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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



Greetings, family of Our Savior's! Here is the May 2025 edition of *The Crossroads* newsletter. Attached below are links to these sections of the newsletter:

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From Pastor Hecox

May Newsletter Article

Easter season greetings! Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Alleuia!

Together, we've come through a lot in the last couple months. I'm proud of the way we've responded to challenges and continue to hold fast to hope. God is at work in our midst! You can see evidence of God's work everywhere. In so many aspects of our shared life, things are going extraordinarily well, such as:

-Sunday and Wednesday worship attendance are higher these last four months than they've been since before the pandemic.

-We're about to have our third(!) new member class *in the last 8 months*. We've never done that before, to my knowledge. People are drawn to what the Spirit is doing here at Our Savior's, and they're eager to be part of it. It's been uplifting to hear how much they've been enjoying worship and want to join so they can be part of what God's doing here. Speaking of which, those new member classes will be May 11 and 18. If you'd like to participate, contact Nicole!

-Youth and young family participation continues to be strong, even in the midst of transition. We just confirmed our 9th grade class and heard them tell their faith stories in sermons on April 27. Their courage and maturity sets an example for all of us as we consider the ways in which the Lord has worked in our own lives.

-And there's so much more that I don't have space to list here. You can feel the energy in the congregation, like a buzz and electricity. It's invigorating!

I want to give a big shout out to those who've really stepped up these past few months. In addition to Council members doing difficult and invaluable work, we've had both Dawn and Lorna join the staff and help in a variety of roles we've needed filled. Bekah has also taken on all sorts of new roles that she's thrived in. Dick and Gayle Schmeling made our Confirmation program work in ways that it wouldn't have if they hadn't jumped in. And again, so many more people have stepped up to serve and lead wherever they've seen the need. It's truly enlivening to witness all this happen in our midst these last couple months. The Spirit is indeed at work in and through the congregation!

In short, we have much to be thankful for here at Our Savior's. Lots of good people are doing lots of good things. So lift up your hearts, take courage, and keep up the good work. Christ journeys with us, as we walk together in the mystery of his resurrection. We are new creations in Christ, called to gather, to send, and to serve.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Seth

Pastoral Acts:

Baptisms

Alayah Sunday-Johnson—April 6, 2025



Council News

From the OSLC Council with thanks

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We understand how scary and stressful our present situation is for many of you. As we move forward, we promise to communicate with you in a timely and transparent manner.

We invite you to join us for another Q&A session this Sunday, May 4, at 9:15 a.m. We will do our best to answer your questions as fully and honestly as we are able.

Additionally, if you would like to reach out personally, please feel free to contact:

- **Tim Svendsen, Council President** — 608-228-2330 — tandrsven@gmail.com
- **Kris Koskelin, Council Vice President** — 608-213-2987 — kkoskelin@gmail.com

Our church continues to seek resolution. We encourage all voicemails or written communications with the synod to reflect a prayerful spirit and a desire for healing.

Yours in Christ,

OSLC Congregational Council

Financial Progress Report for March 2025

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$52,133.49	Giving: \$8,300.00
Expenses: \$49,366.38	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$2,767.11	Net Cash Flow: \$1,197.00
YTD Cash Flow: \$37,379.59	YTD Cash Flow: \$<1,469.00>

**Deadline for items for June
newsletter—Monday, May 19th**

**Newsletter
DEADLine**

**Thank you to all those who choose to
designate Our Savior's for Thrivent Choice
Dollars.**

Your Thrivent Dollars help so many things at Our Savior's—such as the Quilters, the JAM events, Triangle Community Ministry, "Feeding Hungry Kids" at C. H. Bird School, and other ministries of OSLC. We appreciate your generosity!



Worship & Music

Thank You from the Our Savior's Music Department

I would like to use this space this month to thank all of our musicians for their participation in Holy Week.

- + First, a special thank you to the Senior Choir for singing at our 8:00 Easter service.
- + Next, I am grateful to the Chancel Ringers for playing on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and for collaborating with the organ and Senior Choir at these services. Rick LaFleur also played the trumpet on Palm Sunday for the processional hymn at both services!
- + Third, it was wonderful to hear our Cherub Choir + Alumni make a joyful noise at our 10:30 service on Easter!
- + Fourth, thank you to the Praise Band for playing at our 10:30 Easter service.
- + And finally, thank you to Andrew Koskelin, Will Perkolup, Ben Crittenden, and Josh Morano for playing in the brass quartet at the 10:30 Easter service.



Our Savior's is extremely blessed to have so many musically-talented members who contribute their time and talents to praise our Lord!

In Christ,

Bekah Morano

Worship & Arts

Geraniums for Pentecost

Help decorate the Sanctuary with red geraniums for Pentecost on Sunday, June 8th. Plants can be taken home after the 10:30 service on June 8th, or you can choose to have the plant donated.



