

# The Crossroads

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

## “A Sun Prairie Home Companion”

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Worship

Featuring:



*The Promised Band*

*Old Hims*

Tales from Little Lake Blessing

Nourishment at the

Lord's table

Gathering of pledges for the next year

**Old Fashioned Potluck** following the service

(Bring a dish to pass—beverages provided)

**Greetings, family of Our Savior's!** Here is the October 2023 edition of *The Crossroads* newsletter. Attached below are links to these sections of the newsletter:

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## *From Pastor Hansen*

### Outgiving God

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;" (2 Corinthians 9:7-11)*

### 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:

Tessa Muller—September 3  
Lydia Weier—September 3  
Zoey Kahler—September 10  
Jovie Nieft—September 24

#### Funerals/Memorial Services:

Muriel Arms—September 23

### Bible Study Thursdays at noon—

Pastor Tim is leading Thursday Noon Bible Studies this fall, and the group is continuing a study of the Gospel of Matthew. We meet in the Chapel. All are welcome!



Stewardship is always an interesting discussion in the church. I think I have been drawn to it over my years in ministry because I first learned about it at home. My parents were generous givers, not only to the church, but in all of their lives. Stewardship, after all, is not only giving our offerings to do ministry through the congregation but it is how we choose to live our lives. It is a stance, a belief, a rule for our living. Growing up I remember certain pet projects that were always important to my parents—the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran Orient Mission, and the International Center for Bethlehem. They loved to send checks off to these organizations as they discovered need. They cared for others in other ways too. My mom used to bring food to people who were homebound by sickness or age. Stewardship is a way of life. It is about caring for the creation that God has made.

Chapters 8 and 9 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians are two of my favorite chapters in the whole Bible for a lot of reasons. However, for our purposes today I wanted to highlight a few verses from chapter 9. This section from the chapter includes lots of different sayings that are very much like proverbs. They are wisdom sayings that look at the life of faith from wisdom's point of view. In this letter to the Corinthian church, Paul is trying to spur them on to fulfilling their promise to take part in the collection Paul was taking among all of the churches with which he had a relationship. This collection was going to help serve the poor, the widows and orphans in Jerusalem who were left to survive on their own through begging. The Christians in Corinth were wealthy and had earlier vowed that they would participate, but they had yet to come through. Paul uses the example of their neighbors to the north, the Macedonian church who were much poorer, and yet "gave beyond their means," to help the cause. Maybe this is a little like Lutheran guilt? LOL

In this section, Paul wants the Corinthians to think about what stewardship is all about. It is about trusting that God provides all that is needed for a good life. Their gifting to help others is about responding in joy because of God's graciousness. I love his line, "for God loves a cheerful giver." We tend to make stewardship out to be a "HAVE TO." When I think about it, I think of getting to be a part of ministry in a real and tangible way. He goes on to say that God will provide an abundance so that we will always have enough to give. You can't outgive God. Wouldn't it be fun to try?

## *From Pastor Hansen—continued*

So, if caring for God's creation is a way of life, why not have some fun with it. God will always provide enough! This is one reason why the Stewardship Board has decided to have fun with our Stewardship program this fall. On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to enjoy some silliness, hear some great music by The Promised Band, (which includes Darlene Thorstad—our Office Administrator), and hear "Tales from Little Lake Blessing." We will collect your pledges and offerings and then celebrate with a good ol' potluck dinner after worship. (Oh, I hope there is *Jello!*) Thanks for living your faith in your daily walk!

Peace,  
*Pastor Tim*

## Council News

### **Council Notes from September 21, 2023 Meeting**

- + The OSLC Block Party was a tremendous success. Thanks to all who helped and attended.
- + Stewardship Sunday has moved from October 22 to **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**.
- + "Board Camp." the Sunday where our Council Boards invite members to join and see what they are about will be Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> along with a pizza lunch.

