



The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

Greetings family of Our Savior's!
Here is the latest edition of 'The Crossroads' newsletter.

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Would you like to receive a DVD of our virtual worship services to watch on a DVD player? If you do not have Internet access to watch our online services and would like us to mail you DVDs of these services, contact the church office (608-837-3111).



Drive-in Worship Sundays at 9am!



See "Latest Worship Information" on Website & Facebook for updates and to sign up to volunteer!

R.O.C.K. Worship

(Reaching Out to Christ's Kids)

Sundays at 10:30am in parking lot

(see OSLC website for details)

Online Worship Services posted on OSLC website and Facebook each week

"Live at Five Reflections with the Pastors" each Wednesday on Facebook Live

From Pastor Hecox



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.*

Please pray for the families of these OSLC members who have passed away over the past month:



Jane Barnes—August 31, 2020

Pastoral Acts

Visitation and Memorial Service:

Jane Barnes—September 12, 2020

The Seasons of Life

What's your favorite season of the year?

When I was a kid, I loved summer. The Georgia heat and humidity didn't seem to bother me back then. I was oblivious to it, so I loved running outside in shorts with no shoes or socks or even a shirt! Later on in life, I started to find myself taking pleasure in spring and autumn. They were like sister seasons: in the first one, things came to life and sprang into action while in the other one, those same things started to change colors in dramatic fashion as they prepared for winter. Both seasons were neither too hot nor too cold. Neither too humid nor too dry.

Now, over the last few years, I've begun enjoying fall more than any other season. Allergies I'd never noticed before started to bother me (mildly) in the spring, so fall became my de facto favorite. As the kids grew old enough to walk and engage in the festivities, Halloween became a much-anticipated and -celebrated event.

As you read this newsletter, Autumn has just officially begun. The Autumnal Equinox was on September 22 this year, even though the cool, crisp weather began weeks ago. Memories of soccer on Saturday mornings and fall festivals and markets haunt me every morning when I walk outside.

Earth's seasons are not unlike the seasons of our life. The cycles of work and rest come and go around their prescribed circuit. The rhythms of growth and contraction, excitement and relaxation, mark the moments of our lives in ways that help us make sense of what's happened to us, what's happening now to us, and what might happen in the future. They give us a story, a narrative, on which to hang our hats and lend perspective to our lives.

It makes me wonder: what season are you in? Everything is not the same all the time. We are not static creatures, unchanging. No, but everything is impermanent, everything is constantly changing, even if it's changing slowly, imperceptibly. So what season do you find yourself in? A season of dryness, perhaps, or a season of adventure. A season of growth, maybe, or a season of relaxation.

As you consider your own season of life, I have a follow-up question: Where do you sense God's presence and work around you in this season? We know that God is always with us, always working things together for the good of those that love the Lord. Perhaps that's happening through a small group you're part of, like Confirmation or a women's circle group, or a Bible study or prayer group. Perhaps that's happening in your prayer closet as you pray for the needs of those around you. Perhaps that's happening in your reflections on how new realities are being born even now, in this "unprecedented time."

Regardless of the season in which you find yourself, both Pastor Tim and I are happy to be journeying alongside you. I find

From Pastor Hecox—continued

myself smiling every time I think of the good people that make up Our Savior's, and how you show your care for one another in a multitude of ways. Keep up the good work. And may this season of life (and autumn) bring an increased awareness of God's presence in your life as you walk the path before you (hopefully strewn with beautiful fallen leaves on either side).

Peace,

Pastor Seth

Update From Re-opening Task Force

The re-opening task force has continued meeting weekly and conducted the OSLC Worship Survey. Our survey was filled out by almost 200 households, representing about 400 total people. One key finding of the survey is that, of those who desired Sanctuary Worship, more preferred November than October. As of this writing we are hoping for that to happen. We continue to monitor the Covid-19 metrics from Dane County Public Health and also look to the guidelines of the Wisconsin Council of Churches. We will keep you informed as to when we will add a Sanctuary Worship service into our current mix of Drive-In and Online Worship Services. Thank you for your participation in the survey and continued support for the ministry, health, and safety of our faith community!

Council News

September 17, 2020 Council Notes

- Council discussed and approved purchasing and installing screens, cameras, and projectors, as the Screen Task Force and Finance Committee had both unanimously recommended.
- OSLC church-wide survey was discussed, as results had been finalized just a week before.
- We heard discussion about the Re-Opening Task Force and a possible date for beginning Sanctuary Worship. No action was taken on this, but Council was apprised of the plans and conversations.
- Pastor Tim was out, so Pastor Seth gave the Pastor's Report, which was received with much applause, many huzzahs, and the utmost delight. (edited by Pastor Seth) 😊

Tim Svendsen
Congregation Council President



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

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

Support our work and enjoy the convenience of electronic giving—

Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.

Enrollment forms and instructions can be found on our OSLC Website under the **Support Our Work** section. Or, if questions, call Bonnie Shema at the church (837-3111) or e-mail her at bonnie@oslc-elca.org.



I proudly give electronically through *Simply Giving!*

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. Thank you!



