February 4th is Super Bowl Sunday. We thought it might be fun to have a Super Sunday of our own. We will all worship together at 9:45 a.m. After worship we will gather in the fellowship hall for an awesome breakfast. After breakfast we will talk about small group ministry and how it is a vital piece to building and strengthening our church body.

Later in the day, most of us will be watching two teams battling it out for the Lombardi Trophy on one of the grandest stages in the world. These two teams did not arrive on this stage by accident. Throughout the year, they committed themselves to each other and developed a complete game plan to compete at the highest level. The New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles are individual teams, but each team is broken down into offense, defense and special teams. Even within those divisions, the team is broken down further into smaller units to strengthen each role with each player. So, on defense, the linebackers, defensive linemen, and cornerbacks each have their individual coaches to train them up and play their role as it relates to the whole team and the overall goal of the organization – which is to win the Super Bowl!

As the church, we gather together as a whole on Sunday morning for worship. But to quip the church to function at its highest level – it also requires that we gather in smaller groups to encourage, strengthen and support one another. From the earliest days of the church, detailed in the book of Acts, Paul tells us that the church met together publicly, but then during the week, they gathered in homes to further build each other up. As churches today have embraced this model for ministry – the body of Christ has experienced tremendous growth spiritually and offered a way to naturally invite others into the fellowship.

I hope you will join us for this Super Sunday. If you are already in a small group, tell others about what a meaningful experience you have had. If you’ve never been apart of a small group, we hope that you might give it a try – new friends, new experiences, new growth and a new support system are waiting for you.

In this newsletter, I’ve included an article by Christ Morton entitled, “5 Reasons why Small Groups will help you Grow.” Check it out – it’s worth the read.

If you are unable to attend the Feb. 4th celebration and want to be included in a small group – call me or let the office know and we will get you plugged in.

P.S. We will finish in plenty of time for you to get to any football party you’re planning to attend later in the afternoon.

P.S.S. – And to any of you Patriot’s fans – GO EAGLES!!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Traditional Worship ~ 8:45 am  
Altar Communion 1st Sunday  
Processional Communion 3rd Sunday

Coffee Hour ~ 9:45 am  
Sunday School ~ 10:15 am

Contemporary Worship ~ 10:15 am  
Altar Communion 1st Sunday

Lent begins

Ash Wednesday  
February 14, 2018

MOT (Mission Outreach Team)

MOT (Mission Outreach Team) is choosing February as the “Caring for our Local Schools” month. We will be collecting boxes of tissue and disinfecting wipes throughout the month of February for all the Stanwood school classrooms. Put your donation in the collection boxes in the entry and help us fill the stage in the Fellowship Hall! Supplies will be distributed to the schools in early March. Thank you for your support!
CaraVan Trip  
Tuesday, February 27, 11:15 AM  
Scandinavian Lunch at Norway Park  
$8 per person  
**Hostess: Marilyn Tangen**  
**Deadline to sign up: Sunday, February 18**  
Questions? Call Robin Erickson, 360-941-1593

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Platinum Chefs  
**Friday, February 2, 10:00 AM**  
The OSLC Platinum Chefs will meet for cooking and a time of fellowship on Friday, February 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. Please call Dave Austin for more details, 360-320-0437. All men are welcome!

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Fellowship Coffee Hour  
**Please sign up to help!**  
The new 2018 sign-up sheet is in the kitchen now. It is nice to have a little snack or cookie and a cup of coffee and visit with others. It is also helpful to have someone set up and clean up. Please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen, or call the office or Linda Haskins, 360-774-0387.

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News from the Caring Place  
We are due to open February 1, 2018 and are pleased to announce that we are able to offer extended hours, now open until 5:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays. As many of you know we rely solely on donations to provide this service in our community. Please consider donating your gently-used, unwanted items to The Caring Place. Last year (2017) we served over 5000 people, which was an increase from the 3600 people we served in 2016. Over 980 people were served at the Stanwood/Camano Island Food Bank’s Christmas House. Sincere thanks to all those who helped make this possible.  

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Prayer time in the Study  
**Sunday Mornings, 8 AM**  
Every Sunday folks gather from 8—8:30 a.m. in the Study for a time of intentional prayer before our first worship service. Anyone is welcome — just drop in when you can. If you have questions please contact Pastor Mark or Cindy T-D.

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Birthday Blessings to  
**Bill Williams** who turns 95 on February 28th!  
Bill’s family invites everyone to help him celebrate with a cake reception between services on February 25th!
**Wednesday Women’s Bible Study**
Our study begins each Wednesday at 9 a.m.
The current series on Max Lucado’s “Anxious for Nothing...Finding Calm in a Chaotic World” will continue through February 14.

**Martha Circle**
**February 14th, 1:00 PM**
All ladies are invited to gather in the Fireside Room for our dessert, fellowship, business meeting and Bible study. The study is “Walk in Him”, chapter four, page 19, in the study book “Living In Jesus” from the Women of Life series. “As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him”. Colossian 2:6 NKJV
Contact Elsie Pritchard 360-629-3940.

