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A Letter from the Pastor

"We come here expecting God to do amazing things—right here, right now!"

On the first day of Vacation Bible School [Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus was a Kid!](#), 90 kids and 45 helpers and teachers learned a line in the song, "Great Things." And they believed it!

It didn't take much convincing. They really expected God to do amazing things in Hometown Nazareth. And they expected those great things to happen RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW! Yes, we sang our little hearts out. Okay, sometimes we screamed. RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW! And we believed it.

Oh, to have the faith of a child.

Sometimes our expectations become more "realistic" and "sensible" as we age however. Truth be told our expectations can be too low. We may not expect God to show up...to give

us the words, to help us see the way, to give us the courage to give ourselves, to heal that old wound. You get the picture.



Yet, as the song continued the truth rang out: "Great things happen when we come together. Great things happen when we praise our Savior. We sing! We serve! We laugh! We learn! Great things..."

- We sing! - You also have the opportunity to join in the community choir that will bless the worship on 9/11 as together in community Sun Prairie remembers the tragedy and now looks to the future with hope. For more details, see page 3.
- We serve! - Read on page 8 about how our faithful quilters made 26 pillowcase dresses for girls in Haiti.
- We laugh! - See for yourself on our Facebook page...[Pastor B getting dunked](#) at the Cannery Square Block Party raising money for our RIOT youth's Mystery Mission Trip. "Like" our page while you are there please.
- We learn! - Everyone who touches the lives of children and youth is invited to attend the CROSSTraining event on August 6 where we will learn how to better pass on the faith and much more. See page 9.

The song ends, "Great things are gonna happen! Great things are gonna happen HERE!" God's gonna show up! Catch sight of God in your family, on the job, in the park, at Our Savior's. Expect great things. And in a quiet moment of reflection, ask yourself "What might God be expecting of me?"

God be with you!

Pastor Krahn

Worship Themes

The Pentecost season gets into full swing. It's time to pay special attention to what Jesus is teaching us, especially from the Gospel of Matthew.

July 3—Pentecost 3—Self-reliance is the American way. Yet our Gospel suggests that we've been fitted for *A Yoke Built for Two*.

July 10—Pentecost 4—Is the water of Baptism wetness of cleansing? Are the words incantation or promise. For this and many things it is vital that we *See with Your Heart*.

July 17—Pentecost 5—The meaning of Jesus sometimes leads us to think life ought to be perfection. Not so. *Life's a Pain*.

July 24—Pentecost 6—Today's Gospel reading strings together a tight group of *Heavenly Metaphors*. It may take the wisdom of Solomon to totally grasp what they mean.

July 31—Pentecost 7—*People Are Starving* in every corner of the globe. They lack nutrition for their bodies, and they lack nutrition for their souls.

August 7—Pentecost 8—On the 8th Sunday after Pentecost we will answer not "Why did the chicken cross the road?" but "*Why did the disciples cross the sea?*"

August 14—Pentecost 9—Jesus upset many people with his pronouncements that God's love extended beyond the chosen nation. That same thought speaks to us, and we need to listen since even *I Am a Foreigner*.

August 21—Pentecost 10—Life is full of questions. We'll weed through some of those questions and see if we can't *Ask Better Questions*.

August 28—Pentecost 11—*What do you do when you don't like what you hear?* That happens regularly in Scripture and on this day we will hear examples from Jeremiah and Peter.

Finances Mirror Economic Times

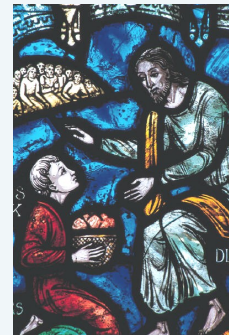
A quick look at OSLC income for the year would seem to reflect two things. One, the economic downturn. Even though the U.S. economy is growing, giving to the work of the Lord tends to be one of the last areas to recover. Two, we have a congregation of many teachers and government workers. The changes in government policies that have affected their resource security trickle into church finances.