Tim Svendsen  
Council President

**Board Camp**—Have you ever wondered how God could use you in this ministry at Our Savior's? We have a wonderful volunteer coordinator on staff by the name of Kathy Stoffregen. She is willing and able to help point you to a number of opportunities for you to share your gifts that help you discover a more fulfilling life. There is one opportunity that is coming up on October 15<sup>th</sup> for lunch after the 10:30 service. We are calling it **BOARD CAMP!** All of the church's boards are going to be meeting in the fellowship hall for lunch. You are invited to participate and learn more about the various boards, what they do, and how you may be able to contribute. Our boards are only as strong as those who populate them, so now is your opportunity to discover what that "Holy Nudge" might mean for you. Join us for pizza and a short time with our boards as we look forward to the programmatic year ahead! ***Look for more information on the following pages of this newsletter.***

## Stewardship & Financial News

### **Financial Progress Report for August 2023**

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$52,818.39	Giving: \$7,090.00
Expenses: \$47,542.86	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$5,275.53	Net Cash Flow: \$<13.00>
YTD Cash Flow: \$<14,094.39>	YTD Cash Flow: \$<7,984.00>

### **A Note from OSLC's Treasurer:**

*Annual Budget: \$627,500. As of August, giving was at 68% of the budget and expenses were 69% of the budget.*

**Stewardship Sunday—October 29<sup>th</sup>**—As you can see from the newsletter cover, our Stewardship Sunday will be Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> when we will meet together in one worship at 10:00. It will be themed, "A Sun Prairie Home Companion." Since it will be Reformation Sunday, you are encouraged to wear red that day. During our worship, which will feature skits, ads, and music by Darlene Thorstad and the Promised Band, we will have the opportunity to come forward with our offerings and pledges as we look forward to our ministry together in the coming year. We will follow up our worship with an old-fashioned potluck lunch. Stay tuned for your annual Stewardship Packet coming in the mail soon.

# Council News

## OSLC Board Camp

Dear OLSC Family,

We are so grateful to all of you for your faith, persistence and your willingness to volunteer to make this ministry happen at Our Savior's. As we move into a new programmatic year, we recognize the need to grow our leadership in the congregation. While leadership sounds a bit daunting, it is really about volunteers coming together to help give vision to the possibilities for ministry in this place and the world around us, but also organizing how those volunteer opportunities can actually take place. The old adage that "*many hands make light work*" is certainly true. Your church council has been planning, praying and listening to the needs of our congregation. While some of our boards are filled with volunteers, others are struggling to involve more of our members.

Each of us has something to give; unique talents and abilities blessed to us by God. We realize now is the critical time to work on connecting with our congregation in order to continue to grow and serve others. Through serving our church and our community our members will feel that personal welcome, develop deeper relationships with each other and their faith, reawaken and re-engage in worship and have the opportunity to bless others in service. God has always and will always continue to meet you where you are and we are writing today to help give you that nudge you need to take that step to open your hearts and your mind to invest your time and talents at OSLC.

God is always working among us to help guide us and nudge us gently into opportunities to grow our faith by serving. Below are the OSLC Boards and some of the work that they do. On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a "Board Camp" after the 10:30 worship. We will be sharing a pizza lunch and invite you to come and check out the various boards and their ministries. Come see what opportunities are waiting for you!

In Christ's Service,  
Tim Svendsen, President, Church Council  
Jen Spredemann, Vice-President, Church Council

### **CHURCH IN SOCIETY**

- + Donating our time, skills, and passions to service projects that positively impact those living in our community.
- + Examples of ways OSLC Church In Society groups are sharing their talents - Organizing and serving meals for Sunshine Supper, designing and making quilts to give as gifts to members and those in need, collecting donations for Cards Closet, Stuff the Bus, SP Emergency Food Pantry, etc, so those in our community are clothed, prepared, and fed!
- + If you see a need in our community (OSLC, Sun Prairie, World Wide), see a way to contribute to the solution, and are willing to donate your time/talents to help, you are effectively a part of Church in Society!
- + Spreading God's love through action defines the Church in Society board.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- + The Education Board is responsible for creation and implementation of faith formation programs including:
- + Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
- + Vacation Bible School
- + Confirmation - I think this is technically the case, but it really hasn't been that way for quite a while
- + Adult Education

