

THE CROSSROADS



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“Hear O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.” You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

One afternoon this past month, Brett and I took a drive to Bethel Lutheran Church and attended a workshop by Rich Melheim of Faith Inkubators. The information was helpful, energizing, and thought-provoking....all that you hope for in those events that take you out of your normal routine and introduce you to new ideas. The wisdom of the day reinforced our understanding that faith needs to incubate and develop in the home. To state the obvious...church “programs” (or one hour a week) cannot do it all.

The bright spot of the day was Melheim's new material, the *Faith 5* or Faith Acts In The Home. *Faith 5* is a tool for families to use at home. Each night at bedtime the family gathers (without interruption of phones, tv, etc.) and spends a few moments of quality time doing the *Faith 5*:

1. **Share** highs & lows of the day
2. **Read** and highlight a Bible verse
3. **Talk** about how today's verse relates to your highs & lows
4. **Pray** for your highs & lows, for your family, and for the world
5. **Bless** one another

I decided to use it immediately in my own home, adding portions to our bedtime ritual that we were not already doing. And it has been a blessing. The intentional time together has quickly become cherished time. I came to find out that Olivia is eager to open the Bible. She ponders the faith connection. We share things (highs and lows) that I never knew we had in common.

The *Faith 5* has quickly become a great tool to grow the faith in my family. What about yours? Do you want to take the plunge and use this tool with your kids or with your spouse? Are you willing to test this in your home for 6 weeks? Let me know...

Pastor Krahn

Summer Church Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
8:30am – 4:30pm
Closed Fridays

The Pentecost Season Begins

The longest season of the liturgical year, Pentecost, begins in June. Throughout the summer and fall we will have the delight of hearing almost the entire Gospel of Mark read. You are all encouraged to hear this simple yet beautiful story of God's love as it is told by the evangelist.

June 7 - Holy Trinity - Today we are pleased to have Pastor Ron Mach in the pulpit. Pr. Mach is a member of Our Savior's. Before retiring, he served as an assistant to the bishop of our synod. We will also recognize our high school seniors today.

June 14 - The Second Sunday after Pentecost – The parable of the mustard seed describes how from *Humble Beginnings* come mysterious growth.

June 21 - The Third Sunday after Pentecost - *Big Questions Small Answers* highlight the readings from Job and Mark on this day. From them we see the fearlessness of faith.

June 28 - The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - The gospel reading today recounts two stories of Jesus' power to fortify and give life. *The Well of Faith* is a witness that faith makes us well.



The Our Father's World Quilt

As a gift to the church and part of our 50th anniversary year, a very beautiful and unique quilt with accompanying paraments will grace our chancel. Called *Our Father's World*, the quilt contains several individual squares that represent biblical passages. The center, of course, is the tree of life representing the life God has bestowed upon Our Savior's, a life that continues to grow and thrive as we are planted in the good news.

Thanks to Delores Durtschi, Linda Frautschy, Jan Nelson, Jean Minga, Helen Mundt, Ellie Borchert, Arlene Chaussee, and Linda Stauffacher who all contributed to the project.

The Fiscal Side of Summer

Many of us are looking forward to summer. The routines seem to change, vacations come around, evenings outside become commonplace. Life is good, and thanks be to God.

Summer can be miserable for church budgets, however. And we are prayerful that the Spirit will remind us that the church needs the resources of our offerings every week.

We appear to be coming into summer on the upside. We have the financial



numbers for April, and God has blessed us with commitment and generosity during difficult times. Through the first third of the year we have an income of \$195,073 to match expenditures of \$188,932. Our debt reduction side needs a little attention. Thus far we have received \$38,940 to match expenditures of \$60,888.

We thank God for the blessings of resources and unselfishness bestowed upon us. Let us, with the Lord's help, remain vigilant in giving to God the first fruits of our labors.

Baptism Enrichment Class on June 13

Baptism is the central act of new birth into the Church of Jesus Christ. By water and word, the Lord forgives our sin and promises us new life each day.

On Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m., we will have one of our bi-monthly enrichment classes for all those who are planning a baptism at Our Savior's. All parents are expected to attend this meeting even if this is not the first baptism here for your family. Expectant parents are also invited.

