



# The Crossroads

To Gather | To Send | To Serve

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

**Join us for Homecoming Sunday—Welcome Home!**



**Sunday, September 18th**

- + One worship service @ 9 am
- + Sunday School registration/first day
- + Congregational Meeting (R.I.C. vote!)  
following worship
  - + Volunteer Fair in Narthex
- + Homecoming Potluck in our updated Fellowship Hall!

*Look inside for more information about these  
and other events happening at OS LC in September!*

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

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## From Pastor Hansen

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### Welcome Home!

I remember Homecoming Games in high school, when we were more concerned about who the band was that the school hired to play the dance. I remember older kids that had gone off to college and were coming back to show us younger punks that they were still much cooler than us. I am sure they were right!

What about you? If you don't remember much about high school homecomings, how about those celebrations in your home? What do you remember about family reunions or gatherings that brought together the generations? You probably remember the food brought to the dinners...whose you should eat and what dishes you should avoid. Maybe you remember Grandma grabbing or pinching your cheeks, or your cousins comparing how tall you were? Maybe you remember crazy Uncle Lenny or sad faced Aunt Ginger? Maybe you can't remember those things, but you might remember the feeling of coming together. Sometimes it was the realization that you were part of something much bigger than you thought much about.

In many ways, we are in a similar position as a family of faith as we prepare to enter the fall this year. We have been apart for a long time. Our programs have been hit or miss depending on our local battles with Covid-19. While we are still doing those battles, we have come to understand better what works for each of us. Some of us still wear masks while others don't. We still follow Dane County guidelines regarding Covid-19, but we trust that we are all doing the best to look out for each other. That is the best part about being a part of this family of faith. We are a congregation that cares for each other, and we trust each other. Seth and I talk about this all the time. We are fortunate to be among you as your pastors!

As we prepare for this fall, we want to find more and more ways to come back together as a family and so there are all kinds of things to do to take part in ministry and service. I would like to highlight what some of those things will be.

**#1. God's Work Our Hands Sunday: September 11<sup>th</sup>.** We will be working together at Shelter from the Storm, helping out with a variety of projects for all different abilities.

**#2. Homecoming Sunday: September 18<sup>th</sup>** will be our Homecoming Sunday. It will be our "official kick-off" to our programmatic year. There will be all kinds of things happening that day:

- + We will worship together in one service on that day at 9:00 a.m.
- + Sunday School registration and first day! You may bring your children.
- + R.I.C. vote! A Congregational Meeting will follow worship on that day as we officially affirm our sense of welcome to any who come in our doors regardless of sexual or racial identity.

### 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.*

### Pastoral Acts:

#### Funerals:

Rachel Hauge—August 9  
David Mickelson—August 23

**Weddings:** Jeff Foster and Kay Harms—August 13

## *From Pastor Hansen—continued*

- + Volunteer Fair: We will have the opportunity to sign up to participate in a number of ways in the ministry of Our Savior's. Church Council members will be on hand to encourage participation in a board. (Those descriptions can be seen in this newsletter.)
- + Homecoming potluck! Finally, we will gather in the newly re-floored Fellowship Hall for an old-fashioned church potluck. It will be a great day to celebrate coming back home and becoming re-acquainted again.

#3. **All Church Book Read:** What does it mean to be church in 2022 and beyond? What are we called to be about in this context and in this time? We will be reading Anna Madsen's book, *I Can Do No Other* this fall, as a congregation. Books will be available at church on Homecoming Sunday. Rev. Dr. Madsen will be with us to reflect on her writing and our reading on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

#4. **Stewardship:** Coming Home is the theme for Stewardship this fall. We will hear stories about what it means to be a part of this homecoming and this ministry from our sisters and brothers at Our Savior's.

#5. **WELCA Thankoffering Sunday** will be taking place on November 13<sup>th</sup> and will feature the role of women in the various forms of ministry that happen in and around this congregation. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen.

As you can see there is a lot to be thankful for around this place. I am excited to partner with you in this ministry, and I look forward to a new chapter with you as we get back together in a real way again this fall. We need each other. It has been evident throughout this pandemic.

We are thankful for all of the technology that allowed us to travel light and have had the mobility to worship together in a variety of ways. I can't thank Jon Schmidt enough for the work he has put into getting us up to speed on the technology. Even as he has struggled with his health, Jon has maintained a desire to make sure we did things well. Thanks also to Adam Bayliss and Hal Sommer for their tireless effort at learning the A/V system and the uploading to YouTube that has to happen on Sundays.