### **EVANGELISM/OUTREACH**

- + Organize fun outreach events such as our movie nights and block party
- + Welcome new families to the congregation.
- + Welcome people to the service via staffing the Welcome Center

### **FELLOWSHIP**

- + Providing opportunities for promoting fellowship in the congregation
- + Coordinating meals for events
- + Organizing coffee hours, receptions, etc
- + Providing service in the times of need



## FINANCE

- † Advising the Council on all financial matters and preparing/presenting annual budget
- † Creation and administration of financial policies and procedures which includes maintaining adequate insurance coverage
- † Assisting the Treasurer in assuring that accurate financial records are maintained
- † Reviewing all monthly financial reports including the check register, investment balances and monitoring expenses as compared to budget

## PROPERTY

- † Who we are:  
In the words of Liam Neeson: We are a collection of people with a very special set of skills: gardeners, plumbers, builders, painters, and a whole lot of others just interested in fixing things.
- † What we do:  
We make sure the church building is taken care of. Some of the work we do ourselves, for the rest we find local vendors.
- † How we let others know:  
We hope to expand community utilization of our Church as a way of giving back to Sun Prairie.
- † How we could use your help:  
Anyone is welcome to attend monthly meetings and/or add to the "to-do" list. Likewise, simply indicating your interest in helping on the occasional work-party would be great!

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

- † Works with advertising and publicity regarding our congregation and its ministry
- † Handles social media and publicity of events and areas of interest keeping up-to-date with outreach to all generations
- † Works to coordinate sponsorships and value of outreach

## STEWARDSHIP

- † Work with the senior pastor to plan the annual fall pledge drive.
- † Look for opportunities in the congregation and the community to make stewardship an ongoing process.
- † Grow our giving

## WORSHIP AND ARTS

- † Enhance and enrich the ministry of worship and the role of the arts in the life and mission of the people of God.
- † Utilize symbolism, flowers, banners, etc to enhance our worship experience.
- † Create and implement other ways and means to improve the worship setting.
- † Participate in decorating the church for events, and other specific church worship services.
- † Assist Altar Guild in carrying out their responsibilities when needed.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY

- † Grow the faith of 6th through 9th grade youths through the confirmation program.
- † Peer relationship and social building through the youth fellowship groups CHAOS (6th - 9th grade) and RIOT (10th - 12th grade).
- † Maintain post high school connections with OSLC via CAT (cards, care packages, inspirational notes).

# Worship & Arts



The Worship and Arts Committee is looking for **donations of two hay bales and corn shocks** for decorating the church for the fall season.

If you would like to donate either of these items, contact Kathryn Derauf Olson at [kderauf@gmail.com](mailto:kderauf@gmail.com). Thank you!



# Worship & Music

## October Is Here. We Have Started, But You Are Still Wanted!

October is here and all musical groups have begun to meet. Even though rehearsals have begun, enrollment in all vocal groups is still open. (If you are interested in handbells, please contact Angela Schmidt). You can help enhance our worship and spread beauty and joy to our whole congregation!

*Here is a list of our choral and handbell groups with the time and location of rehearsals:*

**Senior Choir:** Rehearses in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m. The group is open to all adults plus high school students. Rick LaFleur is the director.

