



The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



Greetings, family of Our Savior's! Here is the March 2022 edition of *The Crossroads* newsletter. Attached below are links to sections of the newsletter:

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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.*

From Pastor Hansen

A New Creation: What is God up to in Your Life?

"¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:16-17)

As we begin to see the threat from the latest Covid-19 variant begin to subside, we can begin to wonder in a more real way: "What is God up to in our Lives?" The way we came to understand our faith and how the world has worked are all kind of up in the air. It is hard to imagine a world where everything we believe is called into question based upon a certain politic. What is truth? We live in a time when scientific fact is seen as propaganda. We actually live in a time when we don't want to learn about who we are, where we have come from, or what makes us think. Books are being banned across the country that teach us these very things. It seems that it has become acceptable to say that if we don't like something then we shouldn't have to learn about it.

It is a difficult time for some introspection. And yet, I am not sure how we go forward without it. I believe it is one of the hopeful things about our faith. Faith allows us for some introspective. This is what the Lutheran Church is great at. We understand the notion that we are at the same time, both saint and sinner. We recognize in ourselves, the ways that we often turn away from God and live for our own self-interests. It is called sin and we are often curved in upon our own wants and desires. But that is never the end of the story as we imagine what faith is all about.

Lent is a perfect season for us to do some of this introspection.

But God does not leave us there. God is all about creating something new. Here is the exciting part. "What is God up to in your life?" Where are the new edges? What are the new opportunities to re-discover the power of hope that lies in God's good word and gospel? Rather than merely existing in some status quo longing for a world that will never be the same, God calls us to life in 2022! What opportunities for love and service will come out of this pandemic? How will our faith continue to grow out of the stagnation of these past two years? How will we re-discover the idea of community—both with the OSLC crew and in the world around us?

As we live through this Lent together, please take some time to join in the conversations that the strategy team is developing and wonder together what God is up to in the midst of your life, but also with us at Our Savior's. I look forward to those discussions and the strategy that we develop coming out of them. May God bless your Lenten journey.

Peace,

Pastor Tim

Mission Strategy Task Force Update



A New Creation: What is God Up to in Your Life?

Six years ago, Our Savior's Lutheran Church adopted a mission strategy that helped guide ministry for the near future.

Throughout these past years we have been fortunate to accomplish many things in regard to this strategy. We hired staff, organized ministry, and found ways to move forward in the direction we felt we were being called. Then the pandemic hit. During these past two years the world has changed. Our congregation has changed. Your lives have changed.

How have you tended to your faith life? For some of us, we have learned how to worship online, or in cars, while others have found watching the previous week's worship on KSUN easier. Many of us have begun to return to in-person worship and it has been fun to see one another again. As Dane County lifts its mask mandate in March, we can begin to have some conversations moving forward.

So, what do the needs of ministry look like today? What is God up to in our own lives? How can we grow our faith in order to face the world around us? How can we learn more about what it means to love God and the neighbor?

A new strategy task force has been formed and meeting to help us, as a congregation, look at what is being made new among us. One of the things that we felt has been missing has been conversations and being with others. It is difficult to grow when you are isolated. Being together helps spur creativity and deeper thoughts. That is why we'd like to have a conversation.

Throughout the month of March and before Easter we'd like to invite you into a conversation with people you probably know, but also with folks that you don't. Through already established small groups like, circles, choir, Sunday School, quilters, etc., we would like to have conversations with you about what God is up to and try to establish a new strategy that encompasses our hopes and dreams and callings for new ministry to meet a new time. Questions we'd like to ask include:

1. What brings you to OSLC?
2. What words would you use to describe OSLC and why?
3. What does "growing in faith" look like to you? How can OSLC help you grow?
4. Part of the current mission of OSLC is community outreach. Are there community programs or needs that you would like to see added or expanded by OSLC in which you would be willing to support and participate?
5. Where can we, as a congregation, put more energy?

As we come out of this pandemic, we can be proactive about what ministry could look like and plan for what it will take to grow into that mission. Look for and be aware of invitations to join in a conversation during this month. Through it all we hope to bear witness to a God of love who calls us into love. Thank you for your attention.

Happy conversations!

Steve Olson, Kim Smith, Tony Klemme, Pastor Seth, Sandy Frei, Tom Hanser and Pastor Tim

Worship & Music



A New Creation: What is God Up to in Your Life?

Ash Wednesday: March 2nd: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Worship at noon and 6 p.m.

Lenten Wednesdays

Worship services at noon and 6 p.m.

Soup Suppers beginning March 9th at 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9th: *Isaiah 65:17-18*

Wednesday, March 16th *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Wednesday, March 23rd: *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Wednesday, March 30th: *Galatians 6:14-16*

Wednesday, April 6th: *Revelation 21:1-6*

Palm Sunday: April 10th

Maundy Thursday: April 14th

Good Friday: April 15th

Holy Saturday: April 16th

Easter Sunday: April 17th

Two Calendars Come Together

In the month of March we leave behind the season of Epiphany and begin the season of Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2 and will culminate in April with the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then Easter Sunday.

