“Did You Know?”

—Super Small Group Sunday was a smashing hit! We packed the place, set extra tables and cooked additional eggs. People enjoyed food, fellowship and hearing testimonies about the significance of small group ministry. Did you know that we have over 140 people involved in 23 different small groups, interest groups and service groups? Don’t be left on the bench, there is one waiting for you.

If you are already in a group, the best thing you can do is to invite someone to join you! If you filled out a “draft card” and have not heard back from us yet, please forgive us and contact the church office.

—It’s been nearly a year since our new web site was started. Did you know that the main information is available for viewing? Our new web site can be found at www.oursaviourschurch.org. You can listen to sermons, check the church calendar, and see the host of activities taking place at our church. More details and pictures will be added – but we hope you will like what’s been done so far.

—On February 7th, 2018, we held our first “Dreaming Together” meeting regarding the possibility of remodeling our Fellowship Hall. We had a very constructive meeting as we discussed all the current ministry taking place in this room, while also brainstorming what ministry might be possible in a remodeled room. Did you know that we are continuing the conversation with a “Let’s Dream Together #2” meeting on Sunday, February 25th, at noon? Lunch will be served. This will be a “daytime” conversation. We know some people don’t travel at night and others were not able to attend the first meeting. We want everyone involved in the conversation. Please join us as we discuss the possibilities as we look to the future.

—Prayer Time!! Did you know that 10-15 people gather in the new meeting room every Sunday to PRAY? From 8:00-8:30 a.m. – there are a number of us who gather to pray for our Sunday services, our members, leaders, congregation, community. PLEASE JOIN US!! It’s exciting that we are building a “concert” of prayer before worship. I believe our greater intentionality toward prayer is spilling over in powerful ways. Are you listening? PLEASE JOIN US – we’d love to fill the room!

—The Lenten Season is already upon us. Did you know that we merge our Lenten worship with Connexion? Dinner will continue to be served at 6:00 p.m. A time of worship will set the tone for our Connexion study entitled, “Acts of God”. The theme focuses upon deepening our faith during difficult times as we find ourselves living in the wilderness. As a daily devotional, I have suggested, Ann Spangler’s book, Praying the Names of God. I purchased 35 books and have 4 available. Cost - $5.

—The new T.V. monitors for the sanctuary have arrived and will be installed in the next few weeks. Did you know that $8,130 was raised for the project, from 27 donors? Thank you to all who contributed to this project which will enhance the projection quality while preserving the beauty of our church.

—40 Day Prayer request. Did you know we have begun posting our Student/Family Ministry Director staff position on a variety of sites? Please pray that God is preparing and will bring the right person to OSLC to compliment all that is happening.

—Did you know? As God led the Israelites through the wilderness, and as we experience our own wilderness journeys, God spoke through Moses, and speaks to us, “I did this so that you might know that I am the Lord your God.” Deuteronomy 29:6

—Did you know? I love you! Pastor Mark
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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  
Processional Communion 3rd Sunday

The New Web Page Launches!  
Over the last year, many members (and a friend) of the congregation, have devoted a lot of time and effort into readying the new web site. For several years, Leon Sams was responsible for our web page, and we thank him for all of the time and effort he devoted to that project!

Last spring, with the changes to our worship schedule and the addition of many new groups and activities, it was decided to launch a more detailed site, and Karim Khoury got this underway. Input was sought from representatives of all groups and programs, and the current web committee members, under the guidance of Tom Perham, a friend of our congregation, are excited to have the web site ready to launch on March 1.

If you are using a bookmark on your computer to access the old web site, it will, after March 1, redirect you automatically to the new. But, you are encouraged to change that bookmark to this new site on March 1.  
http://www.oursaviourschurch.org/

The committee hopes you find it easy to browse the new site and that you can find the information easily. If you have questions, please contact the office or Annette Bowden at am.annette@gmail.com.

