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# The Crossroads

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

**Greetings family of Our Savior's!**  
Here is the latest edition of "The Crossroads" newsletter.

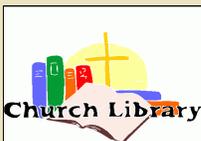
**April 2020 Newsletter**

**See Page 2 for a letter from Pastor Seth** (on other side—flip page)

**Our Wednesday and Sunday Virtual Worship Services with Pastor Tim and Pastor Seth are posted each week on the OSLC Website and Facebook.**

**Children and Families**—We will be posting videos of Bible story readings on our Facebook site! Also watch for resources coming via e-mail about speaking with your children or small group discussions and activities for children AND adults.

Also—look for a separate e-mail and postings on YouTube or FaceBook for Holy Week Activities too!



**Reminder—You Can Visit Your OSLC Library From Anywhere**

—Our Savior's library is accessible from your home computer, Smartphone or tablet! All you need to do is enter:  
<http://www.librarysoft.com/HOSTED/SAVIORSEARCH/SAVIORSEARCH.html> and hit Enter and Bookmark the site!

## New Mailbox at OSLC

We now have a new secure mailbox located next to the brick pillar on the west side of the car port entrance where it will be out of the weather but conveniently located.

If you prefer to drop off your weekly offerings rather than send them through the U.S. mail, you are welcome to put them in this new mailbox. Staff will be checking it regularly. Also, smaller mail/packages that you would have ordinarily brought into the office can be put in this mailbox as well. Thank you!



## Music of Hope and Comfort

In this time of a worldwide pandemic with its quickly moving developments, we experience an epic uprooting of our normal life and schedules. Schools and businesses are closed. Church services and activities are cancelled. Instead of physically gathering together, we are urged to stay physically distant. Musical events planned for later this spring which require preparation involving groups gathering together are now in limbo. How long will this last? When will the situation improve? We don't know.

To help at this time of uncertainty and with the intention of bringing some hope and comfort into your lives, here are ten pieces of classical music to which you might wish to listen:

- *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* from *Cantata 147* by Johann Sebastian Bach
- *Hymn of Joy* from the *9<sup>th</sup> Symphony* by Ludwig van Beethoven
- *Largo* from the *9<sup>th</sup> Symphony* by Antonin Dvorak
- *Sheep May Safely Graze* from *Cantata 208* by Johann Sebastian Bach
- *Toccata* from the *5<sup>th</sup> Organ Symphony* by Charles Marie Widor
- *Canon in D* by Johann Pachelbel
- *Allegretto* from the *spring section of the Seasons* by Antonio Vivaldi
- *But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own* from *St. Paul* by Felix Mendelssohn
- *Hallelujah* from *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel
- *Air* from the *Suite in D* by Johann Sebastian Bach

Nine of these exist in transcriptions for organ and one is written specifically for organ. I will be working on them and will be happy to share them with you.

Sincerely, John Krueger

## From Pastor Seth

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### 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](mailto:tim@oslc-elca.org)) or Pastor Seth ([seth@oslc-elca.org](mailto: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.*

**If you do not have e-mail or Internet service so thus have not been able to watch the online services, please notify the church office. If we're closed, please leave a message.**

### Pastoral Acts

**Graveside Committal Service:**  
Dick Spilde—March 20

“What a time to be alive” is a common statement uttered in ironic jest on social media, but I think it fits quite well in describing our current situation. It *is* a rather extraordinary time.

But extraordinary times have happened before. I think of my grandparents living through (and fighting in) World War II. The anxiety of wondering whether the Axis Powers were going to overtake the world. The shock and horror of discovering the extermination camps. The dread of dropping atomic bombs on two civilian populations. Those were perhaps even more drastic times. Of course, my grandparents grew up in the Great Depression. So the radical events of the second World War came right on the heels of an unprecedented economic meltdown and extended hardship. Whether it be cultures making sense of genocide, war, famine, persecution such as the early church experienced, or the captivity the Israelites experienced for hundreds of years, the people of God have usually found themselves in some sort of challenge.

When we find ourselves in a challenging situation, what I look for is opportunity. Not opportunity for personal gain or advancement, but opportunity for groups of people to adapt and change and grow. While the earth has an opportunity right now to gasp for breath and heal its waterways and air quality for a little bit, we also have an incredible opportunity to care for each other. And I'm encouraged by what I see happening: people calling each other, people volunteering to bring groceries to those that need them, people willing to pitch in to connect to each other and help each other in ways that simply weren't necessary or viable before this pandemic took hold. This is fabulous news and should brighten your life when you reflect on it.

To be sure, a pandemic isn't easy. It's not an event we would choose to live through. But we don't get to choose those things, just like we don't get to choose many of the most important things in our lives. We do, however, get to choose how we *respond* to it. And what we're seeing develop in our congregation is exactly the sort of response we would've hoped for.

So take heart. Stay safe and healthy. Rest and relax as much as you can. And know that your church family is here for you, ready to answer your call and help talk through things or assist you as you need.

Thanks be to God!

**Pastor Seth**