



Pastoral Reflections...

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As an interim, people often ask, "How long will you be here?" My answer is, "As long as it takes to complete the process, or until the bishop assigns me to another interim." Here at Our Saviour's, we have completed the interim work, the call process is in its second round of interviews of candidates for call, and the bishop has assigned me to be interim pastor in another congregation in our synod. My last Sunday at OSLC was September 25, and my first Sunday in my new placement in Woodinville is October 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you in ministry in Jesus, the Christ. We have had an eventful journey together, and I have witnessed you discover more of your strength and gain greater confidence in your future. As these are grounded in our Lord, they will flourish in doing the ministry He has provided for you. You have all the tools and gifts and strength needed and none are missing. Remember that and celebrate it when you receive your next pastor who will join you in this life and ministry. Martha and I will remember you fondly in our prayers.

You have certainly learned through the interim period of the past several years that change comes. It is impossible to stop things from changing. Even if we could, it would not be a good to do so, because we are called to serve the gospel in this present age to the people around us. These are not the same people as yesterday, nor the same ones as tomorrow. Furthermore, the world and our culture have changed. If we do not change, we will no longer be carrying the good news of Jesus to the world we are called to serve. We will be carrying something else: a dead "word" for a past age. Embrace the changes needed to serve today and be prepared for the changes needed to serve tomorrow. No, we cannot get a jump on it to start doing what will be needed tomorrow, because we cannot see what is coming, and it is changing far too rapidly to get comfortable with any current ways.

Over the coming weeks, Pastor Linda Larson will lead the adult class and preside and preach on most Sunday mornings. She has a couple of commitments already in place, and those will be filled by another ELCA pastor. For emergencies, the four other pastors in our cluster will provide pastoral care. Camille and Kathy Stuehrenberg will be current on which to call first. For the daily ministry of the congregation and for ongoing pastoral care of members, the Holy Spirit has provided you. You don't need to know any special words or techniques. You are fully equipped with the love of God shown in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will guide your service.

I leave you with the blessing given at the end of the committal service because it is one of my favorites:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus, the Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Paul

Council Corner

Submitted by Kathy Stuehrenberg, Council President

Summary of items from September 20, 2011 OSLC Council meeting

Financial Report

Congregational giving was less than anticipated in August and September which has caused a cash flow emergency at this time. The Council passed a motion to authorize the use of Other Restricted Funds and Undesignated Memorial Funds to cover current outstanding liabilities including payroll with the stipulation that the monies must be repaid by December 31, 2011. A review of expenses will be done in the next week to determine those areas where spending is over projected budget to determine why and possible ways to reduce expenses.

We ask that you review your donations to the church. If you have missed donations due to vacation, please attempt to make a “catch-up” donation as soon as possible. The church bills do not go on vacation and often expenses in September are higher due to the startup of the new church year. Consistent giving is necessary for the congregation to be able to cover monthly expenses.

Clean-up Day

Brad reported that about 25 members assisted with clean-up on Sept. 10th. Most of the identified items were completed. It was reported that the lunch was great and much food was consumed. Thanks to everyone who participated in the clean-up of our facilities and grounds. Plans are being made to paint the inside of the sanctuary in the next month.

Formation of Committees

With Pastor Anderson’s leadership, the Council has been preparing continuing resolutions to form the following committees: Christian Education, Facilities and Maintenance, Stewardship, Mutual Ministry, Worship, and Circles. Action will be taken to approve these continuing resolutions for inclusion in the Constitution and Bylaws.

We will then be asking members of the congregation to volunteer to serve on one of these committees. During the next month, prayfully consider where your skills and talents can best be used.

Pastoral Relocation Fund

There will be expenses associated with the call of a new pastor and the moving of the pastor to our area. A fund has been established for these expenses and the first event held to provide funding was the brunch on rally day. The second event will be the “A Night Out – Music and Dinner” October 8th at 6:00 pm sponsored by the Council. Tickets are available from a Council member or the church office.

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Pastor Anderson placed in new interim assignment

September 30th will be Pastor Anderson's last day with us. Since the interim tasks have been completed at OSLC, he has been placed in a new interim assignment. Until the arrival of a new pastor, we will be served by a supply pastor for Sunday service and adult study class. Pastor Linda Larson of Bow, WA will serve us for most of those Sundays. **If you have an emergency or require pastoral care, please contact Kathy Stuehrenberg, 360-572-0682 or cell phone, 425-478-5043 at any time.** We will have pastoral assistance through the other Lutheran pastors in our cluster.

