



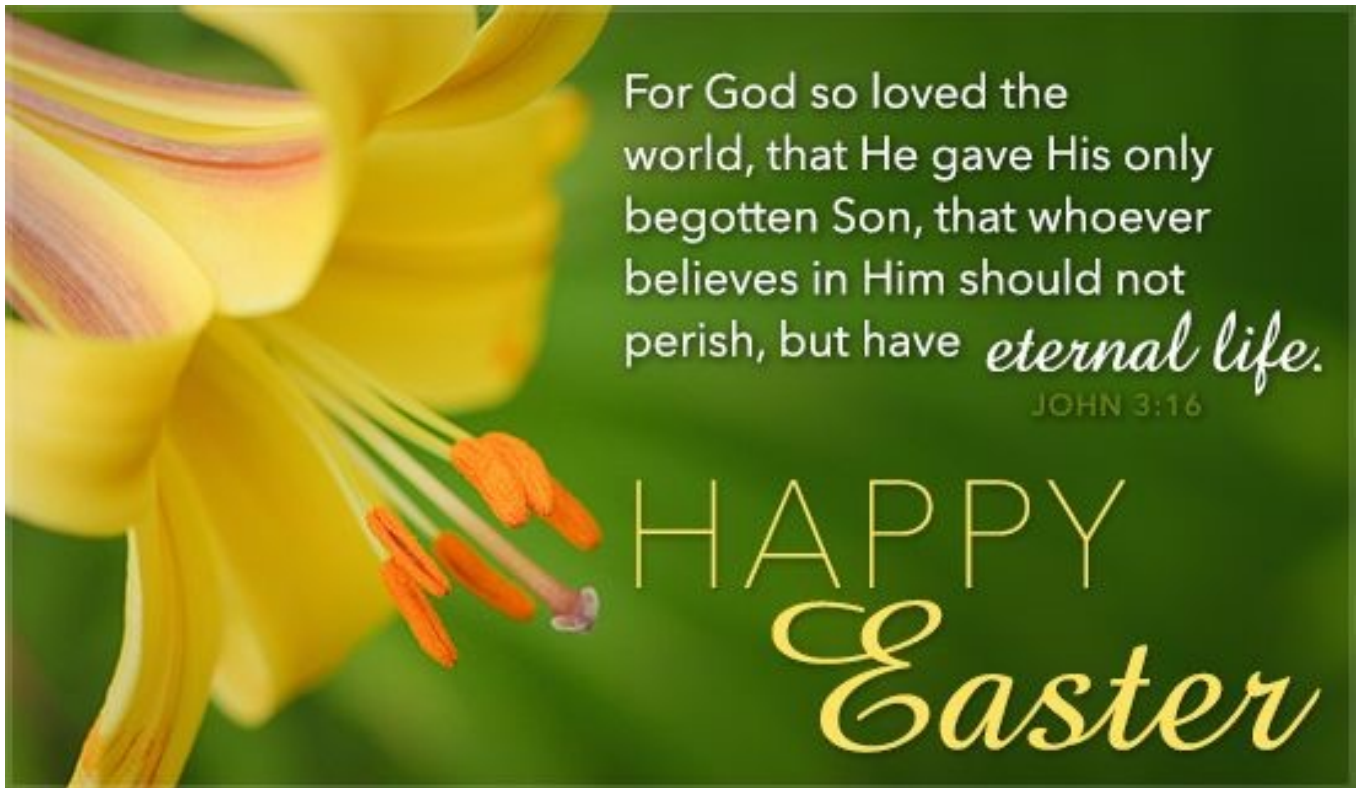
The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

April 2021



Greetings, family of Our Savior's! Here is the April 2021 edition of *The Crossroads* newsletter. Attached below are section links:

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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.*

Are you receiving Daily Devotions from Pastor Tim and Pastor Seth by e-mail?—If not, please e-mail the church office so that we have your most current e-mail in our records. **(Send your e-mail to darlene@oslc-elca.org)**

Or, if you do not have e-mail and would like to be added to our list of those we **mail devotions to each week via U.S. mail**, contact Darlene at the church office.



From Pastor Hecox

Resurrection

Dear Friends in Christ, Greetings!

An entire year has passed since we entered the worldwide nightmare of the COVID Pandemic. But Easter is just around the corner, and you know what that means! Already, signs of life have begun to spring up around us: the snow has mostly melted as the weather is getting a little warmer, critters prance around outside our windows in exultation, the vaccine makes its way into more and more of the population.