Lenten ConneXion  
Study: “Acts of God”  
Wednesday Evenings  
Through March 21  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Dinner and Adult Study
News from our Finance Chair
Greetings to Everyone,
Last year the congregation unanimously passed a very aggressive budget for 2018. Even the amount originally budgeted for the new Student and Family Ministry position was increased by a unanimous vote.
The dedication and generosity to missions by our congregation is always encouraging and amazing to me.
But with that said, it is important to realize how enormous our budget is, and what it will take to balance this budget throughout this year. Also keep in mind that when our new position is filled, we will also begin making payments to the person filling that new position.
January offerings have already fallen to below last year’s offerings with a negative difference of $10,067.63. Taking into consideration that there were 5 Sundays last year in January, it is still a notable difference.
Normally our offerings are stronger in the months of January through May and fall off a bit through the summer months.
The finance committee made a commitment to communicate often with the congregation throughout the year the status of our contributions, and that is the purpose of this short memo.
Your continued prayers for all of the missions of our congregation, growth in attendance, the well being of our congregation, and for the continued financial support of our congregation, are so important. Please keep our Pastor and our congregation in your prayers.
It is also worth remembering Philippians 4:6:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this finance bulletin.
God bless you.

Daylight Saving Time
Sunday
March 11

Welcome Back, Choir!
Our choir, under the direction of Erik Ronning, has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays, at 5:15 p.m. and are once again sharing anthems at the 8:45 traditional services.
If you enjoy singing God’s praises, please feel welcome to join the choir at this rehearsal.

A note of thanks to all those sharing their gifts of special music during the choir’s winter break. You are appreciated!

News from the Caring Place
We opened February 1 and served 83 people our first day! Extending our service hours from 1 to 5:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays may prove to be a blessing for so many in our community. Hooray for the Dollar Tree coming to town! We have developed a monthly wish list of items we don’t usually get donated: for the month of March we are asking for toothpaste/toothbrushes. Items may be placed in the red box under our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please, continue to pray for our church’s various ministries; and may you all have a blessed month. Mardi

Van Trip
Thursday, March 1, 9:30 AM
Special preview tour of Nordic Heritage Museum which will open publicly in two months.
Please see sign-up sheet in church entrance hall.
Questions? Call Robin Erickson, 360-941-1593
Martha Circle
March 14th, 1:00 PM
Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The lesson will be “Trust in Him”, chapter 5, page 27 in the study guide “Living in Jesus” from the Women of Faith series.

“Trust in Him at all times, you people”.
Psalm 62:8 NKJV.
All women are invited to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, business meeting and Bible study. Contact Elsie Pritchard 360-629-3940.

Wednesday Women’s Bible Study
Our study begins each Wednesday at 9 a.m. Our current series is an 11-week study on Genesis: “God of Creation...a study of Genesis 1-11” by Jen Wilkin. This study will end on May 4. Contact Kathy Beauchamp, 360-387-0120.

OSLC Women’s Mission Quilt Group
The quilt group will be meeting March 6, 20 and 27 in the Fireside Room from 10—2 p.m. We are prepping quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local needs. We would love having you join us. No sewing skills are necessary. If you are staying until 2 p.m. please bring a sack lunch. Coffee and good conversation are provided. Questions? Contact Marilyn Templeton at 360-629-4779.

Women’s Retreat—October 3-5, 2018
Ten more women are needed to sign up before March 31, or the reservation will need to be cancelled, as there is a $1500 fee for cancelling later than that date. Please let Irene Nelson know if you plan to attend. She will try to choose a topic with the leaders before that deadline. Also, please let her know if you would like to be a leader (i.e. “facilitator” – not such a big deal!). Irene: 206-949-1435 or nelsonimp@msn.com.

The “Working Women’s Retreat” is next year, September 20-22, 2019 (Wed.—Fri.)!

GROW (God Renewing Our Women)
Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 PM
We invite any woman who needs to be renewed, refreshed, rejuvenated to join us and 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.

Secret Sister Reveal — March 11!
Our secret sister reveal is planned for Sunday, March 11. Please come for brunch at 11:30. Also, please bring a gift for your secret sister with a clue as to who you are!

Secret Sisters Begin April 1
Forms Available
Anyone wanting to be a secret sister may pick up a new form from Sharon Hansen on Sunday mornings in the back of the church sanctuary. Please return it to Sharon or the office by March 18th and you will have your new sister on March 25th. New sisters will start April 1st.
Help Us Share our History and Ministry!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will be one of the featured sites for the Stanwood Historical Society tour on April 7 and 8. Volunteers are needed for a number of positions: welcoming visitors, preparing and serving cookies and coffee, sharing history at the artifact display, and general set-up and clean-up. In addition, we would like to have the many ministries of the church set up tables in the Fellowship Hall as a way of sharing our past, present, and future. If you would like to volunteer or serve on the planning committee, please contact Becky Wietzke (rawietzke@yahoo.com or 360-722-4377).

This is an excellent opportunity to welcome the community and neighborhood to our church home, share our history, and establish relationships.