The Council thanked Pastor Anderson for the leadership and direction he has provided during his time with us. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

Pastor Anderson suggested that we ask congregational members to adopt those members he has been calling on to insure that they remain connected with the congregation during the transition. If you are willing to assist with these calls (about twice a month), please contact the church office or Kathy Stuehrenberg.

Brown Bag Brigade Coordinator Needed

After several years of faithful service, Merilyn McClure has indicated that she is retiring as the OSLC coordinator for the Brown Bag Brigade. Someone is needed to replace Merilyn so this mission outreach of OSLC can continue for the coming year. If you are interested, talk with Merilyn or contact the church office.

Kathy Stuehrenberg, President
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Call Committee Update

Submitted by Sharon Billdt

As most of you already know, the Call Committee was unable to complete a call with the rostered names that they received. On September 28th the call committee will be receiving five more names from the Bishop's office that will be considered. The interview process will begin shortly after that date. Once again, please pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit as the Committee interviews each pastoral candidate.



“A Night Out”
Dinner and Music

Sponsored by
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Council



October 8, 2011

6:00 PM

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Music by

“Andersson and Ives” with Sue Andersson and Rich Ives
and

“Rondoswing” with Jim Bassett and Ron Thordarson

Tickets:

\$10.00 adults

\$5.00 children under 12 years of age

\$40.00 family maximum

Tickets are available from Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Office or Council Members. Tickets must be purchased by October 2, 2011 to reserve seat.

All proceeds will go to the Pastoral Relocation Fund.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, food and music.

Council Members: Brad Rambat, Mary Fox, Karen Crone, John Billdt, Jason Anderson,
Doris Senica, George Fischer, Kathy Thordarson, Kathy Stuehrenberg



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Ellen Winter

Contact: 360-435-8463 (home) or 425-343-9003 (cell)

At the time of this writing we are still in need of a Sunday school teacher for 1st-3rd graders. I am currently combining both classes and teaching 3 year olds through 3rd grade. The students would be better served if they had two teachers devoted to their different levels. Please consider if God is calling you in this direction. We are thrilled to have Heidi Ewing who is teaching the 4th and 5th graders and Paula Jensen who is teaching the middle and high school students. Paula was a member of our Sunday school for many years and the kids have had fun finding her confirmation picture. I am thrilled that Paula is teaching as it means I have the pleasure of having her son Nicholas in my Sunday school class. Elaine Lilgreen is leading our opening and Lynda Thomas is helping us again this year by playing the piano for us during our opening.

Our curriculum for the rest of the year is all about the Fruit of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. After the first of the year we will be studying Heroes of the Bible and Wonder Women of the Bible. I am looking for someone who has time to search the Internet for ideas to supplement our Sunday school curriculum. There are many free Christian-based websites for Sunday School teachers with wonderful ideas but it takes time to check it out and if you are hampered with dial-up and an aging computer (as I am) it can be very frustrating. A list of upcoming topics could be provided to anyone who has time to browse these websites and print off any good ideas for us. If you can help with this endeavor please see me. Thanks!

For many years our youth group was involved in "Trick or Canned Food". On Halloween the kids would ask for a canned food donation in place of a treat and there was a great deal of competition between each carload with a prize for the group that collected the most food for the food bank. We usually ended the evening with pizza or hot dogs. Paula Jensen is wondering if there is any interest in doing this activity this year. If so, please call Paula at 425-760-4456. Adult drivers would be needed to ferry the kids around.

Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for information on our Annual Pumpkin Carving Event which will take place on October 23rd. All are welcome - you don't have to carve a pumpkin. Come and enjoy the fellowship and admire the pumpkins. Please also check out the information on our bake sale. We'd like to purchase song books so we can teach the students some new songs. Please consider baking some items for our sale and/or purchasing some items. We need your help!

As always please contact me if you have suggestions for Sunday school - this includes the students themselves - Ellen Winter - 360-435-8463 (home) and 425-343-9003 (cell)

Noisy Can Collection

Kids will continue taking up an additional collection, **October 9th and 23rd** to raise money for the children with HIV/AIDS and malaria. The kids will walk down the aisle shaking tin cans and accepting coins for this worthy cause. Please save your extra coins for this worthy cause. Thank you....