Still, we thank God for the hardy sharing that translates into the work of Christ right here, right now. Thank you to all who have the mission of Christ vibrantly alive.

The Crossroads Online



This issue of *The Crossroads* is the first one to be sent electronically. Electronically mailing the newsletter brings a double savings to the church: paper and postage. We know that some people will still want a mailed, paper copy. However, our goal is to decrease the number of mailed copies to 50. We are at a mailed copy number of about 250 as of this mailing. If we can send *The Crossroads* to you electronically, and you have not yet signed up for the digital version, please contact the church office (608)837-3111 or email megan@oslc-elca.org and give us the email addresses we can use for you. Thanks.



A Decade Later: At the Crossroads of Fear and Faith

The 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that changed the world arrives on Sunday, September 11. In recognition of this anniversary, we are teaming up with the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church to hold a community worship service. The service, which begins at 11:00am, will emphasize the faith we have in Christ which allows us to face the fears of everyday life in a post 9/11 world.



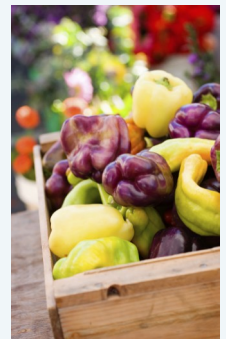
Bishop Bruce Burnside of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be our guest preacher.

Offerings that are not designated for a particular congregation will be divided between national and local causes.

This is a community event. OSLC will not hold regular services that day. Please, bring neighbors and friends.

Look for ELCA at the Farmer's Market

The Dane County Farmer's Market attracts visitors from all over southern Wisconsin. Look for the presence of the ELCA Hunger Appeal Table on one of the "spokes" radiating from the capital. Would you like to help? Two shifts of volunteer opportunity exist each Saturday (7:00am-9:30am and 9:30am-Noon). A short training is all it takes on the day you volunteer. Interested? "Until Everyone Is Fed" is at the market and you can call Amy Larson at (414)335-3680 or email her at aalarson2@wisc.edu. Volunteer today. Help raise awareness about world hunger.



OSLC Job Opportunity: Finance Secretary

Our finance secretary, Nancy Walden, is stepping down from the great job she's been doing for several years. Now we need a new person who has a head for bookkeeping and understands how a church functions. If you are interested in this part-time job (12-15 hours per week), please call the church office (608)837-3111 for a complete job description and application.

Summer Church Office Volunteers Needed

We are looking for friendly individuals to assist in the church office later this summer during the time when our Communications Secretary, Megan Marshall, is gone on maternity leave. If you are interested in helping contact Brandy in the church office brandy@oslc-elca.org or (608)837-3111.

Nursery News



We are looking for more volunteers to staff the nursery as we get ready for fall and a busy season at church. We need volunteers for all 3 services and the 9:15am education hour. We also need volunteers on a substitute list to help with special events like new member classes or special Advent services. At most you'd volunteer 8 times a year which is a minimal commitment and a great way to get involved at Our Saviors. Middle school youth and older are welcome to help with the youngest members at church. Please feel free to e-mail

haddoski@hotmail.com (please put in subject line OSLC Nursery so I get it out of my junk e-mail) or call me (608)333-7071 if you'd like to be added to our volunteer list or fill out a form in the nursery...located right inside the door in the file folder on the wall & drop in the black mailbox on the counter. Thanks so much, Kelly Preboski.

Join the Summer Choir



If you enjoy singing, consider singing in the Summer Choir. It's easy and fun! Our Savior's Summer Choir will sing on July 17 and August 21. Rehearsals are at 9:30am Sunday morning in the Sanctuary on each of those days. We will prepare music to sing at the 10:30 worship service for that day. This choir is for anyone entering 9th grade to adult. There are no attendance rules, no hot robes to wear and no processing—just help lead the congregation in singing the hymns and learn an anthem to sing that day. Come on over to "the other side" and give our Summer Choir a try! Please contact Kim Peterson at (608)237-1797 or at kimusic@live.com for more information.

