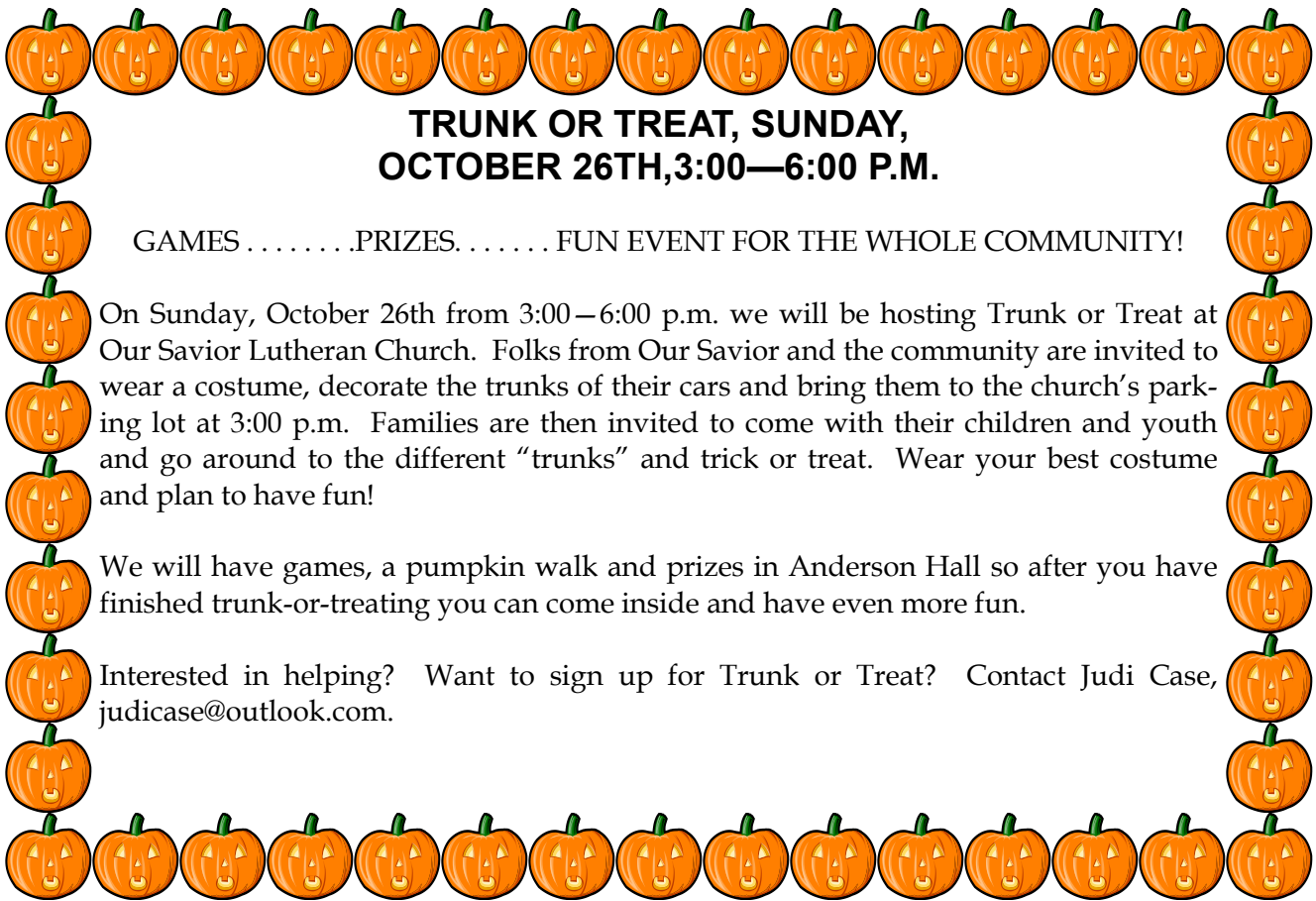
Orders due: Sunday, November 2nd
Pick up orders at OSLC (exact date TBD)

Contact Glenna Usselman, 206-496-9695 or
by email at glennausselman@aol.com if you have questions.

Name _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

	Quantity	Total \$
Wreaths	_____ @ \$16.50 ea	_____
Red Poinsettias	_____ @ \$13.50 ea	_____
Pink Poinsettias	_____ @ \$13.50 ea	_____
White Poinsettias	_____ @ \$13.50 ea	_____
	TOTAL	_____

Please make checks payable to OSLC (and note 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering on memo line.) Place your order and payment in the box on the table in the narthex by Sunday, November 2nd.



