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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



Greetings, family of Our Savior's! Here is the December 2021 edition of *The Crossroads* newsletter. Attached below are links to sections of the newsletter:

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From Pastor Hecox

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Psalm 130

Advent is upon us, and in Advent we engage in the difficult practice of waiting. We wait on the Lord, in pregnant expectation. We long for our hopes to be realized. We yearn for an end to the troubles that plague us. We wait on the coming of one who will bring peace to our situations.

Waiting is not easy. Trust me, I know. I tried it once, and I found it terribly frustrating. Perhaps you too have waited. Perhaps you also found it difficult and frustrating.

In our waiting, we may be able to empathize with Mary. She waited in literal pregnant expectation. But her waiting was not detachment. It was not an absence of presence. Her waiting was a preparation for what was coming. She was vigilant while she waited, and her vigilance brought us all an unrivaled gift of love.

Is this true of your waiting?

If waiting feels like drumming your fingers on the table in boredom, you're not alone. Throughout the last two years, people have found themselves frustrated with confinement. Perhaps this is one reason so many of us dislike waiting. We'd like to do what we want, *when* we want. People don't usually volunteer to wait in lines, or sit in waiting rooms longer than they have to.

For other people, preparation can feel frantic. Some people find themselves busier than they ever were. Maybe you feel like there's a never-ending list of things to attend to that only grows longer by the end of the day. That sort of waiting might not be any easier than the feelings of boredom that others feel while waiting.

Whether you've felt restricted in a waiting room, or frantic with frenzied activity, or somewhere between those extremes, my prayer is that this season of Advent will be a gentle, restorative period of waiting for you. Waiting can be healing. It can bring peace. It can bring revelation.

May your waiting this Advent be meaningful and helpful. Be aware of your body, your heart rate, your thoughts, your breathing. Take time to pause in silence. Prepare for the coming of the Lord. Be vigilant! God is coming, and although we have a date on the calendar to celebrate that arrival, we never can be quite sure when the Lord will pop up, or where we will run into the Lord in our lives. So stay awake, and in your waiting, get ready for the arrival of our God. You never know when it'll happen, and we don't want to miss it!

Peace,

Pastor Seth

Prayer Requests & Hospital Notifications

Do you have a prayer request or hospital notification you would like to pass along? You can share your requests with Pastor Seth (seth@oslc-elca.org) or call the church office. When you submit prayer requests, they are sent to the Our Savior's prayer chain via email and are added to the prayers during weekend worship. *If you would like your request to remain confidential to a pastor, or would not like it shared with the prayer chain or included in worship prayers, please note your wishes in your request.*

Pastoral Acts:

Funerals:

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Council News

November 18, 2021 Council Notes

- + Advent suppers are a go for December 1, 8, and 15. We want to continue to practice safe health habits when coming together for these meals.
- + The Council will be reviewing our church's Constitution and By-Laws. This is to ensure we are performing our roles and able to set attainable goals throughout the year.
- + The Christian Education committee will be having a Christmas Program with many of our congregation's youth.
- + We are attempting to update some areas of our website.

Tim Svendsen
Congregation Council President

Synod Council Journey—Part 13 by Debi Peters

It has been over a year since I have updated you on what the Synod Council is doing!

The Synod and congregations are slowly adapting to a new normal with in-person services and music returning. There are several events returning in 2022 for the Synod as well:

February 26: LEAD

Weekend of May 6-7: Synod Assembly at the Kalahari

The Synod office will be moving in the near future as options to meet the new normal are considered.

The next Synod Council meeting will be in January. Enjoy the holidays.

Debi Peters

Christmas Worship Services at Our Savior's

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 pm	Worship Service in the Sanctuary (family oriented, children's sermon)
6:00 pm	Drive-in Worship Service in OSLC parking lot
10:00 pm	Worship Service in the Sanctuary

No services on Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Sunday, December 26

(8:30 am Drive-in Worship and 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship)



Christian Education

Sunday School Christmas Program—December 19

The children of Our Savior's are excited to share with you the Christmas Story. On Sunday, December 19th at the 10:30 worship we will be telling the story of Mary, Joseph, the Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, and of course Baby Jesus!