O.S. Faith Odyssey Design Team

The O. S. Faith Odyssey Design Team is the group who chooses curriculum, trains, organizes, recruits, and oversees each of the five Rotations each year. This team includes Workshop Coordinators – Wendy Wegenke and **an additional coordinator to be recruited**; Sherpa Coordinator – Brenda Wilcox; Registrar – Denise Meyers; Programmer – Janet Kostka; Member at large – Becky Caron; Curriculum Team - Jill Schmoldt, Angie Schmidt and Jessica Schleicher; Council Christian Education Director – Lori Lelivelt and Christian Education Director – Muriel Arms. When you see any of these individuals, please thank them for their dedicated work and continued commitment to the O.S. Faith Odyssey Sunday school.

We are looking for a workshop leader coordinator with the specific responsibility of recruiting workshop leaders for each of the rotations. This person is a very essential part of our Design Team. Anyone interested in finding out more about this position should contact Muriel.

Sunday School Sherpas Needed!

Sherpas are integral to the rotation Sunday school structure. They rotate with their class through the workshops. No preparation outside of Sunday morning is required and all materials are provided! It is the continual presence of a Sherpa that helps the children connect and strengthen their ties to the church family. We are also looking for Sherpa helpers (youth) and Sherpa substitutes. If you are interested, contact Brenda Wilcox at (608)318-0506 or brenda@wilcoxes.net.

Sunday School Registration for 2011-12

[Registrations for 2011-2012 Sunday school](#) are now available at church OR you can download them from the OSLC website. Please return them as soon as possible so that over the summer months we can begin to plan for the fall. This will assist us in recruiting the necessary Sherpas and makes Rally Day run more smoothly.



Pre-school Sunday School

Parents with children who will be three or four by September 1, 2011 are encouraged to register their child for pre-school Sunday school either at 9:15am or 10:30am Sunday mornings. The pre-school curriculum is based on Biblical stories and uses various methods to teach the stories. An orientation for all new 3- and 4-year-olds will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00pm. Child care will be available.

Pre-school leaders and assistants needed for both 9:15am and 10:30am session. Parents and youth are encouraged to volunteer for this exciting learning opportunity for the 3- and 4-year-olds. Sign up at the Education table – if you have questions contact Carolyn Kreitlow at (608)556-0660.

O.S. Faith Odyssey Ready to Set Sail—Rally Day Sept. 18

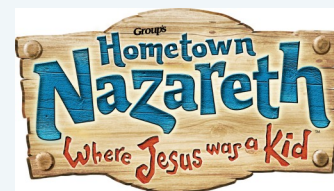
Please join us as we kick off the Sunday school year on Rally Day, September 18. Preschool kids are asked to gather in the education wing at their class time. All 5K-5th grade kids are asked to gather in the Fellowship Hall.

The first rotation will lead us to "This Train is Bound for Glory – Values of Christian Living" and starts September 25. Children will board the Glory Bound Train each week and will explore a different car on the train. Each car will focus on a well known Bible verse which they learn how to apply to their lives. We encourage all parents and members of the congregation to participate in Rotation Sunday school. It is through your personal support that our educational program will be successful. Come to the Fellowship Hall and see how children learn – help out as volunteers – we are always in need of people who will assist our Sherpas and our workshop leaders. **Workshop Leaders are needed for this first rotation.** A sign up sheet is on the Education Table - Leaders needed are: Creation Station; Bible Variety; No-computer adaptation; Game; and Science. Activities include: a pulley power science experiment; a remote control car course and an obstacle course. Don't miss this first Odyssey port of the year. This Rotation runs from September 25 – October 23.

We look forward to the new kindergarten children who will join us this year. An orientation session will be held on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00pm. This orientation will be for both parents and children and will help ease the kindergarten children into Rotation Sunday school.

