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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



Greetings, family of Our Savior's! Here is the October 2021 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 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

Baptisms:

Lyla Nehmer—Sept. 26

Funerals:

Susan Skrenes—Sept. 7

Eldon Grunewald—Sept. 19

Walter (Wally) Ziesch—Sept. 22

Weddings:

Michele Engelbrecht and Kyle Polishinski—September 25

Tim Wegner and Rachel Craig—September 25

Fall is upon us!

If I say “thanks be to God” for that, I hope you’ll join me in the celebration. I imagine you, like me, have had enough of the heat, enough of the humidity, and are eager to welcome with open arms the new lightness in the air. I marvel every year at the color of the leaves as they change, as if I’d never seen them before. Which may be instructive for us as people of God as we enter a new season ourselves.

We are entering a new season together in quite a few ways. School is back in session, Sunday School has started up, Confirmation has commenced, choirs are going again, Wednesday Night Worship has begun, and Thursday Bible Studies are in full swing! On top of that, Pastor Tim has begun his long-delayed sabbatical, and we are temporarily functioning as a one-pastor church, much like you did for years before I arrived.

All this change of seasons reminds me of the sage perspective we get from the writings in Ecclesiastes:

Everything Has Its Time (*chapter 3*)

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

My prayer for you is that you do indeed find this to be a time of peace for you. That you have an opportunity to speak, as well as a moment to be silent and observant. That you are able to be embraced, while refraining from embracing when not appropriate (social distancing!). I hope that this will be a time for us to build up, and laugh and dance together.

From Pastor Hecox—continued

If this time doesn't feel that way to you, that's alright. We remember that all things are impermanent. All experiences and moments shall and must pass. Both the good and bad happen, then they go. So if you find yourself in an undesirable spot, remember that it won't last forever. And if you find yourself in a place you rather like, indulge in it, knowing that it too shall pass. But you can enjoy it while it lasts!

That's one magnificent part of being part of the family of God. We share each other's joys and sorrows. If you need prayer, we're here for you. If you're bursting with good news and need to tell someone, we're ready to hear all about it. If you need a shoulder to cry on, there is one here at OSLC. And if you have reason to rejoice, I'm told that I'm a rather good rejoicer...(Is that a word? If not, I have made it up for us to use, haha).

In all things, we give thanks for the gift of life and for the blessing of our life together. So here at the transition of one season to the next, together we say "Thanks be to God!"

Peace,

Pastor Seth



Council News

September 16, 2021 Council Notes

- + Finance reported on the insurance packages for OSLC employees.
- + Confirmation is starting as well as Sunday School.
- + Hal Sommer has agreed to be the Boy Scouts representative for OSLC.
- + Trunk or Treat is set for October 28th.
- + Finance is looking at a budget for the proposed new playground.

Tim Svendsen

Congregation Council President

Christian Education

Brown Bag Bible Study Continues—Brown Bag Bible Study is meeting on Thursdays at noon in the Chapel at OSLC. Feel free to bring a lunch or snack if you'd like, and join Pastor Seth in exploring our faith and the scriptures together!



Sunday, September 12, 2021



Commissioning for Sabbatical—Shown above, Council President Tim Svendsen, Lisa Hansen, and Pastor Tim Hansen during the special worship service on Sunday, September 12.



Following the 10:30 service, a “Sabbatical Send-off” was held outside on the church lawn for Pastor Tim and Lisa. It was a day of fun fellowship, greetings, and good wishes for the Hansens as they began their Sabbatical leave time for three months.



More Photos from September 12, 2021



Stewardship

Keep Sowing Good Seeds!

So, let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. – Galatians 6:9

The harvest season is upon us, and looking back to the beginning of the year we were able to accomplish a lot through a Pandemic. Here are a few of the seeds we have sown this year:

- + 5 different ways/times to worship
- + Sunday School & Confirmation
- + Choirs and Circle Ministry
- + Sunshine Suppers feeding between 350 and 400 meals
- + Hunger “NO” Longer partnership with CH Bird Elementary to help the community
- + Clothesline Ministry collecting much needed clothing items
- + Socks and Underwear drive
- + Spirit-of-Giving program
- + Diaper Drive
- + Donations for the Sun Prairie Food Pantry
- + Stuff the Bus providing school supplies for 1,500 students
- + Continued adaptability to an ever-changing landscape—Thank You!