Annual Pumpkin Carving Event



Sunday, October 23rd

Pumpkin Carving
4:00-5:30

Judging
5:30-6:00

Potluck
6:00

**Prizes in several categories!

**Bring your own pumpkin, carving tools, and a favorite dish to share!



Sunday School Bake Sale



BAKE SALE

Sunday, October 30th
9:00am-12:00 noon

All donations gratefully received.
All money will be used to purchase new song books.



CHILDCARE NEWS

By Patti Horning



Fall is just around the corner. Summer went by very fast. We didn't have near as many sunny days as we had hoped for and didn't have as many water days as we'd hoped for. But we made the best of it and had lots of fun in spite of the cool wet summer.

Now we are anticipating our Harvest parties coming up the end of October. Each class will have snacks and goodies, dress in their pajamas and watch a movie. Every class visits the pumpkin patch in October too. We go to the Smokey Point Plant Farm where it is sponsored by Marysville Rotary Pumpkins for Literacy. It is a great cause to help and we have a lot of fun!

We appreciate so much all the hard work done around the church grounds. Everything looks so good and fresh. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and helped!

Our van wouldn't start on Monday, Sept. 12th to take the kids to school. Our battery was old, tired and just said no. Fortunately at that time, Mike and Summer who were dropping off Lily at Ms. Cheryl's preschool, gave us a jump and got us on our way. We bought a new battery and hopefully the van will run a long time for us now. Please keep our van in your prayers! Thanks.



preschool registration



Preschool News

Cheryl Lovgreen, Preschool Supervisor/Teacher
(Ms. Cheryl)

preschool registration



It's exciting to be back in the classroom with such a great bunch of students as we start a new year of Preschool! Many are returning families (welcome back) as well as some newcomers to our program. Both classes are nearly full with just a few openings available.

"A Heart Warming Start" - Our open door policy provided a very heartwarming beginning for our 2-day class when parents were here with their children during orientation day. A mom was explaining to me about her son's allergies to both wheat and milk products when another mom overheard and came forward explaining her older daughter also had lactose and gluten issues. They began to talk and she offered to bring an "extra" gluten lactose free zucchini bread snack for the next day. More moms were then discussing recipes, similar issues, etc. It was an inspiration to have this fellowship (networking) of Christian families in our preschool setting on the first day! Bless them all this year as their children begin their school experience at OSL's Preschool.

Gluten Free Zucchini Bread

- 1 ¼ cup gluten free flour
(Bob's red mill brand)
- ¼ cup canola oil
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ cup applesauce
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp xanthan gum
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 ½ cups of Zucchini (grated)
- ½ cup of raisins
- ½ cup nuts (optional)

Combine oil, sugar, eggs vanilla then add applesauce, baking powder, xanthan gum, salt.
Mix in gluten free flour, zucchini, raisins and nuts

Spray loaf pan with oil and lightly coat with gluten free flour
Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour

If you are allergic to eggs you can substitute with ½ of a banana

Special Dates to Remember

- Worship Committee—October 4**
- Finance Committee—October 11**
- Childcare Meeting—October 12**
- Church Council—October 18**



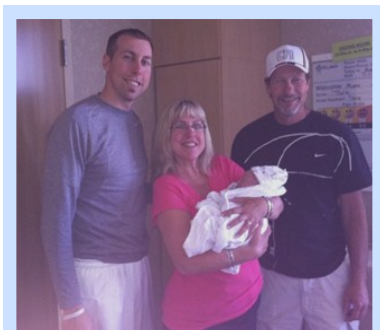
- Food Bank Sunday, October 2
- World Communion Sunday, October 2
- Columbus Day Observance, October 10
- Reformation Sunday, October 30
- SS Bake Sale/Auction, October 30
- Reformation Day, October 31

Usher Schedule October 2011

2	Ron Thordarson and Ken Casperson
9	Jim Fox and Ray McClure
16	Harley Robb and Dawn Cahoon
23	Lilgreen Family
30	Byron & Lynette Scott

Welcome New Life and Congratulations!!!

Liz and Steve Moore welcomed their first grandchild, **Pierce Brian Moore**, in August. His dad Scott, was beyond ecstatic. They plan on visiting Pierce and his parents in Boise, Idaho quite often.



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- 8 Maya Anderson
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☺ *If we missed your birthday, wedding or baptismal date please call the church office at 360-435-8921 so we can add your special day. Thank you.*

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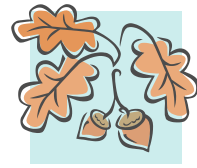
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 those serving in uniform

We express our deepest sympathy to Shirley Thompson and family, on the death of Chet.
 May God's peace and comfort be with you at this time of loss.

