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# Crossroads

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



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

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## *From Pastor Hansen*

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### “Winds are Blowing”

Welcome to summer! As I write this newsletter article, we have just experienced another storm with lots of wind and rain, some hail and a few tornados. It is that time of year. Of course, I am also thinking of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday was a couple of weeks ago and the image of wind and fire continue to blow through our lives in many and various ways. I am only sorry I missed Pastor Dan’s magic display!

When I begin to look at where we are in this moment, it is not hard to see that something is at play in our ministry at Our Savior’s. Throughout our Lenten season we had many conversations within the congregation regarding our future ministry. It was appropriate and exciting to look at what kind of church we want to be as we move through this pandemic. It is obvious that we can’t go back to some idyllic time before the pandemic began. Rather, you are interested in asking the questions about the opportunities that God is offering in front of us. We live in a different world, to be honest, and so what should our focus be on as we move back to some sense of normalcy? The task force has put together some nice material from those conversations and it looks like there is a three-pronged plan.

1. We want to rediscover who we are. We want to figure out who we are again. How can we grow deeper into that understanding? How can we build up our sense of community? How do we get to know one another again? How do we begin to re-engage with our ministry? What does it mean to be a part of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church?

But we are still a busier bunch of people. In some ways, busier than before. One commentator thought we are busier than before because we are trying to catch up on all that we missed during the pandemic. What it means to be a part of this congregation moves us toward looking at offering events and programs that allow us to gather once again to get to know each other all over again. But we can’t simply leave it there, because our “busyness” doesn’t allow us to do much of that. So that leads us to the second prong of this vision.

2. As a result of our conversations, we know that many of you are looking toward ministry outside of ourselves. How can we engage in ministry outside of this church building? How can we answer God’s call to be disciples in this time and place? You are interested in volunteerism. There are lots of opportunities and how we make decisions about our involvement as a congregation will be fun to see.

To help us make some of those decisions we will need to know who is interested in this work and how do we find more opportunities?

3. One of our challenges of our setting is that we are a neighborhood church. If you aren’t looking for us specifically you will probably not find us. This is a challenge for us to find new and creative ways to tell the story of our ministry. We are going to look for how to best do that in the months to come. There are many ways to talk about this: public relations, marketing, invitational ministry, etc. How we do this will be important for our ministry into the future.

### **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:**

**Baptisms:** Isaac Meyer—  
June 12

**Funerals:** Eileen Tveit  
graveside service—June 25

## *From Pastor Hansen—continued*

So, there are lots of things happening within our leadership right now, even as we sit in the heat of the summer. The church council is looking at how best to move forward with this plan. Personnel is looking to figure out how best to staff it. Finance is helping to keep us on top of our ability to do the ministry we are called into, and through it all the Holy Spirit keeps blowing. We will be having a vote this September on becoming a Reconciled in Christ congregation where we will publicly declare that we welcome people into our midst regardless of their sexual identity or preference, their color, or their background. Life happens, and it is exciting!

We are looking to focus our programming this fall around a family reunion. What does it mean to see each other again? How can we get reacquainted? In the meantime, we are still worshiping and gathering to hear God's word, receive the sacrament and moved to bear witness to God's love in our lives. Thanks for being you. See you in church!

Peace,

*Pastor Tim*

## Council News

### **Council notes from June 16, 2022 meeting**

- + Debbie Peters was nominated and elected to Council Treasurer replacing Scott Breitenbach. Thank you Scott for all your years of service.
- + The Strategic Task Force recommendations following the congregational conversations were presented to council in April. Over the last two months council has gathered more information and explored ways to initiate the primary goals determined by the task force.
- + Look for some exciting ideas coming forward this summer/fall including a possible congregation book study, many different kinds of social events, and evangelism opportunities.

Jen Spredemann  
Council Vice President

### **Financial Progress Report for May 2022**

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$49,850.02	Giving: \$8,541.00
Expenses: \$58,964.57	Expenses: \$2,753.39
Net Cash Flow: \$<9,114.55>	Net Cash Flow: \$5,787.61
YTD Cash Flow: \$2,264.39	YTD Cash Flow: \$15,291.13

### **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!

**Attention All Electronic Givers**—If you are considering giving online, most of you know that we switched 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](http://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](mailto:bonnie@oslc-elca.org).