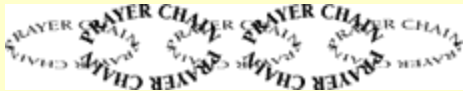
If you will be planning a baptism here over the next few months please sign up for this class on the Ministry Opportunity Table.

Cookbook Update

Rally Day is the anticipated arrival of our church cookbook. Volunteers are still needed to do some at home computer data entry work. If you are interested, please contact Kay Bailey at 837-2816.

Praying for You

We are growing our Prayer Chain ministry and willing "Pray-ers" are asked to get involved. Participants receive prayers of concern or thanksgiving and pass them on to the next person on the "chain." We have both a morning and evening prayer chain. If this ministry suits you, please sign up at the Ministry Opportunity Table. We also ask if you are currently a part of the Prayer Chain that you sign up also as the list will have changes. Contact Pastor Krahn at 837-3111 or pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org with any questions you have.



CAT Team Uplifts Graduating Seniors

Attention parents of graduating seniors. As the church recognizes the milestone of graduation for your senior high youth on June 7th, know that they will be receiving a care-package from the **College-age Ministry Team**. This will also be an opportunity for you to learn more about the CAT Team and how they intentionally keep your child connected to their faith and OSLC after they leave in the fall. See Brett if you have questions.

Confirmation Camper REMINDER!

Please be at the church at 1pm on June 21, as we prepare to commute to camp. Please have your health form filled out and a photo copy of your insurance card ready to give to Brett. Have any medications you take in a plastic bag, ready to turn in. Brett will have extra health forms if you need. If you have agreed to drive either to or from camp, please check in with Brett again so that we are set to go.

Springers on Lake Kegonsa

Is the next destination for It's Your Night Out. Anyone who knows how to eat is invited to enjoy fellowship, merriment, and food with new, as well as, not so new friends from Our Savior's! Join us for dinner on Friday, June 5 at 6:30pm at Springers, located at 3097 Sunnyside St., in Stoughton. Pick up a map on the Ministry Opportunity Table when signing up for this event. If lost, call 608-205-9300 for directions. See ya there!

Rummage Sale at OSLC

The youth will be holding a rummage sale at the church on August 22. You can begin to drop off donations for the sale on Monday, June 22. The donations will be stored in the preschool classrooms in the education wing. If you need assistance getting your items to the church, contact Brett to schedule a pick up.



Summer Choir

If you love to sing, but only have time for a short commitment, this is the choir for you! Our Savior's summer choir will sing on June 28 and Aug 9.

We will meet in the sanctuary from 9:30 until 10:00 on each of those days. We will prepare music for that day and then lead worship at 10:30. This choir is for anyone in 9th grade or older. Please contact Kim Peterson at 237-1797 or at kimusic@live.com for more information.



SCRIP Highlight

This month we will be highlighting a few local entertainment sources who participate in the SCRIP program. With summer break nearly upon us, this is a wonderful way to help raise some extra money with no extra cost to you. Visit simplifiedscrip.com to sign up. Contact Brett if you have questions.

Entertainment Sources

Vitense Golf Land provides a 7% return
Marcus Theaters provides a 7% return
Blockbuster Video provides a 3% return
Game Stop provides a 2% return
Ticketmaster provides a 1% return



Council Notes and Votes

The Congregation Council met for its regular meeting on Thursday, May 21. The council noted:

- Brian Loken has resigned as chair of the Board of Stewardship in order to spend more time with his business
- The youth fund raiser at Culver's netted over \$350 for the kids going to the National Youth Gathering
- Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson has asked that people of the ELCA begin 50 days of prayer for the Churchwide Assembly beginning on May 29
- The next council meeting is July 16
- The Youth & Alleluia choirs have been invited to participate in the Synod Assembly worship on June 6

And the council voted:

- To approve new members to be received on June 14
- To add a bucket brigade offering on May 31 to bring to the Synod Assembly on June 6
- To approve the formation of a

RIOT Summer Schedule

Attention incoming 9-12 grade youth. RIOT (senior high youth group) will begin their summer schedule on June 16 at 12:30 for lunch with Brett at Beef O'Bradys. Bring \$5 and have a RIOT-filled lunch. Friends are always welcome. See the complete summer schedule on the RIOT bulletin board and on the Web site under youth and family ministry at www.oslc-elca.org. See Brett with questions.



