

THE CROSSROADS

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Dear family of faith,

Baseball. Hot dogs. Fireflies. Sparklers. Grills. Summer has arrived. As it so often does in the Midwest, our seasons flipped from snowblower to lawnmower in the space of a few days.

There are rhythms to our lives. June, I suppose, thumps the downbeat to summer. Schools will disgorge their trapped students and teachers onto the public places. Vacation Bible School will churn through the first week of the free summer. Family outings will dot the remainder of the weeks. And by the time the Independence Day flags are furled, back to school specials will jam the shelves.

Ah, but let's enjoy the weeks ahead. Let us savor each long evening stretching beyond our kids bedtime. Let's smile at the early dawns when the noisy birds get to chirping before we want to rise from our slumbers. Let's taste the sweat that drops down our noses on a hot day. Let's thank God for summer.

Summer isn't just for kids. But our Bible school sure is. What a great theme we have this year. Hometown Nazareth. Wow! To be a kid with Jesus. How come it took us so long to think of it. Kids getting to know what life was like for The Kid.

I can imagine those were simple, joyous days for Jesus. Oh, he may have had some chores to do around his dad's carpenter shop. Life would have been hard. He would have heard the adults quietly talk about the Roman occupation. But all in all, he could be a kid with the same kinds of expectations and dreams as kids today.

May you all have a blessed summer, especially you children. The pressures of work and self-sufficiency come soon enough. Go play. Of such is the kingdom of God.

In peace,

Pastor B



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
June 1 at 5:30pm

Worship Themes

Does summer mean a break from worship for you? The invitation and expectation of God does not go on vacation until Sunday school starts again. The opportunity to express your love and praise remains at 5:30 on Saturday and at 8:00 and 10:30 Sunday morning. Come and praise God.

June 5—The Seventh Sunday of Easter—We come to the end of the Easter season with *My Last Best Hope*, a reflection on the hope we can find in Jesus' prayer for us.

June 12—Day of Pentecost—We will be having a Pentecost hymn sing entitled *With the Sound of Wind* celebrating the coming of the Spirit.

June 19—The Holy Trinity—The temptation of this day to explain the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is nearly as overwhelming as it is impossible. What we dare not miss, however, are the directive in *Operation Trinity*.

June 26—The Second Sunday of Pentecost—The main work is done yet *We Do Projects*. This day we will think about how we live connected to Christ's purpose.

Baptism Enrichment Session



Saturday, June 11 at 10:00am is the next baptism enrichment session. If you are planning on scheduling a baptism at OSLC in the near future, you need to attend a baptism enrichment session. The hour and a half session is required for all baptismal events. Both parents are required to attend the session and sponsors are welcome to attend if they so choose. Infants under six months are welcome to attend if needed. We ask that childcare arrangements be made for any children 6 months and older, if you need help with this task contact either of the pastors. Expecting parents are also welcome.

BBBS Savors June 15

Berggren's Brown Bag and Bible Study will conclude the year with a potluck at Pastor B's on Wednesday, June 15 from 11:30am to 1:00pm. If you've enjoyed "Brown Bag" anytime this year, please join us and bring a delicious dish to pass. Drinks will be provided.



A Decade Later: At the Crossroads of Fear and Faith

On September 11, 2001 the world changed. The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon along with the airliner downed in Pennsylvania, re-imaged the fabric of life in America.

Now, with the elimination of the terrorist mastermind behind the attacks dead, we come upon the 10th anniversary at a crossroads. A crossroads of fear and faith.

On September 11, 2011, to mark the passing of a decade, Our Savior's is joining with the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church to host a community worship service at the high school Performing Arts Center. The 11:00am service will take the place of the regular morning services in both churches.

We gather to remember those who died or risked their lives that infamous day. We gather to remember the men and women who have taken up arms to rid the world of terrorists.

We gather to look forward and to move ahead. We gather in the light and spirit of Christ. We gather to raise up faith and to face down fear.

Please, plan on attending this important worship event. Brings kids and friends. Come to hear Bishop Bruce Burnside bring the Word of God to this important time, *A Decade Later: At the Crossroads of Faith and Fear*.



9-11 Logo Contest

We are looking for a logo for the 9-11 community worship service and what better way than to receive submissions in a contest. The logo, centered on the theme *A Decade Later: At the Crossroads of Fear and Hope*, will be used for publicity, the bulletin cover, and even shirts perhaps. Please talk to one of the pastors if you are interested and need more information. The deadline for submission is June 20.

Nursery Coordinator

In mid-May, Kelly Preboski took over the coordinator task in the nursery. She is charged with scheduling and property care in Noah's Park. We welcome Kelly to this important function.



We bid adieu to Pam Gjersvig. Pam has been a great asset to our church, and we will miss her leadership in the nursery.