**TRUNK OR TREAT, SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 26TH, 3:00—6:00 P.M.**

GAMES PRIZES FUN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY!

On Sunday, October 26th from 3:00—6:00 p.m. we will be hosting Trunk or Treat at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Folks from Our Savior and the community are invited to wear a costume, decorate the trunks of their cars and bring them to the church's parking lot at 3:00 p.m. Families are then invited to come with their children and youth and go around to the different "trunks" and trick or treat. Wear your best costume and plan to have fun!

We will have games, a pumpkin walk and prizes in Anderson Hall so after you have finished trunk-or-treating you can come inside and have even more fun.

Interested in helping? Want to sign up for Trunk or Treat? Contact Judi Case, judicase@outlook.com.



Trunk or Treat

Sing the Music of Advent and Christmas

You are welcome to sing with the Chancel Choir during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Please contact Scott Hafso (bellevuer@gmail.com).



Social Concerns—Combating Homelessness in Our Community

Did you know that last year there were 125 homeless children in the Issaquah School District? Did you know that there are no shelters or temporary housing in the Issaquah area? What can Our Savior Lutheran Church do to help the homeless families in our community? Let's begin a conversation this fall. Please take advantage of one of the following opportunities:

October 23rd, 7:00—9:00 p.m. @ Our Savior Lutheran Church:

American Refugees, four animated short films about real families, homelessness and resilience, followed by discussion on how our congregation can respond to this crisis in our own community. Orna Locker, of the Ballard Taskforce on Homelessness and Hunger will be our facilitator. She will also bring a guest speaker with her.

November 23rd, @ Seattle University: Best and Promising Practices in Faith Based Solutions to End Homelessness:

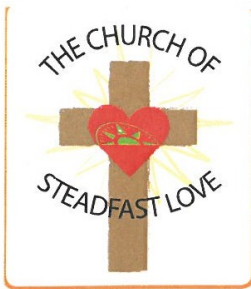
This is a follow-up to the August 20th meeting which focused on how we can unleash our capacity for deeper collaboration among congregation members, service providers and homeless families toward creating genuine solutions to homelessness.

Tiger Mountain Community High School Breakfast Program:

Each Wednesday during the school year, people from the community cook and serve a hot breakfast to the students of Tiger Mountain Community High School. This breakfast not only nourishes these students who have many challenges in their lives, but provides the school an opportunity to build community while sharing a meal. The breakfast is served at 9:15 a.m. and cooks should plan to prepare for about 40 students. Can you help provide a meal? Please contact Connie Fletcher at fletch501c@aol.com if you'd be interested in cooking or helping with this program.

Articles submitted by:

Connie Fletcher, on behalf of OSLC's Social Concerns Committee



"To All The World"

a fundraiser benefitting the ministry of
The Church of Steadfast Love

October 11, 2014
5 - 8 pm

at Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St. S
Issaquah, WA 98027

Featuring

Spaghetti Dinner

Raffle

Live Music

By OSLC's Pilgrim
Journey!

Need More Information?

206-474-1007

PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org



Suggested Donation: \$25

Please RSVP by email to
PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org
by October 7th

The Slow Down Protocol

8 Week Series for Ladies

Begins October 14th @ 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Culture says speed and stress are a normal way to live. Living this way has adverse affects on all aspects of our lives—physically, emotionally and spiritually. Wouldn't we do well to slow down and heed the warning signals? Class goes deep into our need to slow down and be present. During our time, you will learn how to relax more, metabolize better and live healthier. Join us for an 8 week series on The Slow Down Protocol. Begins October 14th for LADIES ONLY. Meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at OSLC. Class will be led and supported by Certified Eating Psychology Coach, Cindy Hils (CEPC). To register for this class, or to find out more information contact Cindy Hils at cindy@whollyyou.com or at 425-894-7240.

Join **CHURCHES**
around the world
PRAYING
for schools, staff
and students

Moms in Prayer International

Founded in 1984, Moms in Prayer International has one goal—to gather women together to pray scripturally and specifically for children and schools. Mothers in more than 140 countries around the world meet regularly, spending an hour praying together to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ. For more information about Moms in Prayer International, visit www.MomsInPrayer.org. Most schools in the Issaquah School District have Moms in Prayer groups formed already, and would welcome you to join them in prayer. If you are interested in joining a group, you can contact the appropriate group leader through the MIPI website. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Joan Friel at frielj4@comcast.net or 425-235-5727.