Thanks for the many volunteers that have helped with A/V, ushering, set-ups of parking lot worship, worship assistants, altar guild workers, and the musicians who have volunteered their time and gifts to carry this out. We are excited about listening to our choirs get back to leading our worship, from bells to kids to seniors!

Finally, thank you for your financial commitment to this ongoing ministry. Because of your gifts, we have been able to continue to serve the needs of this community and in Sun Prairie and the world. Your continued giving has allowed us to move forward and plan for ministry in the coming year confident in your support and prayer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Welcome home!

Peace,  
*Pastor Tim*

### **Financial Progress Report for July 2022**

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$46,662.76	Giving: \$6,426.00
Expenses: \$53,252.95	Expenses: \$2,651.63
Net Cash Flow: \$<6,590.19>	Net Cash Flow: \$3,774.37
YTD Cash Flow: \$<12,203.30>	YTD Cash Flow: \$19,888.50

# Council News

## OSLC Board Fair

Dear OLS Family,

We are so grateful to all of you for your faith, patience, and resilience throughout the last two years. The past few months have seen the hustle and bustle of normal life return and soon the programming at OSLC will be in full swing. Last spring a special task force facilitated conversations with the people of our church. We recognized that coming back together in the post-Covid environment would be a challenge but also have the potential to reexamine what was important to our members. Your church leadership has been planning, praying and listening to the needs of our congregation. The conversations that took place last March helped us plan and prioritize what our congregation wants and needs to continue to serve our community in faith. New beginnings bring a renewed vision and while we recognize our world will never be quite the same, it is time to re-engage in a post-pandemic ministry.

Each of us has something to give; unique talents and abilities blessed to us by God. We realize now is the critical time to work on connecting with our congregations in order to continue to grow and serve others. Through serving our church and our community our members will feel that personal welcome, develop deeper relationships with each other and their faith, reawaken and re-engage in worship and have the opportunity to bless others in service. God has always and will always continue to meet you where you are and we are writing today to help give you that nudge you need to take that step to open your hearts and your mind to invest your time and talents at OSLC.

God is always working among us to help guide us and nudge us gently into opportunities to grow our faith by serving. Below are the OSLC Boards and some of the work that they do. Come see what opportunities are waiting for you.

In Christ's Service,  
Tim Svendsen, President, Church Council  
Jen Spredemann, Vice-President, Church Council

### **CHURCH IN SOCIETY**

- + Donating our time, skills, and passions to service projects that positively impacts those living in our community.
- + Examples of ways OSLC Church In Society groups are sharing their talents - Organizing and serving meals for Sunshine Supper, designing and making quilts to give as gifts to members and those in need, collecting donations for Cards Closet, Stuff the Bus, SP Emergency Food Pantry, etc, so those in our community are clothed, prepared, and fed!
- + If you see a need in our community (OSLC, Sun Prairie, World Wide), see a way to contribute to the solution, and are willing to donate your time/talents to help, you are effectively a part of Church in Society!
- + Spreading God's love through action defines the Church in Society board.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- + The Education Board is responsible for creation and implementation of faith formation programs including:
  - + Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
  - + Vacation Bible School
  - + Confirmation
  - + Adult Education
- + **See the Christian Ed section later in this newsletter for volunteer opportunities!**

### **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**

- + Organize fun outreach events such as our movie nights.
- + Welcome new families to the congregation.
- + Welcome people to the service via staffing the Welcome Center

# Council News—continued

## **FELLOWSHIP**

- † Providing opportunities for promoting fellowship in the congregation
- † Coordinating meals for events
- † Organizing coffee hours, receptions, etc
- † Providing service in the times of need

## **FINANCE**

- † Advising the Council on all financial matters and preparing/presenting annual budget
- † Creation and administration of financial policies and procedures which includes maintaining adequate insurance coverage
- † Assisting the Treasurer in assuring that accurate financial records are maintained
- † Reviewing all monthly financial reports including the check register, investment balances and monitoring expenses as compared to budget

## **PROPERTY**

- † *Who we are:*  
In the words of Liam Neeson: We are a collection of people with a very special set of skills: gardeners, plumbers, builders, painters, and a whole lot of others just interested in fixing things.
- † *What we do:*  
We make sure the church building is taken care of. Some of the work we do ourselves, for the rest we find local vendors.
- † *How we let others know:*  
We hope to expand community utilization of our Church as a way of giving back to Sun Prairie.
- † *How we could use your help:*  
Anyone is welcome to attend monthly meetings and/or add to the “to-do” list. Likewise, simply indicating your interest in helping on the occasional work-party would be great!

