



Our Purpose: *Celebrate, cultivate and share God's love.*

The Messenger

Our Values

Welcoming
Compassion
Serving
Respect

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BINGO FOR LUTHERWOOD

Sunday, April 14

Viking Hall in Silvana, Washington
Doors open at 5 pm, and let the games begin at 6 pm!

COME HUNGRY - Spaghetti Dinner
(COST TBD)

15 games for \$10 and 3 blackout games for \$1 each.
Plan to join in the fun!

Questions? Call Janice Stepp ~
wmpjms@gmail.com



Middle School Retreat

**April 26-27 | First Lutheran
Richmond Beach**

All middle school students are invited to join us for our 2nd annual middle school retreat! Our theme this year is Prayer – What is it? Why do we care? We'll explore the theme using a variety of mediums and spend time at the beach on Saturday. The cost is \$50 per student, adults are free. Registration begins March 1.

Questions? Contact Becky at children@hslckirkland.org



Work Weekend at Lutherwood!

May 31 - June 2

Come help us get ready for summer camp! Your stay is free of charge, all we ask is your time and abilities. There will be projects for all ability levels,

from trail clearing and platform building to cleaning and organizing. There is always a way you can help serve camp! A great opportunity for community service hours. Registration is up on our website and if you can offer specific skill sets, please reach out directly to marty.martinez@camplutherwood.org to discuss opportunities.

Save the date: Poverty 101 *June 8th.*



From Pastor John

One of my favorite songs that appears in the Lent section of the hymnal is by Paul Gerhardt entitled "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth". (ELW # 340) In my view, it does the message Isaiah to us, as we hear Isaiah through the story of Jesus crucified and risen. After reading Isaiah 52:13–53:12, the reading appointed for Good Friday, it became tradition in my first parish to sing this hymn as a commentary on the reading.

Paul Gerhardt was born near Wittenberg in 1607. He enrolled in the university there during The Thirty Years' War. He was eventually ordained in 1651 and married at forty-eight in 1655. Swedish soldiers set fire to his home in 1637. He lost everything. In addition, he lost his pastoral office in 1666 due to a refusal to bend his teaching in a more Calvinist direction at the insistence of the Elector Friedrich Wilhelm. Four of his five children died in infancy and his wife died in 1668 after only thirteen years of marriage. Yet, he wrote over 130 hymn texts, of which eight appear in our current hymnal. Other Christians also sing his hymns.

A lamb goes uncomplaining forth to save a world of sinners. He bears the burden all alone, dies shorn of all his honors. He goes to slaughter, weak and faint, is led to die without complaint; his spotless life he offers. He bears the shame, the stripes, the wrath; his anguish, mockery, and death for us he gladly suffers.

This captures the suffering servant of Isaiah and the way the Gospel of John depicts Jesus as the Lamb of God. In John, Jesus dies as the Passover lambs are sacrificed showing the extent to which God in Jesus goes for us. The hymn moves to make this connection clearer.

This lamb is Christ, our dearest friend, the Lamb of God, our Savior, whom God in mercy chose to send to win us rebels over. "Go down, my child," the Father said, "and free my children from their dread of death and condemnation. The painful stripes are hard to bear, but by your death they all can share the joy of your salvation."

God works to "win us rebels over". Here Gerhardt connects Jesus to God's rescue mission announced in Isaiah and enacted in the Passion.

Our Savior answered from his heart that he would take the burden: "My Father's will is my command; I'll do as I am bidden." Oh, wondrous love! Oh, loving might! To right what mortals cannot right the Son was sent from heaven. What love, O Love, who came to save by loving even to the grave until the stone was riven.

Jesus goes the distance, even to the grave. Love is a verb. He died. He truly experienced a horrific death. And yet, he does this willingly. What love indeed!

Of death I am no more afraid; your dying is my living. You clothe me in your royal robes that you are always giving. Your dress is enough for me to wear through all eternity before the throne of heaven, where we shall stand close by your side, your church, the well-appointed bride, when all the faithful gather.

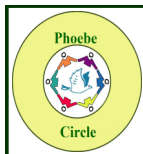
The result is of this love which goes to grave is life! Death is defeated! Further, Gerhardt brings out the ongoing, continuous extravagance of Jesus' self-giving. He gives and keeps on giving himself to us such that we are "clothed" with him. In Christ, we may stand before God's throne, because we are clothed with Him. Then, the hymn looks forward to the ultimate end, in addition to connection with God, we also look forward to the gathering of all the faithful who clothed in Jesus. Resurrection matters! Christ is Risen! Thanks be to God!



Mission Circle: meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. See you on April 2nd and April 16th at 9:00 a.m. Mission Circle makes quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief. For more information contact Donna DeWard or the church office.



