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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



Greetings, family of Our Savior's! Here is the June 2022 edition of *The Crossroads* newsletter. Attached below are links to sections of the newsletter:

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From Pastor Hecox



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 Tim (tim@oslc-elca.org) or 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:

Dale Moschea—May 6
Gerald Stockland—May 14

Summer, Balmy Summer

Not long ago, as I was leading our adult education classes around the RIC discussion, we began the conversation by introducing ourselves with our names and what season was our favorite. I offered everyone the option of choosing a season of nature, or for the more adventurous, choosing a season of the church year. I got no takers on the church year option, haha.

But as we went around the roughly 20 people gathered in the chapel that Sunday morning, I noticed a trend. Person after person listed spring or fall as their favorite. Only a couple people chose summer, and not a single one chose winter! I can't say I blame them: I fully understand the love affair we have with those transitional seasons, where it is neither too cold nor too hot and humid.

However, this month is one of transition for us as well: we begin the month in spring, and we end the month in summer. That's right—the summer solstice is coming on June 21. There'll even be local celebrations in which our congregation will participate, as John Krueger plays organ at church for people to come listen during the festivities of ***Make Music Sun Prairie*** on the solstice.

Midsummer, the summer solstice, has been celebrated for centuries as the longest day of the year. In northern climates particularly, it became a spiritual festival celebrating the warmth and life-giving power of the sun. In places like Scandinavia, Iceland, and Northern Europe the solstice is traditionally celebrated with a bonfire. Rather than give up this pagan tradition, Christians in these countries repurposed the festival and named it St. John's Day. This fit the church year nicely since the gospels suggest that John the Baptist was born six months before Jesus, and Midsummer falls six months before Christmas, another "repurposed" holiday with pre-Christian roots tied to the other solstice.

All this talk of change is appropriate for us. This is indeed a season of change for us here at Our Savior's. As we continue our emergence from a worldwide pandemic, we've had congregation-wide discussions about the current status and future goals of our church body. Alongside that process has been the afore-mentioned conversations around being a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

This month also includes the high holy day of Pentecost on June 5 which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. One thing about the wily Holy Spirit is that she tends to bring a bit of upheaval when she arrives, and the result is that everything changes. That might cause you anxiety, or it might reinvigorate you. Either way, we acknowledge the reality that our lives are always changing, and to sustain happiness, peace, and joy, we collectively learn to adjust to the changes and accommodate them as they come.

I can't pretend to know how the Holy Spirit will continue to move in our midst. I won't even try to predict what directions the Holy Spirit will lead us and how the world will change around us in the coming months and years. What I will do is encourage you in your continued journey of adjustment and adaptation. You do it as a beloved child of God. You don't do it alone, but rather you make the journey with a family of faith. Whatever the future brings, we have each other, and a faith that grounds us, and for that we can give thanks!

Pastor Seth

Thank You Scott!



Scott Breitenbach has stepped down as Treasurer due to his battle with ALS. We are thankful for his years at the helm as he has helped guide us through interesting years as a congregation. Scott has always been a calming voice and a true voice of hope and promise. We are going to miss your presence among us, Scott. Thank you for a job well done. Our prayers for peace and comfort are offered for you and Ann as you face this dreaded disease together. We are also thankful that Debi Peters has volunteered to take up your mantle and become our next Treasurer. Thank you Debi!

*With appreciation and gratitude,
OSLC Staff and Council*

Synod Assembly Report

The Synod Assembly was held May 6th and 7th at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. The theme was *Born, Reborn*. After registration and a time of gathering for food and fellowship opening worship was led by Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe.

Those present from Our Savior's were Pastor Tim, Pastor Seth, Ed and Edie Nowicki, and Chad Johl.

After morning prayer on Saturday, various reports were given and approved. This was followed by a panel discussion regarding how we get our message out to the community as well as welcome everyone to our church. Discussion was held regarding ministry board members taking on more responsibilities and relieving the workload of our pastors so they can function more on their pastoral duties.