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- † Works with advertising and publicity regarding our congregation and its ministry
- † Handles social media and publicity of events and areas of interest keeping up to date with outreach to all generations
- † Works to coordinate sponsorships and value of outreach

## **STEWARDSHIP**

- † Work with the senior pastor to plan the annual fall pledge drive.
- † Look for opportunities in the congregation and the community to make stewardship an ongoing process.
- † Grow our giving

## **WORSHIP AND ARTS**

- † Enhance and enrich the ministry of worship and the role of the arts in the life and mission of the people of God.
- † Utilize symbolism, flowers, banners, etc to enhance our worship experience.
- † Create and implement other ways and means to improve the worship setting.
- † Participate in decorating the church for events, and other specific church worship services.
- † Assist Alter Guild in carrying out their responsibilities when needed.

## **YOUTH AND FAMILY**

- † Grow the faith of 6th through 9th grade youths through the conformation program.
- † Peer relationship and social building through the youth fellowship groups CHAOS (6th - 9th grade) and RIOT (10th - 12th grade).
- † Maintain post high school connections with OSLC via CAT (cards, care packages, inspirational notes).

# Council News—continued

## **Congregational vote to become a Reconciling In Christ Congregation—Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

After a series of Adult Education forums in April and May involving discussions about what RIC (Reconciling In Christ) is and what it would mean for Our Savior's to become an RIC congregation, Council has set a **September 18** date for a congregational meeting and vote.

So here is the basic info on what it means to be a RIC congregation, as well as the proposed wording for our Welcome Statement. If you have any questions regarding the process or wording, we will have one more additional forum on **September 11 at 9:15am** in the Chapel.

To join RIC, a congregation should meet the following 4 criteria:

1. Your community explicitly states a welcome to people of **"all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions" or "LGBTQIA+"** and names its commitment to **racial equity or anti-racism** in its welcome statement.
2. **Open to calling** an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader.
3. Will allow community space/sanctuary to be used for **LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings**.
4. Will **make a meaningful contribution** annually to support the national RIC program.

**RECONCILING *in* CHRIST**



## **Proposed Welcome Statement**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church embraces people beyond simply saying "all are welcome" and engages in the practice of radical affirmation. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of Our Savior's as we journey toward reconciliation through Christ.

We affirm the sacredness of LGBTQIA+ and other oppressed peoples who have historically been hurt by the church, and we seek to center their voice and lived experiences whenever possible and welcome their leadership. This is rooted in our commitment to dismantle oppression in the Church or faith spaces. As we commit ourselves to racial equity, BIPOC (Black, Brown, Indigenous, and People Of Color) people may know this is a space committed to the work of God's collective liberation by people the world over.

This commitment means we are an anti-racist space. We are a liberating one, full of people who are going to frequently mess this up, but we gather as a humble people to try to be Christians who actually follow Jesus and take him seriously.

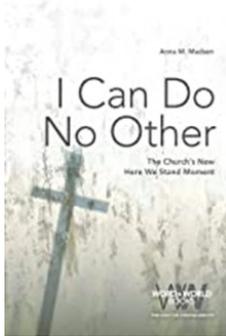
You are absolutely welcome to join us. It's ok if you don't theologially agree with us. That's not a requirement but moving together in love is something we will all learn and grow into together. We so desperately need each other in this world, and our sincere hope is that by being in community with us you will know the Kingdom of God has come near.

# Christian Education

## Adult Education

You are invited to an “All-Church” Book read for this fall!

*I Can Do No Other: The Church's New Here We Stand Moment* by Anna M. Madsen



This book is a quick but fantastic read about where the church is in this moment and what we may be called to be as we move forward. It is a short book divided into six chapters which we will read one per week and then discuss them on Sunday mornings between services. Rev. Dr. Madsen will be joining us this fall on **November 13<sup>th</sup>** to talk about her book and her life experience. She has a compelling story to tell. You will not want to miss it! Through a generous gift of the memorial committee, we are able to pre-purchase 50 copies. If you would like to join us and enjoy this read, see Pastor Tim for your copy. We will order more if needed. Reimbursements are welcome. If you'd like, you can pay for your book through Shelby—scroll down to the category “adult ed reimb” and fill that in. Thanks!