# Worship & Music

## **July Is Here**

July is here, summer has officially arrived, and most “program year” activities at Our Savior’s have ceased. Weekly worship on Sundays, however, continues. We gather to receive forgiveness, hear God’s word, hear that word explained through a sermon, receive communion, pray, and sing. Music is prominent throughout our worship and is chosen to correspond with the scripture and theme of the day.

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

Thanks,  
John Krueger

## **Save the Date: August 14, 2022 @ 1pm**

4th Annual Benefit Concert

Classic Brass Quintet

Supporting Dysphonia International (formerly known as National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association)

With special guests: Pastor Tim Hansen, Pastor Seth Hecox, John Krueger, and Diane Padrutt

August 14, 2022 at 1:00 pm Rain or Shine!!

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church (Parking Lot or Sanctuary)

Watch for more information in the coming weeks!

## **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.

# Worship & Arts

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## **Looking for Plant Watering and Gardening 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!

# Worship & Arts

**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 quite a few open slots available each month for the rest of 2022.**

The Altar Flower Board is located in the Narthex at the Welcome Desk. The price per bouquet is \$25. If you would like to order flowers...please remember to:



1. Sign up on the Altar Flower Board
2. Fill out an Altar Flower Order Form (located on the Welcome Desk)
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.)

If you wish to donate the flower bouquet(s) rather than take them home after our 10:30 service, please indicate that on the order form.

# Evangelism

Movie nights have returned! We are showing the following movies in July and August:

- **Soul:** July 21<sup>st</sup> (Outdoor, weather permitting) @ 8 pm
- **Encanto:** August 25<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:ken.sodemann@gmail.com)



God loves you, and so do we,  
The Evangelism Board

# Women's Ministry

## Save the Date—Saturday, September 24th!

Save Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> 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' Schedule for the rest of the summer

Our Quilters will meet on July 6th and August 3rd during the summer. Then, they will resume their regular schedule of meeting each Wednesday starting 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

## IT'S SUNSHINE SUPPER TIME!



Hello again good OSLC people. We're asking for your support for another Sunshine Supper coming up on **August 15th**. We're going to be feeding taco salad to approximately 400 people. If you can find it in your hearts to help us out, it would be so very much appreciated. You can include a check with your offering, mail one to the church, or drop it off in the mailbox outside. Just make sure you put Sunshine Supper in the memo line.

We're also looking for 12 volunteers to ready the meal and help serve the meal from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. If you would like to help, please email ( [paulthurston.mail@gmail.com](mailto:paulthurston.mail@gmail.com) ) or call (608.335.7809).

## Do you have a Child's Dresser to donate?

We have learned from our contact that we work with at Bird School for the "Hunger No Longer Food Shelf Pantry"—that there is a family who is moving at the end of July and is in need of a child's dresser. If you have a dresser that you no longer need and would like to donate it to this family in need, please contact the church office. If you can bring the dresser to the church, we will arrange for it to be delivered to the family. Thank you!



## 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!



# Fellowship



## An Afternoon at the Mallards Baseball Game with OSLC— Sunday, July 24th

**When:** Sunday, July 24th (Game time is 4:05 pm)

**Where:** Mallards Duck Pond (in Warner Park, 2920 N. Sherman Ave., Madison)

We have reserved a block of tickets in Section 201 for our OSLC group.

### *Here are the ticket package options:*

- \* Game ticket with hat: \$12
- \* Game ticket and Pregame Party with soda: \$22
- \* Game ticket and Pregame Party with beer: \$29

Pregame party starts when gates open 90 minutes before game time  
(See flyer on Welcome Desk for information about food and beverages included in Pregame Party)

Kids under 5 are FREE as long as they do not require a seat

**Sign-up Deadline is Sunday, July 10th.**

**Make checks payable to OSLC (and put "Mallards" on the memo line) and deliver payment in full to the church office by Sunday, July 10th.**



**If questions, contact Ed Nowicki at (608) 212-9648 or [edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net)**  
(Ed will provide tickets/more information as the date gets closer)

## Eat Boldly—Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!

The next group dinner will be Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at Erin's Snug Irish Pub, 4601 American Parkway, in Madison, at 7 pm. Please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk or contact Judy Fenske at 837-9000 or [judyfenske@hotmail.com](mailto:judyfenske@hotmail.com) no later than Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Save the date: Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at Murphy's in Westport.

# Other News

**Christ in Our Home Booklets**—Copies of the **third quarter booklets (July–September 2022)** have arrived. We have both regular and large print. They are in the plastic bin on top of our mailbox, as well as on the Welcome Desk. Feel free to pick up a copy!