Another panel discussion was held in the afternoon regarding practices done by various churches in increasing membership and being a welcoming congregation to all.

Elections included open positions on the Synod executive board. All positions, except secretary were approved by unanimous ballot as there was only one candidate per position. Pastor Tim was re-elected as a synod council member. There were two candidates for synod secretary. Pastor Wendy Moen of Covenant Lutheran in Stoughton is the new synod secretary.

The budget for the remainder of this fiscal year as well as the next year was approved.

One resolution was brought forward and passed which called for support of anti-racism training in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin to be done every two to three years.

The Assembly proceeded very smoothly and ended with closing prayer one hour earlier than expected!

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted by
Ed Nowicki, Delegate.

Worship & Music

June Is Busting Out All Over

June is a month of transition. The school year ends. People plan and start to take summer vacations, the “program year” at Our Savior’s has come to an end. Here, however, are two things being planned for the summer.

The city of Sun Prairie is planning “Make Music Sun Prairie.” The event is planned for Tuesday, June 21, the day of the summer solstice. It is part of Make Music Day, a global event that brings people of all ages and skill levels together to make music. People will be making music of all kinds, classical to folk, hip hop to opera, Latin jazz to punk rock. The event is free and informal. Music will be made on streets, sidewalks, porches, in storefronts, at parks, and other public places.



At Our Savior’s the Senior Choir, directed by Rick LaFleur, is planning to rehearse between services one Sunday per month in June, July, and August. The choir will then sing at the 10:30 worship service following the rehearsal. The proposed dates are Sunday, June 19, Sunday, July 10, and Sunday, August 14. If you are not a current choir member, but are possibly interested in joining the choir, this could be a good way to check it out. The regular choir season will begin on September 4.

Wednesday Night Worship Update

The Wednesday night service will be taking a hiatus for the summer and return in September.

Update about Weekly Worship on YouTube

Our 8 am service is live streamed at 8 am. Please note that it then takes several hours for the service to be available to view on our YouTube channel.

Christian Education

Adult Education and RIC Conversation Update

In Adult Education, we had a wonderful three week discussion about Our Savior's becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Everyone present was in unanimous consent that we should move forward with a vote, and Council has decided to hold that vote in September. Keep your eyes and ears open for more news and a specific date for that congregational meeting to vote on becoming an LGBTQ affirming congregation. Special thanks to Paul Kaiser for sharing his personal experience during worship, and to all who participated in the discussions!

RECONCILING *in* CHRIST



*If you have any questions about the process or what it means for OSLC, don't hesitate to reach out to the church office via email or phone.

July Newsletter Deadline

Please submit items for the July newsletter by Monday, June 20th to darlene@oslc-elca.org

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Upcoming Area Events

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb—June 3 at Midvale Community Lutheran Church!

You are invited to hear from world-renowned author Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb. He served as pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine and is now the president of Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem.

Join us to hear Rev. Raheb speak about his newest book, *The Politics of Persecution*, which addresses the situation of Christians in the Middle East. He will present a less-familiar narrative about Christians in the Middle East, challenging us to reconsider how we think about our siblings in faith.

Friday, June 3 at 7 PM UPDATED LOCATION: **Midvale Community Lutheran Church
4329 Tokay Blvd., Madison, WI 53711**

Followed by a book signing with Rev. Mitri Raheb

Please register at the [link provided](#) or in person at the door.

Registration Link: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ej67hddi09f96206&oseq=&c=&ch=>

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 SUN PRAIRIE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION



When: Friday, June 17, 1:30-3pm
Where: Sun Prairie Public Library
FREE

When: Saturday, June 18, 2-5:30pm
Where: Carriage Hills Estate Park
FREE



Fellowship

Eat Boldly—Friday, June 3rd at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!

The next group dinner will be Friday, June 3rd at the Fireside, 1131 Janesville Avenue, in Fort Atkinson at 7 pm. This will be for dinner only—no theater performance. 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, June 1st.

