



# *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

*of Stanwood, Washington*

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May 7, 2020

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's;

**“Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” Psalm 95:6**

I hope you are staying safe and staying healthy!

Beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>, Governor Inslee has initiated Phase 1 of our state's economic recovery plan. This plan includes allowing churches to hold “Drive In” worship services.

**Beginning Sunday, May 17, 2020, a worship service will be held IN OUR PARKING LOT at 9:45 a.m.**

These parking lot services will continue, rain or shine, until we are able to hold services inside our building. Everyone will remain in their cars. There will no fellowship time following the service. You will be able to tune into the service using your car radio or a portable radio. For those who do not want to attend the “Drive In” service, we will continue to provide a service online.

Some people might be confused as to what a “Drive In” worship service looks like. We will have a platform from which the service will be led. Cars will need to park facing the fellowship hall. You will tune your car radio to the worship channel. You can even bring coffee, snacks, popcorn, breakfast – whatever you like. The experience will be similar to that of going to a drive-in movie theatre years ago. I can still remember fond memories going to the drive-in movie theatre with my family in San Juan Capistrano. I can still remember watching the James Bond film, “Live and Let Die” and “The Poseidon Adventure”. I'm not sure our worship will involve jumping over alligators, but hopefully the Holy Spirit will hit us like a wave, and we will be filled with joy and excitement. We will also plan to serve communion, as usual, on first and third Sundays. Communion will be served to individual cars in sealed packaging, as we did Easter morning, using gloves and masks. This style of worship might have to carry us well into the summer depending upon continued restrictions and safety. In reality, we might have to continue drive-in worship even when we can occupy the building because some of our members are extremely high risk and will want to continue worshipping in their cars for a longer period of time.

We are trying to remain safe, flexible and open to the needs of our congregation and community during this challenging time. If you have other concerns or circumstances that we have not addressed, please contact the office or myself so that we can be best prepared. Thank you.

As long as the “Stay at Home” order is in effect, I will also continue to write a devotion for the day.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness regarding your tithes and offerings. Because of your gifts and generosity during this terrible financial crisis, our church finances remain strong and steady.

A few of our people have had difficulty locating the worship services on our website. Simply go to our homepage, [oursaviourschurch.org](http://oursaviourschurch.org). On that front page is a grey tab for the current date of the sermon/worship. Below the sermon is a tab for the daily devotion.

During these times of isolation, if you would like someone to talk to, we have wonderful Stephen Ministers that are ready and available to listen, encourage and pray with you. They have brought a lot of encouragement to many people – and it might be the right time for you. Contact me know if you want to know more.

God Bless You All! Pastor Mark

OSLC Mission Statement:

***Encounter God ~ Encourage Believers ~ Extend His Kingdom***

Hello OSLC Family,

In all honesty, it's hard not to be a little disappointed with the stay-at-home order's extension. Katherine and I miss our students and church family! I look forward to the end of May when Washington State enters its 2nd phase. Once this happens, I hope to meet with students and families on an individual basis while continuing with the proper social distancing precautions.

Despite our current situation, I am encouraged by all the graces God has granted to us during this time. By His grace, our church has remained COVID free! Our new youth website garnered good feedback from both students and parents. Lessons for The Vine and Kids' Night have been planned far in advance. Confirmation group calls have been an exceptional time of conversation with my four students. With students at home most days, we are even able to plan multiple Confirmation meetings throughout the week! Last but not least, after the HighSchool leadership conference in Bellevue was canceled, Westminster Chapel blessed our youth group with a \$75 Domino's gift card! I am going to take that as a sign that our youth have an outreach celebration day! What better way to celebrate our Vine reunion than with good friends and good pizza?

By now, most of you have probably heard of the phenomenon that is Zoom. This video meeting application has allowed Katherine and me to create virtual gatherings for our Mid/High school students. It's been wonderful to see their faces and to be able to connect on Friday nights. The only thing missing is the Costco pizza!