Early Communion—Attention First Grade Families. All first graders are welcome, as well as any older children who may not have had the opportunity to receive Communion prior to this opportunity. This is an important milestone in the faith life journey of your child. There will be orientation classes on **Saturday, January 29th and Saturday, February 5th** from 9:00 am until 11:00am. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Worship & Music

Christmas Is Not Cancelled, But Some Musical Events Are

For a number of years Our Savior's Lutheran Church has hosted the Sun Prairie Area Food Pantry Concert at which choirs and musicians from churches in the community plus the Sun Prairie Area Chorus have presented a concert in December. Monetary donations received at the concert have raised significant funds for our local food pantry. Because of the ongoing pandemic, the concert will not be held this year. The need, however, for donations continues. Please support the sources of food for people in need.

An even longer musical tradition at Our Savior's, Christmas by Candlelight, in which all musical groups at Our Savior's took part, is also cancelled again this year.

Our hopes are to have both of these events in December of 2022.

A Piano for Christmas?

Are you interested in getting a piano for Christmas? Our Savior's has an Everett upright spinet piano to give away. It is currently located in the chapel. The piano is free to anyone who wants it. You will, however, need to transport it and have it tuned. The piano also is missing one caster wheel, which we are having replaced. If you are interested in acquiring this piano, or have any questions about it, please contact John Krueger, Director of Music at Our Savior's, at jkrueger68@gmail.com.



Thanks,
John Krueger

Fellowship

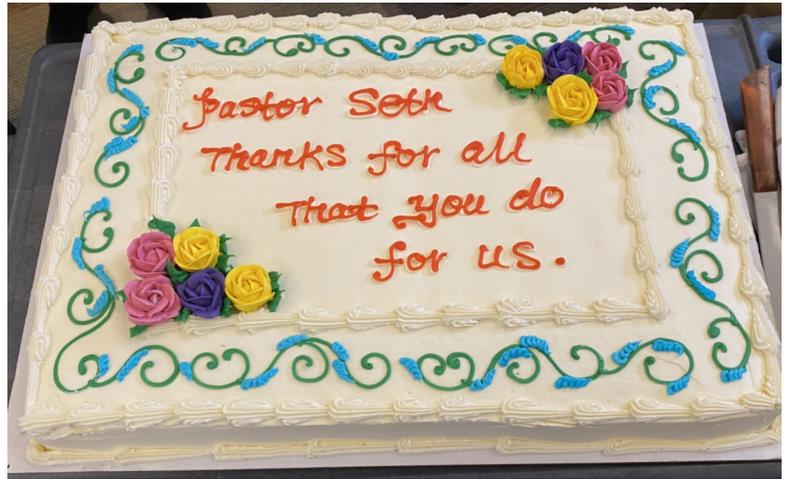
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THANKS

Thank you Pastor Seth!!

*We are so thankful to have you
with us leading us in the ministry
at Our Savior's!*

*With appreciation,
from the OSLC Congregation
and Staff*

November 14, 2021



*Thank You
Pastor!*



November 14, 2021—Pastor Seth was given a surprise visit from staff members during New Member Class. Shown above is Matt Weber presenting a cake on behalf of the congregation in thanks for all that Pastor Seth has been doing for OSLC. Members enjoyed cake in the narthex during fellowship time.

Fellowship

Advent Midweek Meals beginning Wednesday, December 1!



Advent Midweek Meals are coming to OSLC, starting on Wednesday, December 1. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on Wednesdays during Advent in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by Council, we're looking forward to sharing a meal together before worship as we prepare ourselves throughout Advent for the coming of Christ! The cost of the meal will be \$5 per person with a \$20 maximum per family. Meal service will start at 5 pm. **Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or call the church office.**

Eat Boldly—Friday, January 7th at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!