Let's Get Together... Creative Connections to Begin

We know there are many folks out there who enjoy crafting of one sort or another. So we're coming together to craft on Friday evening, July 24, from 6-9 pm. Everyone should bring their own project that they are working on (scrapbooking, croqueting, quilting, stamping, beading, etc.) or work on a card-making project to benefit the CAT ministry. Please sign-up on the Ministry Opportunity Table. Contact Pastor Krahn at 837-3111 or pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org with any questions you have.



Future Bucket Brigades

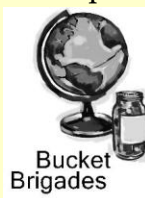
No other congregation can make so much out of an empty five quart plastic ice cream pail as we do here at Our Savior's. We call them Bucket Brigades, and they consist simply of standing in the narthex with those ice cream pails and providing an opportunity for people to contribute to a good cause. If you would like to give to these causes but will not be at worship you can drop your donation off at church during office hours. Please just make sure your donation designates which cause you would like to support.

Here's what's coming up:

June 21 - Crossways Camps (where our kids usually go church camping)

July 5 - Relay for Life (our part in seeking cures for a difficult illness)

July 12 - Triangle Ministries (a ministry to a unique Madison neighborhood)



Bucket Brigade for Crossways

OSLC saw a very active year in camping ministry, with various youth camps, confirmation camp, Middle school Blast,

Church council retreat and the Youth and Family retreat. Although the camps charge a fee for attending, often this fee does not cover all of the expenses. Our Savior's would like to help out Crossways Camp this month by offering a Bucket Brigade. This will replace the coins for camp campaign that has been held in January.

Rock 'N Relay 2009

On July 17 and 18 the Sun Prairie Community will come together on the Sun Prairie High School Track to fight Cancer. Relay for Life is an over night event in which participants walk laps on the track to represent that cancer never sleeps. Be a part of the fight and join the team. You can pick up a registration form from the Ministry Opportunity Table or go online and register at main.acsevents.org/life_rflsunprairiewi



We will have a team meeting on Thurs., July 9, 2009 at 7pm. Not sure you are in town that weekend to participate by walking or coming to check out the silent auction or Luminary ceremony? You can also donate to Our Savior's team members online, in person, or through the bucket brigade.

Bethlehem Crafts are Back

On June 27 and 28 we will welcome back Amir Saed and Zack Ibrahim as they offer for sale many different items hand crafted in Bethlehem. Amir Saed and Zack Ibrahim represent about 85 Christian families from Bethlehem. These families have been dependent upon sales of their hand carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East, the tourism has been cut off. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United State to purchase their articles.



Book Club

Join us Tuesday June 2 at 6:30pm at the 1855 restaurant in Cottage Grove. We'll discuss *The Blue Bottle Club* by Penelope J Stokes. On July 7, we'll discuss Jaquelyn Mitchard's *Still Summer*, at Sally Walters' home.

O. S. Faith Odyessy Docked May 17

The ship did come in and it was reported that everyone had a great time visiting the many sites over the past nine months. Places that were visited by the students were: Mt. Sinai with an opportunity to meet Moses and learn about the Ten Commandments; Bethlehem to hear all the names that God's Son goes by – such as Son of God, Son of Man, Son of David, Son of Joseph – This Jesus was certainly Some Son. They also checked in on the family of Isaac and Rebekah and learned about their twin sons – Jacob and Esau. They met with Jesus and the disciples and learned what is meant by discipleship and learned the words of The Lord's Prayer, its meaning and how to say it using sign language. It was an amazing year.

The Board of Education would like to thank the Sherpas, Workshop leaders, volunteers, office workers, and the Rotation Design team for all the work that went into the 2008-2009 *New Discoveries Journey of Faith*.

The Pre-school children also completed a full year of celebration in learning Bible stories and about God's love in song, puppetry, crafts, and story telling. Our thanks to Carolyn Kreitlow and the preschool teachers and helpers as well as Kim Olander with singing.

Registration forms for this fall will be in the mail soon. Sunday school is open to all children who will be 3 by Sept. 1, 2009 through the 6th grade. Watch for orientation dates for students and parents of first year attendees and kindergarteners.



Noah's Ark Tickets

Our Savior's has 50 tickets to Noah's Ark available. They are \$25 each (a savings of almost \$12 per ticket). Tickets are valid any day the park is open during the 2009 season. Stop in the office during office hours to purchase yours.

