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The Crossroads

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

Sunday, March 24—Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

8:00 am Worship

10:30 am Worship

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

12:00 noon Worship

7:00 pm Worship

Saturday, March 30

7:22pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

8:00 am Easter Worship

10:30 am Easter Worship



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Greetings, family of Our Savior's! Here is the March 2024 edition of *The Crossroads* newsletter. Attached below are links to these sections of the newsletter:

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Save the Date
 FOR THE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION TO HONOR
PASTOR TIM HANSEN
 May 4th



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) or Pastor Seth (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:

Funerals:

Marjorie Snyder—February 24, 2024

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sun., March 10!

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 9th!



From Pastor Hecox

Continually Reborn

"Behold, I am about to do a new thing."

-Isaiah 43

A few weeks ago, most people at Our Savior's heard for the first time that Pastor Tim Hansen would be retiring on May 5. When a pastor has faithfully served a congregation for almost nine years and is well-liked, their leaving often causes sadness at the least, and sometimes even consternation.

Regardless of how you're feeling as we approach this transition, remember the words of God spoken through the ancient prophet Isaiah to the people of God in Palestine almost three thousand years ago. They were facing their own transitional moment, and God reminds them that things change. It's just a part of life. But that change doesn't happen apart from God.

One thing the Incarnation reveals is that God is present in the events of life that happen, even unexpected change and times of transition. God says authoritatively "I am not absent from the change: I *am* the change." Our Creator is the one who brings the new thing coming into our midst, who inhabits the change we are about to experience.

Because of that, my hope is that you get time to process emotions, discuss thoughts, and tell stories of the time you had with Pastor Tim. My prayer is that you feel empowered to see fresh opportunity in this change, and any change that arises in your life. God is in that change, walking alongside you, embodied in the people of God around you.

So take time to reflect on the meaningful moments you had with Pastor Tim. Tell him all the ways he impacted your faith, and helped in this way or that way throughout the years. Share those stories and memories with your family and friends over the next months. And do so with hope and expectation at a movement of God in our congregation that we will be privileged to participate in as Tim enters that great golf course in the... well, not in the sky, but at the place of his choosing, haha.

May the peace of Christ accompany you this month as we continue our journey through Lent. May the joy of Christ work throughout your entire being as you see clearly the love God has for you. May the abundant life of Christ be made known in your life as you see God walking with you wherever you go.

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

-Julian of Norwich

Pastor Seth

Other News

2024 Our Savior's Church Council

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The council will be officially installed at an upcoming worship service.



We have reached our goal and have the necessary funds to purchase new chairs for Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone who donated to this fundraiser! We look forward to having new chairs to use in Fellowship Hall!

NEED SOME EXTRA CHAIRS?



As you may know, we are replacing all our metal folding chairs. That means we have a little over 200 chairs that we need to get rid of to make room for the new ones. So, we are going to have a chair sale!

Chairs will be available for purchase in the Narthex on Sunday, March 3rd from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and again on Monday, March 4th from 2:00 until 5:00 pm. Some are in good condition, some not as good, so pick out as many of the good ones as you can use for the unbelievably low price of just \$2.00 each!

I would like to express my thanks for all of your prayers, cards and meals provided to us during my hip replacement surgery and recovery. I would also like to thank the Prayer Shawl ministry for the lovely and warm shawl that kept me warm in my chair while I worked on healing.

Your support and love was evident to both Tim and me. We are most grateful.

Lisa Hansen





Please join us for a

Retirement Celebration

Honoring

Pastor Tim Hansen

Saturday, May 4th, 2024 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
550 Lincoln Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590

4:30pm- 6:00pm: Mingling and light appetizers

6:00pm-7:00pm: Program

7:00pm- 8:00pm: *The Tim Hansen Project* band performance

**RSVP to pastortimretirementparty@gmail.com
or sign up sheet in Our Savior's Narthex by April 21st**

Please feel free to:

- + Email photos you may have of Pastor Tim for a slideshow
- + Email a video message:
 - no more than 30 seconds for an individual or no more than 2 minutes for a group.
 - The video may be used in a presentation slideshow during the program.
- + Donate: If you would be interested in donating towards the party costs:
 - 1) please make a check out to Our Savior's Lutheran Church with "Pastor Tim's party" in the memo.
 - 2) or if attending a service, use the blue envelopes located in the pews and place in the offering.
 - 3) or donate online by visiting Our Savior's website—selecting online giving, select 'click here', enter amount, select one-time gift, select Pastor Tim's Retirement Celebration in drop down box, and submit.

