



The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



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

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Council & Other News

An Update from the OSLC Council—sent via email on July 25, 2025

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We, as the Council, want to take a moment to share an important update following our recent meeting with the Bishop regarding our pastoral transition and call process.

The Council shared concerns with the Bishop on not having a consistent solo pastor present with us each day for the next couple months. To support us in this time of transition, the Bishop is working with the Council to identify and appoint an interim pastor who will walk with us in the months ahead.



This interim pastor will play a vital role by:

- † Providing stability in pastoral care, including preaching, worship leadership, and spiritual support.
- † Helping us tend to healing and renewal in the Congregation where needed.
- † Guiding us in updating our Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which will reflect who we are today and help prepare us to call a new permanent pastor.
- † Supporting the church Council in discerning our next faithful steps.
- † Leading us prayerfully through the process of calling our next solo full-time pastor.

As we begin this next chapter, we hold onto the hope that this journey will not only prepare us for future leadership but also offer us an opportunity to reconcile with one another and with the wider church, including our Bishop. We believe God is already at work—softening hearts, restoring trust, and renewing relationships for the sake of our shared mission.

We ask for your continued prayers, patience, and openness as we move forward together in faith. We remain committed to transparent communication and will keep you informed each step of the way.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the Council. Let us walk together in grace and unity, trusting that the Holy Spirit is leading us toward healing, clarity, and new life.

OSLC Congregation Council

Pastoral Acts

Funeral:

Officiated by Pastor Rick Bursh (from Spring Prairie Lutheran Church)

Linda Stauffacher—July 19, 2025



Hospital Notifications

If you are admitted into a hospital, care facility, or rehab, and you would like a visit from a pastor and/or would like to receive communion, **please contact the church office**. We are in contact with the lead pastor of the N-NE Dane/ North Madison Conference of the SCSW, and he is coordinating our emergency coverage as a temporary solution. **Contact Darlene in the OSLC church office and she will arrange for a pastoral visit for you.**

Financial Progress Report for June 2025

1) <i>General Fund:</i>	2) <i>Building Fund:</i>
Giving: \$53,577.96	Giving: \$13,670.00
Expenses: \$62,009.55	Expenses: \$12,026.61
Net Cash Flow: \$<8,431.59>	Net Cash Flow: \$1,643.39
YTD Cash Flow: \$29,108.64	YTD Cash Flow: \$21,354.42

Worship & Music

A message from Rick LaFleur: Senior Choir will start up again on Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM. We always welcome new faces to join! The choir is open to anyone that has an interest in singing or enjoys music. All are also welcome to join for our last summer sing on August 24th (9:15 AM rehearsal, sing at 10:30 AM service). Contact Rick at mr.rlafleur@gmail.com with questions or interest!



A message from Josh Morano: The Chancel Ringers will start up again on Tuesday, September 16th. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday evenings, time TBD. The bell choir is always looking for new members! Contact Josh Morano at joshuamorano117@gmail.com with questions or interest!

Save the Date: Classic Brass Sunday, September 28th at 1:30 pm Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Hi Everyone,

I'm excited to tell you about the upcoming Benefit Concert for Dysphonia International (formerly known as the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association) on September 28, 2025.

Classic Brass, from Rochester, Minnesota, will be returning to Our Savior's for the seventh time to perform a wonderful variety of music while also raising awareness of spasmodic dysphonia and other voice disorders. My brother Warren, who has spasmodic dysphonia, (a neurological condition that affects the voice) will be here playing trumpet in Classic Brass, a quintet he started over 30 years ago!

We'll have some special musical guests joining us as well! The concert will be in the OSLC Sanctuary. So, stay tuned for more details! Spread the word! Please plan to join us!

Thanks for your support!
Diane Padrutt



Evangelism

CORN FEST PARADE—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Join us!

Our participation was a great success last year!

The Evangelism Team is again asking you to walk with us, representing Our Savior's in an event that will show our presence in the community. The Praise Band will be sitting on hay bales and carried on a hay wagon decorated with OSLC banners and corn stalks.

COME WALK WITH US!

There's a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

There isn't a need to donate candy this year as it was suggested to pass out SKITTLES!

As Skittles come in many colors, Our Savior's welcomes many colors!

We'd love to see our teens participate as we have 625 packages of candy to distribute!

Line up starts at 5:00 in the Cardinal Heights parking lot, then proceed down Main Street beginning at 6:00. It's really a short walk with hundreds of people lining up to watch the parade.

If you don't have an OSLC T-shirt, you can still place an order at Elite Embroidery who has our OSLC/RIC logo for \$18. Choose any color T-shirt! Be bright and beautiful!

Questions?

Pat Nicholson
608-438-9301



Worship & Arts

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.)



