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The Crossroads

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School



We've got a Stellar spot for you! New friends...Amazing experiments...Creative games...Super-fun snacks...Surprising adventures...Incredible music!

July 31–August 4, 2023

9:00 am–12:00 pm

**Look for the display in the Narthex
or contact Matt Weber if questions**



Register online at: vbspro.events/p/events/601f30

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

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From Pastor Hecox

Reflections from Camp

Summertime is great for many reasons, not least of which is the opportunity to relax. Most of us have been trained to relax in the summertime because of the school schedule we had growing up as kids. Our brains get to take a break, the heat makes our bodies a little more lethargic and demands we exert ourselves a little less, and families get together for vacations and reunions and what not.

The church year kind of follows that idea. After all the hustle and bustle of Reformation Sunday through Holy Trinity, now we settle into a relaxed series of Christ's teachings on Sunday mornings and a brief break from our regular weekly non-worship activities. It's a good time for us to take a breath, relax a little bit, and gently grow, almost imperceptibly. Things will ramp up again in due time, with all the programs and activities and exciting opportunities we are privileged to have at a church like this. But for now, my hope is that you'll be able to slow down and enjoy the summer (despite the high amount of particulate matter making its way down from the Canadian wildfires).

One way I've engaged in this spirit of summer already is by going to Confirmation Camp with Matt Weber and some of our OSLC middle schoolers. The week was both fun and relaxing. The kids had a blast and they've connected with each other as well as kids from other churches. I wanted all of you to hear about their experiences, so I had them each write down something about camp.

Here are some of those responses:

"It's amazing here and you learn a lot. If you're a kid thinking about going next year, please go!"

-Clara

"My favorite part of camp is the food and that it's fun."

-Elijah

"The food is amazing. The water is refreshing. The songs are cool."

-Ben

"Some things I liked at Pine Lake: food, hikes, swimming in the lake."

-Camryn

These kids were able to go in part because of the support of this congregation, and they want to thank you for being a church where they feel they belong and are welcomed.

My prayer for you this summer is that you too can take a little bit of time to recharge, and give your minds and bodies and spirits a little break, before we dive headlong back into the busyness of programs and activities as we experience life together as a people of God. May your days be long and your hardships few, fellow friends in Christ.

Amen,

Pastor Seth

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.*

Holy Land Trip

This is a reminder that spaces are filling up for the trip to Palestine/Israel and Jordan next spring. If you are considering joining us on the tour, please sign up soon!



If you have questions, please see Pastor Tim or Lisa Hansen. Brochures are available at the Welcome Desk.

Council News

Council Notes from June 15, 2023 Meeting

We had a Council Meeting via Zoom on June 15. These items were discussed:

1. We are moving forward with the Building and Grounds recommendation to replace and upgrade the lighting in the church and parking lot.
2. We are still looking to hire a custodian.

Tim Svendsen
Council President

YOU LIGHT UP MY PARKING LOT!

In case you hadn't noticed, the light poles in our parking lot are sporting some new hardware and a fresh coat of paint. They've been standing sentry duty out there for quite a few years and this work was sorely needed. But this is just the first phase of a lighting project that is also long overdue.

Perhaps you have noticed when you are in the sanctuary, gazing at the ceiling during one of Pastor Tim or Pastor Seth's sermons, that there are some lights that no longer work. Some of the fixtures just have the up lights and some just have the down lights, and some don't work at all from time to time. We don't have an installation date yet but sometime in the next several weeks we will be converting all the lighting in the sanctuary, the narthex, the hallway outside the sanctuary, in the library and outside the offices, to LED lighting.

This is going to not only give us better, more consistent lighting, but it will also save us some money on our electric bill. Not only that but Focus on Energy is also going to be contributing to the cost of the new lighting. How about that? We do something so we don't have to buy as much of their product, and they help us pay for it. Who knew?



Worship & Music

Selecting Music for Worship

You may have wondered how music is selected for worship. Here is a brief outline:

1. We begin with the appointed texts and readings and then consider any special occasion such as a baptism or confirmation or, as we did on June 18, Juneteenth.
2. We then try to select songs and hymns that are appropriate for and relate to the texts and/or the occasion, at the same time considering things like singability and familiarity. This is not to rule out any song or hymn that is new, but to introduce it in a way to make it as easy as possible for the congregation to learn and to sing.
3. I then try to find music for the prelude, offering, and postlude that incorporates melodies of songs and hymns we will be singing or have just sung, with the intention of relating to the texts of those songs and hymns.



I may also consider other things such as a famous composer's birthday or music by Black composers during Black History Month and music by women composers during Women's History Month.

Keep learning and making music,
John Krueger

SAVE the DATE: August 13, 2023, 1:00 pm



5th Annual Benefit Concert
Classic Brass Quintet (from Rochester, MN)
Supporting Dysphonia International
(formerly known as National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association)

Concert will be held, Rain or Shine!!
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Parking lot or Sanctuary)

More details to come!!

Christian Education

VBS “SPACE CAMP” IS COMING YOUR WAY!