Worship Schedule

Sun., October 5—Salmon Days / Feast of
Creation Sunday

Reading: Revelation 22:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 17:24-27

Sun., October 12—18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sun., October 19—19th Sunday after Pentecost

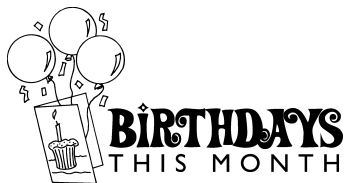
First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sun., October 26—Reformation Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28
Gospel: John 8:31-36

**Sunday morning worship
services with Holy
Communion begin at
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School for all ages
(preschool through adult)
begins at 9:45 a.m.**



10/3 Peggy Coyle	10/24 Andrea Taylor	
10/4 Mark Mummy	Bayden Loudermilk	
10/5 Howard Schmidt	10/25 Elaine Stamm	
Paul Isop	10/26 Eloise Peters	
10/9 Claire Tolo	Jeffie Buchanan	
10/11 Alexander Morrey	10/28 Peter Shen	
Shane Small	10/29 Marianne Kampf	
10/12 Dianne Tanner	Thomas Zhu-sordahl	
Lisa Thomassen	10/30 Jim Wiseman	
10/16 Lenda Sundene	Lisa Gillin	
10/17 Adele Buchanan	Sandy Saathoff	
Marilyn Kneepkens	Shirley Witsoe	
Natalie Francois		
10/19 Ann Byar		
10/20 Andrew Walker		
10/21 Anna Montague		
Carol Harbolt		
Grace Tolo		
Marian James		



10/3	Larry & Christine Fry	
10/5	Mike & Joan Friel	
10/6	Brad & Jacki Marx	
10/21	Brian & Melodie Humphries	
10/22	Glenn & Heather Curtis	
10/26	Lyle & Alice Lewis	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 	<p>OSLC facility use printed in bold.</p> <p>Community facility use printed in italics.</p>		1 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Confirmation Orientation for Students and Parents 7:00 PM Nominating Committee (Narthex)	2 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library)	3 	4 ISSAQUAH SALMON DAYS 
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12 Confirmation Fall Retreat 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Adult Education Class (Library) 11:00 AM Worship	13 9:30 AM Avant Designer's Guild (Anderson Hall) 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network (LCN Office) 2:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs)	14 5:30 PM Issaquah Meal Program @ Fire Station 6:00 PM Executive Committee (Library) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Library) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom)	15 ^{Newsletter} DEADLINE 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:00 PM November Focus Newsletter Deadline 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	16 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)	17 9:30 AM Hope Circle @ the home of Dianne Kleingartner	18 9:00 AM—Noon OSLC Outside Work Party (Snacks & apple cider provided!)
19 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Adult Education Class (Library) 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Middle and High School Youth @ Whirlyball 6:30 PM New Life Spirituality Group @ the home of Les & Kate Gagnon	20 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network 1:30 PM Faith Circle @ the home of Joan Schlemlein 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)	21 12:00 PM Global Missions Committee (Narthex) 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)	22 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Confirmation Teaching Session #4	23 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Social Concerns Forum on Homelessness (Library)	24	25 Trunk-or-Treat Set-up (Anderson Hall)
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Adult Education Class (Library) 9:45 AM Sunday School Infant/Toddler Class 11:00 AM Worship / New Members Received 3:00–6:00 PM Trunk-or-Treat (Anderson Hall)	27 12:00 PM OA (Downstairs classroom) 1:00 PM Lutheran Counseling Network 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 676 (Anderson Hall, Downstairs classroom)	28 7:00 PM AA (Anderson Hall, Downstairs Classroom) 8:00 PM A Deeper Well w/ Pastor Fletcher @ Sunset Ale House	29 9:30 AM Mission Quilters (Anderson Hall) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Narthex) 6:00 PM Pilgrim Journey Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Prayer Partner Event	30 7:45 AM TOPS (Rms 14, 17) 10:00 AM Al Anon (Downstairs Classroom) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Library) 7:00 PM Memorial Bells (Sanctuary)	31 	

We remember in prayer...