We as a congregation have also begun the process of entering our own sort of spring. March 21 marked the first in-person worship service held in our sanctuary in about 54 weeks (I know this because I went back and physically counted since March 8, 2020—and yes, I ran out of fingers rather quickly)! Our staff and volunteers have been incredibly creative in solving countless issues from the past year and have worked together to imagine new ways of being church together, given those unique challenges.

But as we re-emerge together, it's good to remember that our resurrection with Christ and all creation in spring is not a return to the former things. No, our resurrection is a propulsion into a new and abundant life, given to us by God. In resurrection life, we find ourselves strangely changed. The world doesn't look the same. We don't interact with it the same. Remember that almost no one recognizes Christ's resurrected body. Something was different about him, just as it is and will be for us.

So take time to rejoice and exult in new life. Indulge a little (Lent is over, after all, haha). Get outside into the sunshine if you can. Take up a new hobby if it strikes your fancy. Rekindle an old relationship and see what happens if you breathe new life into it. Find out what Resurrection Life looks like for you.

And keep in mind that Easter is not just one day: it's a whole season! The party is just getting started, and you're invited. Revel in the party to your heart's content and rejoice that the God who raised Jesus to new life is also raising you to new life, even now. This is our joy and our privilege. Alleluia!

Peace,

Pastor Seth

Worship & Music

Schedule for Holy Week 2021

March 28—Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

8:00am Sanctuary Worship*

9:30am Drive-in Worship

April 1—Maundy Thursday

6:30pm Drive-in Worship

April 2—Good Friday

12:00noon Drive-in Worship

6:30pm Drive-in Worship

April 4—Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Drive-in Worship*

8:00am Sanctuary Worship*

9:30am Drive-in Worship*

10:30am Sanctuary Worship*



Holy Week

***Please note**—Advance Registration Required for **all** services designated with an asterisk.

Sign up on the website at the “Latest Worship Information” tab—or call or email the office and we will sign you up! Please feel free to worship in whatever format you’re most comfortable with (Drive-in, On-line Video Worship, or Sanctuary Worship).

Resurrecting Choral Singing

In the season of Easter we celebrate new life, the resurrection of Jesus and our new life as a result of his rising. Perhaps this is also the time to resurrect singing as a choir. While the pandemic still rules out indoor choral rehearsals and singing indoors for worship, we would (weather permitting) meet outdoors in the parking lot. That would allow us to gather and sing while wearing masks and keeping proper distance. We would sing some easy pieces. Linda Stauffacher and John Krueger would alternate in leading and Diane Padrutt would accompany with a keyboard brought outdoors.

Some pieces we are considering are: “Here I Am, Lord” by Daniel Schutte and arranged by Ovid Young, “Jesus Loves Me” by John Ferguson, “The Lord Is My Shepherd” by Franz Schubert, “For the Beauty of the Earth” by John Rutter, and “With a Voice of Singing” by Martin Shaw.

In order not to interfere with Sunday worship, we would meet for an hour on Wednesday evenings before sunset, say at 6:00 p.m. with the first gathering on Wednesday, April 7. As the days lengthen and temperatures get warmer, we would plan to continue through the summer and could adjust the time as needed. Also, if pandemic conditions improve, we could reconsider wearing masks.

Since, at this point, we would not be preparing to sing for worship, we would sing just for fun. You need not be or have been an OSLC choir member to join in. All are welcome! Put it on your calendar! Resurrect your choral voice!

Thanks,
John Krueger

Council News

March 18, 2021 Council Notes

- † The Council discussed how OSLC will begin to reopen for in-person worship with the first in-person service on Sunday, March 21, 2021.
- † There was also discussion on being ready to increase or decrease this availability depending on the advice from Dane County and health experts.
- † The Property Board shared that there are various projects moving forward such as a better venting system in the copier room, lighting, and issues with some of the trees on our property.
- † We gladly welcome Julie Schlinder who has agreed to be the new Secretary for the OSLC Council.

Tim Svendsen
Congregation Council President

Financial Progress Report for February 2021

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$47,866.87	Giving: \$6,154.50
Expenses: \$48,422.97	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$<556.10>	Net Cash Flow: \$<948.50>
YTD Cash Flow: \$13,378.30	YTD Cash Flow: \$<1,372.00>

Lead Offering Counter Needed for April—We are looking for a lead counter to take over the Sunday counting for April. If you would like to volunteer for this position, or even to temporarily help until a person is found, please let me know. We are currently counting after the 9:30 AM Drive-in Worship on Sundays. Also, if you know of someone who is a "numbers" person and currently isn't on a counting team, please mention this to them.