- Church Leaders and staff
- Call Committee
- Childcare staff and children
- Families struggling with sickness, and life issues
- Sick and aging parents
- Grow old gracefully
- Local & State Government
- Men and Women in uniform



WELCA



This month's Phoebe Circle will be on Wednesday, October 5th at 10:00am -12:00pm in the conference room off the Fellowship Hall.

Please feel free to invite friends.
Join in for fellowship, prayer and learning.

The study in October will be a continuation of the
Gospel of Mark

All in the Family

Session 2: The Gospel of Mark: Mother and Brothers

Theme verse: Mark 3:35.

You can find a copy of the study in the hallway in the office on the shelf or download the study at www.welca.org



Mission Circle

Submitted by Sue Andersson



The deadline is fast approaching for the fall shipment of Quilts and Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The blessing of the quilts is October 16th and the following Saturday, October 22nd, is when we will need a driver to take the boxes to the Ingathering in Seattle. Please see us if you can drive. One truck should be enough this time as there are fewer boxes this time.

Supplies Needed for October shipment for Personal Care Kits (formerly Health Kits)

- 17 bath size towels (not thick, as the thin ones dry out faster)
- 6 bars of soap (regular size, not small, in wrapper)
- 2 nail clippers

The good news is that we have 273 toothbrushes! So please do not donate any more toothbrushes. We also *do not* need band aids any longer, so if you have donated two boxes recently, see me and you may have them back if you wish, or we can give them to Childcare possibly. (We also *do not* need washcloths, as a reminder.) Please bring donations ASAP as shipment will go out soon. Thank you to all who contribute. If you have any questions, please see me or call 435-2337. Thank you, Sue Andersson.

October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8a Basketball 40+ 1p Choir rehearsal & Potluck
2 Food Bank 9a Education for all ages 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee/ Fellowship	3 7p Boy Scout 92	4 6p Worship Committee 7p NA	5 Office Closed 9:30a CC Chapel 10a WELCA Phoebe Circle	6 4p Brown Bag 5p Choir 6p Basketball	7	8 8a Basketball 40+  6p "A Night Out" Dinner & Music
9 Noisy Can Collection 9a Education for all ages 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee/ Fellowship	10 9a Mission Circle 7p Boy Scout 92	11 9a Mission Circle 7p Finance Committee 7p NA	12 Office Closed 9:30a CC Chapel 7p Childcare Mtg.	13 4p Brown Bag 5p Choir 6p Basketball	14	15 8a Basketball 40+ 2—10p Scrapbooking Childcare Ctr.
16 9a Education for all ages 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee/ Fellowship Blessing of the Quilts	17 7p Boy Scout 92	18 7p Church Council 7p NA	19 Office Closed 9:30a CC Chapel	20 Newsletter Deadline 4p Brown Bag 5p Choir 6p Basketball	21	22 8a Basketball 40+
23 Noisy Can Collection 9a Education for all ages 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee/ Fellowship 4p Annual Pumpkin Carving & Potluck	24 7p Boy Scout 92	25 7p NA	26 Office Closed 9:30a CC Chapel	27 4p Brown Bag 5p Choir 6p Basketball	28	29 8a Basketball 40+
30 Reformation Sunday 9a Education for all ages 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee/ Fellowship Sunday School Bake Sale/ Auction	31  7p Boy Scout 92	November 1 6p Worship Committee 7p NA	November 2 Office Closed 9:30a CC Chapel	November 3 4p Brown Bag 5p Choir 6p Basketball	November 4	November 5 8a Basketball 40+

Scrapbooking at Our Saviour's Lutheran Childcare Center



Sponsored by OSL Childcare
Date: **Saturday, October 15th**
Time: **2:00pm—10:00pm**
Location: **Fellowship Hall/Gym**
Suggested Donation: **\$10.00**

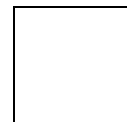


Proceeds go towards Childcare Classroom Supplies and Equipment
Please call 435-8922 by October 10th to reserve your spot.

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For you are **receiving**
the outcome of your **faith**,
the **salvation** of your **souls**.

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We are praying for...
OSLC

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SUNDAY PRAISE & WORSHIP SCHEDULE
9:00 A.M. SUNDAY EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
11:30 A.M. COFFEE/CONVERSATION & REFRESHMENTS AFTER WORSHIP