Quilt Sunday will be held on April 28th. Following a blessing, the quilts, together with baby care kits, will then be packed for shipment in May to Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be combined with those from other Lutheran churches throughout the U.S. and sent to the needy, throughout the world. If you would like more information on Mission Circle, please contact Donna DeWard.



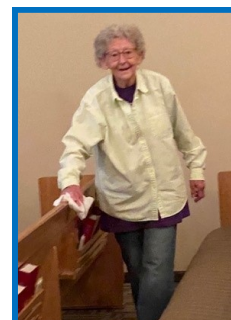
Phoebe Circle is a bible study group for women that meets on the third Thursday of the month. This month, Phoebe Circle will meet on Thursday April 18th, @ 10:00 am in the classroom at OSLC. Bring your bible and copy of "Gather" if you have it. If not, we share! The theme for the Winter/Spring 2024 is: "Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith" by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. Phoebe Circle is always welcoming to new people. If you have any questions, contact Sally Shinstrom or the church office.



North Snohomish County Outreach (NSCO) Laundry Project: OSLC will provide "Grab and Go" meals for the Laundry Project on April 16th. Dianne & Gay Engelsen, Judy Allen-Phillips and Toni Forsman will prepare the meals. The Laundry Project continues to support many people in our community. It allows each participant to wash and dry one large load of laundry with out cost. Access to other social services are also available at each location. The North Snohomish County Outreach is thankful for the dedicated OSLC volunteers who participate each month. The bin for personal hygiene items will remain in the church narthex for your continued support.

Outreach To The Vulnerable Team: How can we help with those who need shelter, warmth and food? By providing food items such as canned meat, peanut butter, energy bars, or other non-perishable items that take little or no preparation. You can drop off these items at church from 9am to 2pm Monday to Thursday and I will take them to the Arlington Community Resource Center. For questions or more suggestions on how you can help please call me: Bob Zerbel or the church office. Thank you.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the wonderful people who came and helped clean the outside and inside of the church Saturday March 23rd. Our Saviour's looks great!



CHILDCARE NEWS
by Melissa Hackworth, Program Supervisor

Get to know the Childcare Staff!

Miss Jen has been teaching at Our Saviour’s Childcare for the past 8 years. Jen has been a lead teacher with the preschool age children and just recently has stepped into a new role of substitute teacher along with the cleaning of the center. We are so appreciative of her and all her hard work!

Favorite Things:

Color: Blue/Green

Food: Fruits, Veggies and Steak

Store: Online Wellness Shopping/Local Shops

Book: Fiction

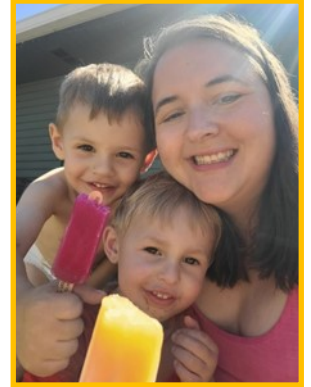
Movie: Disney

Restaurant: Red Robin

My favorite way to relax: Taking walks with my family.

My favorite hobbies: Art, Gardening and Fitness

Things I dislike are: Winter, Flying, Boats and Spiders.



PRESCHOOL NEWS
By Jennifer Ess - Director

March is one of our favorite months at the preschool! We enjoy learning about the weather, community helpers, and we start learning about Easter. With Easter falling so close to Spring Break, we will continue the story of Easter when we return in April, along with some fun Easter themed activities. We also start wrapping up the school year – Preschool will finish up at the end of May before taking a break for the summer.

Our classroom was full of community helpers – both in play and in real-life! Our students became vets and took care of sick and injured animals, checked x-rays, and filled out check-lists before sending the animals home with their owners. We were able to have members of the Everett Police Department visit and the kids got to ‘drive’ the police car, use the searchlight and play with handcuffs!

Both classes were able to come to school dressed as what they wanted to be when they grow up. The teachers joined in the fun as well! We had doctors, scientists, vets, a mermaid, a farmer, fire fighters, super heroes, princesses, chefs, construction workers, grown ups, animal scientists, police officers, cowboy, astronaut, and a rainbow.

There are still a few spots available in both Preschool classes. We are excited to start a new school year this fall with new families, and a few returning families.



April 2024

**From the Bishop:**

In fifth grade, I started playing trumpet. This wasn't the instrument that I chose – it was chosen for me because my aunt had an old trumpet and my mom said, "If you want to be in band, you can use this trumpet." But even though I wanted to play the flute, the trumpet was definitely the instrument for me. I loved playing trumpet. I loved the sound, the way to make different notes with just three valves, using different mutes that produced complexity of tone. I loved to polish and clean my trumpet – especially when I received a new silver trumpet in high school. The only thing I didn't like was carrying it to and from school because of the big hill that we lived on.