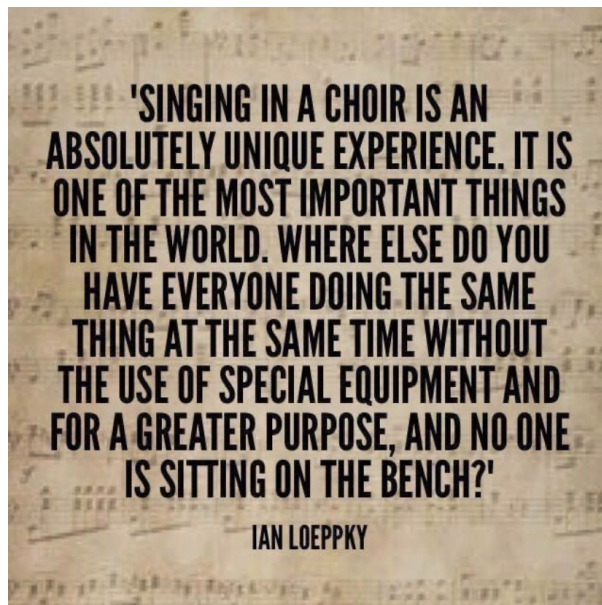
**Chancel Ringers:** Rehearses in the balcony on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:45 p.m. Angela Schmidt is the director.

**Youth Choir:** Rehearses in the Essential Grace choir room on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. The group is open to students from the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up. If there are enough members, the group will be divided into the Youth Choir & the Alleluia Singers. Breta & Judy Saganski lead the group.

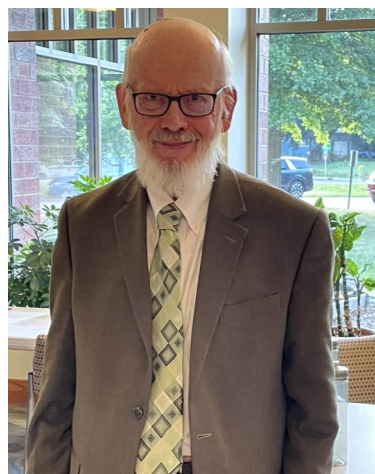
**Cherub Choir:** Rehearses in the Chapel on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. The group is open to children ages 4-7, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Diane Padrutt leads the group.

If you have any questions, please contact the leaders of the various groups or ask me. We welcome you!

Thanks,  
John Krueger



IAN LOEPPKY



***Happy Birthday John!***

***We celebrated the 80th birthday of our music director and organist, John Krueger with a cake during fellowship time on Sunday, September 10th.***

***Congratulations John!***

***"Eighty years young!"***



# Worship & Music

## My Favorite Hymn(s)

*Judy Saganski*

As Angie Schmidt mentioned in the September article about her favorite hymn, this is a tough assignment. There are so many wonderful hymns to choose from and it's hard to narrow it down to one, or even several. When I mentioned this article to my husband, Phil, he immediately reminded me that he is my favorite "old hymn." (true)

One beautiful hymn that I love is "*I Love to Tell the Story*" (ELW 661) by Katherine Hankey and William Fischer. This hymn was actually a favorite of my maternal grandmother, Gusta Gyland, and was sung at her funeral in 1966. I remember processing into the pews of West Koshkonong Church with my many cousins, aunts, uncles, and parents, while everyone sang this song. The Gylands are a singing family, so it was beautiful and emotional. Gusta was an amazing woman. Whenever I think of her, this hymn usually also comes to mind and fills me with comfort and lovely memories.

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.*

In writing about this hymn, I found out that the lyrics come from a two part poem written by Katherine Hankey in 1866. The first part of the poem is called "*The Story Wanted*" and the second part is "*The Story Told.*" It was enjoyable to look these up online and read them.

# Volunteer Information

## **The Nursery is Getting an Updated Look!**

Check out the nursery walls—on April 26 many volunteers spent their Saturday putting a fresh coat of paint on the nursery walls so that Jennifer Orszula could do her magic by bringing some colorful life into the space! This project started last fall when Jennifer answered my plea for someone to help brighten up the gray walls. Jennifer came up with an idea, ordered the paint and supplies, and donated a few vacation days from her job to make the murals come to life.



A big thank you goes out to Chad Johll for his help in putting up the window clings so that the bright sun is diffused. The colors that now dance through the windows are so inviting and fun.