Order forms are located in the Narthex near the Altar Flowers bulletin board and also on the end of the pews. The cost per geranium plant is \$7. Orders will be accepted **until Monday, May 19th.**

Altar Flowers Chart for 2025—Dates Available!

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 2025 is located in the Narthex on the bulletin board just outside the entrance to the Sanctuary. 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: Sign up on the 2025 Altar Flower Board, fill out an Altar Flower Order Form, and 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

CORN FEST—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

Music, musicians and a truck will again tote a hay rack for our entry into the annual Corn Fest Parade. We are allowed 25 people to walk alongside the hay rack. Perhaps we will pass out something other than candy. Looking into a trinket or sticker with OSLC/RIC emblazoned.

Also, along with Our Savior's banner heading our entry, there will be more decor on the hay rack. Would love to have our youngest members walk with us shaking the handheld instruments used after second service! Maybe walkers in costume?

NEIGHBORHOOD BLACK TOP PARTY

The party will not return this year due to low attendance. Not even a Bouncy House could draw more children than our own families after passing out 200 invitations to homes in our neighborhood.

RALLY DAY



A plan is in the works for a special, old-fashioned first day of Sunday School celebration in September. Families will be invited to meet their children's teachers, become familiar with materials to be used and encourage parents/grandparents to be a part of their children's Sunday School family.

We will work with Youth and Family/Education on this event.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Was a HUGE event last year. Lots of car trunks filled with candy and decorations along with costumed members of all ages...especially our teens! Start planning your Halloween costume!



WELCOME DESK

It is so important to not only greet people coming to worship but to have a presence by introducing them to our worship space, along with events taking place. Standing behind the Welcome Desk with a smile is all that's required. At any time before or after church just say hello to someone who may be visiting by asking "have we met before"?...

To be a part of this ministry, you can use Sign-Up genius or a calendar at the Desk.

EVANGELISM'S MISSION:

To bring the Gospel to the unchurched, equip and encourage members to share their faith, and publicize the life of this church with clarity and hospitality into the larger community.

Evangelism Committee

Pat Nicholson

Judy Cook

Jim Jaeck

Fellowship

Eat Boldly—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!

Our June group dinner will be Friday, June 6th at 7:00 pm at Daly's Bar and Grill, 1086 Emerald Terrace, in Sun Prairie.

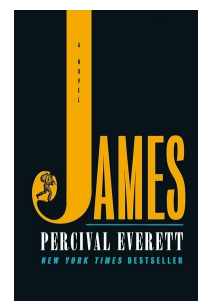
Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Wednesday, June 4th. If questions—contact Gary Dalgaard at (608) 215-0583.



Spirited Book Club—May 13th

The Spirited Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm to discuss **James** by Percival Everett. It is a book that rewrites literary history to allow us to hear voices long suppressed.

The meeting will be held at Gloria Hannon's home (886 Hunters Trail in Sun Prairie). Please RSVP to Sandy Richardson or Joy Kroeger. You can also sign up at the Welcome Desk at church.



Coffee Hour Treats Needed

If you're interested in donating treats for our Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—these can be left in the refrigerator or freezer in the upstairs kitchenette. **We are quite low on our supply!**

Please remember to date them and note if they have nuts and/or are gluten free.

Also, if you'd like to help serve coffee and treats on Sunday mornings, please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Thank you!

The Fellowship Committee



Church in Society

Sunshine Food Pantry Assistance

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

- *Hamburger Helper*
- *Ketchup*
- *Cake mixes*
- *Crackers*
- *Any pasta other than spaghetti*



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

CH Bird Community Elementary School Request - DIAPERS

Jenny Divney, the CHB Community Coordinator, has reached out to us for an urgent need that family members in the CHB neighborhood have. As most of us are aware, buying diapers has become a hardship for many families. There is a high need right now for sizes 3, 6, and 7 diapers as well as pull-ups for a 5-year old. CHB is trying to figure out a partnership with the Diaper Bank, but for right now they need our help.

If you are able to purchase diapers you can drop them off at CHB or put them in the cart at church (located by the Food Pantry table).



Thank you for your continued support of our neighborhood CHB families.

It's Sunshine Supper Time!

The next Sunshine Supper will be on Monday, May 19th. We're going to be preparing and distributing taco salad meals for approximately 500 people. If you can find it in your hearts to help us out with a financial donation, it would be very much appreciated. You can include a check with your offering, mail one to the church, or drop it off in the mailbox outside. Just make sure you put "Sunshine Supper" in the memo line.

We're also looking for 20 volunteers to prepare and help serve the meal from 4:15 to 6:15 pm. The signup sheet will be on the Welcome Desk.

Thank you so much for your support!!

Tom Schlinder



Rebecca Circle is collecting donations for PorchLight in Madison:

Here is the *Spring & Summer Request* for PorchLight:

Refillable travel cups, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, baseball hats, sun hats, sun visors, umbrellas, bandanas, rain and sunproof ponchos, backpacks, belts, socks, new underwear, dental care products, playing cards, puzzle books, 2 in 1 shampoo and conditioner, body wash, razors and shaving cream, deodorant, and Q-tips

Please Note: PorchLight is not accepting clothing donations at this time.