In high school I was in both band and jazz band. In jazz band we traveled to many competitions – winning the Reno Jazz Festival one year. When I look back on my experience in band, I realize that there are so many things that I continue to apply in my life, and as part of the body of Christ, that go back to being in band.

First, you can't be a band on your own. If you play a solo instrument, that is lovely. But that isn't a band. There needs to be a group to form a band – it can be small or large – but an agreement that you are engaging with one another and playing music with one another leads to forming a band. If you are using music, the same music is important – also the same key and the same beats per measure helps. An agreement on how fast or slow the tempo is important. In short, community is needed for a band.

Second, you can't all play the same instrument. I mean, I love the trumpet – but a band of trumpets is one-dimensional (and can be very loud). I admit that as much as I love brass, you need more than brass to form a band. We have all heard brass quartets – but for a band, you need the saxophone, the piccolo, the clarinet, the drum, and so much more. Diversity is needed in a band.

Third, you can't drown out others. I speak as one who plays trumpet. Trumpets know how to be loud. And if trumpeters are not careful, they will hide the beauty of the other instruments. There is nothing more gorgeous than notes from an oboe coming from seemingly nowhere to fill the air with that wistful, haunting sound. In other words, listen for the woodwinds. A variety of sounds and voices are needed in a band – especially those that are more hidden.

Fourth, harmony doesn't mean the same note. It would be boring if every single instrument played the very same note for every song in a band's repertoire. Our ears are tuned to hear melody, harmony, dissonance, and resolution. In a band, it is imperative that different notes are played – different rhythm patterns are introduced, and a play amongst the instruments happens. Harmony and dissonance are needed in a band.

Dear people of God, these four things are also needed in the church and in the world: Community, diversity, variety of sound and voice, harmony and dissonance. I invite you to think about your worshiping community. How are we all like a band? How can we be more intentional in these four areas?

Our composer and maestro is God – God is directing and leading us – in the music we co-create. May this spring awaken you in the beauty and grace of God. May the community in which you gather bring music in all its fullness.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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News from around the NW Washington Synod



Faith & Civic Life

New HYBRID Adult Learning Series coming this Spring for Six Sundays at 11 am - beginning April 7 - from Our Savior's Lutheran, Everett

Our Saviors is piloting a new ELCA course led by Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse designed to explore Christian discipleship in the public arena. Looking toward the 2024 election, we will seek to answer the following questions:

- How do we faithfully live out our baptismal vocation in everyday life?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus in our citizenship?
- Why could voting be considered a faith-filled act of justice?

The course will be offered hybrid for six weeks beginning Sunday, April 7th. If interested in joining us online contact Marko Jokinen at aerofinn@aol.com



Middle School Retreat at First Lutheran of Richmond Beach - April 26-27 - [learn more HERE](#)

May Youth Weekend at Holden Village - May 17-19 - [learn more HERE](#)

It's time to start Spring Cleaning!



It is time to start spring cleaning! We want to help by taking those unwanted items off your hands. Make a drop-off during one of our Spring Cleaning Donation Days, and your donation will go towards LINC's mission of serving our community.

Community Drop-Off Days

- Saturday, March 16, 10 am-1 pm
- Saturday, April 27, 10 am-1 pm

Drop-off days will be located at the LINC Office in Lakewood!
1424 172nd St NE Marysville, WA 98271

Items We Accept

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Bags, Purses, Backpacks
- Small kitchen tools & appliances (Toasters, Mixers, Coffee Makers, Countertop Grills, etc.)
- Small household appliances (Radios, Small Stereos, Handheld/Small Power Tools, etc.)
- Books, DVDs, and CDs



Please ensure all donations are in gently used, working condition. We CANNOT accept paint, cleaners, chemicals, construction waste, or hazardous items.

Month	Actual Giving	Budget Goal	Difference	Actual Expenses
February	*	*	*	*
Y.T.D. (July-Feb.)	*	*	*	*

The budget year runs from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

*Contact the Finance Committee or Treasurer for information




*Thank you for giving to
Our Saviour's!*



Worship Attendance for March 2024		
	In person	Online
3 rd :	53	57
10 th :	57	72
17 th :	64	43
24 th :	77	58
31 st :	*not avail at time of publication	

- Minutes of the monthly Church Council meeting and the Financial Report Summary are posted on the office bulletin board for all to read. You can also request a copy be sent to you by email or mail. Contact the church office at (360) 435-8921 or office@arlingtonwachurch.org