Also, thanks to Chad and Chuck Stoffregen for removing the massive double-sided bookshelf unit that was taking up so much usable space in the middle of the room. Now that space can breath and perhaps be used in multiple ways.

More updates are coming—we're not finished yet. A wish list for the nursery at this time:

Large, colorful interlocking rubber squares to make the floor softer OR a **large** rug appropriate for a pre-school type room.

OSLC Volunteers are the BEST!! Thank you painters, muralist, and others for everything you do. You are appreciated!



# Evangelism

**New Member Classes Starting in November**—Exciting times are around the corner. If you are interested in being a member of Our Savior's Lutheran (OSLC), or if you have recently transferred your membership from a previous church, you are invited to attend our New Member Classes. You are asked to attend two classes; Nov 5 and Nov 12 both at 9:15 in the Chapel. On Nov 19, during a church service, you will be received by the congregation - this will be explained in detail during one of the classes. **Please email Kathy Stoffregen, give the church office a call, or sign-up at the Welcome Desk to let us know if you will be joining us. We look forward to having you join us on our Faith Journey at OSLC.**



Kathy Stoffregen, New Member and Volunteer Coordinator [kathy@oslc-elca.org](mailto:kathy@oslc-elca.org)  
Church Office 608-837-3111

*Dear Family of Our Savior's*

*WOW! What a "Blacktop party" we had on Saturday, September 9th! The Dirty Birds Band was super cool! Some danced, swayed to the music or just enjoyed the beat. The popcorn kept popping, ice cream cones kept being scooped, the Bouncy House always filled with little feet, challenging yard games played and young and old faces painted in colorful stencil forms.*



*I had hoped we'd feed 5,000 but whatever number we had of the 200+ flyers tucked into doors of the homes around Our Savior's, we were glad to host and meet. Observing the crowd, I believe neighbors also met neighbors...maybe for the first time! Not only did we meet our neighbors but we also met each other in a new space and time. Months of planning, hours of fun.*

*So, THANK YOU! To those who built the band stage, set up the sound system then disassembled all those cords...(after all church was about 12 hours away); to those who volunteered to help in advance and to those who asked if more help was needed that day, to those who stayed till the end making sure clean up was complete and to those of you who came in support of the party, on that day of perfect weather, with lawn chairs and a smile.*

*Pat Nicholson  
Evangelism Team*





# Church in Society

## A Call to Justice and Mercy (JAM)



*What does God require of you but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.  
Micah 6:8*

The JAM team will be sponsoring a movie on **Sunday, November 5th** at 4:30 to 7 pm. The movie will be "The Hate U Give."

This movie is based on the young adult novel by Angie Thomas. It is a fictional story that uses narrative and characters to explore themes of racism, police brutality, and social justice. It provides a powerful and emotional portrayal of these issues through the experiences of its characters. It is rated PG-13 and has some language.



Discussion will follow the movie. We will serve a pizza dinner. Please sign up at the JAM table so we know how many to plan for.

If you can't join us for the movie, it can be rented for \$3.99 and viewed at home. (Apple TV, Vudu, Amazon Prime) If you would like to be part of our Facebook group, search for us at "JAM@Our Savior's" and join us.

*From the JAM Team:* Sue Lux, Linda Frautschy, Diane Padrutt, Peggy Schaub, and Judy Singletary

## Sunshine Food Pantry Assistance

You're invited to bring in these especially needed items for the Food Pantry (place on the "Food Pantry Donations" table in the Narthex):

- Cooking Oil
- Catsup and Mustard
- Hamburger Helper
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Napkins



*Thank you for making a difference for Sun Prairie families!*

# Fellowship

**Eat Boldly—Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!** Our October group dinner will be on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** at Lake Windsor Country Club, 4628 Golf Drive, in Windsor. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. If questions—contact Gary Dalgaard at (608) 215-0583. Looking ahead, our November group dinner will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Oakstone Recreational, 304 Commerce Parkway, in Cottage Grove. Watch for the sign-up at the Welcome Desk,



## **OSLC Golf Outing—Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm Prairie Pines Golf Club in Sun Prairie**

All golfers young and old and of any skill level are welcome! We will golf 9 holes and afterwards have food at the golf club. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by October 1<sup>st</sup>. If questions, contact Ed Nowicki ([edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net)) or (608) 212-9648.