**OSLC Women’s Mission Quilt Group**
The quilt group will meet February 6, 20 and 27 from 10—2 in the Fireside Room.
You don’t need to know how to sew! If you are staying until 2 p.m. please bring a sack lunch. Coffee and good fellowship are provided.
Questions? Contact Marilyn Templeton at 360-629-4779 or cell 360-393-5880.

**Save the Date!**
**Women’s Retreat**
*October 3—5, 2018, Wednesday—Friday*
Rainbow Lodge in North Bend
*2019 will be a weekend one!

**GROW (God Renewing Our Women)**
**Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 PM**
If you've been thinking about it...this is the month to join our once-a-month evening women's small group! We invite any woman who needs to be renewed, refreshed, rejuvenated to join us as we explore the concept of Sabbath in today’s world. For more information please contact Elsa Schwartz 206-714-7717 or Becky Wietzke 360-722-4377.

**Faith and Film**
**Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 PM**
Everyone (men and women) is invited on Tuesday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m. as we look at films through the lens of spirituality. Movies are a prevalent part of today's society, and many secular films contain Christian themes including: faith, spirituality, forgiveness, hope, and redemption. We invite you to watch the movie ahead of time and join us for dinner and discussion. Hosted by Nate and Elsa Schwartz, at their home: 45 S. Sunrise Blvd, Camano Island. RSVP if you can (elsacarlisle@msn.com or 206-714-7717). Stay tuned for announcement of this month’s movie!
Altar Flowers
Thank you for your support of Altar Flowers in 2017. We were blessed with contributions and donations that enabled us to provide flowers all year long. We look forward to an equally bountiful year in 2018.
With the season of Epiphany ending in early February, the church year moves into Lent. During the six weeks of Lent there will be no altar flowers displayed in keeping with the penitential theme of the Lenten season.
You are welcome to sign up on the Flower Calendar in the narthex to honor a loved one or celebrate an important life event. Lina or Candyce will arrange the flowers for the altar; your donation of $30.00 to cover the cost of flowers is greatly appreciated.

Scripture Texts
To better prepare for worship:
February 4, 2018
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11,20c
I Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39
February 11, 2018
Transfiguration of Our Lord
II Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
II Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9
February 14, 2018
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 1:9-15
February 18, 2018
1st Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
I Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15
February 25
2nd Sunday in Lent
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Please help us keep our prayer list current by contacting the office with updates.
Cheri Hargood (aunt of Tina Wallin); Marge Mitchell (friend of Kathy Shirlock); Leslie Krippaehne; Alex Gedstad; Jon Buse (friend of Darlene Hofbauer); Rob S. Ulbricht and Bob Ulbricht; Bill Moses; Bruce Larson and Christie Robbin (friends of Mike Brady); Emily McGlinchy (sister of Jeb); Tim, Amanda and newborn Brantley Klatt; Jon Walker (friend of Linda Contreras and Ken Kraintz); Ron Nelson; Nicole and Beckham Coute marsh (daughter and son-in-law of Matt and Ann McCune; Bud Hutter; Dale Tetlow; Scott and Steve Jensen (sons of Carol Jensen); Roger and Linda Lervick; Beverley Klatt; Sandi Torrez; Rob S. Ulbricht; Jo Hoag; Barb and Jim Sickler; Jim Neher; Emily Brower (friend of Angela Libengood); Johnny O’Brien (nephew of Mickey Henderson); Steve Bodnar (friend of Kathy Beauchamp); Lauren Pickens; Steve Dam; John Gedstad (brother of Alex Gedstad); John and Kathryn Shirlock; Dean Fox (brother of Bob Fox); Don Hickey (brother of Barb Sickler); Gordon Pedersen; Pat Jones; Wayne Larson; Al Orsland; Paul Walderhaug; Judy Anderson; Kip Gibson and family; Kenny Yoder (nephew of Donna Cook); Kim Anderson, son of Donna Hefty; Marilyn Shipley; Ray Erps; Ric Shallow; Cameron Cozzi; Doris Hatlen; John White; Jim Woodward (Charlie Sylling’s nephew); Samson and Johnny Gard (Grant & Phyllis Gard’s grandsons); Eldon Allen; Gretchen Orsland

Pastor Mark, OSLC staff, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Congregation, Homeless, Armed Forces, Josephine & Warm Beach residents, Government and Community leaders
Join us on Super Sunday to eat, fellowship and learn about our small groups.

When: February 4th
- After the 9:45 Service
- Brunch in the Fellowship Hall

There's a Small Group for You!

Come for food and fellowship.
Calendar
Jesus Loves:

Valentine Dinner

Saturday, February 10th
$15.00 per Person
5:30 Appetizers — 6:00 Dinner

Please bring a Friend!
Signups begin January 28 through February 4.

We will decorate and prep food on February 9th.
Anyone wanting to help, please contact Linda Haskins.

ASH Wednesday

February 14th
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Imposition of Ashes 6:45 p.m.
Worship Service of Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Worship/ConneXion
Wednesday Evenings
February 14, 21, 28, and
March 7, 14, 21
6—8 PM
Dinner, Worship and Adult Study