



The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



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

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From Pastor Hecox

Spring is a time of Resurrection. Easter is right in the middle of the season this year. If you look closely, by then, some of your plants and flowers may start showing signs of life. People with a green thumb like my wife have waited for the moment when seeds can go in the ground after a long, cold, dark winter.

Resurrection is so much more than just the idea of something that happened two thousand years ago. We Christians sometimes think solely in those terms, but the notion carries much more weight, and can be a powerful reality in your life even now. We awaken from the mini-death of sleep each morning. We emerge from the hibernation of winter each spring. We emerge from the cocoon of COVID together now. Deaths, endings, and shutdowns are happening around us all the time.

But so are births.

So we approach this holy mystery once again with renewed awe. Seeing with the fresh perspective of a people re-engaging collective church life after years of isolation, we wonder at the beauty of Resurrection again. As one thing ends, so another thing begins.

So what will rebirth look like for you this April?

Perhaps you will see loved ones you haven't visited in a long time. Perhaps you will finally take that vacation you've postponed for years. Perhaps you will delight in the church activities that were not possible for so long. Perhaps you will call Pastor Tim and air your grievances because he's a great listener and incredibly patient (haha, I'm joking, but I do love it when you voice issues to him and not me, for I am of little patience, I confess).

Regardless of how you will experience Resurrection this Spring, or how you've experienced it in the past, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is for you. For you, personally, as a beloved child of God. For you, collectively, as a people made into the family of God. For you, as a species, to imagine a way to live on this planet for the benefit of every living thing.

Resurrection life is yours. It is yours now. It is the power to let go. The power to not fear. The power to live free of anxiety and dread. The power to not have to be in control. The power to get out of the rut you find yourself in. The power to love without guarantee of reciprocation. The power to give without expecting anything in return. The power to envision brand new ways of living. The power to find joy in even the simplest things in life.

Thank you for claiming the Resurrection life with me. Christ died and was buried, so we too, portrayed in our baptisms, have been united with Christ, so that just as he died and was raised, so we shall be too. So we are now as well. Raised to new life. Raised to abundant life. Raised to live as God's people who rejoice together at what God has done and is still doing among us. Amen.

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 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/Memorial Services:

Velda Thompson—March 12
Janet Jesberger—March 20
Phyllis Unmacht—March 22
Kristi Moerke—March 29

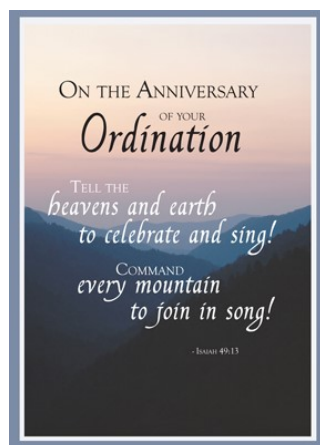
***Congratulations Pastor Tim
on the 35th Anniversary of Your Ordination!***



Lisa Hansen, Pastor Tim's wife, surprised him with an ordination anniversary cake at the March 9 Soup Supper! Shown above are Pastor Tim & Lisa

*Timothy N. Hansen
Ordained
March 8, 1987
Saint James, MN*

*May you remember
all the many ways
God has touched people
through your life.
Happy Anniversary!*



Worship & Music

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



A New Creation: What is God Up to in Your Life?

Lenten Wednesdays—Worship services at noon and 6 p.m. and
Soup Suppers at 4:45 p.m. continuing through April 6th

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 10th—Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday—April 14th—Worship at 7 p.m.

Good Friday—April 15th—Worship at 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday—April 16th—Easter Vigil Worship at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday—April 17th—Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Spring Training?

In normal times, all of the choirs at Our Savior's begin their "season" in September. Parents plan for their children's participation in choirs as they plan for their children's participation in school activities. People planning to sing in adult choirs follow a similar pattern.



Choir Rehearsal

The pandemic, of course, has upset all that. The Senior Choir, for example, had resumed last October but then had to take a post Christmas hiatus until quite recently.

Now, all choirs are again rehearsing and participating in worship on a regular basis. The Senior Choir, the Old Hims, the Youth Choir, and the Cherub Choir would all eagerly welcome new members. Also, if you are, or are the parent of, a former choir member who has not yet rejoined, please consider doing so now and help us to celebrate the season of Easter.

If you have any questions, please contact the director of the choir in which you are interested. Rick LaFleur directs the Senior Choir and the Old Hims. Judy and Breta Saganski direct the Youth Choir. Diane Padrutt leads the Cherub Choir. Rehearsal days and times are listed in the Weekly Crossroads.