## Sunday School Starts September 18th!—Sign up now!

We are so excited to be gearing up for Sunday School at Our Saviors! All kids, 3 years old through 5th grade, are welcome!

Sunday School starts on **September 18th**. Registration forms are available online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/8d5022>.

### Sunday School Volunteer Opportunities

**Preschool Teacher** - volunteer to teach with another caring adult/older teen. Lesson plans are provided and there is lots of fun to be had while the little ones learn! You can commit to one or two Sundays per month or even as a sub from time to time. ·

**Preschool Coordinator** - Prep materials for Preschool Sunday School, schedule volunteers, and help out in the classroom as needed. Lesson plans are provided and there is lots of fun to be had while the little ones learn!·

**Workshop Leader** - Work with our fantastic K—5th graders. This is a wonderful ministry opportunity because it involves a short-term commitment. You will teach the same lesson for just 3–5 weeks and you can choose a workshop that fits your interests. You can enjoy cooking, arts & crafts, drama, science, movies, song & dance, storytelling, and more, all while having a positive impact on the lives of children and having lots of fun. ·

**Guides** - Stay with your assigned age group for the entire year. Rotate through the sessions with the kids and are responsible for getting to know the kids, taking attendance and addressing behavior as needed. This can be every week or shared with another person every other week.

**Workshop Coordinator** - Prep materials for each rotation and help out in the classroom as needed. Lesson plans are provided and lots of flexibility with time!·

For more information or to volunteer, contact Brenda Wilcox: [Brenda@wilcoxes.net](mailto:Brenda@wilcoxes.net) or 608-345-7301



## Clothesline Ministry Fall Clothing Drive



### How to drop off donations:

1. Drop off donations in the basket in the narthex at a Sunday Service.
2. Make a donation to the church, clearly labeled Clothesline Ministry, and we will do the shopping for you!
3. Residential pick up can be arranged with Sharee Sensenbrenner.
4. Purchase items and ship directly to OSLC.

Tops, bottoms, and preferably combined outfits are all needed. Underclothes and socks are always appreciated. Clothesline will collect any new and gently used clothing, but kids sizes 4T-16 are most wanted. All items will be delivered to the school for distribution. This supports our partner Bird School's "Clothed with Love."

### Questions:

Sharee Sensenbrenner at (608) 516-8198 or [shareelins@gmail.com](mailto:shareelins@gmail.com)

## Hunger "NO" Longer Food Pantry at CH Bird Elementary School

OSLC continues to partner with CH Bird School to help sponsor their food pantry. **The following items are especially needed and can be placed in the green barrel in the Narthex:** diapers, small size detergents and bleaches, and healthy snack foods for kids (such as small size waters, juice boxes, small size Sunny D, noodles in a cup, fruit rollups, fruit cups, applesauce, and small raisins). Thanks!



# Church in Society

## God's Work, Our Hands—Sunday, September 11



God's work.  
Our hands.

Join us in celebrating God's Work, Our Hands, the National Day of Service for the ELCA ministry! This year we will be lending our hands to Shelter from the Storm, a Sun Prairie non-profit shelter dedicated to helping homeless mothers/children.

### Schedule of Events:

10:30am - Shortened Worship Service at OSLC

11:15am - Pizza lunch at OSLC

12:00pm - Drive to Shelter from the Storm (address provided day of) - within a mile of OSLC

2:00pm - Ice cream sundae celebration at Shelter from the Storm

There are a variety of indoor and outdoor tasks available. If there is something specific you would like to do or a skill you would like to share please let us know! The shelter is extremely interested in having someone guide their residents in a cooking class - teaching them some easy-to-follow recipes for healthy meals they can make on their own. The shelter is also very interested in outdoor work - general landscaping and/or landscape artistry if someone is skilled in that way. Materials will be provided but volunteers are also encouraged to supply their own tools (gardening gloves, clippers, etc.) if available.

