



FEBRUARY 11

*Joy of Generosity Sunday*

**WELCOME**

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Jesus tells us to be his witnesses “in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth,” (Acts 1:8). Each year the OSLC Board of Elders reflects this outreach model by allocating a tithe of OSLC’s annual budget to support local, regional and global ministries.

Funding requests for the Elder Tithe are submitted in October, reviewed in November, and Elder Tithe grants are awarded in December. Recipients are acknowledged on Joy of Generosity Sunday.

By God’s provision and through the generosity of the congregation, the OSLC Board of Elders is pleased to report that the following ministries and organizations will be funded with OSLC dollars in 2024.

## 2024 Partners

- Care Net of Puget Sound, \$6,500
- Children of the Nations, Haiti Spiritual Care Program, \$1,989
- China Partners Network, \$6,650
- Christian Motorcycle Assoc., \$2,850
- The Coffee Oasis, \$4,500
- Communities in Schools Puyallup, \$2,000
- Community Cares Ministry, Harvest House, \$3,250
- Cornerstone Community, Hands of Hope, \$800
- Disciplemakers Increase, \$6,650
- Greater Puyallup Young Life, \$7,600
- Helping Hand House, \$4,000
- Hope for Youth International, \$9,500
- Jeff & Rachel Patterson YWAM, \$8,872
- Lutherhaven, \$9,500
- Makah Ministry, \$380
- Nourish Pierce County, \$3,250
- Pastoral Leadership Institute, \$9,500
- Puyallup Food Bank, \$9,500
- Reach, \$2,000
- Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy, \$7,125
- Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat for Humanity, \$6,500
- Tacoma Rescue Mission, \$5,700
- WA Alliance for Life, \$400
- Young Life Capernaum, \$3,000

Care Net - \$6,500

Representative: Ben Edwards

CareNet offers hope by providing compassionate, practical care, accurate information, Biblical Truth, and life-affirming resources for pregnancy, sexual health and integrity, and infant loss and abortion recovery.

Children of the Nations-Haiti Spiritual Care Program - \$1,989

Representative: Andrea Krook

Children of the Nations provides holistic, Christ-centered care for orphaned and destitute children, enabling them to create positive and lasting change in their nations. The Village Partnership Program is near Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and provides children with education, meals, medical, spiritual, and emotional care.

China Partners Network, \$6,650

Representative: Brett & Juanita Nirider

The focus of China Partners Network is to teach therapy interventions to teachers and therapists serving children who have disabilities where such information is not readily available. They establish relationships in order to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus, sharing why they teach as they are able.

Christian Motorcycle Assoc., \$2850

Representative: Mike Heinz

CMS's outreach is through interaction with unchurched motorcycle groups throughout the region. They serve as ambassadors of Christ at Easter basket runs, children's Christmas toy runs, veterans support, mission trips, and donation runs. They also promote motorcycle safety at fair and community events. The Puyallup Chapter serves hundreds and interfaces with thousands.

The Coffee Oasis - \$4,500

Representative: Mike Parejo

The Coffee Oasis exists to create opportunities for at-risk and homeless youth. They do this in Pierce County through a 12-bed youth shelter, as well as a drop-in center where young people can receive resources including food, life skill classes, laundry services, showers, clothing, and case management. The coffee shop provides internships and work experience for young people. The youth they serve often feel like no one cares, that they have no place where they actually belong. As a faith-based organization, The Coffee Oasis desires that youth would feel "at home".

Communities in Schools-Puyallup - \$2,000

Representatives: Tara Harkness & Kay Tremper

Communities in Schools of Puyallup serves students in the Puyallup School District by surrounding them with support that empowers them to stay in school and achieve in life. They offer wrap around services focus on improving academics, attendance, and behavior through interventions including tutoring, basic needs, mentoring, opportunities to serve the community, and probably the most important, access to a caring adult.

Community Cares Ministry - Harvest House, \$3,250

Representative:

The main focus at Harvest House is to end childhood hunger. They feed children and families by delivering weekly, non perishable food in the Bethel School District. They support families through distribution of large holiday meals and by sharing supplemental pantry items. They are driven to bridge the gap between Church and Community and are purposeful in building relationships with neighbors as they embrace the needs of our community.

Cornerstone Community-Hands of Hope - \$800

Representatives: Ra'Shawn Read

The primary focus of Hands of Hope is to provide food for students to have over the weekend in the Puyallup School District and to provide holiday meals for those families, as well as for families in the foster care system.

Disciplemakers Increase - \$6,650

Representative: Al & Linda Woerman

DI invites young Christians from the Global South (Asia, Africa, and Latin America) to find their role in fulfilling the Great Commission and grow into effective disciple-makers who multiply simple churches among the unreached. They host online training with regional coaches and peer accountability groups. They have had over 500 trainees from 30 nations.