Join or rejoin now. You can consider it "spring training."

Thanks,
John Krueger



Christian Education

Sunday School Updates

As we move into spring, there are a lot of fun things planned for Sunday School!

Here is a preview of what is coming up:

4/3 Easter movie
4/10 Celebration Event Family
4/17 No Sunday School - Easter
4/24 Rotation - The Sower starts
5/22 Last day of Sunday School



If you haven't yet joined us, there is still time. Registration is available all year:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/c9a08f>



Easter Egg Hunt—Sunday, April 10

During the Sunday School hour on April 10th (Palm Sunday), we will have an Easter Egg Hunt! Donations of small size candy for the eggs would be appreciated. Please put your donations in the blue bin in the Narthex **by Sunday, April 3rd**. Thank you!



Adult Education continues in April!

We will meet in the Chapel on Sundays from 9:15–10:15 am (the same time as Sunday School) to discuss and learn together!

April 3 - "Overview of Genesis" with Pastor Tim

April 10 & April 17 - OFF for Palm Sunday and Easter

April 24 - Reconciling in Christ Conversation 1

We start our congregation-wide conversation around becoming a Reconciling In Christ congregation. This conversation will continue for a few weeks as we explore the process for becoming an LGBTQ-affirming congregation. For more info, please check out <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/about/>

RECONCILING *in* CHRIST



Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study



Beginning on April 21, Pastor Seth will lead the group in discussing readings from ***Bread and Wine—Readings for Lent and Easter.*** See you on Thursdays at noon!

Youth & Family

9th Grade Confirmation Service – Sunday, April 24th

Our 9th grade confirmation service will take place on **Sunday, April 24th at 1:30pm**. Join us as we celebrate the affirmation of baptism and the years of study done by these students in our congregation. These students will also present their final task as confirmation students by sharing short sermons during our worship services on Sunday, April 10th and Sunday, April 24th during the 8am and 10:30am worship services.



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.

High School Colorado Backpacking Adventure Trip – August 6th-13th

As you may have heard, the ELCA National Youth Gathering was cancelled again this year due to COVID and related issues within the host city. This is unfortunate, but I am excited to announce a new trip opportunity that I'm hoping to put together as a replacement option for our high school students! This trip is open to students currently in 8th grade through students who will be graduating high school this year.



Our new trip will be a Rocky Mountain wilderness backpacking trip tentatively set for August 6-13 (days may change slightly as plans are still coming together). The estimated cost per person will be around \$500, but other scholarship options are available if the cost is prohibitive for your family. If you are interested in having your child attend this summer trip with our youth group (or if you're interested in being an adult leader!), please let me know as soon as possible. Questions can be directed to Matt@oslc-elca.org.

ELCA Summer Camps

Our Savior's usually takes a group of youth to Pine Lake Summer Camp each summer. However, we will not be doing so this year. If you're interested in registering your child to attend a summer camp, listed below are some of the ELCA sponsored camps in Wisconsin. Please note—OSLC has scholarship funds available for youth camp attendance. Please contact Matt Weber (matt@oslc-elca.org) if interested.

- + Bethel Horizons—Dodgeville (bethelhorizons.org)
- + Lutherdale—Elkhorn (lutherdale.org)
- + Pine Lake/Crossways—Waupaca (crosswayscamps.org)
- + Sugar Creek—Ferryville (wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)

Youth & Family

Faith Chest Work Group Sessions—We are excited to bring back part of our milestone ministry program this year and have had several work group sessions at Matt Weber's workshop. We plan to gift a faith chest to each child baptized at OSLC. A faith chest is not just a simple box, but a special place to keep memories of one's faith journey through life. Contact Matt Weber (Matt@oslc-elca.org) if you'd like to help with this project!



Photos from our first work session on
Saturday, March 5th!



Shown above are OSLC volunteers working on the various stages of assembling a faith chest. Volunteers at the Saturday, March 5th session included Gene Benisch, Gary Dalgaard, Tim McCarthy, Steve Olson, Brian Stueck, and Matt Weber.

Worship & Arts

Geraniums for Pentecost Help decorate the Sanctuary with red and white geraniums for Pentecost on Sunday, June 5th! If you would like to donate a geranium plant, please complete an order form found at the Welcome Center. The cost per geranium plant is \$18. Orders will be accepted **until Sunday, May 15.**



Fellowship

Eat Boldly—Friday, May 6th at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People! The next group dinner will be Friday, May 6th at Club 60, W2164 State Road 60, in Columbus at 7:00 p.m. Please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk or contact Judy Fenske at 837-9000 or judyfenske@hotmail.com no later than Wed., May 4th.