Next month, we will meet at the Nitty Gritty, 315 E. Linnerud Drive, in Sun Prairie on Friday, July 1st at 7 pm. Look for the sign-up sheet the week of June 6.



Concerts on the Square—Wednesday, June 29th!

We will meet on the Square in Madison between East Washington Avenue and King Street at 5:30 pm. (The concert begins at 7 pm.) The theme of the June 29th concert is *Motown with Spectrum*. Join us for a fun fellowship event!



Bring your picnic along! Look for a sign-up at the Welcome Desk—also, if you're interested in carpooling to this event, please indicate that on the sign-up. If questions, contact Ed Nowicki (edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net) or 608-212-9648.



Save the Date!—Sunday, July 24th

Plans are in the works for *"An Afternoon at the Mallard's with Our Savior's"!*

Watch for more information in the July newsletter and Weekly Crossroads!

Financial News

Financial Progress Report for April 2022

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$45,926.42	Giving: \$5,781.00
Expenses: \$46,560.72	Expenses: \$2,678.21
Net Cash Flow: \$<634.30>	Net Cash Flow: \$3,102.79
YTD Cash Flow: \$11,378.94	YTD Cash Flow: \$9,503.52

Attention All Electronic Givers—If you are considering giving online, most of you know that we did switch to Shelby in May 2021 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.

Outdoor Mailbox at OSLC

—If you prefer to drop off your weekly offerings rather than mail them, you are welcome to drop them off in our mailbox located next to the brick pillar on the west side of the carport entrance. Staff checks this mailbox regularly. Thanks!



Evangelism

Our Savior's,

We are pleased to announce the return of movie nights! We are showing the following movies:

- **Ghostbusters Afterlife:** June 23rd (Indoor) at 7 pm
- **Soul:** July 21st (Outdoor, weather permitting)
- **Encanto:** August 25th (Outdoor, weather permitting)

Please join us for fun and fellowship. We will serve freshly popped popcorn, and you can either bring your own soft drinks or purchase them from the church's soda machine.

We will need some volunteers to help with the following items:

- Setting up before the movie
- Making popcorn before the movie
- Cleaning up after the movie

If you are able to help out or if you have any questions, please contact the church office or email Ken Sodemann at ken.sodemann@gmail.com

God loves you, and so do we,

The Evangelism Board



New Member Sunday—May 22

After completing new member classes, we welcomed eight new members who joined our faith community on Sunday, May 22. Here is a photo of Pastor Seth installing our newest members.

Welcome to Our Savior's!

- † **Jim and Jeanie Jaeck**
- † **Brother Chuck and Nan Hannan**
- † **Rich and Barbara Schnell**
- † **Dan and Kathy Thorstad**



Youth & Family

High School Graduation Recognition - Sunday, June 12th at 10:30am



Once again we will be creating OSLC tie blankets for our graduating high school seniors and we are in need of volunteers to help make the blankets. This is a fun and easy craft project that's great for almost all ages (must be able to tie knots!). Contact matt@oslc-elca.org to sign up to volunteer or for more information.

If you are a high school senior (or the parent of a high school senior) please send your post high school plans, a senior picture, and your mailing address (if different than your home address) for us to recognize this milestone in your life and get you signed up with our college-age ministry team. (Feel free to drop this information off in our mailbox outside, send via email, or through the mail). We also plan to recognize our graduating high school seniors at the 10:30am worship service on **Sunday, June 12th**, so let us know if you plan to attend. Thanks!

Peer Ministry Applications Now Available!

We are excited to once again start accepting applications for our high school peer ministry program! Peer ministry is students leading and ministering to other students through the building up and training of high school students to be leaders in our congregation. Many students are already in leadership roles through teaching Sunday School and in many other areas in our church. We want to expand this opportunity by training and placing student leaders in other leadership roles around the congregation. We began our peer ministry program just prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Shortly after our first training retreat, our plans were halted. Now our current peer ministers will be graduating! We hope to begin again and gather a small group of interested students at the end of the summer and prepare this group to start their work in the fall. Applications and a job description are available at the Welcome Desk and should be filled out and turned in to Matt in the church office. Questions should be directed to matt@oslc-elca.org.