We are accepting donations through April 7th. Any funds we don't use for the party will be donated to the Food Pantry per Pastor Tim's request. Thank you!

Worship & Music

Let Lent Be a Time for Learning

As we go through March and come to Easter Sunday, this year on March 31, let us let the remaining part of the season of Lent become for us a time for learning. Not only can we learn what is given to us each week in the scriptures, but we could learn new hymns and songs that reflect and amplify those scriptures. We and/or our children could join one of the choirs at Our Savior's and learn more about singing and making music. New choir members are always welcome!

So let us do as the fourth day of this month advocates: march forth!

Thanks,
John Krueger

Soup Suppers during Lent

You are invited to join us for Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays from 4:45 pm–5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Our confirmation classes are helping each week. Proceeds from this event will go towards the youth trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Look for the sign-ups at the Welcome Desk if you'd like to make soup for these suppers.



**Lent 2024 at Our Savior's
A Series of Dialogs
"Conversations by the Cross"
Worship Services
Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

Worship & Arts

Easter Flowers—we will again be ordering flowers for decorating the church for Easter. If you are interested in purchasing Easter flowers, we will have bouquets of spring bulb plants to decorate the church for all Easter worship celebrations. (These can be taken home after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday or you can choose to have the flowers donated.)



Order forms are available in the Narthex and the cost is \$19 each. **Deadline to order is Mon., Mar. 11th.**

Altar Flowers Chart for 2024—Would you like to donate a floral arrangement for the altar to honor a family member or to give in memory of loved ones or to celebrate a past or present occasion or celebration? The Altar Flower Board for 2024 is located in the Narthex on the bulletin board just outside the entrance to the Sanctuary (next to the Boy Scout bulletin board).

There are two slots listed for each Sunday, and the price per bouquet is \$25. If you would like to order flowers...please remember to:

1. Sign up on the 2024 Altar Flower Board
2. Fill out an Altar Flower Order Form
3. Include payment when signing up for your flowers. (Please place your payment in the white box by the bulletin board—or mail it to the church office.)



PLEASE NOTE—Altar Flowers can also be ordered and paid for online through Shelby at the same location as Shelby Giving. (If you have any questions about this, call the church office.)

Evangelism

New Member Classes



The New Member classes will **begin on Sunday March 3** and **continue on March 10th and 17th**. They are held at 9:15 am in the Chapel - the room at the end of the library. New Member Sunday will be on Sunday, March 17th.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office at 608-837-3111 to leave your contact information.

CH Bird Request and Opportunity for Wednesday, March 20 Jennifer Deviney - CHB Community Coordinator & Kathy Stoffregen

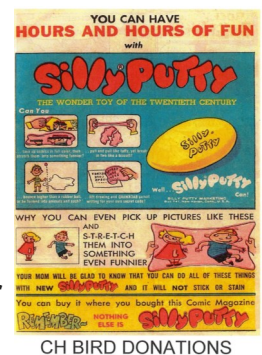
CH Bird has a science night each year. This year it's on Wednesday, March 20th from 5:30-7:30. Last year they had a table where kids could make slime. It was a big hit! They ran out of supplies within the first hour. They are hoping to expand that this year so that even more students can participate.

Jennifer was wondering two things:

1. Would OSLC be willing to donate some of the supplies needed: **Elmer's white glue** (gallon sized containers), **contact lens solution (saline)**, and **food color dye**.
2. Would there be any volunteers who would like to come help that night for an hour or two?

Jennifer would be more than happy to make a sign that says, "This science table is brought to you by Our Savior's Lutheran Church."

A sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Desk if you'd like to physically volunteer to help make slime. Otherwise, please put your donations in the box next to the Food Pantry table and Kathy will bring the supplies to CHB.



Update from the Evangelism Committee

A busy time now for Our Savior's with Lent observations, leading to Holy Week and Easter. Plans to honor the retirement of Pastor Tim will fill April.

