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The Crossroads

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

June 2025



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

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From Pastor Hecox

June Newsletter Article

Welcome to Summer!

That's right – the summer solstice is coming. This year it arrives on Friday, June 20. There will be celebrations throughout the northern hemisphere, including here in our part of the world as we recognize the official start of summer.

Midsummer, the summer solstice, has been celebrated for centuries as the longest day of the year. In northern climates particularly, it became a spiritual festival celebrating the warmth and life-giving power of the sun. In places like Scandinavia, Iceland, and Northern Europe the solstice was traditionally celebrated with bonfires and games involving rolling hoops down hills to symbolize the sun heading back away from us on its continual course. Rather than give up this pagan tradition, early Christians in these regions repurposed the festival and named it St. John's Day. This fit the church year nicely since the gospels suggest that John the Baptist was born six months before Jesus, and Midsummer falls six months before Christmas, another "repurposed" holiday with pre-Christian roots tied to the other solstice.

This year, we get an additional reason to celebrate: Pentecost is coming on June 8. It's fitting, perhaps, that we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in tongues of flame in the same month that the great ball of fire in the sky is nearest to our part of earth.

As I mentioned recently in a sermon, one thing about the unpredictable Holy Spirit is that she is usually depicted with images of things that can be both constructive *and* destructive: fire, wind, water. That might cause you anxiety, or it might invigorate you. Either way, we acknowledge the reality that our lives are always changing. Everything is impermanent. In order to sustain happiness, peace, and joy, we collectively learn to adapt and help each other through the inevitable changes of life.

So I encourage you in your continued journey of adaptation and growth. You journey as a beloved child of God. You don't do it alone, but rather you make the journey with this family of faith. Whatever the future brings, we have each other, a Spirit that inhabits us, and a faith that grounds us. For that we can each say "thanks be to God!"

Pastor Seth



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral

Jason Bradley—May 23, 2025

Worship & Music



OSLC Continues to Make a Joyful Noise!

In this month's portion of the newsletter, I will be highlighting another music group at Our Savior's—the Praise Band!

The Praise Band is a group for all ages that plays contemporary music at the 10:30 service each Sunday. We rehearse each Sunday at 9:30 AM before the service begins. The band is made up of vocalists, drums, acoustic & electric guitar, bass, and piano.



We would love to have more people join the Praise Band! Praise Band members attend and play when they can, but are not required to be there every Sunday. If this is something that sounds of interest to you, please pray about it!

For more information, you can contact the group's director, Bekah Morano, at (719) 494-7131, or bekah@oslc-elca.org

**In Christ,
Bekah Morano**

Sunday Morning Worship Volunteer Needs

Are you interested in helping out on Sunday mornings? Each week we need greeters, communion assistants, lectors (readers), and assisting ministers to help with Sunday worship.

If any of these interest you, please contact Nicole Crittenden (nicole@oslc-elca.org) to be added to the sign up email or request more information about the activities.



Financial & Other News

Financial Progress Report for April 2025

1) <i>General Fund:</i>	2) <i>Building Fund:</i>
Giving: \$45,424.16	Giving: \$5,910.00
Expenses: \$50,797.39	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$<5,373.23>	Net Cash Flow: \$<1,193.00>
YTD Cash Flow: \$32,006.16	YTD Cash Flow: \$<2,662.00>

Minutes from the OSLC Council Meetings are available for reading

The Minutes from the OSLC Congregation Council Meetings are now located at the Welcome Desk in a binder.

Also, these minutes can be found on the OSLC website - under the Newsletter tab, select the "Council Minutes" section.



Here is the link to sign up for online giving with ShelbyGiving:

www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/ours3731109. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact bonnie@oslc-elca.org. (Bonnie is in the office Mondays and Wednesdays.)

Worship & Arts

Setting the Table

Have you ever been asked to help set the table; especially during a special family gathering? Perhaps the special china has been brought out of its protective hiding spot for this very purpose (and yes, paper plates count). Every weekend we have a small group of people who set the table here at OSLC for a special family gathering. That table is the Communion Table. Similar to gatherings in your home where everybody takes turns to set the table, there is a need here for people to become a part of the Altar Guild so that the Communion Table is set.



How much of a time commitment is serving on the Altar Guild?

Serve one or two months each year on a team of 2–3 people. This is a great opportunity for couples, adult siblings, friends, or independents to do something that's behind the scenes, but is one of the more important responsibilities so that we may eat together in celebration that He Is Risen Indeed!

If interested please contact either Kim Smith at scubamom11@gmail.com or Laurie Popp at lkpopp04@charter.net

Geraniums for Pentecost

Thank you to everyone who purchased geraniums to decorate the Sanctuary for Pentecost on Sunday, June 8th. There will be a list of donors in the announcements bulletin on June 8.

Plants can be taken home after the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 8th, or you can choose to have the plant donated for planting here at Our Savior's. Thank you!



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:

- 1) Sign up on the 2025 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.

Property

Parking Lot Update

The Property Board has scheduled sealing and striping of the parking lot for this summer during the no-school period. This project is tentatively set to begin on Thursday, June 26 and should take two days, although weather delays can happen.

Parking on the days of this work will need to be on-street. We will be sure to have the parking lot ready for the Sunday services on the following Sunday. Call Tom Mugan (608) 577-9143 with any questions.



Do you enjoy finding out how things work and fixing stuff?