The Eat Boldly group will not meet in December. The next group dinner will be Friday, January 7 at the Varsity Bar and Grill, 1205 West Main Street, in Sun Prairie at 7 pm. Please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk or contact Judy Fenske at 837-9000 or judyfenske@hotmail.com no later than Wednesday, January 3rd.



Fellowship & Church in Society

Another Successful Sunshine Supper!

On Monday, November 15th, we once again served a great meal to 400 people and everything went very well. This is going to be my last time heading up this band of wonderful souls because Paul Thurston is returning to take over this task that he headed up for so long. But before I leave, I just once again want to say how much I appreciate those that I have worked with at the last seven meals that we have put together. Linda and Bob Frautschy and Sara Klemme have been at every one. Ed Lauersdorf has helped at all but one and this group has been supplemented numerous times by Bill and Maggie Zimmerman, Tony Klemme, Pastor Seth, and Pastor Tim. Together we prepared and served almost 2500 meals. We also couldn't have done it without the generous financial support that we received from so many of you. I hope you will continue to support Paul in this very important effort.



God's Peace,
Gary Dalgaard

Food Donations for Christmas Dinners

Look for baskets located around the Christmas display in the Narthex. We are collecting donations in these baskets to help the Sun Prairie Food Pantry with Christmas dinners. Thank you for your donations.



Youth & Family Ministry

Confirmation Christmas Party—Wednesday, December 15th!



All confirmation students are invited to attend our annual Confirmation Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 15th from 6:30-7:45pm! We'll have Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, games and a white elephant gift exchange! A white elephant gift is something weird, or outrageous that should get some laughs. You don't have to spend any money on a white elephant gift (some of the best ones are probably in a box somewhere in your basement!).

If you do spend money on your white elephant gift, please keep your expenses under \$10 and do not bring cash or gift cards.

Your gift should be wrapped when you arrive on December 15th (one gift per person if you plan to participate in the gift exchange). Bring your wrapped gift downstairs to Fellowship Hall before the 6pm Advent worship service. The party will begin after the church service.

9th-12th Grade National Youth Gathering Registration

While the deadline to sign up for the National Youth Gathering at the early-bird rate has passed, high school students can still sign up and attend the trip but the cost has gone up \$50/person. If you have not yet registered your high school student for this trip, please contact Matt@oslc-elca.org for more information and to get copies of the registration forms.



Children & Families

Dear Our Savior's Family,

Those of you who know me know that I have a strong passion for teaching and working with children. Before Helen was born, I was a classroom teacher and I have always planned to get back into a classroom. Recently, a school principal contacted me to discuss a teaching position for a class of third graders in Sun Prairie. I simply could not refuse this meaningful opportunity, as you may have heard finding teachers to fill open positions is a challenge. Unfortunately, by taking on this new role, I need to step away from my responsibilities here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The relationships we have built together at OSLC are extremely important to me; I am thankful we can continue connecting and supporting one another. I will cherish the time I have spent on staff here at OSLC and look forward to seeing how we continue to serve others as a committed congregation of disciples.

Blessings to you,

Shelly Perkolup

Other News



Reminder regarding Pledge Forms for 2022 Giving (Keep Sowing Good Seeds!)

If you haven't yet done so, please remember to submit your pledge form for 2022 giving.

You can find the link to setting up electronic giving on our website under "Online Giving." If you have any questions or need assistance with this, please contact bonnie@oslc-elca.org.

Financial Progress Report for October 2021

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$45,985.36	Giving: \$5,250.00
Expenses: \$44,601.83	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$1,383.53	Net Cash Flow: \$<1,853.00>
YTD Cash Flow: \$<6,209.74>	YTD Cash Flow: \$<1,705.50>

End of Year Contribution

Reminder! Contributions must be delivered to the church office **by Tuesday, December 28th** in order for these to be applied to your 2021 giving. Thank you!

Attention All Electronic Givers—If you are considering giving online, most of you know that we did switch to Shelby in May, and no longer use Vanco. **The link to sign up for online giving with Shelby is www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/ours3731109.** Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance with setting up electronic giving with Shelby, please contact bonnie@oslc-elca.org.

