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A NOTE FROM THE PASTORS

Blessings and peace.

The days are getting shorter and colder, but as we turn to the darker days of the year we are reminded that God never leaves us. On All Saints Sunday luminaries lined our parking lot as we sought ways to continue our remembrance of the Saints that went before us. We are a people who believe that light shines in the darkness, that a stump shall rise from the root of Jesse and that love always wins. We hope that you are taking care of yourself and finding ways to connect within our community and in the world. We hope that you are remaining safe as well. If you would like a special contact please let us know. We are so appreciative of your continuing support of the ministry we share. This may not be a time that we will look back and want to repeat, but it will be a period that always shapes us. God is at work in your life every day. Take some time to reflect and search for that connection. We hope we can join you in that journey!

The peace of Christ be with you always,

Pastor Michael and Pastor Leta and Intern Pastor Jon



Ryan White

Tell us about your family

I have 2 wonderful boys. Aaron 7, and Oliver 3. My wife, Emily, is my best friend and the most amazing partner I could ever ask for.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love camping in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter.

What do you like most about OSLC?

OSLC has a very diverse, active, and welcoming congregation. I felt so welcomed and comfortable from the first service we attended.

Why do you want to serve on church council?

I'd like to serve on the council because I want to be an active member of the OSLC community. I see the efforts put forth by many members and recognize what it takes to make this community as great as it is.



Hannah Wurster

Tell us about your family

I am married to Aaron Wurster

What are some of your hobbies?

Trail running, yoga, travel, gardening, reading, watercolor painting, knitting.

What do you like most about OSLC?

I remember the first time we attended OSLC, the love and joy was immediately evident. I appreciate how the church not only preaches about love, inclusion, and God's work, but also enacts these in the world. Similarly, I am grateful that the church is always working to continue growing and progressing. These are all values that I seek to fortify in my life, and it is wonderful to have a church that models them.

Why do you want to serve on church council?

I am interested in meeting more fellow members and getting to know them. I would also like to learn more about what makes OSLC work and contribute to conversations about continuing our congregation's growth and work.



VOTE!

WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 11:30 AM VIA ZOOM TO VOTE ON THESE NOMINEES. PLEASE JOIN US!

MEET OUR COUNCIL NOMINEES!



Peg Hoover

Tell us about your family

Mike and I celebrated our 50th Wedding anniversary this year. We have been blessed to have 2 daughters, Tracey and Michelle, and 5 wonderful grandchildren. I have been a Registered Nurse for the past 49 years and family "Resident Nurse / Nanny adviser"

What are some of your hobbies?

I love crafts, music, (I am learning to play cello) sewing, painting, knitting, reading, baking, and beading. I especially like trying something new to see if I can do it. (My granddaughter is teaching me to tap dance.)

What do you like most about OSLC?

I love the people and sense of community, inside our walls and out. I am proud of the way the church reaches out to so many in need and is always seeking ways to do more. It is "family" to me. Being a part of Stephen Ministry is a privilege.

Why do you want to serve on church council?

I want to contribute to the work of our church community in any way I can. I am honored to serve and share in faith growth.



Rob Petterson

Tell us about your family

Paula Petterson is my wife. We have two sons, Alex (a genetic counselor) and William (studying to be a physics teacher). I grew up in the Episcopal Church and my parents, who live in Williamsburg Virginia, remain very active in their parish. I also have one sister, who also lives in Virginia.

What are some of your hobbies?

Traveling, photography (particularly birds and animals), playing piano, genealogy

What do you like most about OSLC?

I appreciate very much the welcoming spirit for all. I enjoy the choirs and singing with the congregation and I find the preaching interesting and often thought-provoking. I am also impressed with the Outside Our Walls ministry and outreach and our willingness as a congregation to learn and explore outside of our comfort zone.

Why do you want to serve on church council?

I am happy to give back to our church community by sharing some of my time and talents. I hope to partner with the rest of the council to help lead our church into our shared future, helping us to grow not only on our individual and congregational spiritual journeys, but also in our outreach and support for the communities in which we live and beyond.

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE OSLC COVID TEAM

The combined efforts of the council, staff and our COVID task force composed of staff, property team and medical professionals, have been working this year to create policy and procedures for building use at the church. The policies all abide by synod and county guidelines and keep in mind safety for all involved. All events must be scheduled via Karyn in the office as we work to have only one meeting in the building at a time. For all events and building use, we have a mask mandate and physical distancing of 6 ft at all times.