Looking ahead, next month we will meet at The Fireside in Fort Atkinson on Friday, June 3rd.

Other News

Financial Progress Report for January 2022

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$66,689.70	Giving: \$6,061.00
Expenses: \$48,893.91	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$17,795.79	Net Cash Flow: \$<1,042.00>
YTD Cash Flow: \$17,795.79	YTD Cash Flow: \$<1,042.00>

New *Christ In Our Home* Books have arrived—

The *Christ In Our Home* devotional books for the second quarter (April—June) are here—in the regular size as well as large print. Copies are available in the plastic bin on top of our mailbox outside as well as in the Narthex. Feel free to pick up a copy!

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.

Sun Prairie Area Chorus Concert—Sunday, April 3rd at CHUMS

The Sun Prairie Area Chorus is inviting you and your friends to their concert!

"From Dusk to Dawn"
presented by Sun Prairie Area Chorus

When: Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 3:00pm
Where: Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School (CHUMS)

This is a free concert, but there will be a box available for donations, if you choose. We would love to see you there! OSLC has 5 members participating in this event!



May Newsletter Deadline

Please submit items for the May newsletter by Monday, April 18th to darlene@oslc-elca.org



Church in Society

Clothesline Ministry



The **Clothesline Ministry** is seeking donations of any kids clothes, especially sizes 4T-14 husky/plus. Underclothes, socks, summer outfits, and dress clothes are most needed. These items support our neighborhood families through our partner, Bird School's community school program.

Ways to Donate:

1. Drop off new or gently used items at the display inside the church.
2. Make a donation to the church clearly labeled Clothesline Ministry, and we will do the shopping.
3. Call Sharee at 834-8497 and arrange for pick up.

Hunger “NO” Longer Food Pantry at CH Bird Elementary School



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Did you know that Our Savior's supports the Hunger No Longer Food Shelf at C.H. Bird School? Because of your donations the families of kids who attend Bird school do not have to deal with hunger issues. Thank you for your generous donations to help with this program.

During the course of this month we are hoping to help stock their shelves for the Spring. If you can remember to bring donations to the church, we will bring them to the school.

Please make sure that your donations do not include out of date items. Thank you for your generosity!

Small Food Items Especially Needed—We have recently learned from the Food Pantry at Bird School that they are especially in need of small items that kids can take with them to heat up on their own at home—such as individual size soups, individual size noodles, and small oranges or tangerines like Clementines or Cuties.

~ April 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00p Eat Boldly	2 8:30a Faith Chest Workshop (MW's Workshop) 10:00a Robert Cook Visitation 11:00a Robert Cook Celebration of Life 12:00p Funeral Luncheon - downstairs
3 8:00a Worship 9:00a Old Hims Rehearsal 9:00a Worship available on YouTube channel 9:15a Adult Education 9:20a Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:15a Easter movie during Sunday School 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:30p PP Rehearsal	4 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	5 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 6:00p Penguin Project Rehearsal	6 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p Lenten Noon Worship 4:45p Lenten Soup Supper - FH 5:15p Youth Choir 5:30p Cherub Choir 6:00p Lenten Worship 6:30p Confirmation 7:45p CHAOS	7 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study 6:15p Evangelism Comm.	8	9 9:00a Warren Birkrem - Visitation (Narthex) 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 11:00a Warren Birkrem Memorial Service 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (Rm. 19)
10 Palm Sunday 8:00a Worship (Ninth Grade Sermons) 9:00a Old Hims Rehearsal 9:00a Worship available on YouTube channel 9:15a Palm Sunday/ Easter event 9:20a Senior Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship (Ninth Grade Sermons) 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:30p PP Rehearsal	11 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	12 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 1:00p Pastors Text Study Group 6:00p Penguin Project Rehearsal	13 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 5:15p Youth Choir 5:30p Cherub Choir 6:30p No Confirmation - Holy Week 7:00p Bd. of Finance	14 Maundy Thursday 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 1:00p Rebecca Circle - Chapel 7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship	15 Good Friday Office Closed at Noon 12 Noon Good Friday Worship 7:00p Good Friday Worship	16 Holy Saturday 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (Rm. 19) 7:00p Easter Vigil Worship Service
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Come Grow With Us

Interested in becoming a member of OSLC? Email the church office at office@oslc-elca.org or call 608-837-3111

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God's work. Our hands.

Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:30 am
and on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Video worship services on our YouTube channel & KSTUN 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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