I am currently in the process of creating a Mother's Day craft for our elementary students and will hand-deliver them before Sunday. I am hoping this lockdown will be a catapult into more Kids' night attendees. I can imagine OSLC's parents will be good and ready for some well-deserved kid-free time!

I am ready for our student and family ministries to hit the ground running once life returns to normal. When larger gatherings are encouraged, I intend to have a calendar date set for the canceled Family Day at Ground Zero Gymnastics.

I look forward to our first Sunday service together as a congregation. This whole situation has reminded me of our deep need as the Body of Christ to meet regularly. After all, no man is an Island!

Be sure to sign up for the new devotional blog at [oslcvine.org](http://oslcvine.org)!

Blessings,  
Alex

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### **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

**Please email your biography and senior picture to Linda in the church office by Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, to be included in a June newsletter. [oslcstanwood@frontier.com](mailto:oslcstanwood@frontier.com).**

### **OTHER GRADUATES:**

If you (or family members) are graduating from a college (2 or 4 year), from a technical school, or receiving another post high school degree please email the church office by May 25<sup>th</sup> so you may be recognized for your accomplishment. Please include your name, your degree, and the name of the institution, to be included in a June newsletter. [oslcstanwood@frontier.com](mailto:oslcstanwood@frontier.com).

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*Dear Friends,*

*During the difficult times before my recent surgery, and while recuperating at Josephine Home, I have received help in so many ways from my brothers and sisters in Christ at OSLC. I am so grateful for the time and effort given in providing transportation for the many appointments, including my hospitalization; the help in filling out forms; providing groceries and delivering them; visits and cards, and especially all the prayers. Thank you for all you have done for me.*

*My next surgery will be scheduled as soon as it is safe to do so, and I hope that before long we can all worship together again.*

*With love, in Christ, Beverly Klatt*

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**Please pray the following members and friends of Our Saviour's:**

***Linda and Lee Thomsen and family in the loss of Linda's father, Paul Walderhaug; Arlene McKellar; Tina Wallin; Lou and Dee Jonson; Cindy and Ron TD; Dale and Barbara Tetlow; Ingeburg Paul and her son, Hugo Paul; Robin Erickson; Shary Richards; Beverley Klatt; Dave Matthewson; Leon and Marylee Sams; Gary Aldinger; Ryker (grandnephew of Judy and Paul Anderson); Koreen Guillermo (niece of Jon and Jane King); Bill Cayford (friend of Pat Lund)***

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Thank you for your continued financial support by mailing checks, (PO Box 370, Stanwood, WA 98292) and giving online. The mail is picked up daily and deposited regularly. We invite you to consider online giving via the Church website if you are not already doing so. This works for one-time donations as well as automatic, periodic giving. On our website "oursaviourschurch.org", look for the "GIVE" button at the top of the home page. This takes you to a link with PayPal. Giving online is easy and very secure. Online donations will be included on your quarterly and year end giving statements just as checks and cash are. If you have any questions, please call the Church (360) 629-3767 and talk to Sheri or leave a message for her to call you back. The phone is answered and messages returned week days.

You should have received your offering statement for Quarter 1 of 2020, January, February and March. If you have any questions about your statement or have not received it, please call Sheri.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support of our programs and ministry.

Sheri Durham, Treasurer

\*We have included an updated offering report as of 4-30-20 and 5-4-20:

**April 27 – 30, 2020**

2020 Budget \$501,377.00

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly Offering	\$10,678.35	\$9,642.00
Month to date	\$32,880.80	\$38,568.00
Year to date	\$143,124.89	\$163,914.00
Fellowship Remodel Deficit Balance	\$10,726.83	
Building/Remodel Pledge offerings	<u>\$ 1,235.00</u>	
Loan Balance	\$ 9,491.83	

**May 4, 2020**

2020 Budget \$501,377.00

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly offering	\$8,310.00	\$9,642.00
Month to date	\$8,310.00	\$9,642.00
Year to date	\$151,434.89	\$173,556.00
Fellowship Remodel Deficit Balance	\$9,491.83	
Building/Remodel Pledge offerings	<u>\$ 620.00</u>	
Loan Balance	\$8,871.83	

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