



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

of Stanwood, Washington

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November 10, 2020 – Congregational Letter #18 regarding COVID-19

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's;

Temperatures are changing and the holidays are fast approaching.

Even though COVID-19 cases are increasing in the county, Governor Inslee has not made any changes to worship gatherings. We will continue to offer the option of worshipping from your car or inside the fellowship hall – as well as online. We have procedures and feel great about the safety steps for inside worship. Seating is spread out further to capitalize on the large open space. We have one entry point into the building and have windows open to further help with ventilation. We will continue to plan parts of the worship service that will be both held inside and outside. On Sunday, November 22nd, we will open the sanctuary for anyone wanting to worship there. The service will be projected from the fellowship hall onto the video screens.

This Sunday, November 15th – we will be conducting our Congregational meeting after worship. You can remain in your cars or fellowship hall. The meeting will be run from the platform and we will be voting on our 2021 Church Budget and also elect our 2021 Council Member positions. The meeting should not be long, and we ask that you please stay so that we can conduct our needed official church business.

Mardi is preparing for the Christmas House Community Gift Ministry for children sponsored by our local Food Bank. Volunteers will select gifts for children based on an interest card filled out by parents. Parents will drive through to pick up gifts for their children. Mardi needs volunteers to help with gift selection. Please call her if you are interested in helping – 360-913-1551.

Last night, the Church Council approved the plan to host an outside “Live Nativity” experience during one night in December. Lina Richert is going to direct the event. There will be live animals, Mary and Joseph, Shepherds, Kings and Angels. This will be a chance to tell the real Christmas story to children right in our neighborhood and community. Many people are already excited to help. If you have interest in participating and/or helping – please contact Lina – 360-387-4400.

Men's Fraternity has been suspended for over 7 months. If any men are interested, we will gather for breakfast at the Cama Beach state park Café – on Camano Island, Saturday, November 21st, at 8:00 a.m. There is a large open dining area – where we can social-distance, eat and re-connect with one another. If you plan on attending – please call, text or email me – Pastor Mark – 425-293-1974, or bankson42@aol.com

We received a letter from Josephine Care Community. They are inviting us to participate in their annual Josephine Christmas Gift Giving Project. This project allows every resident at Josephine to receive a small, thoughtful gift on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in making a financial donation toward this ministry – please make sure you note “Josephine Gift Giving” in the memo section on your check. This year, they will be purchasing all the gifts for their residents because of COVID-19 restrictions and limitations.

Video Technician Needed: Sharon Hanson, has been our critical, essential worker when it comes to videotaping, recording and uploading our worship services to our website every Sunday. She has done an incredible job. We are deeply indebted and grateful to her for all her efforts and hard work that has kept us connected during this COVID crisis. We are going to need your help. Sharon is stepping down from this position at the end of November. If you have any interest or willingness to help and learn about video technology, please contact me or Sharon.

If your small group or other group wants to use the church facility – please contact me for availability. While we are limiting activity in the church, we are also trying to be responsive to people’s various needs as the weather is changing.

Stay safe. Continue to wear your mask. I hope to see you Sunday morning. Remember, our hope remains in Jesus Christ!

In Christ, Pastor Mark

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

Kathy Slack; Maureen Foster (sister-in-law of Lina and Bruce Richert); Marylee and Leon Sams; Helen Neher; Carolyn Belfield; Mick Hanson; Robert MacNeal; 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; Les Stahley; Michele Kunzman; Margaret Berk; Gary Rygg; Cindy and Ron TD; Robin Erickson; Shary Richards; Beverley Klatt; Dave Matthewson; Gary Aldinger; Ryker (grandnephew of Judy and Paul Anderson)

Praise and Thanksgiving for answered prayers for Bruce Richert

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

November 2, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Offering	\$ 7,985.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 8,285.00	\$ 9,642.00
Year to date	\$390,372.00	\$424,248.00

Building Fund Balance 10/26/2020	\$27,665.54
Offerings/Pledges Received 10/30	\$ 418.20
Offerings/Pledges Received 11/2	\$ 1,063.43
October interest	<u>\$ 24.75</u>
Building Fund Balance 11/2/2020	\$29,171.92

November 9, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Offering	\$ 7,371.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 15,356.00	\$ 19,284.00
Year to date	\$397,743.00	\$433,890.00

Building Fund balance 11/2/2020	\$29,171.92
Offerings/Pledges received	<u>\$ 1,295.00</u>
Building Fund Balance 11/9/2020	\$30,466.92

Pictures, below show what's happening with the steeple today!!