## **Potluck after worship—Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (Stewardship Sunday)**

Please bring a dish to pass—casseroles, salads, desserts. Beverages will be provided. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk!



# Women's Ministry



## **Quilters 2023**

OSLC Quilters report that a total of 212 quilts were completed and are on their way for Lutheran World Relief. They will provide warmth and comfort worldwide in places of need. Many thanks to everyone who helped to pack the quilts into boxes; it really made the annual project easier for us. We especially want to thank Mary and Alan Meyer and Donna and Dave Kallstrom for transporting the 55 boxes of quilts and the 73 personal care kits to the railroad station for the boxcar loading in Madison.

In addition, 11 quilts were given to The Bed Lady project at the Sunshine Place. This project provides free beds to school aged children who otherwise may be sleeping on the floor in the Sun Prairie and Marshall school districts. Also, six kid-themed quilts were given to Bird School for children who may need some extra warmth this winter.

Thanks to everyone for keeping the quilters in mind as you come across any fabric or materials. Gently used print or colored sheets are always welcome. Thank you also for your prayers and support as we continue in this fellowship and ministry for LWR.

If you're interested in quilting with our Wednesday morning group, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. All are welcome!

## **Rebecca Circle is collecting donations for Porch Light in Madison**

Here is a list of much needed items from Porch Light:



Sweaters (gently used or new), Water proof ponchos (gently used or new), Hats (gently used or new), Mittens and gloves (gently used or new), Scarves (gently used or new), Socks (gently used or new), Underwear, Travel sized toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Trial size to small sized shampoo and conditioner, 2-1 razors and shaving cream, Deodorant, and Q-tips. Please place your donations for Porch Light in the white wicker basket or the red and white container in the Narthex. **Thank you to the OSLC congregation for all your donations throughout the year!**

# Men's Ministry

## **Men's Squircle – September 19, 2023**

Pastor Seth led the group in a discussion of sports and how it relates to Faith and the Bible. We first went around the room and told personal sports related memories. We all had at least two stories to tell, and they covered the perspective of being a spectator, a participant or coaching a sporting event.

This led to a discussion on the Parallels and Contrasts of sports and Faith. The Parallels we came up with were: Prayer for people we care about, Dedication, Battling unholiness, Endurance, Teamwork (relying on others), Discipline (practices), Listening to "Coach," Going by the "Playbook," Serving beyond yourself. The Contrasts we came up with were: Competition vs Cooperation, Language, Who we worship, Physical Rigor.

We followed that with looking at passages in the Bible that relate to sports. These are listed below so you can check them out yourself:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 2 Timothy 2:5, 1 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 12:1 and 1 Corinthians 10:31

Our meeting ended with a departing prayer. We then met at a nearby local establishment to continue the stories and fellowship.

**Please join us for the next Men's Squircle on October 17, 2023 in the Chapel!**

God's Peace,  
Tom Schlinder

## 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Registration

Our confirmation program is underway and if you missed registration, there's still time to get your 6th-9th grader signed up!

**Registration can be completed online - [vbspro.events/p/1e0e85](https://vbspro.events/p/1e0e85)**

Classes began on Wednesday, September 27th (6:30-7:45pm). Following each confirmation class is our optional weekly youth group for 6th-8th grade students called CHAOS! CHAOS is a time for fun activities, active group games, and hangout time. While this is optional, this is an important time for students to build relationships with other kids from church outside of a classroom environment.

Our confirmation program is dependent on the dedication of volunteers to help lead small groups and chaperone events. We are always in need of volunteers and can find a place for you to serve in whatever capacity you are comfortable.