Children Return from Nazareth

What a wonderful experience the Vacation Bible School students had on their one week trip to Nazareth. During this week they learned that Jesus had a name, a family, a home and went to church JUST LIKE US. The marketplace was filled with all sorts of activities from listening to Jesus' father, Joseph, talk about carpentry and teaching Jesus his skills, [making interesting beads](#) at the [Bead Bazaar](#), learning about farming techniques at the Farmers Field, making scented lotion from the oil of olives, going to the Rock Quarry and finding beautiful rocks to make amulets and [putting sheep pull toys together](#). The students also went to Synagogue School under the capable supervision of Rabbi David. They visited Mary each day and learned interesting stories about Jesus growing up – and the SONGS were great! Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this week in Nazareth another wonderful and successful week.



Solid Rock University Registration and Orientation Set

Is this your first year at SRU? All Year 1 students will have an orientation session to our confirmation program on September 7th at 6:30pm. Year 1 students and parents will learn how our university style confirmation program is designed and become familiar with the program. You'll be introduced to the courses for Year 1 students and sign the confirmation covenant. Parents and students are required to attend the orientation meeting together.



Are you a returning SRU student? Each SRU student, together with their parents, will have an individual interview with either Brett or Pastor Krahn. At that meeting we'll be selecting courses for the entire year, as well as signing the year's confirmation covenant. You will receive your scheduled appointment time via email prior to your individual interview. It is crucial that parents and students attend the interview meeting together.

Classes for all students are back in session on October 5. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Krahn at (608)837-3111 or pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org.

RIOT Youth Ask for Your Prayers and Say THANK YOU!

Sixteen senior high youth and three chaperones will be headed out on their Mystery Mission Trip on July 16 and ask that you keep them in your prayers. We are headed to destinations unknown to us but will solve clues and riddles along the way that will help us discover our destination for the day and what our daily service project will be. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support of our fund raisers and for your continued prayers. Those Mystery Mission Trippers include: Heather Boles, Katie Christensen, Kyle Christensen, Myranda Devocelle, James Elliot, Andy Fish, Laura Kaiser, Sydney Kane, Chelsea LaRue, Logan O'Brien, Alicia Olander, Kjerstin Saarela, Brittany Smith, Miriam Valley, Heidi Wagner, Megan Wendt, Brett Christensen – Leader, Brandee Christensen- Chaperone, Jackie Myers – Chaperone.

Confirmation Camp

16 middle school youth attended a week-long confirmation camp at Pine Lake back in June. The group held Bible studies, had a camp out in the woods, went swimming, and enjoyed camp life. This program is a great way to build fellowship and experience Christ in a new and exciting way. If you are interested in camping ministry, which offers the camp experience for all ages, please see a brochure at the youth and family table or talk to Brett.



chaos youth who attended confirmation camp with Brett in June will reconnect with their camp friends from St. Luke's in Middleton at OSLC on July 31 at 1:00pm. See you there campers!!

"Welcome to Middle School" Trip

If you are entering 6th grade, you are invited to travel to Wisconsin Dells on Tuesday, August 23 for a day at Riverview Water Park. Join your friends from OSLC, UMC, Bristol Lutheran, Sacred Hearts and St. Albert's, as they spend a day of fun, sun and fellowship. Sign up on the youth and family table if you are interested. We will be leaving from St. Albert's at 9:00am and we will be back at St. Albert's by 5:00pm. See Brett with questions.

RIOT and chaos

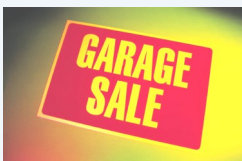
As summer draws to a close in August, look to the RIOT/chaos bulletin boards and website for a fall schedule. See Brett for details.



3 Senior High Youth Elected to Serve on Synod's LYO Board

Congratulations to incoming sophomore Miriam Valley and incoming senior Brittany Smith on their election to the South Central Synod Youth Board at their elections in June. They join incoming senior Heidi Wagner who is serving her last year on the board. This Lutheran Youth Organization board represents all senior high youth in our synod of 145 churches. Congratulations girls!!

Church-wide Rummage Sale August 20 from 8:00-3:00pm



The RIOT youth group will be hosting our tri-annual church-wide rummage sale in conjunction with the city-wide sale on August 20 from 8:00am-3:00pm. We welcome any donations of **gently used** items for our sale. We have begun to receive those items. If you are interested in helping with this sale please see Brett.