Scan the QR code to sign up (open your camera on your phone, hold it up to the code, and then click on the box/link that pops up):



Questions - contact Sara Klemme at 608.609.5354 or [seklemme@gmail.com](mailto:seklemme@gmail.com)

\*Please wear your yellow God's Work, Our Hands shirt if you have one. A limited supply of extra shirts will be available the morning of.

# Worship & Arts

## Looking for Plant Watering Volunteers!



Are you interested in helping to care for our plants at OSLC? Do you enjoy working with green plants or with flowers? If so, we are in need of volunteers to help with watering and caring for our plants inside and outside the church. Please contact Kathryn Derauf at [kderauf@gmail.com](mailto:kderauf@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out with our plants. Thank you!

## Altar Flower Openings Available

—Would you like to donate a floral arrangement for the altar to honor a family member or to give in memory of loved ones or to celebrate a past or present occasion or celebration? **There are open slots available each month for the rest of 2022.**



The Altar Flower Board is located at the Welcome Desk. The price per bouquet is \$25. Remember to:

1) Sign up on the Altar Flower Board, 2) Fill out an Order Form (these are on the Welcome Desk), and 3) Include payment when signing up for your flowers. (Please place your payment in the white box located on the Welcome Desk—or mail it to the church office.)

**PLEASE NOTE—Altar Flowers can now also be ordered and paid for online through Shelby at the same location as Shelby Giving.**

# Fellowship

## Old-Fashioned Potluck—Sunday, September 18



We will be having an old-fashioned pot luck dinner/luncheon after the 9:00 am worship service and short meeting to be held in our newly floored Fellowship Hall. This potluck will take place at approximately 11:00 am as there will be only one service that Sunday. We will have salads, main dishes, and desserts. Those folks with their names ending A-G can bring salads, those with last names from H-P bring a home made dish, and those with last names from Q-Z can bring desserts. Eating utensils etc. will be provided as well as drinks. Ovens can be used to keep your dish warm. Contact Ed Nowicki for questions 608-212-9648 (leave message) or email me @ [edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net).

## Coffee Hour Returns!

—Now that we are coming out of Covid and everyone wants to meet everyone and say hello, we will be starting up our coffee hour after the 8 am service **beginning Sunday, September 11th**. The coffee will be started and we need a host(s) to set up the treats and lemonade and clean-up at the end. We will need volunteers to bring in treats and they can be kept in the fridge or freezer upstairs in the coffee nook.. Please contact me, Ed Nowicki @ 608-212-9648 (leave a message) or you can email me at [edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net). I am looking forward to seeing new faces and getting to talk for awhile.



## Eat Boldly—Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!

Our October group dinner will be Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Maple Bluff Country Club, 500 Kensington Drive, in Madison, at 7 pm. We will choose from a limited menu. Please watch for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk the week beginning September 12 for menu selections and pricing. If questions, contact Judy Fenske at 837-9000 or [judyfenske@hotmail.com](mailto:judyfenske@hotmail.com). The sign-up deadline for this event will be Tuesday, October 4.



Save the date: Friday, November 11th at Lake Windsor Country Club. There will be no dinner in December.

## October Newsletter Deadline

Please submit items for the October newsletter by Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to [darlene@oslc-elca.org](mailto:darlene@oslc-elca.org)



# Worship & Music

## September Is Here and We're Starting Up!

September is here and the musical ensembles at Our Savior's will be starting up. Here are the rehearsal days and times plus the location for rehearsals and the date of the first rehearsal.

*Senior Choir:* Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with the first rehearsal on September 21.



*Chancel Ringers:* Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45 p.m. in the balcony with the first rehearsal on October 4.



*Youth Choir:* Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in Essential Grace with the first rehearsal on September 21.

*Cherub Choir:* Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the chapel with the first rehearsal on September 21.

The Senior Choir, directed by Rick LaFleur, is open to all adults and also students Ninth Grade and up.

The Chancel Ringers, directed by Angie Schmidt, has openings for at least two ringers.

The Youth Choir, directed by Breta and Judy Saganski, is open to students from the Second through Eighth grades. (This group may divide into two groups, depending on the number who come to sing.)



The Cherub Choir, directed by Diane Padrutt, is open to students from Pre-K/Kindergarten through First Grade.

If you have any questions, please contact the director of the group in which you are interested or ask me. It's time to make music together and contribute to worship at Our Savior's!

