



# *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

*of Stanwood, Washington*

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October 28, 2020 – Congregational Letter #17 regarding COVID-19

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church;

Thank you for your attendance and participation at our Drive-In Worship last Sunday. Celebrating Alena Sharp's baptism and hearing Cindy T-D's testimony of healing was an extra special blessing to our worship. God is working among us in many ways, and it's wonderful to experience His presence among us.

We have another special worship service planned this Sunday, November 1st. We will be celebrating with Matthew Mendez on his Confirmation Day as he gives his public testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

As it is All Saint's Sunday, during worship, we will also be remembering our loved ones and friends who have passed away this past year.

Additionally, this will be the first Sunday that we will provide an option to worship inside. You are welcome to remain in your cars - and I will begin the worship service on the platform. But the worship team, Scripture reading and sermon will be conducted inside the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to come inside, please follow the protocols - Beginning with checking yourself for any symptoms at home. At church, be prepared to:

- Wear a mask
- Have your temperature checked
- Hands sanitized
- Sign in
- Be escorted to your seats that will be socially distanced

You might come a little early, as this is our first attempt at this.

We will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, and our plan is to continue to pass out the "Celebration Cups" as you drive in - whether you come inside or remain in your cars. If you have an offering, we will have a box on a table just inside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall - you can also give it to Sheri in the parking lot, as you have been doing. We will not be "passing the plate" for an offering inside during offering.

Nor will we have paper bulletins for worship inside. The service will be seen on the screens. You can print the bulletin ahead of time and bring it with you - whether inside your car or inside the building.

We are not yet in position to "Live Stream" our service, but this week, Wave Cable finally installed new wire that will give us greater internet capabilities. Stricter copyright rules have been put in place so it makes it very difficult to include any music. But we will continue to post the sermons to our website Sunday afternoons.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, as we are trying to meet your needs in worship, while trying to remain safe and give people a variety of options from which they can choose.

Mark this date: **Sunday, November 15th** - We will hold our Congregational Meeting after worship to adopt our 2021 Annual Budget and elect Council Members. Budget copies will be available next Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Please pray for God's guiding hand to lead our nation, its leaders and communities as we enter into this election week!***

Dress warm, ready to worship. See you Sunday!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

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

*Marylee and Leon Sams; Helen Neher; Carolyn Belfield; Mick Hanson; Robert MacNeal; Micah (son of Michele and Dennis Kloke; Samson, age 6 (grandson of Grant and Phyllis Gard); Leif and Pam Larson (friends of Gards and Marvel Graham); Ramona Brodland (sister of Del Fox); Judy Anderson; Amy Thompson; Marlene Schuster; Dean (son of Lorri DeFelice); Howard Wangsness; Jessica Sande; Bruce Richert; Les Stahley; Michele Kunzman; Margaret Berk; Gary Rygg; Tina Wallin; Cindy and Ron TD; Robin Erickson; Shary Richards; Beverley Klatt; Dave Matthewson;; Gary Aldinger; Ryker (grandnephew of Judy and Paul Anderson); Stephanie (no last name)*

*Praise and Thanksgiving for answered prayers for Cindy T-D, and Lois Peterson (cousin of Connie Ronning)*

***Prayers also for:***

*Our school district: schools, preschools, and daycares; administrators, teachers, support staff, students and parents.*

*All those suffering from the effects of COVID-19, Fires, Hurricanes, and Flooding.*

*All those suffering physical, emotional, and spiritual anguish due to ongoing isolation and overall pandemic stress.*

*For our national and community leaders: President, Congress, WA governor, Stanwood mayor and others in leadership.*

Reminder from Sheri:

With many offerings being received by US mail, please note the correct mailing address for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is P.O. Box 370, Stanwood, WA 98292. Mail addressed to our street address is most times returned to sender as undeliverable. Thank you!

OSLC 2020 Budget - \$501,377.00

October 19, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Offering	\$7,818.91	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$23,578.91	\$ 28,926.00
Year to date	\$369,294.68	\$404,964.00

Building Fund Balance 10/12/20	\$20,571.04
Offerings/Pledges received	<u>\$ 980.00</u>
Building Fund Balance 10/19/20	\$21,551.04

October 26, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Offering	\$ 8,960.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 32,538.91	\$ 38,568.00
Year to date	\$378,337.03	\$414,606.00

Building Fund Balance 10/19/2020	\$21,551.04
Offerings/Pledges Received	\$ 8,095.00
Lou Jonson Memorial to Pew Cushion fund	<u>\$ -1,980.50</u>
Building Fund Balance 10/26/2020	\$27,665.54