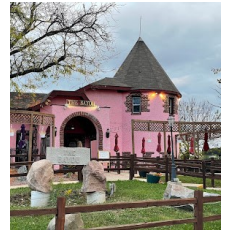
PLEASE NOTE—Altar Flowers can also be ordered and paid for online through Shelby at the same location as Shelby Giving. If you have any questions about this, call the church office.

Fellowship

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

Our September group dinner will be Friday, September 5th at North of the Bayou Brewery, 802 Atlas Avenue, in Madison at 7:00 pm.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Wednesday, September 3rd.
If questions—contact Gary Dalgaard at (608) 215-0583.



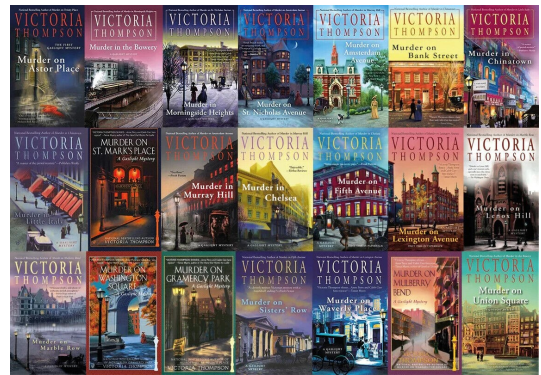
Spirited Book Club

The Spirited Book Club is 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 is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk at church which 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

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!



Thank You Pop-Top Donors!

Thank you to everyone who donated pop-tops! Eighteen pounds of pop-tops were donated to the Ronald McDonald House on July 1 to support their programs.

There is a donation jar at the Welcome Desk for your donations.

Church in Society



God's work. Our hands.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 7

This year we are **especially mindful** of the challenges faced by all social service organizations due to the reduction in federal funding, so please continue to support Sunshine Food Pantry!

A light lunch will be served following the 10:30 worship for those that stay to work on projects. ****Watch for sign-ups for the following, and some not listed here, and bring in needed supplies anytime beginning Sunday, July 27.**

1. Birthday Blessings Boxes: Collect items for Birthday Blessing Boxes. Assemble these on Sept. 7 and distribute them to Sunshine Food Pantry. Please donate the following:
 - a. **Cake mixes and cans of soda –White mix with a lemon lime soda, Yellow with a lemon lime soda, or Chocolate with a cola soda Cake Mixes, (not diet soda).**
 - b. **Cans of Frosting**
 - c. **9x12 foil cake pan with cover**
 - d. **Candles and sprinkles**
 - e. **Generic card (see below)**
2. Create generic Happy Birthday Cards or Happy Celebration/Milestone Cards to put in the Birthday Blessing Boxes. Thinking of you cards can be made also, & taken to an area care facility.
3. Collect the following items to assemble Personal hygiene kits for LWR on Sept 7.
 - a. **Thin bath size towels (need to dry quickly and pack easily.)**
 - b. **2 bath size bars of soap**
 - c. **1 adult size Toothbrush in original packing**
 - d. **1 sturdy comb, remove packaging**
 - e. **1 metal nail clipper, remove packaging**
4. Assist in organization and packing of the quilts that will be sent to LWR.
 - a. The Quilts (and Hygiene kits) need to be taken to the train in Madison on Saturday, September 13!
5. A crew needed to spruce up and do fall cleaning in the flower bed by our OSLC sign.
 - a. Pull weeds (a Scout group?) from some of the landscaped areas.
6. ****Create healthy, non-perishable "snack packs" or "school supply" bags or extra clothing /diaper items for Bird School).** ****Watch for more on this later as we wait for the contact person to inform us of needs.**
7. Sign up to write a message inside a Christmas Card that will go to the Dane County Jail Ministry. There are "specific" rules about these messages. No envelopes, or glitter etc.

Sunshine Food Pantry Assistance

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

- **Hamburger Helper**
- **Ketchup**
- **Pickles**
- **Canned soup (not chicken noodle)**
- **Mustard**



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

Church in Society

Sunshine Supper—Monday, August 18th

The next Sunshine Supper will be on Monday, August 18th. 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!!

Bill Zimmerman

Volunteer Information



Get involved and make a difference!

There are many meaningful ways to support the life and mission of our church. Whether it's greeting newcomers, helping with children's ministry, lending a hand behind the scenes, or offering your skills during worship services, your time and talents play a vital role in building our church community.

Please check out the list of volunteer opportunities/areas where we'd love support at the Welcome Desk.

Please reach out to Nicole Crittenden if you'd like more information or guidance on how to help out in these areas. Email nicole@oslc-elca.org or call or text 608-358-5838.

Make A Difference



Calling all VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for a few volunteer teachers for confirmation and for Sunday School rotations. Please contact Dawn in the church office, Nicole our volunteer coordinator or Brenda for regarding Sunday School if you are interested for more information.

