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The Crossroads

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



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

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Council News

Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 6 @ 11:45 am

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 6th at 11:45 am in the Sanctuary following the 10:30 service. All OSLC members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.



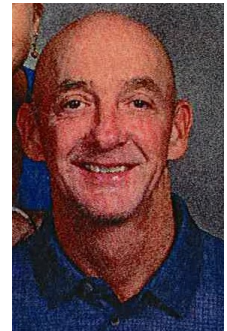
The Bishop's Report and Pastor Seth's Response

These two documents are available for reading at the church. Please contact Dawn at the church office for an appointment. You can reach her at 608-837-3111 or email her at dawn@oslc-elca.org.

Personnel Committee News

Staffing Update from Herb Held, Personnel Committee Chair

I'm pleased to announce that **Dawn Bradley** has rejoined the OLSC staff. Dawn was hired on a temporary basis in early February to assist with office administration duties. In early March she was asked to stay on as Youth and Family Director–Temporary. Dawn has been a member of OSLC since 2001 and previously worked at OSLC as Financial Secretary from 2004-7.



Herb Held

Our other staff members are:

Associate Pastor **Seth Hecox**, **Darlene Thorstad** (Office Administrator), **Bonnie Shema** (Financial Secretary), **Bekah Morano** (Director of Music, Organist, & Director of Praise Band), **Nicole Crittenden** (Volunteer Coordinator), **Rick LaFleur** (Director of Senior Choir), **Diane Padrutt** (Director of Cherub Choir, Accompanist), **Josh Morano** (Director of Chancel Ringers), **Breta Saganski** (Director of Youth Choir), **Chelsea Hecox** (Custodian - Temporary), **Lorna Svendsen** (Communications - Temporary).

In addition to our dedicated staff members, we are very thankful and blessed with our numerous volunteers who, with their many talents and generous hours, help make OSLC such a wonderful place to worship and grow.

Herb Held
Personnel Committee Chair

Worship & Music

Sunday, April 13—Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

8:00 am Worship

10:30 am Worship

Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship

Friday, April 18—Good Friday

12:00 noon Worship

7:00 pm Worship



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 19

7:30pm Easter Vigil (sunset is 7:45 pm)

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday

8:00 am Easter Worship

10:30 am Easter Worship

Update from Our Savior's Music Department

This month, I am pausing my monthly spotlight on the music groups at Our Savior's to highlight how music will be incorporated into the remainder of Lent and Holy Week.

If you are looking for an opportunity for quiet meditation in the middle of your week, come to the remaining midweek Lenten services at 6 PM on April 2nd and April 9th. At each service, enjoy the opportunity to sing the Holden Evening Prayer music.

On Palm Sunday, you'll hear a special gathering hymn featuring a collaboration between the Chancel Ringers and organ at both services.

Easter Sunday will feature music from the Senior Choir and Chancel Ringers at the 8:00 service, along with special music from brass instrumentalists at the 10:30 service.

I am sure I have missed some of the special music to come in the month of April, but I pray this month will provide many opportunities for worship of our Almighty God, through music and more!

In Christ,

Bekah Morano



Other News

With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bob Stowell who passed away on March 18, 2025. The memorial service was held at Our Savior's on Saturday, March 22nd. Please pray for comfort and peace for Sue and her family.



I would like to thank the OS LC community for all the prayers for my mom over the past years, even when we were no longer there. As you know, she passed away on February 6, and both Tim and I were able to be with her the last few weeks of her life, which was such a blessing.

Thanks for the lovely sympathy cards that we have received since. We still feel your love and support.

Lisa Hansen



Did you complete an order form for Easter flowers and forget to sign your name?

We have received order forms from several folks who forgot to sign their name and paid with cash. **If you think that might be you, please contact the church office. We would like to list your names in the bulletin for Easter weekend.** Thank you!



HELLO
my name is



Nametags Update

A sign-up sheet for nametags is currently available at the Welcome Desk. Please sign up for one through Wednesday, April 9th, and the nametags will be ready on the racks on Sunday, April 13th.

Financial Progress Report for January 2025

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$46,025.93	Giving: \$5,715.00
Expenses: \$44,980.81	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$1,045.12	Net Cash Flow: \$<1,388.00>
YTD Cash Flow: \$1,045.12	YTD Cash Flow: \$<1,388.00>

Financial Progress Report for February 2025

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$71,395.80	Giving: \$5,825.00
Expenses: \$37,828.44	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$33,567.36	Net Cash Flow: \$<1,278.00>
YTD Cash Flow: \$34,612.48	YTD Cash Flow: \$<2,666.00>

Evangelism

Welcome Desk!!