In our country, February has also been designated as Black History Month. To observe and honor this, much of the organ music at worship featured music by Black composers, including Henry Sexton, Raymond Henry, David Hurd, Sharon J. Willis, J. Roland Braithwaite, and Adolphus Hailstork.

The month of March has been designated as Women's History Month. Organ music in March will feature works by women composers, including Fanny Mendelssohn, the sister of composer Felix Mendelssohn, who had to have some of her compositions published under her brother's name because publishers in her time would not accept works written by women. In March there will be music by women composers from both the past and the present. The music will be selected to coordinate with the hymns we will sing and the theme of worship for the day. In this way I hope to bring our liturgical and national calendars together.

Thanks,
John Krueger

Christian Education

Adult Education is returning to OSLC! Starting on March 13, we will meet in the Chapel on Sundays from 9:15–10:15 am (the same time as Sunday School) to discuss and learn together!

March Adult Ed Schedule

March 13

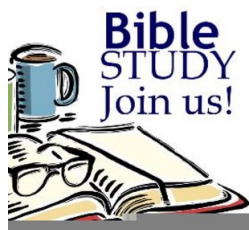
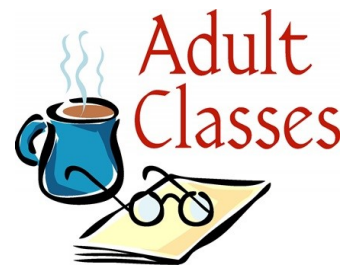
- + Dan Feaster presentation on Clergy Survey “What Pastors Wish Their Congregations Knew”

March 20

- + Mission Strategy

March 27

- + Pastor Tim—Genesis Overview



Brown Bag Bible Study continues on Thursdays—We are studying the book of Genesis. The book of Genesis is a fascinating book that includes many different types of literature. Its beginnings take us back to the beginning, but more importantly help us understand the present. We will seek to discover more questions and maybe even discover more about ourselves in the process. See you at noon on Thursdays with Pastor Tim!

Communion Milestone Celebration

This year seven children received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, February 20th. Each with at least one parent attended two orientation classes. The first portion of each session included teachings from our Pastors. The second portion included chalice decorating with Shelly Perkolup. These keepsake chalices were used by the children as they received Communion and served it to their families.

Please join us in congratulating these young disciples and their families!



Chloe Henderson

Lucas Johling

Charlotte Kube

Sage Ogunsola

Zion Ogunsola

Mason Partenheimer

Everett Witkiewicz

Fellowship & Youth & Family

Soup Suppers

You are invited to join us for Lenten Soup Suppers beginning on **Wednesday, March 9th through Wednesday, April 6th!** Supper will be served from 4:45 pm–5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall, with Lenten worship beginning at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. The March 9th supper will feature homemade chicken noodle, and split pea with ham soups! **If you plan to attend the dinner, please sign up at the Welcome Desk.**



Soup Suppers

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Our confirmation classes will be helping to serve and clean up after dinner with each evening's free-will offering being donated to a cause of the class's choosing. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with preparing the soups at around 3 pm each Wednesday. If you are able to help prepare soups on any of the Wednesdays when soups will be served, please contact Ed Nowicki, Fellowship Board chairperson, via email at edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net.

Also—if you would like to volunteer to make two gallons of soup at home and bring it in for a soup supper, please contact Ed or sign up at the Welcome Desk. Soups will need to be here by 4 pm each Wednesday. Please note—we have soup kettles available downstairs that you can borrow to use.

Fellowship

Eat Boldly—Friday, March 4th at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People! The next group dinner will be Friday, March 4th at the Tailwinds Restaurant in the Double Tree by Hilton, 4402 East Washington Avenue in Madison at 7:00 p.m. Please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk or contact Judy Fenske at 837-9000 or judyfenske@hotmail.com no later than Wed., Mar. 4th.



Looking ahead, next month we will meet at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee on Friday, April 1.

Youth & Family

Faith Chests

We are excited to bring back part of our Milestone Ministry program this year, and we are in need of some hands to make it happen. We plan to gift a faith chest to each child baptized at OSLC. A faith chest is not just a simple box, but a special place to keep memories of one's faith journey through life. We need volunteers to help assemble and finish the boxes before we can start handing them out. We will schedule times to work as a group to complete this project at Matt Weber's workshop, and all supplies and instruction will be provided. Contact Matt Weber (Matt@oslc-elca.org) for more information and to volunteer to help.



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 a mixed Spring Garden of flowers 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 at the Welcome Desk and the cost is \$17 each. **Deadline to order is Friday, April 1st.**



Altar Flowers Chart for 2022—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 2022 is located in the Narthex at the Welcome Desk, and **there are some open slots available each month for the rest of 2022.** The price per bouquet is \$25. If you would like to order flowers...please remember to:

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



If you wish to donate the flower bouquet(s) rather than take them home after our 10:30 service, please indicate that on the order form.