Also, if you are interested in being part of the worship band, please let Pastor Tim, Pastor Seth, or me know.



Thanks,  
John Krueger

## Cherub Choir Begins!

Children in Pre-K/Kindergarten and First Grade are invited to join Cherub Choir this fall!

We will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00, beginning on September 21. We'll aim to sing in worship once per month.

Rehearsals will include: singing, movement activities, instrument playing, and more!

Please consider having your child participate in this special group! If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks!  
Diane Padrutt



# THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all those who attended the Benefit Concert for the NSDA on August 14 and to those who made donations. Just over \$1400.00 was received and will be used in research for Spasmodic Dysphonia! Dysphonia International is so grateful for your support!

# Scenes from the Classic Brass Benefit Concert—Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

**Pastor Seth**



**The Classic Brass**

**Pastor Tim**



**John Krueger**—with page turning assistance from Diane Padrutt



**Diane Padrutt and her brother Warren**—of the Classic Brass

# Women's Ministry

## OSLC TO HOST SYNOD FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT—Saturday, September 24th

All women are invited to our synod's Women's Retreat on Saturday, September 24th, hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie. The theme is "Rise Up - Overcoming Life's Obstacles." Presenters Tricia Clason and Ginger Shomberg will focus on Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Registration opens at 8:30 AM, with the event running from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Two afternoon workshops will be offered - each with five topics to choose from. (The Days for Girls project will be one of the featured workshops!) *The Trumpeter* newsletter includes workshop descriptions, so check it out to see what piques your interest.

Registration options include - all day, half-day with or without a box lunch, teen and under 26 discount, and Zoom, with costs listed accordingly. As hosts for this event please consider volunteering to assist with the retreat.

Registration and further details can be found within *The Trumpeter*. *The Trumpeter* is the South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's quarterly newsletter. For those who do not currently subscribe, a link to the publication is attached below.



We hope to see many of you at the retreat September 24! Contact Peggy Schaub for further information.

For those who receive this newsletter via email, here is the link to *The Trumpeter*:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xytreaB0PQx1U-iAeRLW8nu3\\_b2xss\\_B/view?](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xytreaB0PQx1U-iAeRLW8nu3_b2xss_B/view?)

## Blessing of the Quilts—Sunday, September 11

Our Quilters will be covering the pews in the Sanctuary with their beautiful quilts for the Blessing of the Quilts during worship on Sunday, September 11.

Thank you for keeping the quilters in mind with donations of fabric. Everyone who would like to join us on Wednesday mornings for quilting in the Quilting Room upstairs is welcome! If you have questions, contact Ellie Borchert at (608) 837-5334, or email: [ellynbud@charter.net](mailto:ellynbud@charter.net).



# Evangelism

## Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

(or do you know someone who may be interested)?

Our Savior's Lutheran offers three membership classes though out the school calendar year. Our fall classes will begin on Sunday, September 25th and continue the following two Sundays of October 2nd and 9th. All classes are held in the Chapel next to the library from 9:15-10:15. If you are interested in becoming a member of this community of faith check the box on the pew pad next to your name or, call the church office @ (608) 837-3111, or send an email to [darlene@oslc-elca.org](mailto:darlene@oslc-elca.org). We look forward to getting to know you and for you to learn about OSLC.



# Youth & Family

## 2022-2023 Confirmation Registration!

The confirmation year is fast approaching and it's time to get your 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grader registered for our program! Registration can be completed online - [ybspro.events/p/c82c25](https://ybspro.events/p/c82c25).

The confirmation year will begin on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** with our confirmation kick-off event at OSLC from 6:30-8pm. Classes will begin the following week on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (6:30-7:45pm). Following each confirmation class is our optional weekly youth group for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students called CHAOS! CHAOS is a time for fun activities, active group games, and hangout time. While this is optional, this is an important time for students to build relationships with other kids from church outside of a classroom environment.

Our confirmation program is dependent on the dedication of our volunteers to help lead small groups and chaperone events. We are always in need of volunteers and can find a place for you to serve in whatever capacity you are comfortable. If you would like to join the team of confirmation volunteers, please contact [matt@oslc-elca.org](mailto:matt@oslc-elca.org) for more information.