In effort to make our Narthex a more welcoming space, the Evangelism Board is looking to “spruce” up the Welcome Desk. If anyone has any ideas, please leave a suggestion at the Welcome Desk or reach out to any one of the Board members.

We are also looking for volunteers to staff the Welcome Desk. We ask that you come 10 minutes before and after service, wear your own name tag so others know who you are when you greet them, be familiar with the current sign-up sheets so you can answer any questions that come your way, and of course bring your smile! Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk!

In His Service,

Board Members:

Judy Cook, Jim Jaeck, Gary Dalgaard and Pat Nicholson



Fellowship

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

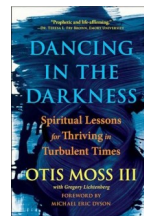


Our April group dinner will be Friday, April 4th at Club 60, W2164 State Highway 60, in Columbus at 7:00 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Wednesday, April 2nd. If questions—contact Gary Dalgaard at (608) 215-0583.

Looking ahead, our May group dinner will be at Lake Windsor Country Club, 4628 Golf Drive, in Windsor on Friday, May 2nd. Look for the sign-up at the Welcome Desk in early April.

Spirited Book Club—April 8th

The Spirited Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 pm to discuss ***Dancing in the Darkness*** by Otis Moss III. It is an inspiring guide to spiritual resilience from one of the most renowned religious and civil rights leaders. 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.



Lenten Soup Suppers—continue each Wednesday through April 9.

What soup are you the most excited to have and/or share with your fellow members of Our Savior's? We are all excited about the soups and fellowship that we all get to share with each other over this Lenten season! **Lenten Soup Suppers begin at 4:45 pm in Fellowship Hall.** If you are able to make a soup for any of the soup suppers, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Thank you!



Reminder About Our Kitchen Refrigerator—Items in the kitchen refrigerator are at risk of being thrown away if they are not labeled with who they belong to and the date they are put in the refrigerator. For example, an open gallon of milk with the date of 3/18/25 was disposed of on 3/24/25. When you put something in there, take a moment to read the signs on the refrigerator doors to see what info is needed. The Fellowship Committee greatly appreciates your help keeping our kitchen in top shape!

Reminder regarding wet towels in kitchen—Wet towels deposited in the laundry basket in the kitchen turned into moldy towels that had to be thrown away. Please help the Fellowship Committee not make landfill deposits by hanging wet towels on carts or other places in the kitchen. A sign will be placed on the basket so you'll have a friendly reminder. Thanks!

Worship & Arts

Altar Flowers Chart for 2025

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.

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.



Sunshine Supper Coming in May!!

We're going to be preparing and distributing taco salad meals for approximately 500 people on **Monday, May 19th**. 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 sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Desk by April 20, 2025.

Thank you so much for your support!!

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

The JAM Team is taking some well-deserved time off and celebrating the completion of a study that opened our eyes to the criminal legal system. With the help of four outside speakers, we learned first-hand about the work people in our community are doing with our incarcerated brothers and sisters. We increased our understanding of the role of prisons in systemic racism. The time we spent together affirmed our commitment to social justice issues. Please consider joining us next fall when we resume our studies.

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

Rebecca Circle is collecting donations for PorchLight in Madison:

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

- * Insulated water bottles
- * 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!**

Youth & Family

Disruptive Disciples Corner: The high school youth continue to meet in Ben's Underground each Sunday to hang out, 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 to join you!!! Below is the schedule for April.



April 6th: Meeting 9:15am, continue to work on the Lenten project. Then it's **Amazing "G"race** day!! Leaving the church at 1 pm to head into Madison to meet up with other churches in the area to have a fun filled afternoon ending with a PIZZA party!!! We should be back at the church around 6 pm. (Please make sure you fill out the medical waiver and turn it into Dawn before we leave)

April 13th: We are serving breakfast to the 8th graders in Ben's Underground and inviting them to join us on Sunday mornings in Ben's Underground

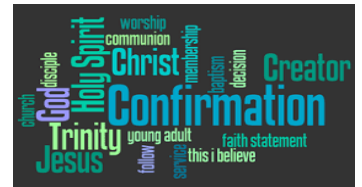
April 20th: Easter Sunday—No Meeting

April 27th: Meeting 9:15am, it's also Confirmation Sunday at the 10:30am service

Confirmation Sunday is April 27th and it will be held within the 10:30 am service.