Book Club

In July, we will be reading *I Still Dream About You* by Fannie Flagg. Maggie Fortenberry, a former Miss Alabama and now a realtor, is struggling with a poor real estate market and a life of seemingly missed chances. She's got a plan of how to change her life, but she keeps postponing that plan for reasons of real estate and friendship. In August, we will be reading *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. In 1986, when Chinese-American Henry Lee hears that the belongings of Japanese immigrants interned during WWII have been found in the basement of the Panama Hotel, he recalls his childhood friendship with Japanese-American, Kieko Okabe. The story shuttles between 1986 and the 1940s as Henry reflects on his life.



Lutheran Men in Mission (www.oslc-imm.org)

Men's Softball: The remaining games are as follows: June 26 at 1:30pm and 3:30pm, July 10 at 2:30pm and 3:30pm, July 17 at 3:30pm, July 24 at 1:30pm and 3:30pm, August 7 at 3:30pm and August 14 at 2:30pm and 3:30pm. Come out to Stone Ridge Park Sunday



afternoons and cheer us on! We have two men's teams who need all the encouragement they can get. Additionally, if you know of someone interested in playing please let us know. We are open to all gents post confirmation! Please contact Steve Caron at steven.w.caron@cummins.com or at (608)345-6096.

Women's Retreat Opportunity: Mrs. Kelly is tired of all the boys having the fun! She invites the ladies of the congregation to join her October 7-9, 2011 at Sugar Creek Bible Camp for a ladies weekend away from the guys. A weekend of pampering and special speakers.

The cost is \$75. Look for more information at the Ministry Opportunity Table. Please contact Mrs. Kelly S. Thompson at kellythompson6@frontier.com or at (608)834-8160.

+ One a Week Club +

To find a current list of blood drives or to make an appointment to give blood you can call 1-800-give-life or visit www.givebloodgivelife.org. Donating blood takes about an hour of your time. Please consider making time for this vital need in our community. Call to schedule your appointment today!

Thanks to Ellen Devoe, Marilyn Silvester, Diane Williamson, Steven Smith, Bonnie Schunke, Colleen Fjelstad, Reta Yeazel, Terry Yeazel, Jim Sensenbrenner, Judy Singletary, Ron Mach and Dan Williamson who donated blood recently.

Our total for 2011 so far is 65! Way to go!

Thank you from Sally Campbell

I wish to thank the many friends who sent cards, flowers, food and most of all said PRAYERS for me before, during and after my recent surgery. To God goes all the glory and I praise His name for His healing mercy. Good friends are like stars...you don't always see them, but you know that they are always there...thank you all for being there for me!

- Sally Campbell

Stuff the Bus

OSLC is collecting pocket folders with **NO FASTENERS** this year. The deadline for these donations is Wednesday, August 3. Please place your donations in the Stuff the Bus box in the narthex. Thank you!

Eat Boldly



This month we will be meeting at Halvorson's in Stoughton on Friday, July 1 at 7:00pm. Please see the sign up sheet on the Ministry Opportunity Table in the narthex. We decide at the restaurant where we will be meeting for the next month. All are welcome!

CROP Walk Coordinator Needed

Our Savior's is looking for a coordinator for the CROP Walk this year (and future years too!). Tasks would include: working with Thrivent before the walk for possible sponsoring funds from them, getting information from the CROP walk planning committee pertaining to the walk (Nancy Baumgardner, nancybaumgardner@gmail.com), and working with Brett & Pastor B. for guidance on walk day events, meeting location, etc. The CROP Walk date for this year is Sunday, October 16. If you are interested please contact Brandy in the church office (608)837-3111 or email her at brandy@oslc-elca.org.



Our Hands, God's Work

Our OSLC quilters recently became aware of a simple pattern for making little dresses from new or gently used pillowcases. Twenty-six dresses were completed and have been given to a Haitian resident who has been visiting in the United States and is returning soon to Haiti. She said the little girls will be delighted and grateful to receive the dresses.