Welcome Kelly Preboski

Hello, my name is Kelly Preboski and I am excited to be serving the church as the new nursery coordinator. My husband, Zach, and I have been members for 4 years. We have a 2-year-old, Owen, and are expecting baby #2 on June 8th. As a parent, I appreciate the nursery allowing me to worship fully while my child plays in a safe environment. As a volunteer in the nursery it has been fun getting to know you all better. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the nursery.

We are always looking for more volunteers too, including middle and high school youth. My cell phone number is (608)333-7071 and my email is haddoski@hotmail.com (please put nursery in the subject line in case the email goes to my junk mail filter). Thank you to Pam Gjersvig for doing an outstanding job as the nursery coordinator! Enjoy the summer ahead.

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.



With the Sound of Wind, A Pentecost Hymn Festival at Our Savior's

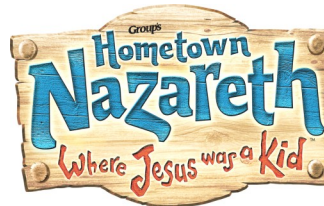
Experience the Festival of Pentecost through another form of worship at Our Savior's. On the weekend of June 11th and 12th we will celebrate Pentecost with a hymn festival at all services. We will sing specifically



chosen hymns juxtaposed with readings relating to the hymn texts, allowing us to see their words and hear their truths in new ways. The spiritual *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* will be included as well as other hymns both older and newer. Communion will be offered and prayers will be voiced. Please join us in worship at this unique celebration.

JOIN US IN NAZARETH— June 13-17

“Nazareth Where Jesus was a Kid” is the theme for the 2011 Vacation Bible School. Join us as we learn more about the city and the time where Jesus lived when he was a kid. Talk to Mary as she shares stories about the events surrounding Jesus' birth and young life. Visit the carpentry shop where Joseph taught Jesus the rules of the trade. Visit the rock quarry and find decorative rocks to make an amulet. Go to the Olive shop, learn how to make lotion from Olive oil and different fragrances. Make beads from clay and make decorative jewelry, put together a toy that kids would have made at Jesus' time, and don't miss the Synagogue school under the tutorage of the Rabbi. The Celebration Time will offer opportunities to learn new songs, the Tribal Huddle Time will set the stage for the theme of the day and, of course, the tradition Friday Water Day will end the weeks' activities. Registration forms can be found online and also on the Education Table in the narthex. Register NOW!



Celebrating the first anniversary of
their baptism this month.

06/27/2010 Alicia Thiede

Rotation Thank You

To Sunday school Teachers, Sherpas, Workshop Leaders and Students who faithfully attended Sunday school throughout the year and gave of their time, gifts and money. Throughout the year the Sunday school children have shared their offering money with God's Global Barnyard through the ELCA, provided additional milk money for West Side school and sent money to the Child to Child program of International Child Care – Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti to provide fresh water, nutritious food, and health care to the children there. This year we wish to challenge the children to continue to use their Sunday school envelopes on a regular basis throughout the summer so that the monies received can be added to the Haiti children's fund. Can we match last year's donation of \$500?

Registrations forms for the 2011 – 2012 Sunday school year have been distributed to all children however you can also download a form from the Our Savior's web page. Please return the registrations as soon as possible so that planning can be done prior to Rally Day on September 18.

RIOT Summer Schedule



Attention incoming 9-12 grade youth. RIOT (senior high youth group) will begin their summer schedule on June 26. 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.

chaos Summer Schedule

Attention incoming 6-8 grade youth. *chaos* (middle school youth group) will begin their summer schedule on June 26th. Friends are always welcome. 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.

Church-wide Rummage Sale

The RIOT youth group will be hosting our tri-annual church-wide rummage sale in conjunction with the city-wide sale on August 20. We welcome any donations of **gently used** items for our sale. We have begun to receive those items. Please check with the office for directions for drop-off. If you are interested in helping to coordinate this sale please see Brett.

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 5, 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 12:45pm on June 19. The bus will leave promptly at 1:00pm. Please have your health form filled out and a photo copy of your insurance card ready to give to Brett. Have your medications in a plastic bag, ready to turn in. Brett will have extra health forms if you need. **Please have your registration balance to Brett by June 1.**

RIOT Mystery Mission Trip Reminder and Group Building Day Scheduled

Parents please remember that your child's balance due for their trip is due by June 10 to Our Savior's. Please make checks out to OSLC. All youth and chaperones should attend a group building evening on Friday, June 17 from 7:00pm-11:00pm. We will get to know each other better, write a covenant for the trip and answer any questions regarding the trip. Please make attendance to this event a priority if you can. See Brett with questions.



RIOT Concert Featuring Agape' AKA Dave Scherer



Join high school youth from other churches around south-central Wisconsin for a one-night concert experience. Agape' will be at McFarland Lutheran Church Saturday, June 4 from 4:00-9:00pm. See the sign up on the youth table or Brett for more information.



CROSSTraining

There is still time to sign up for the Spring Training!