Chaos Summer Schedule

Attention incoming 6-8 grade youth. *Chaos* (middle school youth group) will begin their summer schedule on June 12 with a lock-in. The fun begins at 7pm. Sign up on the youth table and bring a friend. Pick up a permission slip and have it completed and bring it with you the day of the lock-in. See the complete summer schedule on the *chaos* bulletin board and on the web site under youth and family ministry at www.oslc-elca.org. See Brett with questions.



Grocery Receipts

So far this year, \$84 was received from Pick 'N Save and \$365 from Sentry Foods. This money supports the Food Pantry and the Board of Church in Society. Don't forget that you can sign up for these programs by asking for a sticker on your Sentry receipt and then bring the receipt to the church office or sign up at the customer service counter at Pick 'N Save (our number is 58520 or they will look it up for you). Thank you for your support.

Another Milestone! First Communion Celebrated!

Ten students recently attended the preparation class and now have begun to participate in the Holy Meal. They will be recognized at worship on June 14 at 10:30. Give a "high 5" to the following:

Kele Covington
Savannah Frei
Vicky Harris
Ben Ippolito
Michael Martin
Sydney Martin
Carter Simon
Gracie Simon
Aiden Williams
Luke Williams

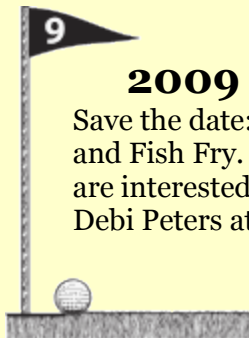


Senior Aged Wednesdays at Lutherdale

Lutherdale is inviting senior citizen groups to spend a fun day at camp just for seniors. Arrive about 10:00am, participate in a few fun events, and head back for home about 3:00pm. Cost is \$10/person. Dates are July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5 & 12. A sign up sheet is on the Ministry Opportunity Table.

2009 Golf Outing

Save the date: August 28, for the OSLC Golf Outing and Fish Fry. Details will be coming soon. If you are interested in helping plan this event, contact Debi Peters at 837-3252.



Official Acts

Baptisms - celebrating new life through the sacrament of belonging

May 10 – Eleanore Dittberner – daughter of Richard & Sara Dittberner

May 10 – Mason Gast – son of Jesse & Meaghan Gast

May 10 – Alton Williams – son of Mark & Christina Williams

May 24 – Ella Volz – daughter of Gary & Melissa Volz

May 24 – Kenna Schroeder – daughter of Steve & Erin Schroeder

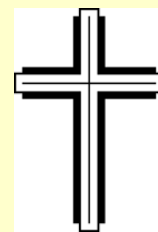
Funerals – commending the faithful to the loving arms of God

May 1 – MaryAnn Emerson

May 21 – Clair "Bud" Haas

Marriages - united in love and blessed by God

May 3 – Michelle Thelen & Michael Larkins



+ One a Week Club+

To make an appointment to give blood call 1-800-give-life or visit givebloodgivelife.org. The East Side Donor Center is located at 2109 Zeier Road, near East Towne Mall. Donating blood takes about an hour of your time, please consider making time for this vital need in our community.

Thanks to Liz Thony, Warren Wilson (2), Daniel Williamson, Phil Saganski, Dave Arndt, Charlene Coyle, Dave Kallstrom, Pat Nicholson, Diane Williamson, Fritz Schunke (Aph 2), Branden Lewis, Jackie Smith, Julie Niemeyer, Jordan Niemeyer, Colleen Fjelstad, and Keith Heller who donated blood this month. Aph designates Apheresis donations, a special donation of platelets.

Our total so far this year is 58 donations.

Community Events

Oakwood – Our Handyman's Club need 10 volunteers on June 1, 2 and 4 to help clean the underground parking garages at Oakwood East in the Pioneer Prairie and Settlers Ridge independent living apartment buildings, 8:00 am-12:00 pm each day. The volunteers need to have the physical ability to handle a variety of equipment used for the cleaning to include power washers, water hoses, brooms and shovels. Any questions contact Kim Viney, 230-4238

Learn About *Final Insights: Discovering the Messages of the Dying*

Unusual remarks? Random gestures? These may carry real meaning for someone at the end of life. Yet it is easy to miss, misunderstand or simply ignore these cues because they seem to make no sense. At HospiceCare's question-and-answer seminar, *Final Insights: Discovering the Messages of the Dying*, learn to pick up on statements or gestures of dying people. The free, public seminar will take place on Tuesday, June 9, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway in Madison. Pre-registration is requested; please call Carrie Glantz, at (608) 327-7202.