Dartball

We are looking for any men, sons and grandsons who are interested in playing on a dartball team on Thursday evenings in October. If this group interests you, please contact Ross Oestreich at (608)235-5597.

Farewell and Thanks to the Servant of the Month— Karin Delaitsch

When we have classes for new members, we have treats. Those who make those delicious sweet morsels do so in the background, and this month we would like to highlight one of them—Karin Delaitsch. Karen and family are moving to Maryland, so this is our last chance to show our gratitude. Thank you, Karin.

And to all those who bake tasty treats for new members and for the many hours you have given caring for our outdoor plants, thanks. You are part of a team that includes hundreds of servants who quietly do the Lord's work and allow our hands to do God's work.

Official Acts

Baptisms - *celebrating new life through the sacrament of belonging* :

June 5—Paxton Hensler—son of Nicholas & Amy Hensler

June 11—Addison Rhea Drogue—daughter of Jason & Tiffany Drogue

June 12—Clara Ann McCulloh—daughter of Jennifer & Ryan McCulloh

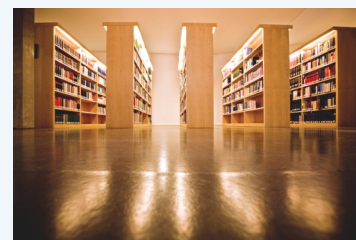
Funerals - *commending the faithful to the loving arms of God* :

June 17—Timothy Connelly

June 20—Gertrude Veenendaal

2011 Library Projects and Accomplishments to Date

Much has been accomplished during the first five months of 2011. The entire collection has been checked book-by-book for weeding of duplicate, worn and dated materials. A new spine label and protective label cover have been affixed to each piece of library material. The information on each book card and pocket has been checked and updated so that the information is consistent with what is on the spine label for location, author, title. Each non-fiction book was checked for cataloguing and some items were changed/moved so that similar items are together. Stickers that indicate Large Print, Young Adult, Christmas, Easter, CD, the special parenting collection, Reference have been affixed to those items so that identification of them is easier. Please note all of the new sections in the library!



Last, but not least, the back-logged fiction materials for children, young adults and adults have been processed and are on the New Books Shelves. Many new non-fiction books also have been catalogued and processed. They are located on the hallway cart as a "New Adult/Young Adult Non-Fiction" display. Check them out!

You are encouraged to visit the church library and note the changes!

Library Board Members Phyllis Unmacht, Mary Hauck, Louise Zielke and Muriel Arms



CROSSTraining

Session 1 of CROSSTraining is Coming to Our Savior's on August 6 from 9:00am-Noon!

In partnership with our synod and churchwide, Youth and Family Ministry at Our Savior's invites ALL ADULTS who work with youth to a FREE training event.

CROSSTraining events will be a mix of "face-to-face" meetings throughout the next several months, as well as online webinars that you and other youth ministry leaders can participate in at home.

Again, anyone from pastor to confirmation or Sunday school teacher to chaperones and drivers are invited to attend any and all of these events. The best thing is...THEY ARE FREE!

We just ask that you sign up on the Youth Table so we can plan accordingly.

Spring 2011 Training Topics

"The Landscape of Youth Ministry" - Presented by Brett Christensen

"Youth Ministry Events as Faith Formation" - Presented by Brett Christensen

"Getting Ready for NYG 2012" - Presented by Cory Hamilton

Sign up on the door by the youth table or see Brett.

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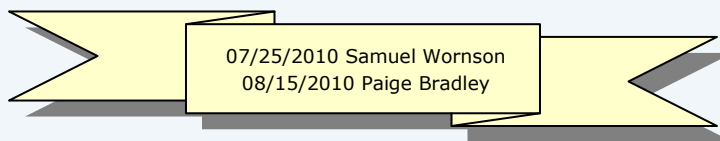
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Celebrating the first anniversary of their baptism this month.



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