Soon, two opportunities to spread the presence of OSLC in our community will be coming up for us to do just that. The Corn Fest Parade will again take place in August. In the past, we have carried the church banner handing out (tons!) of candy, water bottles along with info about Our Savior's. Lots of preparation to participate means many volunteer hands are needed. Please consider this outreach in our community.

Then in September, another Blacktop Party is being planned. Last year we dropped off 200 invitations to homes surrounding our church parking lot, encouraging our neighbors to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We had live music, a bouncy house, free ice cream and popcorn (we did hear a couple of suggestions for hot dogs!) face painting and yard games. It was observed that as people walked over to us, neighbors reconnected or met for the first time. Again, lots of preparation and many hands made for a successful afternoon with our neighbors. This event was meant for our church family as well after a long summer of being apart.

Soon we'll have dates for your calendar!

Christian Education

Communion Milestone Celebration—Sunday, February 11th

This year twelve children received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, February 11th. They and their parents attended two orientation classes which included teachings and chalice decorating with Pastor Tim and Pastor Seth. These keepsake chalices were used by the children as they received Communion and served it to their families.

Congratulations to these young disciples and their families!

Anna Stevens

Harrison Rainbolt

Mason Snyder

Rowan Beecher

Alex Klemme

Penny Johnson

Mari Stevens

Grayson Rainbolt

Austin Henderson

Weston Beecher

Brooklyn Quade

Eva Johnson



Youth and Family

Thank you to all those who donated, volunteered and supported Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. We truly appreciate all you do to support OSLC youth. A special thanks to Lori and Dan Kvalheim and the Fellowship Committee for their time, talent, and efforts to make this event a success.



From: The attendees of the National Youth Gathering

Confirmation Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Confirmation students are invited to attend an amazing week of camp in Waupaca, WI at Pine Lake Camp during the week of June 16–21! Swimming, canoeing, games, arts and crafts, bonfires, interactive bible studies and more all make camp an important part of the confirmation experience. Questions about camp can be directed to Matt@oslc-elca.org. For information about registration or to sign-up, go to this website: <https://www.crosswayscamps.org/confirmationcampers>



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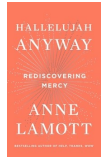
Fellowship



Eat Boldly—Friday, April 5th at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People! Our April group dinner will be on **Friday, April 5th** at Club 60, W2164 State Highway 60 in Columbus. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Wednesday, April 3rd. If questions—contact Gary Dalgaard at (608) 215-0583.

Spirited Book Club—Tuesday, March 12th

The next meeting of the Spirited Book Club will be on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm. The book we will be discussing is ***Hallelujah Anyway*** by Anne Lamott. The book is a captivating and moving exploration of mercy. It reveals both universal truths and a path home. For location, please contact Joy Kroeger at kroegerjoy@gmail.com.



Name Tags Sign-up at the Welcome Desk

The Fellowship Committee is planning to have name tags made with your name and the town you grew up in. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you're interested in having a name tag to wear on Sundays for worship and other events at OSLC.

Women's Ministry

Rebecca Circle is collecting donations for Porch Light in Madison

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

Gently used hats, mittens, gloves, waterproof ponchos, belts, sweaters and vests, warm scarves, socks, small toothpaste, small shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream and razors, small nail care kits, deodorant, Q-tips, new hand warmers, new underwear, new hair brushes and new combs.



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!**

Church in Society

Sunshine Food Pantry Assistance

You're invited to bring in these especially needed items for the Food Pantry:

- Hamburger Helper
- catsup
- cereal
- individual fruit cups
- cake mixes



Please place your donations on the Food Pantry donations table in the Narthex. Thank you for making a difference for Sun Prairie families!

Church in Society

A Call to Justice and Mercy (JAM)



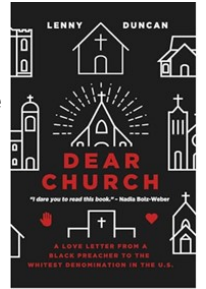
*What does God require of you but to do justice,
love mercy and walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8*

In April the JAM group will begin a study on the book ***Dear Church, A Love Letter From a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US***, by Lenny Duncan.