The Property Board is always looking for individuals with time and energy to get things done or collaborate with others to accomplish repairs or improvements to our church property. The Board usually gets together one evening a month to discuss needed tasks and plan how to get them done.



Please call Tom Mugan at (608) 577-9143 if interested in joining us.

Christian Education

Sunday School 2025–2026

Starts Sunday, September 14, 2025

Here is the link to register for Sunday School 2025–2026 as well as to sign up to volunteer!

<https://vbspro.events/p/c71ef9>



Visit Your OSLC

Library From Anywhere Our Savior's library is accessible from your home computer, Smartphone or tablet! All you need to do is enter:
<http://www.librarysoft.com/HOSTED/SAVIORSEARCH/SAVIORSEARCH.html>
and hit



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.



With all that is going on this summer and the busy lives that so many of us experience, we have decided to pause Eat Boldly until the cooler weather returns.

Sign-ups have been off significantly and that makes it difficult to work with our restaurants when we really don't know what to tell them to expect. We will pick up where we left off in the fall.

Have a wonderful summer!

Gary D.

Fellowship

Spirited Book Club

The Spirited Book Club will be taking a break over the summer but will resume on September 9th, 2025—same time and place. The place is Gloria Hannon's at 886 Hunter's Trail, Sun Prairie.

We have picked a book series for our summer read. Read what you want of the series (the number is up to you). The series is called ***A Gaslight Mystery*** by Victoria Thompson. There are 27 books in the series. I have not read any of her books but others have and enjoyed reading them.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the church beginning on June 1, 2025, and will stay there through August for the September meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Sandy Richardson or Joy Kroeger

Have a wonderful summer and we will look forward to seeing you in September.

Sandy Richardson



Coffee Hour Treats

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.

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



Youth & Family



2025 Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Graduate Recognition—Sunday, June 15th

High School Graduation Recognition—Sunday, June 15 at 10:30am

We plan to recognize our graduating high school seniors at the 10:30am worship service on **Sunday, June 15th**, so let us know if you plan to attend.



If you are a high school senior (or the parent of a high school senior) and haven't already done so, please send your post high school plans, a senior picture, and your mailing address (if different than your home address) for us to recognize this milestone in your life and get you signed up with our college-age ministry team. (Feel free to drop this information off at the church office or in our mailbox outside, send via email to dawn@oslc-elca.org or through the U.S. mail).

Women's Ministry

Quilters' Summer Schedule—Our Quilters will meet on the following Wednesdays this summer:

Wednesday, June 4

Wednesday, July 2

Wednesday, August 6



We will resume our regular schedule of meeting each Wednesday morning beginning on September 3rd. On Wednesday, September 3rd, we will be putting the quilts on the pews for the Blessing of the Quilts on Sunday, September 7th.

Church in Society

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
- 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!

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!

Become an Agrace Volunteer Today!

You can be an important part of fulfilling Agrace's mission. By volunteering in one of many roles, you can make life just a little easier for patients and their families, or help support Agrace's staff and programs. Volunteering for Agrace might be a great fit for you if you'd like to:

- feel good about giving to an organization that is important to you,
- work with Agrace staff, patients and families, or other volunteers,
- use your current skills or learn new ones, or
- be part of the amazing, compassionate care Agrace provides!

If you have questions about becoming an Agrace volunteer, please call (608) 327-7163 or email Volunteer Services. If you email, please include your phone number so they can call you.

Who can volunteer with Agrace?

We have opportunities for volunteers age 14 and older. Some volunteers work directly with patients and families, while others prefer to help Agrace in other ways, such as helping with office work, hospitality, special events or customer service at our thrift stores.

You **do not** need to have experience working or volunteering in health care.

You **do** need to be able to pass background checks for the protection of our patients and organization.

Where and when can I volunteer?

You can volunteer at our offices, **thrift stores**, inpatient units/residence, or with our patients—in their homes or in long-term care facilities across southern Wisconsin. *We have many volunteer opportunities to brighten the lives of patients in their homes, or where they call home. **Inquire today!***

You can choose opportunities to suit your schedule, including days, evenings or weekends. Most roles require a 50-hour per-year minimum time commitment. Averaging just one hour a week can make a difference!

You can also participate in one-time activities as an individual or with a group. Please call and talk with our staff about your interests and availability.



~ June 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 1:30p Clarisse Tobia Recitals (first one @ 2 pm)	2 9:30a SPASD Job Training Students 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	3 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 5:30p PP Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 7:00p Property Committee Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	4 9:00a Quilters (Summer date for June) 9:30a Gather in Prayer (Conf. Rm.)	5 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students	6 7:00p Eat Boldly @ Daly's	7 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
8 Pentecost 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	9 9:30a SPASD Job Training Students 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	10 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 5:30p PP Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	11	12 1:30p Rebecca Circle - Chapel	13	14 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
15 Father's Day 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN Graduate Recognition today	16 6:30p Elizabeth Circle 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	17	18 9:30a Gather in Prayer (Conf. Rm.)	19 Juneteenth Office Closed 8-5 6:00p Executive Committee 6:30p Congregation Council	20	21 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
22 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:10a Sr. Choir (practice @ 9:10, sing @ 10:30) 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	23 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	24	25 5:00p SP Civic Theatre rehearsal for kids show (FH)	26 Parking Lot Sealing & Striping (day 1) 5:00p SP Civic Theatre rehearsal for kids show (FH)	27 Parking Lot Sealing & Striping (day 2)	28 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
29 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	30 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	Notes:				



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