

“Vision 2026 and Beyond...”

**“Stand united, singular in vision,
contending for people’s trust in the Message,
the Good News of Jesus Christ...”**

Philippians 1:28 (The Message)

When Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. opened in 1974, Mrs. Disney was sitting beside Walter Cronkite. Walt Disney had passed away a few years earlier. Walter Cronkite wanted to say just the right thing to Mrs. Disney, so he leaned over to her and said, “Wouldn’t it be great if Walt were here to see this today.” Mrs. Disney wisely replied, “If Walt had not first seen this you would not be seeing it today.”

Walt Disney envisioned a kingdom back in the early 1950’s that had never been constructed before. In 1955, the first “Magic” Kingdom was opened to the public.

Jesus also envisioned a kingdom. The blueprint laid out by God the Father, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and constructed by His followers through faith. The world had no idea of the power of this kingdom with the ability to turn the world upside down.

This Sunday, July 17th, at 9:30 a.m., we will gather as Christ’s followers to discuss His Kingdom and join in conversation, discussion, and discernment regarding God’s direction for us here in Stanwood and on Camano Island.

We pray that the sanctuary will be packed, and we will grow in excitement talking about the blessings of God and the future He is directing us to. Our conversation will be guided by four fundamental questions:

1. Where do you think/feel **God** is leading us?
2. What are the **obstacles** we face as a congregation?
3. What are your **hopes and dreams** for the future of our church?
4. What do you think OSLC’s investment **priorities** should be to assist in accommodating existing and future church growth in the next four years?

Please pray about and jot down any ideas and/or reflections you might have regarding these four questions, before Sunday morning. That way, it can kick start our discussions.

Looking forward to an exciting and meaningful time together as we Stand United seeking God's Vision for His Kingdom!

Remember, Lunch will be provided after our time together.

God Bless You All!

See you Sunday – at 9:30 a.m. - Pastor Mark