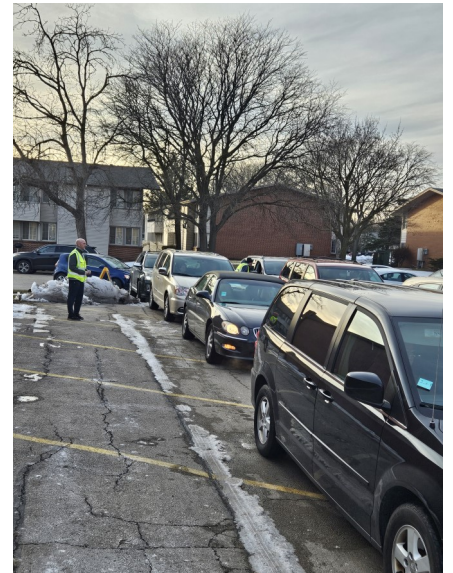
This book is a critical look at the role of the church in structural racism as we see it today. We chose this book because the author was a black, ELCA pastor at time of writing. We hope you will join us as we take another step in our learning together.

Please come **Sunday, April 7, at 9:15 a.m.** in the Chapel for the kick-off of this book and receive the book. Classes will continue until May 5. We will have extra books for anyone who can't join the class but would like to read the book.

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



Here are some photos from the February 19th Sunshine Supper:



Thanks to Steve Olson for sharing these photos, thanks to all the crew from Squirle and their helpers for volunteering, and thank you to the OSLC congregation for your monetary contributions to this important ministry!



~ March 2024 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00p Eat Boldly	2 9:00a "Uke-ology" (Ukulele Group) --- Chapel 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
3 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a New Member Class 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal 9:00a—2:00p Chair Sale	4 9:00a SPASD Transition Job Training Students cleaning 2:00p—5:00P Chair Sale 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	5 8:15a SPASD Preschool Playgroup @ 8:15 (staff arr. @ 8 am) 10:00a SPASD Preschool Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Transition Job Training Students - preschool cleaning 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Personnel Committee 6:45p Chancel Ringers (Balcony) 7:00p Property Committee Mtg.	6 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 4:45p Lent Soup Supper 5:15p Youth Choir 5:30p Cherub Choir 6:00p Lent Worship 6:30p Confirmation 7:00p Senior Choir 7:45p CHAOS	7 8:15a SPASD Preschool Playgroup @ 8:15 (staff arr. @ 8 am) 10:00a SPASD Preschool Playgroup - session 2 12:00p Bible Study 12:30p SPASD Transition Job Training Students	8	9 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) Remember to set clocks ahead one hour tonight
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17 Saint Patrick's Day 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a New Member Class 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship & New Member Installation 12:00p OSLC on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal	18 9:00a SPASD Transition Job Training Students cleaning 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747 Deadline for items for April newsletter	19 8:15a SPASD Preschool Playgroup @ 8:15 (staff arr. @ 8 am) 10:00a SPASD Preschool Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Transition Job Training Students - preschool cleaning 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Personnel Committee 6:00p Stamping Group 6:45p Chancel Ringers (Balcony) 7:00p Squirle (Men's Bible Study)	20 Spring Begins 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 4:45p Lent Soup Supper 5:15p Youth Choir 5:30p Cherub Choir 6:00p Lent Worship 6:30p Confirmation 7:00p Senior Choir 7:45p CHAOS 5:30p—7:30p CH Bird Science Night	21 8:15a SPASD Preschool Playgroup @ 8:15 (staff arr. @ 8 am) 10:00a SPASD Preschool Playgroup - session 2 12:00p Bible Study 12:30p SPASD Transition Job Training Students 6:00p Exec. Comm. 6:30p Congregation Council	22	23 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
24 Palm Sunday 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a NO Sunday School (Spring Break) 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal	25 7:00p Fellowship Committee Mtg. 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	26 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Personnel Committee 6:30p Martha Circle 6:45p Chancel Ringers (Balcony)	27 9:00a Quilters 9:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p Senior Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 7:00p Maundy Thursday worship	29 Good Friday Office closes @ noon 12:00p Good Friday Worship 7:00p Good Friday Worship	30 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 7:22p Easter Vigil
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Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:30 am,
Sunday School at 9:15 am, Lenten worship Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
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Monday–Thursday 9–4, Friday 9–1

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