Please contact me by email (bonnie@oslc-elca.org) or call the church on Mondays or Wednesdays. As always, we greatly appreciate all you do for Our Savior's!

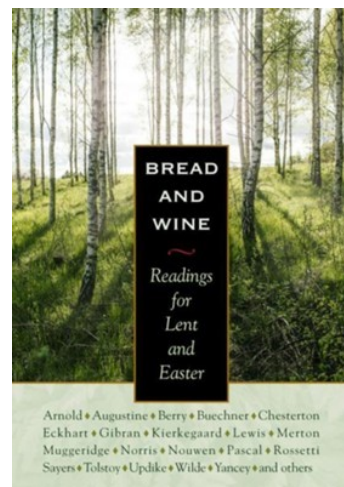
Bonnie Shema
Financial Secretary



Christian Education

Brown Bag Bible Study

Brown Bag Bible Study is continuing on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Pastor Seth is leading a study of "*Bread and Wine—Readings for Lent and Easter*" via Zoom. Copies have been provided by the church. Contact Pastor Seth for more information or to be added to the group at seth@oslc-elca.org.



Lectionary Text Study

This study group will continue meeting online on Thursdays at noon via Zoom to study the upcoming Sunday's scripture text. (The pastor scheduled to present the sermon for that week leads this study group on the Thursday before.) If you haven't already joined this group and would like to be added, contact Pastor Tim (tim@oslc-elca.org) or Pastor Seth (seth@oslc-elca.org) and they will send you a link.



Attention Fellow Squirle Men!

Squirle (our Men's Bible Study Group) meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 20th** at 8 p.m. If you're interested in gathering via Zoom this month, contact Pastor Tim (tim@oslc-elca.org) or Pastor Seth (seth@oslc-elca.org) and they will send you a link.

Youth & Family Ministry

9th Grade Confirmation Service—Sunday, April 25th

Our 9th grade confirmation service will take place on Sunday, April 25th at a 1:30pm Drive-in Worship Service. Join us as we celebrate the affirmation of baptism and the three years of study done by these students in our congregation. These students will also present their final task as confirmation students by sharing short sermons during our morning worship services on Sunday, April 18th and April 25th.



Children & Families

When I was writing this, I was sitting on my deck outside, enjoying the warmer weather, and thought about Faith Practices families can do together. Since Earth Day and Arbor Day are in April, I'd like to pass along ideas related to stewardship of creation.

What are some creation care family faith practices that you find worthwhile?

What would you like to try next?

Could it be as simple as your family...picking up trash and recycling on your block?

Plant trees, compost, vermicompost or worm compost, repurpose items or cut down on single use plastics, replace with biodegradable items, do yard work at church or for a local charity, plan and care for a garden, buy local, visit Farmer's Markets, clear out drains in your neighborhood and say a prayer for the water and the life it brings! Ask your kids for ideas.

Personally, I think our family is going to investigate worm composting, well, if my sweet parenting partner agrees. (Yes, I may already have the kids on board!) I look forward to hearing stories about what steps you take as a family this month, to take care of the creation God has gifted us to steward. **I'd love to find photos of you caring for creation in my email! Thanks, Shelly (shelly@oslc-elca.org)**

Coming to a Parking Lot Near YOU!

Sunday May 2nd

Highlights Include: Activities, Chalk Drawings, Repeat After Me Prayers-with bubbles rising up just like our prayers, Bible Stories & Songs led by peer mentors and FUN! We have room for YOU! (exact time TBD)

R.O.C.K. Worship
(**R**eaching **O**ut to
Christ's **K**ids)

Sunday School
meets Worship
Mashup

Sunday AM

Parking Lot Service

See website for more
details in mid April.



Church in Society



Right now one in three families is struggling to make ends meet and disposable diapers can cost \$70-\$80/month per child, and sadly there is no state or federal programs that allocates dollars specifically for the purchase of diapers.

YOU CAN HELP!