HospiceCare Grief Support Groups

Hospice is offering an informational seminar for caregivers. *Journey Through Grief – Sun Prairie* will be held Tuesdays, June 2 – July 14, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Prairie Creek Community Church, 6484 N. Bird Street, in Sun Prairie.

Celebrating the first anniversary of their baptism this month.

Makayla O'Malley
Lailah Hensler

Those celebrating will receive a postcard from the Milestone Ministry Team suggesting ways to celebrate. If you would like to see ideas visit oslc-elca.org/id73.html



Vacation Bible School - June 15-19 9 - 12 noon

- Meet Flavious and his owner, Roman Guard Cassius
- Join a Roman family and be a part of Rome for the week
- Find out why Paul is under house arrest and in chains
- Sneak through the underground cave to worship in the Underground Church
- Enjoy the sounds and smells of the Marketplace and discover what games were like in Bible times
- Begin and end your day in Rome at Extollo the Praise area and learn new songs and actions.

All these activities and more are waiting for you in Rome

Register at www.oslc-elca.org or pick up a form at the VBS table in the narthex. Volunteers are also needed to make this week successful - See Muriel



Congratulations to these graduating high school seniors. We will be recognizing them during the 10:30 worship on Sunday, June 7. Please join us for a cake reception congratulating them after the worship.



Curtis Andrews

Son of Tim & Chris Andrews
Will attend UW-Whitewater, business major.

Allyse Barth

Daughter of Lee & Darlene Barth
Will attend UW-Oshkosh majoring in nursing.

Chris Benzine

Son of Keith & Lori Benzine
Will attend UW-Madison.

Ashley Dean

Daughter of Andy & Katie Dean
Will attend MATC for nursing or radiology.

Jake Herrick

Son of Patti & Todd Herrick
Will attend MATC studying Liberal Arts.

Tyler Kerr

Son of Mike & Denise Kerr
Will attend UW-Platteville.

Elizabeth Kienitz

Daughter of Peter & Kathleen Kienitz
Will attend MATC for Liberal Arts.

Heather Klos

Daughter of Paul & Jill Klos
Will attend MATC for biochemistry then transfer to UW-Madison.

Kayla Knudtson

Daughter of Randy Knudtson & Terri Armstrong
Will attend UW-Platteville majoring in psychology.

Scott LaWall

Son of David & Ellen LaWall
Will attend Drake University in Des Moines, majoring in finance and management.

Nicole Lewis

Daughter of Steve & Louise Lewis
Will attend MATC, then transfer to a university.

Clair Lund

Daughter of Jeff & Julie Lund
Will attend MATC.

Lance Maki

Son of Kevin & LaNae Maki
Will attend college to study medicine.

Chet Pohlman

Son of Kent & Betty Pohlman
Will attend Iowa State University, majoring in business.

Kurtis Polishinski

Son of Steven & Barbara Polishinski
Will attend UW-Eau Claire majoring in tuba performance and computer science.

Jonathon Schlinder

Son of Tom & Julie Schlinder
Will attend UW-Oshkosh pursuing a degree in business. He will also coach the Piranhas Swim Team and lifeguard.

Kevin Schultz

Son of Tim & Renee Schultz
Will attend UW-Eau Claire majoring in biology. Has plans to become a chiropractor.

Collin Sullivan

Son of Kevin Sullivan & Dana Derber
Will attend MATC for computers.

Amy Wenzel

Daughter of Tim & Dawn Wenzel
Will attend Augsburg College to study education and play hockey.

Kendall Wolter

Daughter of Dale & Ruth Wolter
Will attend Augustana College on an academic scholarship. She will major in psychology and Spanish, and play basketball.

Wade Woodbury

Son of Larry & Marge Woodbury
Will pursue a business degree, practice guitar construction and audio engineering.

Katie Yugo

Daughter of Dan & Deb Yugo
Will attend University of Minnesota- Twin Cities to study nursing.

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