PLEASE NOTE—Altar Flowers can now 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.)

Women's Ministry

Gloves 'n Socks—The Rebecca Circle is collecting donations of gloves and socks for homeless shelters. The need becomes very great as the temperatures drop. This year they will be delivering the donations to Porchlight. Look for the red/white container in the Narthex to place your donations.

A Note from the OSLC Quilters

Our quilters are in need of boxes, copy paper-sized or somewhat larger, for packing quilts. Please drop them off at church, either at the bottom of the stairs or in the Upper Room.

You would also be most welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings in the Upper Room from 9:00 to 11:00 am for the fellowship of assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We can always use more help. As always, your support is so much appreciated!



Financial & Other News

Our Savior's is looking for a new Treasurer

This individual does not need to have a finance background but needs to have an understanding of Excel. Please see the Treasurer job responsibilities below. If anyone is interested or has questions please contact Emily by email emilylafleur10@yahoo.com.

OSLC Treasurer Responsibilities:

- Signer for the current bank accounts and Mission Investment accounts
- Sign and review checks on a weekly basis (Monday or Tuesday)
- Oversee the Finance Secretary and assist with any issues
- Attend monthly Board of Finance meetings (second Thursday of the month)
- Attend monthly Church Council meetings (third Thursday of the month)
- Attend Executive meetings as Officer of the Church
- Attend personnel committee meetings
- Prepare Treasurer's Report based on Financial Secretary's statements (Report is prepared in Excel)
- Send Treasurer's Report to the Board of Finance
- Download 3 bank statements and send them to appropriate people on a monthly basis.
- Be the liaison between the Church and the bank, and investigate any questions regarding the bank
- Monitor the bank balances weekly
- Complete the payroll transfers every two weeks, and other transfers as needed by the Finance Secretary
- Every January, prepare an annual report and summary of accounts for the OSLC Annual Report.
- Present the Treasurer's report at the Annual Meeting

Attention All Electronic Givers—If you are considering giving online, most of you know that we did switch to Shelby in May, and no longer use Vanco. **The link to sign up for online giving with Shelby is** www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/ours3731109. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance with setting up electronic giving with Shelby, please contact bonnie@oslc-elca.org.

New Christ In Our Home Books have arrived

—The *Christ In Our Home* devotional books for the second quarter (April—June) are here—in the regular size as well as large print. Copies are available in the plastic bin on top of our mailbox outside as well as in the Narthex. Feel free to pick up a copy!

Offering Counters Needed!

We are in need of counters to join our monthly offering counting teams. Please contact Bonnie Shema (bonnie@oslc-elca.org or 608-837-3111) if you would like to help with counting our weekly offerings.



Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 13!

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 12!

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Deadline for April Newsletter

—Please submit any items for the April newsletter by Friday, Mar. 18th to darlene@oslc-elca.org

Hunger “NO” Longer Food Pantry at CH Bird Elementary School—Our

Savior’s is partnering with CH Bird School and the community schools



program to help sponsor a food pantry at the school. The program is called “Hunger No Longer.” We are excited about this opportunity to be involved with a

neighbor school in this way. We are collecting items for their food pantry on Sundays (look for the big green barrel). Below you will find a list of items that they are looking for. Thank you for your partnership!

Donations: food

Canned Meat or Fish- tuna , chicken, stew, chili, salmon, corned beef

Soups- chicken, vegetables, broth, chowder

Fresh/Canned Fruits and

Vegetables- Oranges, apples, pineapples, mixed fruit, applesauce, grapes, celery, cabbage, greens (kale, collard, turnip, mustard), lettuce, corn, green beans, peas, mixed veggies, broccoli, cauliflower, beans (pinto, blackeyes, navy, black beans, baked)

Pasta/rice- boxed dinners (hamburger/tuna helper, macaroni and cheese, rice-a-roni, etc.)

Grain products- brown rice, whole grain bread, bagels, muffins Cereal, oatmeal, pudding, fruit snacks, popcorn, yogurt

Baby food- canned formula, boxed baby cereal, etc.

Please share recipes also

Non-food Items

Toiletries- deodorant, soap, shampoo, toilet tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, diapers.

CH Bird Elementary School would like to say we are very grateful to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church for partnering with us and supporting our vision to help our community.

Church in Society

Clothesline Ministry Spring Collection



The Clothesline Ministry is seeking donations of any kids clothes, especially sizes 4T-14 husky/ plus. Underclothes, socks, outfits, and towels are most needed. These items support our neighborhood families through our partner, Bird School’s community school program.

Ways to Donate

1. Drop off new or gently used items at the display inside the church.
2. Make a donation to the church clearly labeled **Clothesline Ministry**, and we will do the shopping.
3. Call Sharee at 834-8497 and arrange for pick up.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:30 am
and on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Video worship services on our YouTube channel & KSTUN on Sundays

Worship

Due to the virus and variance health concerns, office hours are variable.
Please call the church office before coming to church.

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