We began with an outdoor policy this summer, offering the ability for groups to utilize the front entryway or back patio as gathering places for 10 or under. Outdoor worship was also offered, which the county allowed, provided all precautions were adhered to by all participants. We have maintained attendance lists, created stations for hand sanitizing, increased cleaning and invested in fans, air filters, and an acrylic guard in the reception area.

As autumn temperatures began to make it chilly outside, we created a policy for indoor use. Attendance is still limited to 10 or fewer, attendance taking and masks required, no food or beverages are allowed and a liability waiver must be filled out by all participants. To help with comfort outside, we invested in outdoor heaters helping to extend our outdoor worship season.

Now planning for Christmas Eve and morning services has begun! The joy of the season and the celebration of Christ's birth will not be dampened. However, the way we gather this year will change. Our worship times are:

Christmas Eve:

1:00 pm OUTSIDE--dress for the weather!

3:00 pm OUTSIDE--dress for the weather!

5:00 pm ONLINE ONLY

8:00 pm NIGHTTIME OUTSIDE--dress for the weather!

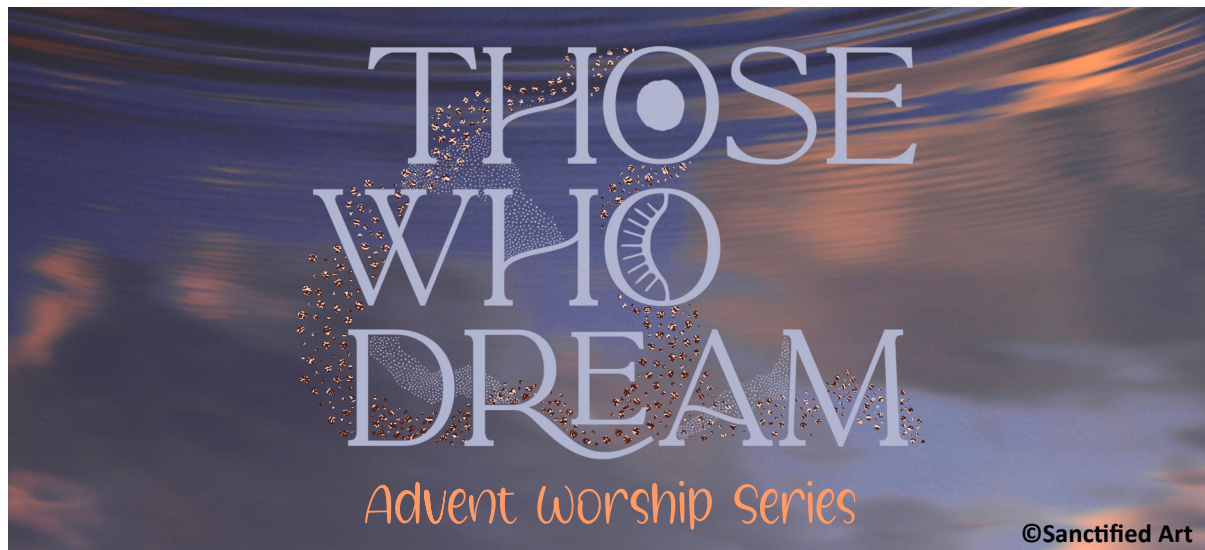
Christmas Morning:

11:00-OUTSIDE--dress for the weather!

For outdoor worship, we will have our outdoor heaters, masks must be worn, physical distancing must be observed (families can sit together) and there will be no singing. Recorded music will be played.

If the coronavirus continues its current model of increase, all this may become not possible and we will revert to online worship only. As soon as we know anything, we will communicate that to you.

We appreciate all your support and kind words during this time. The pastors, staff, council and COVID task force have learned a great deal about virtual meetings, online worship, musical recordings, insurance requirements, furnace air flow, safe COVID practices and more! Your care for all of us in this time of stress and unknowns has been so appreciated.



In our study of this season's lectionary scriptures, the opening lines from Psalm 126 jumped off the page: "When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream." In Advent, we step into the mystery and awe of God's dreams and pray they shape our reality. This theme is for the dreamers in all of us—those who dream of a deeper connection with God and those who dream of a better world. It's for those who dream of comfort and for those who have given up on their dreams. It's for those whose dreams have been crushed and for those who show us that dreams take time. Join us this Advent as we dream alongside prophets and angels, Mary and the Magi. Join us as we seek and sow God's dreams for our world

November 29: Advent 1 - Those Who Dream.....Keep Awake (Hope)

Those who dream do not fall asleep to the realities of the world. God prompts us to pay attention to where God's dreams for change and new life are emerging. In Advent, we remember that God's ultimate dream is to be intimately connected to us—to come down and dwell among us. As we keep awake, we join Isaiah and the psalmist in pleading for restoration and for God to draw near

December 6: Advent 2 - Those Who Dream....Prepare the Way (Peace)

John the Baptist calls the crowds into the journey of repentance and transformation. Similarly, we are called to prepare the way for God's message of love and liberation to be shouted, heard, and received. Those who dream make way for righteousness and peace to kiss, for faithfulness to spring up from the ground (Ps. 85:10-11).