Women's Ministry



Save the Date—Saturday, September 24th!

Save Saturday September 24th so you can attend the South Central Synod's Women's Retreat held here at OSLC!! Sessions on Spirituality, Climate Change with Bob Lindmeier, Qigong Meditative practice by Phyllis Lobdell of Holy Wisdom Monastery, and the service project by OSLC Days for Girls!

Quilters' Summer Schedule

Our Quilters will meet on the first Wednesdays of June, July & August (June 1st, July 6th, and August 3rd) during the summer. They will resume their schedule of meeting each Wednesday on Wednesday, September 7th. Looking ahead—we will be displaying our quilts in the Sanctuary on the weekend of September 10–11!



Church in Society



Items Needed for Summer Programming at CH Bird Elementary School

While they do not need food for families until school starts again, we have learned that they have some needs for items for small kids to use during Bird School's summer programming. They are in need of Sunny D, Capri Sun, or water—as well as small kids' snacks like fruit roll ups, fruit snacks, or chips. If you'd like to donate some of these items, please leave them in the green barrel in the Narthex. Thank you!



Church in Society

Sunshine Supper on Monday, May 16

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to feed taco salad to 404 folks at the Sunshine Supper on May 16! We are so grateful to the members of OSLC for your contributions to this event. Thanks also to our group of volunteers who helped prepare and serve the meal. Our next date is in August and we are looking forward to another success. Attached below are some photos of this event:



With appreciation,
Paul Thurston

*Thank you to
these Sunshine
Supper helpers!*

**Ray Lux
Pastor Tim
Sue Lux
Linda Hagen
Scheree Krueger
Kevin Hagen
Tom Schlinder**



~ June 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 6:00p Penguin Project Rehearsal - FH	2 6:15p Evangelism Comm.	3 5:00p Students of Marta Hansen Piano Recital 7:00p Eat Boldly 7:00p Dr. Mitri Raheb @ Midvale Community Lutheran Church	4 10:00a AA Group Meeting (FH)
5 8:00a Worship 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:30p Penguin Project Rehearsal (FH) 7:00p Neighborhood Bonfire	6 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	7 6:00p Penguin Project Rehearsal (FH)	8 9:00a Staff Meeting 6:00p Penguin Project Rehearsal - FH	9 1:00p Rebecca Circle - Chapel 7:00p Bd. of Finance	10	11 10:00a Breitenbach Baby Shower (FH)
12 8:00a Worship 10:30a Worship - High School Graduate Recognition today 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:30p Penguin Project Rehearsal (FH)	13 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	14 Flag Day 1:00p Pastors Text Study Group 6:00p Penguin Project Rehearsal (FH)	15 9:00a Staff Meeting 6:00p Penguin Project Rehearsal - FH	16 6:00p Executive Committee 7:00p Congregation Council	17 1:30p Sun Prairie Juneteenth Celebration (SP Public Library)	18 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 2:00p Sun Prairie Juneteenth Celebration (Carriage Hills Estate Park)
19 Father's Day 8:00a Worship 9:15a Senior Choir rehearsal 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:30p Penguin Project Rehearsal (FH)	20 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747 Deadline for items for July newsletter	21 Summer Solstice Make Music Sun Prairie 6:00p Stamping Group 7:00p Squirrel (Men's Bible Study)	22 9:00a Staff Meeting	23 7:00p Family Movie Night (Ghostbusters Afterlife)	24	25 9:00a Memorial Service for Eileen Tveit 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
26 8:00a Worship 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	27 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	28 6:30p Martha Circle	29 9:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Concerts on the Square (meet @ East Wash/King St. or carpool from OSLC) Concert @ 7pm	30	Notes:	



Come Grow With Us

Interested in becoming a member of
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Video worship services on our YouTube channel & KSTUN on Sundays

Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Worship

Please call the church office before coming to church.

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