We will be collecting donations of **unused disposable diapers** the month of April

Sizes 4, 5, 6, and pull-ups are appreciated (any brand)

All donations will be given to the Sunshine Place

How to drop off donations:

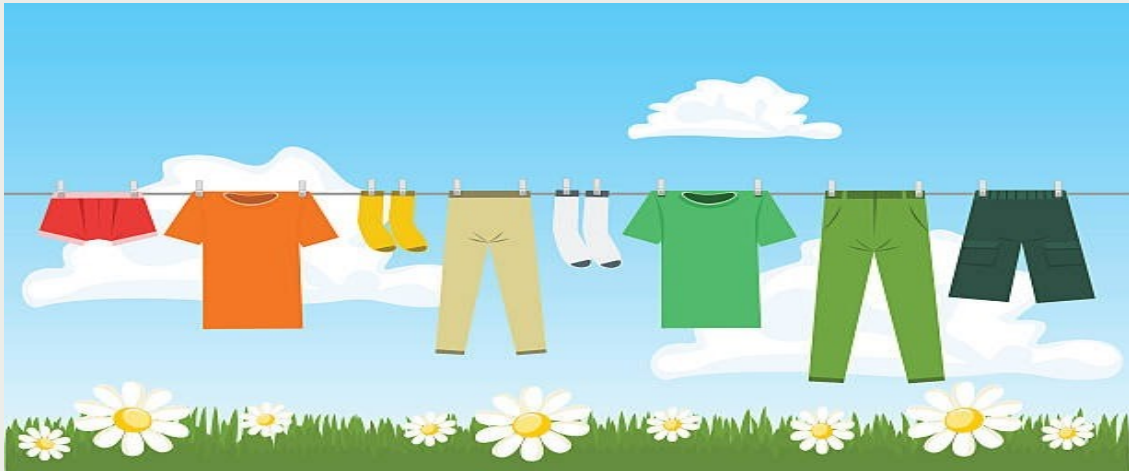
- 1) Drop off donations at church on Sundays at the services in the "donation bin"
- 2) Residential pick-up/drop-off can be arranged with Sara Klemme
- 3) Purchase diapers online and ship it directly to Our Savior's or Sara Klemme.
- 4) Make a monetary donation and we'll shop for you!
 - a. Mail a check to church with the subject line – Diaper Drive
 - b. Venmo donations to Sara Klemme (@Sara-Klemme, last four phone # digits are 5354)

Questions:

Sara Klemme – 608.609.5354 – seklemme@gmail.com

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Church in Society—continued



Clothesline Ministry Clothing Drive

How to drop off donations

- 1) Drop off donations in the “drop box” at a Sunday service.
- 2) Residential pick up can be arranged with Sharee Sensenbrenner.
- 3) Purchase clothes/towels and ship directly to OSLC.
- 4) Make a donation to the church, clearly labeled Clothesline Ministry, and we will do the shopping for you!

Tops, bottoms, socks, and underwear are all needed. New towels and washcloths are also requested. Clothesline will collect any new/used clothing, but Kids sizes 4-14 are most wanted. All items will be delivered to neighborhood schools.

Questions:

Contact Sharee Sensenbrenner at (608) 516-8198 or shareelins@gmail.com

Church in Society & Other News

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 new 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 outside). 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,

Thank you!



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

Deadline for May Newsletter

Please submit any items for the May newsletter by Monday, April 19 to darlene@oslc-elca.org

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Outdoor Mailbox at OSLC—If

you prefer to drop off your weekly offerings rather than mail them, you are welcome to drop them off in our mailbox located next to the brick pillar on the west side of the carport entrance. Staff checks this mailbox regularly. Thanks!



~ April 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday 6:30p Drive-in Worship	2 Good Friday Office Closes @ 12 noon 12:00p Drive-in Worship 6:30p Drive-in Worship	3
4 HAPPY EASTER! 6:30a Sunrise Drive-in Worship 8:00a Sanctuary Worship 9:30a Drive-in Worship 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	5 Easter Monday - Office Closed	6	7 9:00a Staff Meeting 11:00a Bible Study via Zoom 5:00p Live @ Five with the Pastors (Facebook Live) 6:30p Confirmation (virtual)	8 12:00p Text Study via Zoom with Pastor 1:00p Rebecca Circle on Zoom 7:00p Bd. of Finance	9	10
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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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God's work. Our hands.

Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 8:00am
Drive-in worship—Sundays at 9:30 am
Video worship services each week on our YouTube channel
& on KSUN at 12 noon on Sundays

Worship

Due to the Covid-19 virus health concerns, office hours are variable.
Please call the church office before coming to church.

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