December 13: Advent 3 - Those Who Dream....Sow Joy (Joy)

Ultimately, dreams sow joy, even if that joy doesn't immediately spring forth. Sowing seeds into the soil always feels risky and feeble—how can something so small become something so beautiful, so big, and so nourishing? Like Mary, we are called to tend and nurture the dreams God has woven into us.

December 20: Advent 4 - Those Who Dream....Are not alone (Love)

This week, we recognize what preceded Mary's song of praise: news that was disorienting and bewildering, possibly threatening her life. Together, Mary and Elizabeth find courage and comfort in spite of their unusual circumstances.

December 27: 1st Sunday of Christmas - Those Who Dream.....Will not keep silent

God's dreams are not for us alone. Simeon and Anna could not keep silent—they witnessed Jesus' divine presence in the temple and were compelled to speak up. Like the prophet Isaiah, we will not keep silent and we will not rest until what has been sown will spring up as righteousness and peace in every nation (Is. 61:11-62:2).

January 3: Epiphany - Those Who Dream.....Persevere

On Epiphany, we celebrate how God's love transverses cultural and geographical barriers to become good news for all people. We marvel at the persistence of God to shine the way for the Magi so that they might bear witness to the divine. We honor that the Magi trusted their dreams and returned home by another way. As we journey forward, we carry the dreams of our ancestors in faith. With courage and resilience, we dream on.

When Tears Sing

Tuesdays in December 7 pm

κοινωνία (Koinonia) is a greek word that is used to talk about our Christian fellowship, both with God and with one another. One of the things we are called to do together as Christians is to lament.

As the days get darker and we enter this season of anticipation for the birth of Christ, Intern Pr. Jon would like to invite you to a conversation about lament starting Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm. A conversation about how we come together as κοινωνία and welcome each other, no matter where we are on our journey.

Join us via Zoom:

<https://wartburgseminary.zoom.us/j/91688666497>



Grab your ornaments & donate from November 29th–December 20th.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We wish your congregation a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

*We are so very thankful for all that you all do to support and care for us, and feel truly
blessed to be able to share in ministries with you.*

*With joy and peace, we look forward to this Holiday season in community with our
students and your congregation.*

Love and Thanks,

Lutheran Campus Ministry, Fort Collins, Colorado



this night, we are THOSE WHO DREAM *christmas eve*

At Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
2000 South Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins

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OUTDOOR IN PERSON

1:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 8:00 PM

*Dress warmly, wear masks!
We will have heaters set up.*

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5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

In-person

11:00 AM



Caroling for Christmas

One of the favorite holiday traditions for Our Saviour's families has been our caroling events. Sharing a smile and a song truly brings joy to all. In lieu of the traditional caroling this year, we invite you to take part in our virtual "Caroling for Christmas" project. We will be collecting short videos of holiday song performances and compiling them to share with our church community both online and with actual DVD's for our members who do not use the internet. All are invited to participate. The performance could be singing acapella or with accompaniment. They could be instrumental. We are open to all types of musical performances. When filming we welcome you to be creative. Dress up if that sounds like fun to you or stand at your doorstep as if caroling.

We have created a SignUpGenius with suggested song titles. If your favorite song slot is already full, it is okay to have more than one performance of the same tune. If you have a song you want to do that is not on the list, feel free to add it. There is a place on the signup to let us know.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b45aca92ba7fa7-caroling>

Sign-up deadline is Sunday, November 29

Video submission deadline is Monday, December 7

If you have questions, you are welcome to contact anyone on the planning committee.

All our best,
Carol Bisbee, Melanie Reed, & Sheri McKelfresh

THANK YOU OSLC YOUTH!

On November 8th the middle and high school youth had a fun afternoon outside with raking leaves at the church, delivering thank you notes to our neighbors and making candles. We are so grateful for their love for OSLC to come and get dirty raking leaves and cleaning things up around the worship entrance. We enjoyed time for connection and play as well!