All these things have one thing in common: a congregation that gives and actively supports the community. Thanks to you, Our Savior's is deeply involved and willing to lend a hand to help the community in which they live and worship. Keep up the good work!

Stewardship Sunday will be Sunday, October 31. Pledge forms will be mailed out in mid-October. You are invited to bring your pledge forms with you to church on Stewardship Sunday. Or, you can pledge by mailing the form to the church office or electronically. Watch for more information in the coming weeks. Help us keep sowing good seeds so our work here can continue!



Keep Sowing Good Seeds!

Worship & Music

One Choir Finishes, Another to Begin, and Welcome Rick

In September the Parking Lot Choir, which began meeting in April and met weekly (weather permitting), held its final rehearsal and then sang outside at drive-in worship on Sunday, September 19. Thanks to Linda Stauffacher for bringing to life at Our Savior's the idea of outdoor rehearsals. Thanks also to Diane Padrutt, who provided piano accompaniment. And special thanks to all who came to sing!

This month, either on Wednesday, October 13, or Wednesday, October 20, the OSLC Senior Choir will begin rehearsals. We are excited to welcome Rick LaFleur as our new director. Rick is a music teacher and he and his wife, Emily, have been singing in the Senior Choir. Rick and Emily have also been faithful volunteers at our drive-in worship services.

Please watch for specific details about rehearsal time and place. Also, please be aware that, because of the ongoing pandemic, all plans are subject to adjustment and change.

Thanks,
John Krueger



Christ in Our Home Booklets—Copies of the **fourth quarter booklets (October–December 2021)** are now in the plastic bin on top of our mailbox, as well as on our magazine rack inside the church. There are both regular and large print size. Feel free to pick up a copy!

Volunteer Info

Greeters Needed!

We are in need of folks to volunteer to be a Greeter at the 8am and 10:30 am services on Sunday. This involves 1) greeting folks as they come into the Narthex and asking them to sign their name on our attendance sheets and 2) inviting worshipers to pick up a communion kit on their way into the Sanctuary. **Please email Darlene (darlene@oslc-elca.org)** or call the church office if you are interested in being a Greeter. Thank you!



Altar Guild



Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to add to our monthly teams for the OSLC Altar Guild. Both men and women are welcome to volunteer! Please email the church office (darlene@oslc-elca.org) if you're interested in volunteering for the Altar Guild.

Children & Families

Happy October! We are excited to announce we will once again host Trunk R Treat so children can receive treats and have fun in a safe environment. Our festivities will be exclusively outside this year as a way to provide a safer opportunity for everyone.

🎃 How Can You Help? 🎃

Donate Bags of **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED** “snack size” candy. Collection bin is located by Welcome Desk.

Sign-up to help on event day, pre-event, decorating trunk & hand out candy



Thursday, October 28th

5 - 7pm

Mark your calendars! Once again, OSLC will host our annual community Trunk-r-Treat event on **Thursday, October 28th** from **5 - 7pm!** Dress Up in your Halloween costumes and come to church for a great time including safe trick-r-treating, games & prizes, family photo booth, hot dogs, s'mores, hot cocoa, warm apple cider, lemonade and CANDY!

*We are also in need of middle/high school students and families to volunteer to help setup, assist with food, run games, to help direct children and families as they come to the event, and volunteers to bring their car and candy to hand out to the kids. There are two sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center - one for general volunteers, and one for car hosts -handing out candy from your trunk - decorate your trunk to win the coveted **Best Trunk Award!***

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

Our Savior’s is partnering with CH Bird School and the community schools program to help sponsor a food pantry at the school.

The program is called “Hunger No Longer.”



We are excited about this opportunity to be involved with a neighbor school in this way. We are collecting items for their food pantry on Sundays (look for the big green barrel). Below you will find a list of items that they are looking for. Thank you for your partnership!