## August Newsletter Deadline

Please submit items for the August newsletter by Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to [darlene@oslc-elca.org](mailto:darlene@oslc-elca.org)

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

# Youth & Family and Fellowship

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## High School Graduation Recognition - Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

We honored our graduating high school seniors at our 10:30 worship service on Sunday, June 12th. Congratulations to these Class of 2022 Graduates and Best Wishes!



*(not in the order pictured at left)*

**Jacob Baldwin—UW-Eau Claire,  
Rehabilitation Science**

**Addy Feldman—Northwestern  
University**

**Angela Harms—University of New  
Mexico, Business**

**Nicole Hanser—UW Madison,  
Mechanical Engineering**

**Caskey Schroeder—UW Eau Claire,  
Psychology, Family Studies, ASL**

**Allie Spredemann—Wartburg  
College, Elementary Education**



# Youth & Family and Fellowship

## Thank You from World Central Kitchen

As reported in a previous newsletter, the Confirmation Classes decided that the funds raised at our 2022 Lenten Soup Suppers should be donated to World Central Kitchen. Attached below is the thank you letter that we received from World Central Kitchen!



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200 Massachusetts Ave NW, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

June 6, 2022

Our Savior's Luthern Church  
550 Lincoln Dr  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

**Re: Thank you for your donation!**

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the entire World Central Kitchen team, I want to thank you for your donation of **\$773.00** made on **5/9/2022** in support of our work around the globe. No goods or services were received in exchange for this philanthropic contribution.

On February 24, Russia launched a large-scale military operation on neighboring Ukraine, invading the country on several fronts. The United Nations estimates that 3.5 million Ukrainians – primarily women and children – have fled since the attack began. Many refugees fleeing Ukraine lack access to food for multiple days during the long and arduous journey to the border.

WCK began serving hot meals within hours of the initial invasion of Ukraine, and quickly set up at the eight border crossings with Poland. Our Chefs for Ukraine response has grown rapidly and is distributing nourishing food and fresh meals across the region, including Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, and Spain, a key destination country. In addition to our field kitchen, WCK is working with local restaurants, caterers, and food trucks to provide fresh and comforting meals at border crossings, reception centers, shelters, and other locations along their journey.

In response to the humanitarian disaster, WCK has served more than 2 million meals – and counting – to 80+ cities across six countries. We will continue to monitor the situation along the border, within Ukraine, and in destination cities where refugees arrive and relocate, so we can continue to support communities whose lives have been so suddenly and tragically uprooted. As the situation evolves, WCK will continue to help and spread hope in the best way we know how: with a freshly prepared, hot plate of food.

**Wherever there is a fight so that hungry people may eat, we will be there.** Thank you for your belief and trust in our mission.

Sincerely,



Nate Mook  
CEO

p.s. - We hope that you follow us on Twitter (@WCKitchen), Facebook (@WorldCentralKitchen) and Instagram (@wckitchen) for the latest updates on our work.

~ July 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 7:00p Eat Boldly	<b>2</b> 10:00a AA Group Meeting (downstairs)
<b>3</b> 8:00a Worship in Sanctuary livestream plus available later on YouTube 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	<b>4 Independence Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:15p Evangelism Comm.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00a AA Group Meeting (downstairs)
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<b>17</b> 8:00a Worship in Sanctuary livestream plus available later on YouTube 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	<b>18</b> 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	<b>19</b> 7:00p Squirle (Men's Bible Study)	<b>20</b> 9:00a Staff Meeting  <b>Deadline for items for August newsletter</b>	<b>21</b> 6:00p Board of Finance 7:00p Congregation Council 8:00p Family Movie Night (Soul)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00a AA Group Meeting (downstairs)
<b>24</b> 8:00a Worship in Sanctuary livestream plus available later on YouTube 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 4:00p Afternoon at the Mallards Baseball Game	<b>25</b> 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	<b>26</b> 6:30p Martha Circle	<b>27</b> 9:00a Staff Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00a AA Group Meeting (downstairs)
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Diane Padrutt

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Kaia Feldman, Diane Padrutt

**Director of Chancel Ringers**

Angie Schmidt

**Custodian**

George Lazar Jr.

**Church Office Phone**

(608) 837-3111

## Congregational Council

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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.  
 Due to the virus and variance health concerns, office hours are variable.

**Office Hours**

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