OSLC to Host Gathering Place

Gathering Place dinner ministry continues to grow in our community. Our Saviour’s is preparing and serving the meal on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Anyone interested in helping to prepare, serve or clean up please let me know. Prep at 4:00 p.m. and dinner is served 5:30-6:30 followed by cleanup. Please contact Barbara Christoferson at 360-629-4422 and leave message. Thank you so much.

JAM Café Helps Build-A-Bed Program

The JAM Cafe' kids are building beds! We’re not swinging hammers, but we are collecting money to benefit the Build-A-Bed program of Sweet Sleep. Sweet Sleep provides beds, insect nets, blankets, and Bibles to orphaned children in Uganda. This Christian ministry provides safety and security to children who have suffered greatly. Each bed set costs $50; we are up to seven beds! If you would like to contribute, there are coin boxes in the narthex and the Fellowship Hall. While the kids have not created real beds, they have built some outstanding models which will be on display soon.

Dinner to Benefit Boscovet Project

The Boscovet Project is hosting a dinner/dessert fundraiser on Saturday March 17th, at Our Saviour's Lutheran. The event will include among other things pictures, video clips, and updates from Dan and Ric's recent trip to Kenya. It has been amazing and gratifying to see the changes in people’s lives over these past ten years. God is indeed working in the small farming villages of Kenya. The doors open at 5:30 with dinner starting at 6 p.m. There will be displays and silent auction items for everyone to look at. Please come and help support this OSLC world mission outreach. Tickets for dinner will be $15. Signups will start March 4th.

Dan and Linda Haskins

Fiddler on the Roof dates at SHS

March 2, 3, 8, 9, 10
7:00
Tickets at door.
$8 students, $9 adults

Fellowship Coffee Hour

Please sign up to help!

It is nice to have a little snack or cookie, a cup of coffee or tea, and have a chance to 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.
CELEBRATING ANOTHER YEAR OF STEPHEN MINISTRY AT OSLC

On the last Sunday of February 2016, OSLC commissioned fourteen Stephen Ministers who had just completed 50 hours of training—having begun their journey in October of 2015. We added one other Stephen Minister in 2017 who had received his training in a prior congregation. This group of caring individuals has continued to meet twice a month—enhancing listening and caring skills and supporting one another in this ministry. The Stephen Ministers have had opportunities to extend their care to members of our congregation and community in one-on-one confidential settings, and have had an impact on many aspects of Our Saviour’s as they serve in other capacities, as well. Our Saviour’s has truly been blessed by this group.

OSLC Stephen Ministers

Barbara Christoferson
Donna Cook
Lorri DeFelice
Maury Erickson
Robin Erickson
Julie Freeman
Sue Fosnes
Jessica Sande
Elsa Schwartz
Nate Schwartz
John Shirlock
Joy Watkins
Perry Watkins
Becky Wietzke
Randy Zielsdorf

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time right now, or if you just feel like you need someone to talk with, please consider asking one of the following Stephen Leaders, or Pastor Mark, for an opportunity to meet and find out if this is a ministry that can help—we’re here for you!!

Stephen Leaders:

Annette Bowden (H)360-548-8513 (C)509-531-4510 am.annette@gmail.co
Carol Curtis (H)360-387-1189 (C)206-271-8535 curtisct@wavecable.co
Tom Curtis (H)360-387-1189 (C)206-271-8536 curtisct@wavecable.co

MOT (Mission Outreach Team)

Missions: Our Privilege in Salvation

In his recent series of sermons, Pastor Mark has been leading us to a better understanding of missions. From Romans, 10:15, we learn that to believe in Christ, people must hear about Christ. To hear about Christ, someone must teach the good news of Christ. And before that, someone must be sent to those who have not yet been taught. Paul says from Isaiah, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news”! So, the Gospel comes from believers that are “sent” to teach the good news. OSLC takes this to heart. We, as Christians, all have the privilege of telling others about Jesus.

In January, MOT sponsored a trip to Missions Fest. 14 people spent the day in a variety of meaningful seminars. The depth of information was astounding. There were a lot of “take-aways” which we shared over lunch recently.

We introduced “Caring February” as a challenge to fill the stage in Fellowship Hall with tissue that can be delivered to classrooms both at our OSLC pre-school and our local school district.