Donations: food

Canned Meat or Fish- tuna , chicken, stew, chili, salmon, corned beef

Soups- chicken, vegetables, broth, chowder

Fresh/Canned Fruits and

Vegetables- Oranges, apples, pineapples, mixed fruit, applesauce, grapes, celery, cabbage, greens (kale, collard, turnip, mustard), lettuce, corn, green beans, peas, mixed veggies, broccoli, cauliflower, beans (pinto, blackeyes, navy, black beans, baked)

Pasta/rice- boxed dinners (hamburger/tuna helper, macaroni and cheese, rice-a-roni, etc.)

Grain products- brown rice, whole grain bread, bagels, muffins Cereal, oatmeal, pudding, fruit snacks, popcorn, yogurt

Baby food- canned formula, boxed baby cereal, etc.

Please share recipes also

Non-food Items

Toiletries- deodorant, soap, shampoo, toilet tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, diapers.

CH Bird Elementary School would like to say we are very grateful to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church for partnering with us and supporting our vision to help our community.

Church in Society

Clothesline Ministry Clothing Drive



How to drop off donations:

1. Drop off donations in the “drop box” 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, combined outfits, jackets, winter gloves, snow pants, and boots are all needed. Twin sized comforters are also requested. 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**

Youth & Family Ministry

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Contact Matt@oslc-elca.org for more info or to sign-up to help!

Fellowship

Eat Boldly—Friday, October 8th at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!

Reservations are at 7:00 p.m. at Maple Bluff Country Club, 500 Kensington Drive in Madison. Please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for menu pre-selection and payment information. There is a choice of baked cod, panko cod, or chicken kiev for \$20. Please sign up or contact Judy Fenske at 837-9000 or judyfenske@hotmail.com no later than Wednesday, October 6.



Looking ahead -- next month the group will meet on Friday, November 5 at Club 60 in Columbus.

Other News

Financial Progress Report for August 2021

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$43,159.89	Giving: \$5,810.00
Expenses: \$45,737.36	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$<2,577.47>	Net Cash Flow: \$<1,293.00>
YTD Cash Flow: \$<4,235.14>	YTD Cash Flow: \$240.50

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.



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.

Deadline for November Newsletter

—Please submit any items for the November newsletter by Monday, October 18 to darlene@oslc-elca.org

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Financial Donations Needed to Help Afghani Refugees

—The needs are great to help the refugees from Afghanistan. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) are working closely with the State Department in finding opportunities to care for and resettle the thousands of refugees coming to America. While there may be opportunities to partner or sponsor families down the road, the most important way to help right now is through financial donations. **Please go to www.LIRS.org and donate to help with the tremendous cost of resettlement.** Thanks for your help!

C.A.T. Care-Team Ministry—Attention Parents of Post-High School Youth! Is your son or daughter attending college, in the military, or beginning their life away from home? The C.A.T., care-team ministry for college age youth, wants to know. Please e-mail Charise Dunn at cdunn9901@aol.com to sign up your college age youth so OSLC can stay connected to them. They will receive cards, care packages, and inspirational notes throughout the year to let them know we are thinking of them. If you have any questions please contact Charise Dunn at cdunn9901@aol.com.

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3 8:00a Worship in Sanctuary 9:15a Sunday School 9:30a Drive-in Worship 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	4 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	5 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup	6 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 4:45p Alleluia Singers (Tone Chimes) - FH 5:30p Youth Choir (Tone Chimes) - FH 6:00p Wednesday Night Worship 6:30p Confirmation	7 10:00a Little Cardinals Playgroup 12:00p Brown Bag Bible Study	8 7:00p Eat Boldly	9 10:00a AA Group Meeting (FH) 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (Rm. 19)
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Scan this code with your smartphone for instructions to give your offering online!



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

Worship
 Sanctuary worship—Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, 7:00 pm Wednesday
 Drive-in worship—Sundays at 9:30 am
 Video worship services each week on our YouTube channel
 & on KSN at 12 noon on Sundays

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