New Christ in Our Home Devotion Booklets

The new booklets for the first quarter of 2022 (January–March) have arrived. We have them in both regular and large print. They are located on the magazine rack in the Narthex as well as in the plastic box on top of our mailbox outside. Feel free to pick up a copy!

New Altar Flowers Chart for 2022—watch for a 2022 flower chart in the Narthex soon. Our floral supplier has increased the price for altar flowers beginning in 2022. The price per bouquet will be \$25. Look for the new sign-up forms at the Welcome Desk soon.

Poinsettias—You can order one or more poinsettias to decorate OSLC for Christmas, and then pick up the plant(s) after Christmas to take home if you choose. The price is \$17 each. Look for the poinsettia order forms at the Welcome Desk. **Deadline to order is Sunday, December 5th.**



Deadline for January

Newsletter—Please submit any items for the January newsletter by Friday, December 17 to darlene@oslc-elca.org

Newsletter
DEADLINE



THANK YOU! A big shout out to Peggy Schaub, Tonya Koskelin, and Sue Cowan for organizing the WELCA Thankoffering Sunday!

Women of the **ELCA** 

Giving Tree (Spirit of Giving)—Remember—**Gifts are due back to church or the Svendsen house by Sunday, December 5th.** Please don't wrap the gift. Thanks so much for your support!

~ December 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00a Staff Meeting 9:00a Quilters 4:45p Alleluia Singers 5:00p Advent Meal 5:30p Youth Choir 6:00p Wednesday Night Worship 6:30p Confirmation 7:45p CHAOS	2 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 6:15p Evangelism Comm.	3	4 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (Rm. 19)
5 8:30a Drive-in Worship 9:15a Sunday School 9:20a Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	6 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	7 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup	8 9:00a Staff Meeting 9:00a Quilters 4:45p Alleluia Singers 5:00p Advent Meal 5:30p Youth Choir 6:00p Wednesday Night Worship 6:30p Confirmation 7:45p CHAOS	9 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 12:00p Rebecca Circle - Christmas Luncheon 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 7:00p Bd. of Finance	10	11 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (Rm. 19)
12 8:30a Drive-in Worship 9:15a Sunday School 9:20a Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	13 6:00p Elizabeth Circle Christmas Party 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	14 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 1:00p Pastors Text Study Group	15 9:00a Staff Meeting 9:00a Quilters 4:45p Alleluia Singers 5:00p Advent Meal 5:30p Youth Choir 6:00p Wednesday Night Worship 6:30p Confirmation Christmas Party	16 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 6:00p Executive Committee 7:00p Congregation Council	17 Deadline for items for January newsletter 5:30p Piano Recital (students of Jessica Gary)	18 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (Rm. 19)
19 8:30a Drive-in Worship 9:15a SS Christmas/Advent Event 9:20a Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary (SS Christmas Program) 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	20 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	21 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 6:00p Stamping Group 7:00p Squiracle (Men's Bible Study)	22 9:00a Staff Meeting 9:00a Quilters 4:45p Alleluia Singers 5:30p Youth Choir 6:00p NO WORSHIP 6:30p NO CONFIRMATION	23 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup	24 Christmas Eve 12:00p Office Closes @ noon 4:00p Christmas Eve Sanctuary Worship 6:00p Christmas Eve Drive-in Worship 10:00p Christmas Eve Sanctuary Worship	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (Rm. 19)
26 8:30a Drive-in Worship 9:15a No Sunday School - Christmas Break 9:20a NO Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	27 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	28 Last date for 2021 Contributions	29 9:00a Staff Meeting	30	31 New Year's Eve 8:00a Office Closed	Notes:



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Interested in becoming a member of
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Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
 Drive-in worship—Sundays at 8:30 am
 Video worship services on our YouTube channel & KSUN on Sundays

Worship

Due to the virus and variance health concerns, office hours are variable. Please call the church office before coming to church.

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