



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

of Stanwood, Washington

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May 20, 2020 – Congregational Letter #8 regarding COVID-19

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's:

“Who is the King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you, gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of Glory?

The LORD Almighty – he is the King of Glory! Psalm 24:8-10

Last week, we gathered for our first “Drive In” worship service. We had a nice turnout and I think most everyone enjoyed gathering together – even behind glass. We will continue this parking lot service for the foreseeable future. As mentioned before, we will also continue to provide an online service as well.

Our FM transmission of the service works great in all the parking areas around the church. I heard that some of you tried to tune into the service on your home radios – but the reception is not strong enough to reach that far. It might reach .5 mile from church.

Also, there was the suggestion that if you wanted to support local restaurants – you could pick up breakfast and coffee on your way to church – and would be another way to support our community. Or you can just bring your homemade mush with you.

We will celebrate communion on first and third Sundays of the month, as is our normal routine.

Last night I heard that Island County can petition to enter into Phase 2 of our state's recovery process. If that is approved, it would allow for groups of 5 people or less to gather together. This might open up the opportunity for partial small groups to gather, if they so desire. You might not feel that is a safe option yet, so zoom meetings might be the safest for now. There is no indication when Phase 2 will begin for Snohomish County. We will just wait and see.

As we approach Memorial Day Weekend, we thank God for all those who have served and given their lives for the freedom and life we all enjoy in the United States! Even with all of our challenges, we are so very blessed to live in a country such as ours. God Bless America!

Continue to stay safe and healthy. Continue to pray that COVID-19 cases will decrease and there can be further safe opening up of our community.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Mark

OSLC Mission Statement:

Encounter God ~ Encourage Believers ~ Extend His Kingdom

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Please email your biography and senior picture to Linda in the church office by Monday, May 25th, to be included in a June newsletter: 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 25th 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. Send to oslcstanwood@frontier.com.

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

Family and friends of Alfred Schmakeit; Charlie and Candyce Sylling in the loss of Charlie's nephew Jim Woodward); Elsie Wietzke; 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; Beverly Klatt; Dave Matthewson; Marylee and Leon Sams; Gary Aldinger; Julia (granddaughter of Mary and Vern Wolff) Ryker (grandnephew of Judy and Paul Anderson); Koreen Guillermo (niece of Jon and Jane King)

Prayers of Thankfulness: Arlene McKellar is much better, and "feeling fine".

*We have included an updated offering report as of 5-11-2020 and 5-18-2020:

May 11, 2020

2020 Budget \$501,377.00

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly offering	\$9,695.00	\$9,642.00
Month to date	\$18,005.00	\$19,284.00
Year to date	\$161,611.76	\$183,198.00

Fellowship/Remodel Deficit Balance	\$8,871.83
Building/Remodel Pledge offerings	<u>\$1,210.00</u>
Loan Balance	\$7,661.83

May 18, 2020

2020 Budget \$501,377.00

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly Offering	\$ 7,904.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 25,909.00	\$ 28,926.00
Year to date	\$169,515.76	\$192,840.00

Fellowship Remodel Deficit	\$7,661.83
Building/Remodel Pledge offering	<u>\$ 713.34</u>
Loan Balance	\$6,948.49