Greater Puyallup Young Life - \$7,600

Representative: Martina Leonard

Young Life's mission is to introduce students to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. Young Life staff and volunteers are called into the world of kids, crossing barriers to build bridges of authentic relationships, with every hope of who they can become in Christ.

Helping Hand House - \$4,000

Representative: Kevin Bates

Helping Hand House provides emergency shelter and housing solutions to families in our community, ending their crisis of homelessness. HHH provides the first step of a "Housing First" approach - shelter, permanent housing, financial assistance, case management, and referrals to help families maintain their home. Serving 180 families per year, HHH helped 52 families sign a lease to end their homelessness in 2023.

Hope for Youth International - \$9,500

Representative: Barb Pearson

This ministry strives to provide Christian families with an opportunity to affect the world while remaining at home. By hosting a foreign exchange teen for one school year, families can show Christ in a personal way with a teen from another part of the world.

Jeff & Rachel - YWAM, - \$8,872

Representative: Al & Linda Woerman

Jeff and Rachel recruit, train, and coach leaders and young people from the Global South to lead people to Jesus and start movements of house churches among unreached peoples. Funds will help train 100 local people about the need to reach the unreached, and train them to start Disciple Making Movements.

Lutherhaven - \$9,500

Representatives: Rebecca Smith

Founded in 1946, Camp Lutherhaven nurtures faith, equips servant leaders, and strengthens communities through meaningful relationships, service, caring for the outdoors, and gracious hospitality in magnificent natural settings.

Makah Lutheran Church - \$380

Representative: Ken Maxson

This ministry builds an outreach and fellowship with the Makah Nation in Neah Bay, Washington. Funds will contribute to developing four RV parking spots.

Nourish Pierce County - \$3,250

Representative: Kelsey Wiona

Nourish Pierce County's mission is to provide food and support services to people in need with compassion, dignity, and respect. They serve struggling neighbors through six brick and mortar food banks and two mobile food banks, which visit 15 locations. No one in need is every turned away.

Pastoral Leadership Institute- \$9,500

Representative: Rika Beckley

For 25 years, PLI has trained ministry leaders/spouses in leadership, discipleship, and mission. They transform and equip leaders to lead change and to grow and multiply more missional leaders. The PLI Experience changes lives and builds up the character of leaders to boldly reach the lost for Christ. They also have a program for non-church workers and believe these young adults will pave new territories for the church by reproducing communities where anyone can experience Jesus.

Puyallup Food Bank - \$9,500

Representative: Shawn Manley

The Puyallup food bank seeks to alleviate poverty and food insecurity. One of their core values is to encourage personal generosity among volunteers and clients, providing a space for people to practice that generosity through service and giving. They believe food is a first step toward a more hopeful future.

REACH - \$2,000

Representative: Paul Bethke & Dan Stoehr

Reach provides a safe community who journeys alongside those impacted by HIV with unconditional love. HIV makes life hard medically, socially, and spiritually. REACH unabashedly embraces people with HIV without judgment. Many in REACH have their first or only positive experience with Christians. In 2024, they are prepared to welcome 65 more families at a cost of \$5000 per family which includes spring and fall family camps, mentors, support groups, personal visits, calls, and Zoom chats.

Tacoma Pierce County Chaplaincy - \$7,125

Representative: Ben Harris

Tacoma Pierce County Chaplains provide faith-based crisis intervention services to First Responders and the community. TPCC equips, commissions, and supports chaplains who are sent into homes, schools, streets, and workplaces in our community to bring the love and light of Christ into some of the darkest and most painful moments of a person's life.

Tacoma Pierce County Habitat for Humanity - \$6,500

Representatives: Tracey Sorenson & Virginia Phelps

Seeking to put God's love into action, Tacoma Pierce County Habitat for Humanity partners with people to achieve and preserve homeownership and to build generational wealth, hope and opportunity. Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian ministry based on the belief that by building homes, partnering with families in need, and encouraging volunteers to come together in service to others, we reflect God's love in our lives.

Tacoma Rescue Mission - \$5,700

Representatives: Emily Koo & Laura Hokenstad

The Tacoma Rescue Mission offers God's help, hope, and healing to the most impoverished members of our community. They operate emergency shelters for men, women, and families with children, as well as two affordable housing campuses for individuals and families. They also meet unsheltered neighbors on the street to hand out emergency supplies.

WA Alliance for Life - \$400

Representative: Teri Conover

Washington Alliance for Life is a pro-life Christian resource and educational organization that offers free life-affirming resources in Pierce County for pregnant women, moms, and families.

Young Life Capernaum - \$4,750

Representatives: Karen Hogman & Shawn Adgie

The primary focus of Young Life Capernaum is to introduce friends with disabilities to Jesus and help them grow in their faith through club meetings and events. They are excited to be able to work with friends who are older (out of high school and college) and start a Forever Friends part to their group. FF will do outreach into the community and help with clubs. They will also be a community for each other and help one another.

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