Christian Education

Sunday School

Here is link address to register your child for Sunday School or to sign up as a Sunday School volunteer!

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

All kids, 3 years old through 5th grade, are welcome! Questions about Sunday School should be directed to brenda@oslc-elca.org.

Looking to get involved in our Sunday School program?

We are gearing up for another year of Sunday School. Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of Our Savior's!

Preschool Teachers volunteer to teach with another caring adult. Lesson plans are provided and there is lots of fun to be had while the little ones learn and play! This can be every week or shared with another person every other week.

Workshop Leaders are needed to teach workshops for K-5th grade. This is a wonderful ministry opportunity because it involves a short-term commitment. You will teach the same lesson for just 3 sessions during the 5 week time period. You can enjoy cooking, arts & crafts, drama, science, movies, song & dance, storytelling and more, all while having a positive impact on the lives of children and having lots of fun.

Guides stay with their assigned age group for the entire year. They rotate with the kids, are responsible for getting to know the kids, taking attendance and addressing behavior as needed. This can be every week



Women's Ministry/WELCA



**Women's Ministries/WELCA
2025 Biennial Convention and Gathering
October 4, 2025
New Heights Lutheran Church
at
The Grove: Regional Community Center
314 Ann Street, Mazomanie WI**

Have you ever attended one of our Synod's Women's Retreats? Do you know that all women are welcome to attend? The workshops are informative, and the ministry being done at New Heights will be of interest to you as well. All registration is online. If you need help with this,

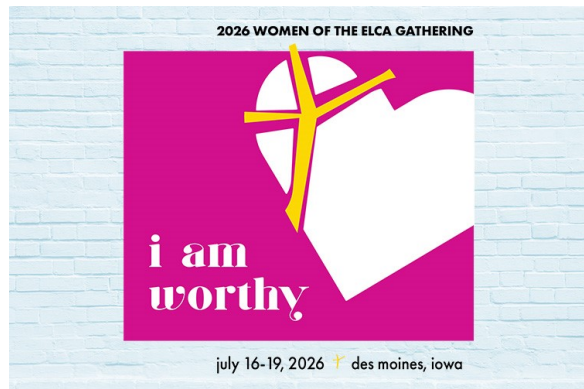
contact me (Peggy Schaub) or the church office. Early registration is a savings to you of \$20!! So get a group together and register.

ONLINE registration began **Tuesday, July 1. Early Registration continues to August 17, and is \$30.** All must register online at SCSW WELCA web page <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>

Late Registrations –August 18 to October 4, will be \$50!

Details can be found in the June [Trumpler](#)

Women's Ministry/WELCA



Plan ahead for the
2026 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering
in Des Moines, Iowa!
Event registration opens July 16, 2025

Go to www.welcatg.org for more information.

We invite you to join with our ministry as we seek to nourish women's faith and love and to inspire women to proclaim their identity, intent, and actions.

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I am Worthy" focusing on Psalm 139:14 "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This proclamation reminds us of God's promise to always be with us, even during times of division and devastation. Repeating the phrase "I am worthy" helps us recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation creates opportunities for healing and repair within ourselves, the church, society, and the world. When we declare, "I am worthy," we align ourselves with God's promises. There is great power in our resolve.

We are planning a bus (Not a school bus!) for transportation from our Synod to Des Moines.

At the Triennial Gathering, attendees swap a small gift from our synod with women from around the country. **Our synod will be swapping hidden paperclips. We need about 1,000!**

I have information on how to create these hidden bookmarks using colorful scrapbook paper, a jumbo paperclip and glue. We will bring the finished hidden paperclips to our **Fall Retreat** where we will add an identifying logo. I would like to set up times to work on this project either at your next circle meeting, or another time or place.~ Peggy Schaub

Quilters' Summer Schedule—the last session of summer quilting will be on **Wednesday, August 6th**. 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.



Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request you would like to pass along? **If so, please contact Darlene in 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 prayer request **only** sent to the prayer chain group and not read in worship, please let us know.

Since the worship services can be viewed online, only first names are read in the Sunday prayers during worship.

Youth & Family

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is recruiting a Youth and Family Director

The candidate should be an energetic person dedicated to coordinating our youth programs to ensure that youth (grades PreK–early college-age) are fully integrated into the gathering, growing, and giving of the congregation. The position requires enthusiasm, excitement, and a high level of energy. The Youth and Family Director will lead by presence in worship, church programs, and community involvement.

Full-time position including availability on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings, and the occasional weekend, as well as for other community and church events.

Compensation and benefits:

- Competitive salary
- Health insurance
- Retirement

Candidate should send cover letter and resume to:

Herb.Held@oslc-elca.org



Get Ready to Get Blessed!