Hey boys and girls. We're in the final countdown to our VBS blastoff. It's going to be great fun and I would hate to see you miss out. It's for anyone who will be at least three years old by September 1, 2023, up to anyone entering fifth grade this fall and everyone in between. You can register on the OSLC website (oslc-elca.org) or fill out a form at church. And something new for everyone this year, it's FREE!

The dates are July 31st to August 4th. We hope to see you there!

Gary Dalgaard
Education Committee



Vacation Bible School Registration Now Open!

VBS is back this summer (July 31–August 4) with an out-of-this-world theme for our week of games, Bible stories, songs, new friends, and fun! All kids 3 years old (by September 1st, 2023) through 5th grade are invited to attend VBS. We will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. **Stellar VBS** rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun! VBS is a totally FREE event and is supported by members of OSLC.

If you are willing to volunteer and help make this event a success, **please contact Matt Weber (matt@oslc-elca.org)** for more information, or sign up to volunteer by following the registration link below.

[VBS Student and Volunteer Registration](#)



Youth & Family

High School Senior Recognition on June 11th

We honored our graduating high school seniors at our worship services on **Sunday, June 11th**. Congratulations to these Class of 2023 Graduates from our OSLC Family! Best Wishes!

- + **Morgan Bradley**—attending University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- + **Ethan Flood**—attending Northwestern University
- + **Noel Gay**—attending Luther College
- + **Andrew Gratz**—attending UW Whitewater
- + **Helen Perkolup**—attending UW Whitewater
- + **Tyler Schick**—attending Lake Forest College
- + **Jake Schulze**—attending Madison College
- + **Logan Spahos**—attending UW Oshkosh
- + **Zach Svendsen**—attending UW Eau Claire



Evangelism

CornFest Parade

Candy Donations needed - Starting July 2nd and ending August 13th, there will be a large container waiting to be filled with bags of candy (no chocolate, please) for our parade walkers to hand out during the CornFest Parade. Thank you for your generous donations.



Parade Walkers - We are looking for parade walkers to walk next to our band float to hand out candy and other fun items on Wednesday, August 16th during the CornFest Parade. All ages are welcome, but anyone under the age of 16 needs to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk and watch for details when the date gets closer (weather may impact start times). If you ordered new OSLC clothing this is a great time to wear it or the God's Work. Our Hands shirts.

OSLC Band - Our OSLC Band will once again perform during the parade. Lori and Dan Kvalheim have graciously donated their flatbed trailer for the band to use during the parade. If you ordered new OSLC clothing this is a great time to wear it or the God's Work. Our Hands shirts. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

Women's Ministry

Women's Adventure Group (WAG) - July 22nd

Our July WAG event will be a tour of the beautiful gardens and outdoor spaces at EPIC in Verona. Kathy Thorstad has graciously offered to be our guide. We will meet at church, **leaving at 9 am on Saturday, July 22nd to carpool, or meet us at EPIC at 9:35** (location to meet TBD). Plan on a 2 hour tour.



If you are planning to attend, please sign up in the narthex or email lisatimhansen@gmail.com. We need an accurate count for this event.

Quilters' Summer Schedule—Our Quilters will be meeting in the summer on Wednesday, July 5th and August 9th. They will resume their schedule of meeting each Wednesday morning beginning on September 6th.



Other News

It's time for a New Church Directory!

We are planning for a new OSLC Photo Directory! Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

The dates of photography will be:

September 13–15 (2 pm—8:30 pm)

September 16 (10:30 am—5 pm)

September 19–20 (2 pm—8:30 pm)

Everyone who is photographed by Universal Church Directories will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

Look for the sign-up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings—or schedule your appointment online at: www.ucdir.com. (Look for information about how to do this on the posters in the Narthex or at the signup table.)



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 the day-to-day, determining whether or not an issue is about race can be difficult—not only for white people, but for people of color as well. Rarely is there only one factor or viewpoint in a serious issue. Things are never cut-and-dry. And because we have come up in a society where talking about race is just not something you “do” in polite company, we don’t have a lot of practice in putting words to racial issues. But it is difficult, if not impossible, to talk about race when we can’t even agree that something is about race. And we have to start somewhere. Ijeoma Oluo

Look for more information on classes starting in September where we will have an opportunity to learn together and begin the difficult process of discussing racial issues. Books will be available September 1.

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

Sunshine Supper—Save the Date!

Our Savior’s will be providing a meal at Sunshine Supper on Monday, August 21st. Watch for more information.



Sun Prairie Food Pantry Most Needed Items in July:

The Sun Prairie Food Pantry needs your help. Here are their current most needed items:

1. Hamburger Helper
2. Catsup
3. Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles
4. Mayonnaise



Please bring your items to church and place them on the table marked “Food Pantry Donations” in the Narthex. **Thank you for making a difference for Sun Prairie families.**



Thank you to everyone who donated *Kool Pops* for Bird School’s summer programs! Our Bird School contact picked up the **large** amount donated by OSLC folks at the end of June and they said to thank you all!! They have enough for the summer programming now and the kids will really enjoy them!!