## Update from C.A.T. – Care Team Ministry for College Age Youth

Attention Parents of post high school youth and current college age youth! Do you have a son or daughter attending college, active military or beginning a life away from home? The C.A.T. Care Team Ministry for College Age Youth wants to know! As part of C.A.T. your youth will receive cards, care packages, and inspirational notes through out the year to let them know OSLC is thinking of them. Help us to stay connected with them by sending their new mailing address and email address to the C.A.T. coordinator, Charise Dunn at [cdunn9901@aol.com](mailto:cdunn9901@aol.com).

# Volunteer Information

**A New Year and Some Exciting Changes!**—As we prepare for the 2022-2023 programmatic year we are happy to announce that our Director of Children and Family Ministry, Matt Weber, will be switching some of his duties from high school programming to Sunday School education. While he may be giving up some high school programming, there will be things offered for our high school youth that will be picked up by the pastors. Our Peer Group ministry plans will continue, as well as looking at future servant, adventure, and Youth Gathering trips in the summers.

We are also posting the job opportunity for a volunteer coordinator position as listed below. As a large congregation, OSLC provides lots of opportunities for volunteer activities and this position will help with the coordination and invitation of members to use their talents and gifts toward ministry. Thank you for your consideration. If you're interested in applying, applications are available at the Welcome Desk.

## **Volunteer Coordinator Position Description**

### **General Description:**

The Volunteer Coordinator will be the lead recruiter and liaison in identifying and securing a continuous pipeline of talent and assistance for the various Church committees, activities and lay needs of the Church.

### **Responsibilities/Accountabilities:**

- Communicate with Church leadership in identifying volunteer needs of various Church Boards and programs
- Collaborate with Church Boards in identifying and securing lay persons to address repeating and unique volunteer needs of the Church
- Develop, administrate and maintain outreach activities to all Church membership in the attainment of volunteers
- Develop flexible on-going schedules for various functional needs of the Church (Board participation, nursery, welcome desk)
- Manage and populate SHELBY software system
- Teach, guide and empower adult volunteers and mentors associated with programming and volunteer responsibilities

### **Qualifications & Preferred Experience:**

- Active member of OSLC
- Working knowledge of Church structure, Board functions and overall common church activities and events
- A strong and committed faith and understanding in Jesus Christ and the mission of the Synod
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Strong verbal & written communication skills
- High degree of organizational skills, able to manage and prioritize multiple projects efficiently and effectively
- A working understanding of Lutheran theology and tradition
- Passion and energy for working with all members of the Church congregation
- Ability to work individually and as a team to meet the overall mission of the congregation specific to the various Boards and activities of the Church

### **Reports to:**

Senior Pastor

### **Expected hours:**

Ten to fifteen (10-15) hours per week including Sundays and hours as needed for church functions related to the position

### **Job type:**

Hourly non-exempt

### **Compensation:**

Commensurate with qualifications and experience

# Volunteer Information—continued



## I would like to help, but I don't know how ...

Have you ever entered this building, looked around and thought, "I would like to help, but I don't know how or what needs to be done?" But, then that little voice inside your head might say, "What are you thinking! You are over-scheduled already! Grass to cut. Laundry to fold. Groceries to buy!" The list goes on and on.

I'm here to let you know that you are in luck! There are many ways you can help that require minimal time commitment, but are still GREATLY needed as a service to our OSLC community.

*For instance:*

- Did you know that the plants in the Narthex get thirsty every 7-10 days and sometimes they need a little trimming here and there? They would easily adjust to your schedule if you wanted to give them a drink on Sunday or another time during the week. This job could also be shared with another person or two.
- If you know how to smile, look friendly, and say, "Good Morning" while standing near the parking lot doors 20 minutes before either the 8:00 or 10:30 service begins you would make an excellent Greeter. Some people enjoy being a Greeter with their family member(s), friend, or independently. At this time, we are not shaking hands, but just a friendly wave and a smile really brightens a person's day. You are able to choose the dates that work for you.
- We also have a Welcome Center! It is the big desk by the sanctuary doors. It would be wonderful to have you there before and after one of the services. Again, smiles are necessary, but this is an area where people ask questions regarding where a certain room might be (bathroom, nursery, Sunday School rooms etc). They might also need help finding the right clipboard to sign up for Eating Boldly or another event that is interesting to them. You are able to choose the dates that work for you.
- The soundboard in the back of the sanctuary is like the coolest place to be. The people in the know will show you how to use the equipment (they assure me it's easy), plus they have an iPad so you are able to sit with your family during worship and control it from the pew!
- Ushers - who can forget this important position! They are in charge of the doors leading into the sanctuary (Open before the service. Close during the service. Open at the end of the service.) Work as a team during the Offering part of the service and excuse people from the pews during communion. Ushers usually work together as a team at particular worship service times each week. Unlike "Back In the Day," ushers can be male or female, upper elementary age to 100+ years old.