Please welcome and pray for the following confirmands:

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



New Youth and Family Director! Hi Everyone.

My name is Dawn Bradley and I am filling in as your new Youth and Family Director. For those of you that don't know who I am, I have been with Our Savior's for going on 24 years. I have 3 wonderful children (Austin—22, Morgan—20 and Paige 14). If you need to reach me, my email address is dawn@oslc-elca.org. I look forward to working with you and your family! Thanks!

Calling all 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

HEY 8th GRADERS!!! Do you like pancakes (and to be honest who doesn't!)? Do you want to know what the Disruptive Disciples are all about and what they do on Sunday Mornings in Ben's Underground between services? Then you are in for a treat because you are all invited to come to Ben's Underground on April 13th for pancakes, to find out what this group is all about, ask questions, talk to the adults that volunteer and find out what awesome things they are doing **and** that you can be a part of!



Hello Middle School Youth! We are going to put a pause on the CHAOS group from the remaining part of this school year and regroup. We are going to plan some fun activities over the summer for the youth to do and then pick up again meeting on a regular basis in the fall when school starts up again. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Youth AND Family



Shrove Tuesday was a HUGE success! Thank you to all of you for coming out and supporting the youth of the congregation! The youth raised over \$780 and served over 90 people! All proceeds from this will go towards their activities through the year!



~ April 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Chancel Ringers 7:00p Property Comm. Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	2 9:00a Quilters 9:30a Gather in Prayer (Conf. Rm.) 4:45p Soup Supper (FH) 5:30p Cherub Choir (Chapel) 6:00p Lent Service 6:30p Confirmation 7:00p Senior Choir 7:45p CHAOS	3 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students	4 7:00p Eat Boldly (@ Club 60—Columbus)	5 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
6 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a HS Youth Group (Ben's Underground) 9:15a SS 10:30a Worship 11:45a Congregational Meeting 12:00p OSLC Svc. on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal	7 9:30a SPASD Job Training Students 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	8 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p JAM Team Mtg. 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 1:00p Pastors Text Study Group 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Chancel Ringers 6:30p Spirited Book Club (@ G. Hannon's) 7:00p SP Area Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	9 9:00a Quilters 4:30p Soup Supper (FH) 5:30p Cherub Choir (Chapel) 6:00p Lent Service 6:30p Confirmation/Pizza Party 7:00p Senior Choir 7:45p CHAOS	10 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 1:30p Rebecca Circle - Chapel 6:30p Congregation Council 7:30p Bd. of Finance (Conf. Rm.)	11	12 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
13 Palm Sunday 8:00a Palm Sunday Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a HS Youth Group (Ben's Underground) 9:15a SS 10:30a Palm Sunday Worship 12:00p OSLC Svc. on KSUN 12:00p PP Rehearsal 1:30p SPAC Spring Concert in Sanctuary (starts @ 3pm, set up @ 1:30, warmup @ 2 pm)	14 9:30a SPASD Job Training Students 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	15 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p JAM Team 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 5:30p PP Rehearsal 6:00p Chancel Ringers 6:00p Stamping Group 7:00p Squirle (Men's Bible Study)	16 9:00a Quilters 9:30a Gather in Prayer (Conf. Rm.) 5:30p Cherub Choir (Chapel) 7:00p Senior Choir	17 Maundy Thursday 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service	18 Good Friday 12:00p Good Friday (Office closed) 12:00p Good Friday Service 7:00p Good Friday Service	19 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 7:30p Easter Vigil Worship (sunset will be at 7:45 pm)
20 EASTER 8:00a Easter Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a NO SS 10:30a Easter Worship 12:00p OSLC Svc. on KSUN	21 8:00a Office Closed - Staff Holiday 6:30p Elizabeth Circle 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	22 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students 5:30p PP Rehearsal	23 9:00a Quilters 5:30p 9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30p Cherub Choir (Chapel) 7:00p Senior Choir	24 10:00a SPASD Playgroup 11:45a SPASD Playgroup 12:30p SPASD Job Training Students	25	26 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
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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