Please place your donations for Porch Light in the white wicker basket in the Narthex.
Thank you to the OSLC congregation for all your donations throughout the year!



Youth & Family—from Dawn Bradley

Calling all Highschool Seniors!!! We know that you are wrapping up your senior year and there is SO MUCH to do, but please reach out to Dawn by May 15th. We would like to recognize you in June before you run off to college or start your “work life”. There is a small questionnaire that we would like you to fill out. Thanks!

2025
Class of



Sunday School is wrapping up for the year and what a year it has been! I want to Thank you to all the volunteers that make Sunday School move. I would to make a personally Thank you to Brenda Wilcox for taking over a good majority of the responsibility of the Sunday School “leg work” and doing most of the behind scene stuff to make Sunday School run while I was learning.

I few things to mark your calendars for coming up in the month of May:

- May 11th is the Movie Party in Mission Matinee (Homeward Bound)
- May 18th is the Family Celebration Event with Breakfast at 9:15a. The Hosts for this event is our High School Youth Group.

Disruptive Disciples Corner: The high school youth continue to meet in Ben's Underground each Sunday to hangout, have breakfast and discussion. This is open to all High Schoolers in 9th through 12th grade! All are welcome to come and invite a friend or two join you!!! Below is the schedule for May.

May 4th: Regular Meeting at 9:15am. Then at 3:15pm we have the ice cream social where we will be serving ice cream for the cast and crew for the Penguin Project.

May 11th: Regular Meeting at 9:15am

May 18th: We will be serving Breakfast to the Sunday School students. Please be here around 8:45a to get prepped and ready to go.



Congratulations to our 10 students on their confirmation on April 27th!

We enjoyed listening to your sermons, excited to welcome you into the church and can't wait to see where your faith journey takes you next!



Kameron Birrenkott, Paige Bradley, Ben Crittenden, Andrey Derr,
Ben Kupcho, Camryn Meinzer, Miriam Roe, Alayah Sunday-Johnson,
Nathan Thao and Maddox Walters.

Youth & Family—from Dawn Bradley

THE AMAZING GRACE

On April 6th, 9 youth and 3 adults participated joined 6 other congregations in the Madison Area and participated in Amazing "G"race at First Congregational UCC in Madison. We had a blast running and driving all over Madison finding "clues" that they left from putting a puzzle of Israel together, to counting the number of stars hanging from strings, building a pyramid out of blocks and so much more! It all ended with a pizza party. While none of our 3 teams that we had won (one of the teams were close, the charity that our youth choose to play for was Sunshine Place if they won), we all had a blast and can't wait to do this again next year! Hopefully with even more youth and more teams! **Mark your calendars for next year... the next race is tentatively set for April 12th!**

I couldn't have chosen a better way to spend my afternoon! I had a blast! Thank you to the youth and adults that participated! I can't wait for next year! Ms. Dawn!



~ May 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students	2 7:00p Eat Boldly	3 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
4 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Q&A Session 9:15a HS Youth Group (Ben's Underground) 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal	5 9:30a SPASD Job Training Students 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	6 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Chancel Ringers (Balcony) 7:00p Property Committee Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	7 9:00a Quilters 9:30a Gather in Prayer (Conf. Rm.) 7:00p Senior Choir	8 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 1:30p Rebecca Circle - Chapel 7:00p Bd. of Finance (Conf. Rm.)	9	10 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
11 Mother's Day 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a HS Youth Group (Ben's Underground) 9:15a SS Movie Party in Mission Matinee 9:15a New Member Class 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal	12 9:30a SPASD Job Training Students 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	13 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 1:00p Pastors Text Study Group 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Chancel Ringers (Balcony) 6:30p Spirited Book Club (@ G. Hannon's)	14 9:00a Quilters 7:00p Senior Choir	15 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 6:00p Executive Committee 6:30p Congregation Council	16	17 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
18 8:00a Worship 8:45a Just Bakery here 8:45a HS Youth Group prep breakfast for SS students 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a SS School Family Celebration Event/breakfast hosted by HS Youth 9:15a New Member Class 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal	19 9:30a SPASD Job Training Students 4:00p Sunshine Supper 6:30p Elizabeth Circle 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747 Deadline for items for June newsletter	20 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Stamping Group 7:00p Squirele (Men's Bible Study)	21 9:00a Quilters 9:30a Gather in Prayer (Conf. Rm.)	22 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students	23	24 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
25 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	26 Memorial Day	27 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:30p Martha Circle	28 9:00a Quilters	29 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students	30	31 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 1:00p Breta Saganski Piano Recital



Come Grow With Us

Interested in becoming a member of OSLC? Email the church office at office@oslc-elca.org or call 608-837-3111

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



God's work. Our hands.

Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Video worship services on our YouTube channel & KSTUN on Sundays

Worship

Office Hours
Monday–Friday 9–4