I have highlighted just a few this week, but if any of these sound like something you would like to know more about or you are ready to jump in with both feet you can:

- ⇒ Email our Office Administrator Darlene Thorstad [darlene@oslc-elca.org](mailto:darlene@oslc-elca.org)
- ⇒ Call the church office at (608) 837-3111
- ⇒ Or put your name and phone number on this piece of paper and check the area(s) you are interested in and put it in the basket on the Ushers' Table.

# Church in Society

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## Agrace Offers Virtual and In-Person Grief Support in September

In September, Agrace is offering one-on-one grief support and professionally led grief support groups to *anyone*, even if the person who died did not have hospice care.

**One-on-one grief support** is available in-person, by phone or video chat.

**Bridges** is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. Meetings are held every other Wednesday and pre-registration is required. In-person meetings are September 7 and 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Agrace Grief Support Center. Virtual meetings are [September 14 and 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.](#), online.

**Grief on the Move** invites any adult to join Agrace grief specialists for a gentle walk to connect, heal and ease the isolation of grief. The group meets September 6 and 20, from noon to 1 p.m., at the Agrace Grief Support Center to walk the paved Badger State Trail, weather permitting. There is no cost to attend this group.

**Journey Through Grief** is a grief support group series for adults. The virtual group meets Tuesdays, September 8 to October 13, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., via Zoom.

**LGBTQ+ Spouse/Partner Grief Support** is a seven-week grief support group for people in the LGBTQ+ community who have experienced the death of a partner/spouse. It meets Wednesdays, September 7 to October 19, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Agrace Grief Support Center.

There is no fee for these programs if a participant's family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Call (608) 327-7118 with questions, to register or make an appointment.

# OSLC Float at the Corn Fest Parade—August 17, 2022!



Thank you to everyone who helped with our OSLC float—including our musicians and singers, those who walked in the parade and handed out "OSLC swag," the Kvalheims for use of their wagon, Hal Sommer for use of his generator, and Gary Dalgard for arranging for and driving the truck to pull our float in the parade!



~ September 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 6:15p Evangelism Comm.	<b>2</b> 7:00p Eat Boldly	<b>3</b> 10:00a AA Group Meeting (FH)
<b>4</b> 8:00a Worship (livestream plus available later on YouTube) 9:15a Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	<b>5 Labor Day</b> 8:00a Office Closed	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting	<b>8</b> 1:00p Rebecca Circle - Chapel 7:00p Bd. of Finance	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00a AA Group Meeting (FH)
<b>11 God's Work/ Our Hands</b> Blessing of the Quilts today 8:00a Worship (livestream plus available later on YouTube) Coffee Hour returns today! 9:15a R.I.C. Vote Forum 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	<b>12</b> 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	<b>13</b> 1:00p Pastors Text Study Group	<b>14</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting  6:00p Confirmation Volunteer Orientation Meeting (Chapel)	<b>15</b> 6:00p Executive Committee 7:00p Congregation Council	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00a AA Group Meeting (FH)
<b>18 HOMECOMING SUNDAY!</b> 9:00a Worship (livestream plus available later on YouTube) 9:15a Sunday School starts  Congregational Meeting Congregational Board Fair  11:00a Church Potluck 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	<b>19</b> 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747  Deadline for items for October newsletter	<b>20</b> 6:00p Stamping Group 7:00p Squirrel (Men's Bible Study)	<b>21</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting  5:15p Youth Choir 5:30p Cherub Choir 6:30p Confirmation Kick-off/Orientation  7:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00a Women's Fall Retreat for Synod
<b>25</b> 8:00a Worship (livestream plus available later on YouTube) 9:15a New Member Class 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	<b>26</b> 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	<b>27</b> 6:30p Martha Circle	<b>28</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting  5:15p Youth Choir 5:30p Cherub Choir 6:30p Confirmation (Rain) 7:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>



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