**If you would like to join the team of confirmation volunteers, please contact [matt@oslc-elca.org](mailto:matt@oslc-elca.org) for more information.**

## Trunk-r-Treat Candy Donations Needed!

Our Trunk-r-Treat event brings hundreds of people from our congregation and from the greater Sun Prairie community into our church. This requires many volunteers and LOTS of candy! We are collecting candy donations from now through the Trunk-r-Treat event. Donations can be dropped off in the marked collection bin in the narthex.

Thank you!



# Youth and Family

Hello OSLC Families!

## The first ELCA Youth Gathering in 6 years is coming up in July 2024.

This is a high-energy event that the ELCA does every 3 years with 30,000 students from all over the nation. The last one got canceled due to Covid, so this next one in New Orleans is extra-special! OSLC participates each time there's a national youth gathering, and this youth gathering will be our High School trip for 2024.

Here's the pertinent info:

**Who:** current 8th - 12th graders

**When:** July 16-20, 2024

**Where:** New Orleans

**How:** Traveling by plane with our synod!

Now, a trip like this isn't cheap, but we have some money saved from past fundraisers, and we'll do more fundraisers over the next several months so that a lot of the cost is offset.

What we need to know is **WHO IS INTERESTED.**

Please let us know if you or yours would like to go! Mostly we wanna know which kids are interested for now. There will be room for adults to go as well, as chaperones. **Email Pastor Seth if you're interested in attending ([seth@oslc-elca.org](mailto:seth@oslc-elca.org))**

For more info, check out the links below:

**Promo video from the national planning group**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UswBqwSzbSk>

**Info page from our synod**  
<http://scsw-elca.org/elcayq2024/>

## Trunk-r-Treat - Thursday, October 26th, 5 - 7pm!

Once again, OSLC will host our annual community Trunk-r-Treat event on **Thursday, October 26th from 5 - 7pm!**

Dress Up in your Halloween costumes and come to church for a great time including safe trick-or-treating for the whole family, a food truck for dinner, s'mores, hot cocoa, warm apple cider, and CANDY!


We are also in need of middle/high school students and families to volunteer to help set up, assist with food, help direct children and families as they come to the event, game and craft helpers, and volunteers to bring their cars to hand out candy to the kids in the parking lot.



There are two sign-up sheets at the Welcome Desk - one for general volunteers (setup/cleanup, games, food, etc.), and one for car hosts (handing out candy from your trunk. Decorate your trunk to win the coveted Best Trunk Award!). Sign-up at church or contact [Matt@oslc-elca.org](mailto:Matt@oslc-elca.org) for more info or to sign up to help!