Can you believe it's almost September already? That means it's time for our awesome **Annual Backpack Blessing!** We absolutely LOVE sending our students, teachers, and school staff back to school feeling supported, encouraged, and ready to shine.. ★

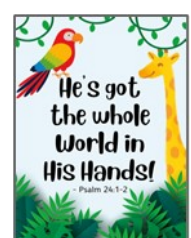


Join us on **Sunday, September 7th, at our 10:30 AM Worship Service** as we gather to bless backpacks, briefcases, diaper bags, lunchboxes—anything that represents learning and working in the year ahead! It's a joyful and energetic way to kick off the new school year.

New this year: Everyone gets to choose their special blessing tag! Pick the tag that speaks to you as we send you off with blessings for a fantastic year.

Whether you're a student, a parent, a teacher, or just someone who wants to share some good vibes, bring your bags (or yourself!) and let's get them filled with positivity. We can't wait to see you there!

Please reach out to Shelly Perkolup, OSLC Council-Education, with questions or how you can get more involved in supporting Christian Education for ALL ages.



Youth & Family

Confirmation Class



CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!!

Confirmation is right around the corner! Confirmation is open for all those going into 6th grade this fall through entering 9th grade this fall. Pastor Dick Schmeling will again be leading confirmation this year. We greatly appreciate him walking our students through this very important milestone in their Faith Journey!

Here is the link address to register:

<https://vbspro.events/p/820a66>

Confirmation Kick Off—September 10th

We will be having a Confirmation “Kick Off —Family Orientation” on September 10th. This is for all Confirmation Students and their families are **required** to attend.

You will meet your leaders, be able to ask questions, the 6th graders will receive their bibles that they will be using, and so much more. Then we will have a Pizza party in the fellowship hall when we are done with the meeting.



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 summer.

Aug 10th: Hey high schoolers (Grades 9–12)! Join us for a fun-filled evening around the campfire with the youth group from United Methodist Church! Come ready for a night of snacks, outdoor games and activities. It's the perfect way to connect, relax, and enjoy summer together! from **6:30-8:30pm** at the **United Methodist Church located at 702 North Street, Sun Prairie**. Don't miss it—we can't wait to see you there!

Aug 24th: Summer Meeting at 9:15am

Disruptive Disciples – Fall Kickoff!

The Disruptive Disciples (grades 9-12) are gearing up for an exciting fall season, and we can't wait to get started! From Sunday breakfasts and service projects to hangout times and coffee chats before school, there's something for everyone. Friends are always welcome. Please click the link below to see everything that's coming up!

Mark your calendar! We're *kicking* things off with a Kickball Game – Kids vs. Adults on **Sunday, September 14, between services**. Come ready to play, cheer, and have a blast as we launch into a season full of connection, fun, and faith. Come when you can, we'd love to see you there!

Check out current DD Fall Flyer at Welcome Desk!



Faith & Fellowship

~ August 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
3 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc.	4 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	5 6:30p Parade Planning Mtg. 7:00p Property Committee Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)	6 9:00a Quilters (summer date for August) 9:30a Gather in Prayer (Conf. Rm.)	7	8	9 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
10 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN 4:00p LUAD Meeting (Chapel) 6:30p Disruptive Disciples at UMC (702 North St., Sun P.)	11 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	12	13 CORN FEST PARADE @ 6 pm (line up starts @ 5 pm @ Cardinal Heights parking lot)	14 12:30p Rebecca Circle (Chapel) 7:00p Bd. of Finance (OSLC Conf. Rm.)	15	16 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
17 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	18 4:00p Sunshine Supper 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	19	20 9:30a Gather in Prayer (Conf. Rm.) September newsletter items due today	21 6:00p Executive Committee 6:30p Congregation Council	22	23 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19) 12:00p Baby Shower in FH
24 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 9:15a Sr. Choir (practice @ 9:15 am—sings @ 10:30) 9:15a Disruptive Disciples Summer Mtg. 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	25 6:30p Fellowship Committee - Chapel 7:00p Scouts BSA Troops 47 & 747	26	27	28	29	30 10:00a AA Group Meeting (Room 19)
31 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Hour 10:30a Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN	Notes: Newsletter Deadline Please submit items for September newsletter to darlene@oslc-elca.org by Wednesday, August 20th. 					



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

Staff at Our Savior's

**Guest Pastors
at this time**
(call the church office)

Office Administrator
Darlene Thorstad
darlene@oslc-elca.org

Financial Secretary
Bonnie Shema (Mon. & Wed.)
bonnie@oslc-elca.org

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(temporary)**
Dawn Bradley
dawn@oslc-elca.org

Children's Education Coordinator
Brenda Wilcox

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bekah@oslc-elca.org

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Rick LaFleur

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Josh Morano

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God's work. Our hands.

Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
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Monday–Friday 9–4

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