Let’s Go! Stay tuned for future opportunities to GO! For a local mission, Summer Academy in Mt. Vernon is coming again! Your MOT team: Linda Contreras, Rose King, Debbie Holtmann, Rich Huyler, and Cindy TD. Contact any of us for information or if you want to be a part of our team!
There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.
OUR SAVIOUR’S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL
2018-2019

Enrollment Information

Due to high demand, admission is accepted on a first come basis. We must receive your Student Registration Form and non-refundable registration fee in order to secure your student’s place in the appropriate class for the 2018-2019 school year. Once a class is filled, we will begin a wait list.

• **Current Preschool Families & OSLC members** REGISTRATION starts
  MONDAY, MARCH 5th at 9 AM
• **Previous OSLP Families** may register on **Wednesday, March 7th at 10:30 AM**
• **New families** may Register on **Monday, March 12th at 9 AM**
  **There will also be an Open House for new families on March 5th from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. in the classrooms**

Please bring your registration form and registration fee (to hold your spot) to the FELLOWSHIP ROOM located at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. The doors will be unlocked 15 minutes prior to your set time. Applications will not be accepted before this time. This ensures that all applications will be processed in the order they were received. If you turn in your application after your set date please turn into the church office.

Tuition and Fees

A non-refundable registration fee of $40 is required to secure your enrollment in the program. After May 1st, the non-refundable registration fee is $50. Tuition is due on the 1st of each month and considered late by the 10th.

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Preschool Classes Offered

3 year old Class  Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday  9:15-11:45 A.M.
*Child must be 3 years old by August 31, 2018 and able to perform all toileting needs independently (potty trained for at least 3 months prior) to qualify for this class.
TEACHER: Mrs. Hagglund

4 year old Class  Monday, Wednesday and Friday  9-11:30AM or 12:30-3 PM
*Child must be 4 years old by August 31, 2018 to qualify for these classes.
TEACHER: Mrs. McCall

5 year old Class  Tuesday and Thursday  9 AM – 12:30 PM
*Child must be 5 years old by December 31, 2018 to qualify for this class.
TEACHER: Mrs. Williams
ALTAR FLOWERS IN LENT

Throughout the month of March, altar flowers will be absent. The stands on either side of the altar are left bare on purpose, as we center our attention on Christ and His final journey to the cross. Flowers will return on Easter when we celebrate Christ’s resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

The Flower Chart is newly framed and hung in the narthex above the guest book. You are invited to sign up to donate flowers in celebration of special occasions or in honor of loved ones. A donation of $30.00 is appreciated and may be put in the offering plate. Flowers are arranged by Lina Richert and Candyce Sylling.

Please help us keep our prayer list current by contacting the office with updates.

Our Loving Sympathy to the family of Ray Rygg.

Our Loving Sympathy to Teri Ann Lindgren in the loss of her mother, Theresa Lindgren.

Please pray for...
Frank Van Valkenburg, father of Candyce Sylling; Gordon Pedersen; Erling Skrinde; Alex Megyery; Cheri Hargood (aunt of Tina Wallin); Marge Mitchell (friend of Kathy Shirlock); Leslie Krippaehne; Jon Buse (friend of Darlene Hofbauer); Rob S. Ulbricht and Bob Ulbricht; Bruce Larson and Christie Robbin (friends of Mike Brady); Emily McGlinchy (sister of Jeb); Jon Walker (friend of Linda Contreras and Ken Kraintz); Ron Nelson; Bud Hutter; Dale Tetlow; Scott and Steve Jensen (sons of Carol Jensen); Roger and Linda Lervick; Beverley Klatt; Sandi Torrez; 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 Dams; John Gedstad (brother of Alex Gedstad); John and Kathryn Shirlock; Dean Fox (brother of Bob Fox); Don Hickey (brother of Barb Sickler); 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

Scripture Texts
To better prepare for worship:

March 4, 2018
3rd Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
I Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 11, 2018
4th Sunday in Lent
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 18, 2018
5th Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 25, 2018
Passion/Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1—15:47

March 29, 2018
Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
I Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 30, 2018
Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1—19:42
Holy Week and Easter at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church

Worship and Special Events

March 25  Palm Sunday  8:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Study

8:30 a.m. Palm Walk / 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Palm Walk / 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:15 a.m. Little Eden, Jam Café, MS/HS Gathering (these include ages 3—Grade 12)

March 29  Maundy Thursday  7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

March 30  Good Friday  7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

April 1  Resurrection of Our Lord  6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service — a cross will be filled with flowers as part of the service

8—11 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
8:45 a.m. Traditional Festival Worship — with organ choir, special music, Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Contemporary Festival Worship — with Praise Team, Holy Communion