~ October 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><b>1</b>  <b>8:00a</b> Worship                      (livestream plus available later on YouTube)  <b>9:00a</b> Coffee Hour  <b>9:15a</b> Justice &amp; Mercy (JAM) For All Study  <b>9:15a</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30a</b> Worship  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>9:00a</b> No SP School today (NO job transition students)    <b>7:00p</b> Scouts BSA Troops 47 &amp; 747</p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>6:45p</b> Chancel Ringers (Balcony)  <b>7:00p</b> Boy Scout Meeting - Rm. 19</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>9:00a</b> Quilters  <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:15p</b> Youth Choir  <b>5:30p</b> Cherub Choir  <b>6:30p</b> Confirmation  <b>7:00p</b> Senior Choir  <b>7:45p</b> CHAOS</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>10:00a</b> Gather in Prayer  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:00p</b> Bible Study  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>6:15p</b> Evangelism Comm.</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>7:00p</b> Eat Boldly</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>10:00a</b> "Ukeology" (Ukulele Group) --- Chapel  <b>10:00a</b> AA Group Meeting (Room 19)</p>	
<p><b>8</b>  <b>8:00a</b> Worship                      (livestream plus available later on YouTube)  <b>9:00a</b> Coffee Hour  <b>9:15a</b> Justice &amp; Mercy (JAM) For All Study  <b>9:15a</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30a</b> Worship  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN  <b>1:00p</b> Golf Outing at Prairie Pines Golf Club</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>9:00a</b> SPASD Transition Job Training Students cleaning  <b>7:00p</b> Scouts BSA Troops 47 &amp; 747</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>1:00p</b> Pastors Text Study Group  <b>6:45p</b> Chancel Ringers (Balcony)</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>9:00a</b> Quilters  <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:15p</b> Youth Choir  <b>5:30p</b> Cherub Choir  <b>6:30p</b> Confirmation  <b>7:00p</b> Senior Choir  <b>7:45p</b> CHAOS</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:00p</b> Bible Study  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>1:00p</b> Rebecca Circle - Chapel  <b>7:00p</b> Bd. of Finance</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>10:00a</b> AA Group Meeting (Room 19)</p>	
<p><b>15</b>  <b>8:00a</b> Worship                      (livestream plus available later on YouTube)  <b>9:00a</b> Coffee Hour  <b>9:15a</b> Justice &amp; Mercy (JAM) For All Study  <b>9:15a</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30a</b> Worship  <b>11:30a</b> Board Fair with pizza (Fellowship Hall)  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>9:00a</b> SPASD Transition Job Training Students cleaning  <b>6:00p</b> Elizabeth Circle - Chapel  <b>7:00p</b> Scouts BSA Troops 47 &amp; 747</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>6:00p</b> Stamping Group  <b>6:45p</b> Chancel Ringers (Balcony)  <b>7:00p</b> Squirrel (Men's Bible Study)</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>9:00a</b> Quilters  <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:15p</b> Youth Choir  <b>5:30p</b> Cherub Choir  <b>6:30p</b> Confirmation  <b>7:00p</b> Senior Choir  <b>7:45p</b> CHAOS</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:00p</b> Bible Study  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>6:00p</b> Executive Committee  <b>6:30p</b> Congregation Council</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>Deadline for items for November newsletter</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>10:00a</b> "Ukeology" (Ukulele Group) --- Chapel  <b>10:00a</b> AA Group Meeting (Room 19)  <b>12:00p</b> Baby shower</p>	
<p><b>22</b>  <b>8:00a</b> Worship                      (livestream plus available later on YouTube)  <b>9:00a</b> Coffee Hour  <b>9:15a</b> Justice &amp; Mercy (JAM) For All Study  <b>9:15a</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30a</b> Worship  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>9:00a</b> SPASD Transition Job Training Students cleaning  <b>7:00p</b> Scouts BSA Troops 47 &amp; 747</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>6:30p</b> Lay Visitation Ministry Mtg. - Chapel  <b>6:45p</b> Chancel Ringers (Balcony)</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>9:00a</b> Quilters  <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:15p</b> Youth Choir  <b>5:30p</b> Cherub Choir  <b>6:30p</b> Confirmation  <b>7:00p</b> Senior Choir  <b>7:45p</b> CHAOS</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>10:00a</b> Gather in Prayer  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:00p</b> Bible Study  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>4:30p</b> Trunk-r-Treat</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>10:00a</b> AA Group Meeting (Room 19)</p>	
<p><b>29—Stewardship Sunday</b>  <b>9:15a</b> Sunday School  <b>10:00a</b> Worship                      (livestream plus available later on YouTube)  <b>11:30a</b> Potluck  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>9:00a</b> SPASD Transition Job Training Students cleaning    <b>6:30p</b> Martha Circle  <b>7:00p</b> Scouts BSA Troops 47 &amp; 747</p>	<p><b>31 Halloween</b>  <b>8:15a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (staff arr. @ 8 am)  <b>11:00a</b> SPSP Preschool Playgroup (session 2)  <b>12:30p</b> Transition Job Training Students (preschool cleaning)  <b>6:45p</b> Chancel Ringers (Balcony)</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>Deadline for November Newsletter Items—</b>                      Please submit any items for the November newsletter by Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to <a href="mailto:darlene@oslc-elca.org">darlene@oslc-elca.org</a></p>  </div>				



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