We remember in prayer OSLC members:

Sandy Aldworth; Don Chaney; Maury Clark; Gene Elfstrom; Barbara Extract; Emily Gacek; Steve Gacek; Carol Harbolt; Ray Harbolt; Jeff Hendrickson; Margot Inman; Marian James; Josee Jordan; Jeanne Kuipers; Jeannie Lindquist; Vern Lindquist; Jim Marshall; Carole Miller; Kimberly Montague; Jerry Nack; Georgeanne Park; Eloise Peters; Nancy Peterson; Glenn Smith; Dave Walters; Gwynn Wilkinson; Shirley Witsoe

We ask for peace and comfort for those mourning the death of loved ones:

Carl Albright (Karen Hansen); Pam Ratcliff (Craig and Lisa Gillin); Kris Watson (Randy Halter); Agnes Schmidt (Karen Hansen); Pat Millegan (Bill Bergsma); Rod Phillips (Ron Sordahl)

We pray for expectant mothers:

Shannon (Jordan Usselman); Katy Ulland; Jacki Marx

We pray for the safety of OSLC members and friends serving in the military here and abroad.

We pray for our missionaries and global missions:

Henrik & Patty Christopherson; St. Catherine's Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, Russia; for the congregations in Chiclayo, Peru: Pepe at Las Brisas, Merci in San Antonio and Harold at Las Lomas. MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania.

We offer thanksgiving to God:

For Sunday School Teachers **Lisa Thomassen, Jennifer Tolo, Les and Kate Gagnon, Cheryl Hauser, Bill Cash, Paul Tolo and Jacki Marx;** and, for Confirmation Guide **Glenna Usselman.**

For the joyous birth of **Henry Adam Schoen** son of Adam and Amanda.

For **Scott Wilkinson's** good test results. (Son of Gwynn Wilkinson)

For **Elsie Anderson's** 93rd birthday on September 27, 2014. (Georgeanne Park)

Prayer is putting our faith into action, and prayer is pleasing to God. Link up with our prayer chain if you have a need or if you want to share a thanksgiving or praise. Call Shirley Witsoe, (425) 413-6754.



October Worship Assistants



Sunday Ser-vice	Date	Time	Greeters	Ushers	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Guild/ Bread Bakers	Sound Engineers
17 Pentecost	October 5	8:30 a.m.	Mary Fricke Robin Timmerman	Jeff Lucas Bill Suttmeier	Judi Case Shari Lundberg 425-392-4169	Mary Fricke Mary Ann Hult Diane Nelson Jane Shen 425-392-4169	Robin Timmerman <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	David Hersey Miranda Smith
18 Pentecost	October 12	8:30 a.m.	Don & Nancy Cumming	Mike & Sandy Nygard	Marilyn Carlson Connie Fletcher	Marilyn Carlson Les & Kate Gagnon <i>1 CA needed</i>	Rita Hansen	David Hersey
19 Pentecost	October 19	8:30 a.m.	Don & Jean Chaney	Craig Gillin Jon Smith	Karen Hansen Judi Case	Marilyn Carlson Connie Fletcher Mary Ann Hult Leslie Waltzer	Mary Fricke <i>Bread:</i> Kathy Ziegler	David Hersey
		11:00 a.m.	Sandy Aldworth Vicky Jacobson	Larry & Christine Fry	Karen Hansen	Del Elliott Les & Kate Gagnon Karen Hansen	Jane Wuest	
		11:00 a.m.	Bonnie Brice Diane Nelson	Lena Schaper Marilyn Larson	Judi Case	Ralph & Judi Case Mary Fricke Jane Shen	Judi Case <i>Bread:</i> Connie Fletcher	
		11:00 a.m.	Paul & Nilvane Swanson	Brad & Jacki Marx	Maurly Clark	Muriel Brown Kate Gagnon Alice Lewis Leslie Waltzer	Jacki Marx	David Hersey
Reformation Sunday	October 26	8:30 a.m.	Jeanie Lindquist Selma Thompson	Jeff & Kathy Ziegler	Kimberly Montague	Kimberly Montague Diane Nelson Jane Shen Jane Wuest	Jane Wuest <i>Bread:</i> Jane Wuest	
		11:00 a.m.	Jerry & Linda Nack	<i>Open</i>	Joan Friel	Joan Friel Rita Hansen Alice Lewis Stacy Smith	Judi Case	



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