April Worship Servers

	7	14	21	28
Communion Assistants	Jan Hopson Nancy Yonker	Rohde Family	Judy Donoghue	Greg & Beth Husted
Lectors/Readers	Judy Donoghue		Alyce Riddle	
Audio/Video Booth Techs	Max Maxwell	Max Maxwell	Max Maxwell	Max Maxwell
Flowers	Nancy Yonker	Judy Phillips		Robin & Steve Barker
Coffee Hour				Robin & Steve Barker Sharron & Ralph Knutson
Ushers/Hosts	Steve & Robin Barker	Steve & Liz Moore	Vance & Tammy DeWard	John Billdt Lisa Masters
Lock Up	Judy Donoghue	Deb Isler	Max Maxwell	
Tellers	Sharon Knoepfle Dianne Engelsen	Kerry Graves Karen Crone	Kathy Thordarson Max Maxwell	Karen Crone Sharon Knutson

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**Our Saviour's
Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday
9:00am-2:30pm**

**Friday
Office Closed**

Prayers of Concern and Thanks

Adult caregivers caring for loved ones
 Bachier family in Lebanon (co-worker of Lisa Masters)
 Caleb McCormick - health challenges (friend of Jamie Smith)
 Crystal Chamberlin - health concerns
 Dennis Heaton - health challenges
 Diana Breon - health challenges
 Ed Molsee - health challenges (friend of Carol Lindenmuth)
 Ellen Winter - health challenges
 Erik Breon - healing from recent surgery
 Faith Breon - health concerns during pregnancy
 Frank Gonzales - healing for crushed heel
 Jennifer Way - health challenges
 Karie - dad fell and mom had surgery to remove cancer (co-worker of Lisa Masters)
 Leslie Faxon - Completed chemo, continuing w/Keytruda treatments & doing well, prayers for ongoing treatments & health (friend of Ruth Gonzales)
 Linda Staswick - health issues (cousin of Beth Husted)
 Lon White - healing prayers (friend of Bev Curtis)
 Margaret Larson - health challenges
 Nancy Fruetel - prayers for her continued recovery from back surgeries (cousin of Judy Donoghue)
 Paul Chamberlain - health concerns
 Robbie - family in Israel (co-worker of Lisa Masters)
 Ron Gierhan - continued health issues
 Residents and caregivers of Josephine, blessing and protecting them from pain and suffering, supporting each one with God's Love and Grace.
 Vickie Campbell - continued recovery from pneumonitis
 Those serving in uniform.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 9:00a Mission Circle	3	4 6:00p Basketball	5	6 8:30a Cluster Coaching
7 9:30a OSYM for kids 10:30a Worship 11:45 Coffee & Conversation 4p Basketball	8	9	10 6:00p Confirmation @ Peace	11 6:00p Basketball	:	13 9:00a Sonus Boreal Rehearsal
14 9:30a Adult Learning 9:30a OSYM for kids 10:30a Worship 11:45 Coffee & Conversation 4p Basketball	15	16 9:00a Mission Circle 5:30p Church Council	17 6:00p Confirmation @ Our Saviour's	18 10:00a Phoebe Circle 6:00p Basketball 7:00p Learning Board Center Mtg	19 10:00 Comfort Squad	20
21 9:30a Adult Learning 9:30a OSYM for kids 10:30a Worship 11:45 Coffee & Conversation 4p Basketball	22	23	24 6:00p Confirmation @ Camano	25 6:00p Basketball	26	27
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"Happy Birthday to you ..."

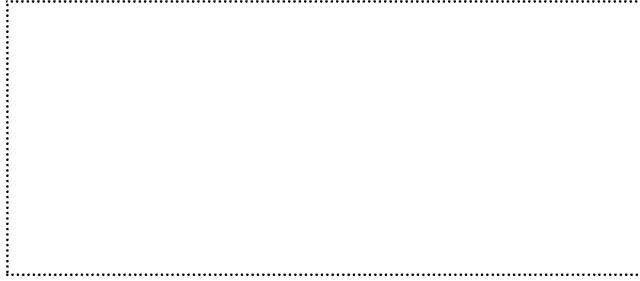
- 1 Avery Martinez
- 3 Lynette Scott
- 4 Riley Ess
- 7 Sharon Gierhan
- 8 John Billdt
- 8 Sarah Howell
- 10 Jason Ewing
- 12 Al Forar
- 12 Korene Thomas
- 17 Kathy Stuehrenberg
- 18 Maddie Cahoon
- 23 Howard Knoepfle
- 25 Maggie Fitzhugh

"Happy Anniversary!"

30 Bob & Sharon Jacobson



☺ **Did we forget you?** If your special date is not listed here, first, forgive us! Then, call the office so that we can update our database. Thanks!



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