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. CROSS training events will be a mix of "face-to-face" meetings throughout the next several months, as well as online webinars.

Again, anyone from parent to confirmation or Sunday school teacher to chaperones and drivers are invited to attend any and all 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

Locations: at *McFarland Lutheran Church –
5529 Marsh Road McFarland, WI 53558
June 4 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

at OSLC, August 6, 9:00am-Noon

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

RIOT Youth Sponsor Sun Prairie Celebrity Dunk Tank

RIOT youth will be running the Celebrity Dunk Tank for the Sun Prairie Block Party on June 18 from 11:00-4:00pm. Our own local celebrities (Pastor B., Pastor Krahn and Tom Anderson) will be getting dunked. Other SP locals include SPS Vice Principal Rainey Briggs, CHUMS Principal Ryan Ruggles, Culvers owner Duane Sprecher and Kwik Trip manager Rebecca Dorn. Come out and support our RIOT youth, who are raising funds for their summer Mission Trip, while having a ball "dunking" our local celebrities. See you at Cannery Square on June 18. See Brett with questions.

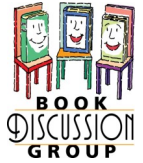


Table Talk with Pastor B

The men of the congregation are again welcome to join an informal discussion with Pastor B at Buck & Honey's on Monday, June 6 at 6:30pm.

Book Club

Our June selection is *True Grit* by Charles Portis. In July we'll read Fannie Flagg's *I Still Dream About You*. The latest copy of *Book Club News* is now on the Ministry Opportunity Table for you to take.



Eat Boldly



The Eat Boldly outing continues to grow. We get together for the first Friday of each month at 7:00pm for lively conversation and good food. We choose the next month's destination before leaving that night. Plans are being made for June 3rd's event to be at the West Side Inn in Columbus. Watch for the sign up sheet and join us—ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fireside Theater—David

Our Savior's Fellowship Committee is working on details for a trip to the Fireside for the production of David. If interested, get your name on the sign up sheet in the narthex. Full details will be coming soon!

Relay for Life—July 15 & 16

The year's Relay for Life will take place on July 15 and 16. For more information please contact Chris Boettcher at (608)842-0354 or christineb12@yahoo.com.



Official Acts

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

May 22—Will David Severtson—son of Andrew & Tammera Severtson

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

May 20—Carroll Fehrman

+ 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 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 Keith Heller, Liz Thony, Julie Laurent, Bill Nawrot, Virginia Clinton, Eric Basile, Sharlot Bogart, Linda Hagen, Dan Williamson, Brenda Egli, Diane Williamson, Barbara Rathbun, Jeff Meyers and John Thomasen who donated blood recently.

Our total for 2011 so far is 53! Way to go!

Ushering in the Servant of the Month—Ollie Berge



No job is more demanding to line up volunteers months in advance. For years Ollie Berge has been scheduling our usher corp. Ollie is retiring from the task, but before he officially passes his last offering plate, we want to recognize him as our servant of the month.

Ollie is just one of hundreds of faithful Christians who serve the church in some capacity. We thank all of them for their hours of dedication and service.

Community Events

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HospiceCare—“What You Should Know About Planning a Funeral”: People often find themselves planning a funeral in the midst of grief, which can make the process all the more difficult. Learn about the many choices involved in funeral planning at HospiceCare’s next question-and-answer seminar, “What You Should Know About Planning a Funeral.” This free seminar will be held on Tuesday, June 14, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway in Madison. Pre-registration is requested; please call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs, at (608) 327-7202.

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors.

We will be recognizing this milestone during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, June 5. Please join us for a cake reception congratulating them after the worship service.

We wish all our graduating seniors Godspeed and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Jason Brenner

Son of Carol & Clark Brenner
Will attend Herzing University to study computer networking and security

Jason Bussler

Son of Greg & Jean Bussler
Will attend University of Iowa majoring in Nursing

Katie Christensen

Daughter of Brett & Brandee Christensen
Will attend UW-Stevens Point to study Art Management

David Delaitsch

Son of Thomas & Karin Delaitsch
Will attend UW-Madison

Sarah Gardner

Daughter of Don & Debbie Gardner
Will attend UW-Oshkosh

Karissa Kostka

Daughter of David & Janet Kostka
Will attend UW-LaCrosse to study communications

Alison Lee

Daughter of Todd & Lisa Lee
Will attend UW-LaCrosse

Jonathan Nelson

Son of Bill & Ann Nelson
Will attend Ball State University to study music composition

Cody Ripp

Son of Jodi & Bill Ripp
Will attend UW-Eau Claire

Katie Schlinder

Daughter of Julie & Tom Schlinder
Will attend Carthage College majoring in International Studies and Spanish and minoring in Music

Casey Wolter

Daughter of Dale & Ruth Wolter
Will attend the University of Northern Colorado on a swimming scholarship and majoring in Speech Pathology



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