Financial News

Financial Progress Report for May 2023

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$44,866.40	Giving: \$6,020.00
Expenses: \$67,707.10	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$<22,840.70>	Net Cash Flow: \$<1,083.00>
YTD Cash Flow: \$<6,817.82>	YTD Cash Flow: \$<5,030.00>

Fellowship

Eat Boldly—Friday, July 7th at 7pm—Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People!

Our July group dinner will be on **Friday, July 7th** at the Fireside in Fort Atkinson. This is for dinner only. We will not see a theater performance. Look for the sign-up at the Welcome Desk. Sign up or contact Judy Fenske at (608) 837-9000 or judyfenske@hotmail.com **by Wednesday, July 5th**



Looking ahead—our August group dinner will be on **Friday, August 4th** at Hi-Way Harry's, I-94 and Highway 26, in Johnson Creek. Watch for the sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

Join Our
Golf Outing



OSLC Golf Outing Sunday, July 16th @ 2 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 July 9th**. If questions, contact Ed Nowicki (edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net) or (608) 212-9648.

Concerts on the Square with OSLC! Wednesday, July 19th Concert starts @ 7 pm Theme: "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy"



We will have an area marked off for our OSLC group located on South Pinckney Street beginning in the late afternoon. There are many food and drink concessions available there—or you can bring your own picnic.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk—and please indicate if you'd like to carpool or prefer to meet our group there!

Mallards of Madison Baseball Game at the Duck Pond!

(Warner Park—2920 North Sherman Avenue, Madison)

Saturday, July 29th

First Pitch: 6:05 pm (gates open one hour prior)

Look for the flyer at the Welcome Desk with more information about ticket package options and the link to buy tickets. All tickets must be ordered online this year. However, we'd also like you to sign up at the Welcome Desk so we know who is planning to attend. **(RSVP by Saturday, July 22nd.)**



Contact Ed Nowicki if questions (edwardnowicki@sbcglobal.net) or 608-212-9648.

Here is the link to purchase the type of ticket/package you want:

<https://northwoodsleague.com/madison-mallards/pepsi-pregame-party/>

ANNUAL WISCONSIN ALS WALK FUNDRAISER

Hello OSLC Family and Friends!

With encouragement from Angie Schmidt and Darlene Thorstad, we wanted to invite you to an upcoming fundraiser to raise funds and awareness for ALS, (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. This is a progressive neurological disease that results in the death of nerve cells called motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord. These neurons control voluntary muscles. Approximately 5,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with ALS each year. At this time there is no known cure, just medications to help slow the progress down.



As you know, Scott was diagnosed with Bulbar ALS in November of 2021. The love and support we have been given from all of you from the very beginning has been overwhelming and amazing. You have been with us every step of the way, so we don't have to go through this journey on our own. All of you have done so much to help us; either with prayers, food, outings, conversations, projects, and time spent together. All of it has helped us more than we can say, and we can't thank you enough.

Last year Scott and I participated in the annual Wisconsin ALS walk. We had a wonderful turnout with so much love and support from our family and friends. We would like to invite you to join us this year! **The ALS walk will be on Saturday, October 21 at the Vilas Park Shelter. Activities start at 9:00 a.m. with the walk starting at 10:00 a.m.** This is a mile walk which is suitable for all ages!

The WI ALS Association is a key component to raise awareness and funds through special fundraisers, such as the Annual ALS Walk, to help defeat ALS. The money raised from these fundraisers helps the ALS Association to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest through grants, support groups, equipment loan programs and ALS certified clinics, all which are vital for those living with ALS to live a full, productive life.

The Madison chapter has done so much to help us through this transition and during this past year; from welcoming us in the monthly support groups, to borrowing us equipment for as long as needed, to supporting us through illnesses and advocating for better communication on medications. They truly are with us every step of the way from start to finish, we couldn't do this without them – or all of you!!!

We have set up our team to raise money for the Wisconsin ALS Association. Our team's name is "Every Day's a Blessing." Our goal is to raise \$5000.00 for research and to support our local chapter, (all funds raised at this walk stays with the local Madison chapter).

We know that there are so many worthy causes to support, and each person probably has someone in their life that is touched by a disease. If you would like to support us on this journey to help The ALS Association Wisconsin Chapter, by making a donation through our team's fundraising page for the *2023 Walk to Defeat ALS Madison*, please see the link below. Even a small donation will help us achieve our goal! The process is fast, easy, and secure.

Scott and I would love to have you join us on the walk! We look forward to having a fun day with everyone who comes! Please feel free to invite others to join us and share this with anyone else! The more the merrier!

Thank you for all your love, prayers and support, they have helped us on our journey! We couldn't do this without you!!

Hope to see you there!
Thank you so much!!!

Scott and Ann Breitenbach

[Check out Every Day's a Blessing's team fundraising page for The ALS Association Wisconsin Chapter](#)

~ July 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00a Worship (livestream plus available later on YouTube) 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 11:45a Acolyte Training Class 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	3 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	4 Independence Day 8:00a Office Closed	5 9:00a Staff Meeting 9:00a Summer Quilting Day	6 6:15p Evangelism Comm.	7 7:00p Eat Boldly	8 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
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