New Phone System in the OSLC Offices!

The staff is thrilled that we now have a new telephone system in the offices. This new system includes a voice mail system that we're all excited about having. We hope this makes communications with our church family much easier for everyone!



Stewardship

Built Up in Love

Our Savior's Lutheran Annual Stewardship Drive
Virtual 2020
by Bryan Loney

Where do I begin? Since March all our lives have been touched by the pandemic in one way or another. Over 200,000 Americans have died, people have lost their jobs, parents have had to become teachers along with doing their normal full-time jobs. Takeout and ordering groceries for pickup have taken the place of going out to your favorite restaurant with family and friends or a quick trip to the store.

We have seen so many changes in how we interact with each other. Shaking hands has been replaced by an elbow bump, smiles are now covered with masks to keep each other safe, singing happy birthday while washing your hands for the 20th time in one day. The list goes on and on.

This has even affected the way we worship. While we have to attend online or drive-up services for the time being, the church and its mission is still there. For me, going to Church on Sunday, whether it be online or in our car, helps me to remember that the church community is still there and needs us to participate.

This year for the stewardship campaign we would like to hear from you and what Our Savior's means to you. If you would like to be a part of the project please let either, Bryan Loney (BryanLoney@yahoo.com) or Pastor Tim (tim@oslc-elca.org) know and we will get information to you.

"But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Financial Progress Report for August 2020

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$48,382.40	Giving: \$7,331.00
Expenses: \$47,370.23	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$1,012.17	Net Cash Flow: \$228.00
YTD Cash Flow: \$<10,247.32>	YTD Cash Flow: \$620.00

Donations for Sun Prairie Food Pantry—We are collecting for the Food Pantry during our Sunday Drive -in Worship Services. Look for the green barrel outside. (Suggested items needed include laundry detergent, mouthwash, paper towels, size 4 or larger diapers, dish soap, soup, spaghetti sauce, and tuna.)



Other News

Synod Council Journey—Part 11 by Debi Peters

How does one spell “change?” This year almost every change seems to have COVID connected to it. Back in June I planned to share the results of the May Synod Assembly at which a new bishop was to be elected and details about the Synod plans to share information with conferences and congregations on how the Synod serves them.

Fast forward 3-1/2 months:

- Synod Assembly went through three different styles and dates to accommodate the guidelines for COVID. It was successfully held on August 29th.
- The Bishop Election Task Force and Call Committee worked tirelessly to bring forward four excellent candidates for bishop.
- The Rev Joy Mortensen-Wiebe was elected on August 29 as the Synod’s Bishop.

The installation of Bishop-elect will be on Sunday, October 11, 2020. It will be an on-line celebration live streamed from New Heights Church in Black Earth. All are invited to join the community of saints for this joyous occasion. You may access it from the synod website: www.scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation.

Stay tuned as the Synod Council returns to some efforts previously started and new endeavors under Bishop Mortensen-Wiebe’s leadership.

Prayers for A Living Donor

We all face challenges in our lives as we are experiencing with the current pandemic. However, I am now facing another situation. How do you ask your family, friends, and perhaps a stranger to donate a living kidney to prolong my life? This is my story.

Two years ago, with very few symptoms, I was told I had chronic kidney disease and already approaching stage 4. A biopsy confirmed it was irreversible. How did this happen as I always felt I was a healthy, active adult except for osteoarthritis? In 1998 I had a back fusion and in 2003 I had both knees successfully replaced. My nephrologist determined it was the extended use of Ibuprofen for pain that has destroyed my kidneys. A renal diet was prescribed but the filtration rate has continued to decline. Dialysis was discussed as well as a transplant.

On July 1st I had an extensive evaluation and tests with the University of Wisconsin Transplant Team. As a result of this evaluation, on Aug. 11th, my name was added to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and UW Hospital waiting list for a living and deceased donor. The average wait time for a deceased donor is 5–6 years; therefore, because of my age and health status, I am in search of a living donor.

Anyone over the age of 18 in good physical and emotional health can apply to be a living donor. A donor and recipient do not have to be related or have matching blood types. If the donor isn’t a direct match there are other options. There is a paired exchange where the kidneys are exchanged with other donors and recipients. You could actually be saving more than one life and lowering the waiting list of recipients. All of the medical expenses are covered by the recipient’s insurance. Hospital stay is 2–3 days for a donor and back to normal activity in 4–6 weeks. A donor can live well with one kidney, and the recipient will have better health with a new kidney. For more information, go to uwhealth.org/livingdonor. If you would consider being my living donor, go to uwhealth.org/CanIBeADoner. If no computer, call 608-263-1384.

By the time you read this I will be on dialysis. This is not a cure but will hopefully give me time to find a live donor. I realize this may not be an option for everyone but thank you for learning more about it. Please keep me in your prayers and share my story with others who may be interested. My family, my friends, and my faith will get me through this. It is in God’s hands.

Blessings to All,
Nancy Walden

Christian Education

Adult Bible Studies Continue in October

† Brown Bag Bible Study led by Pastor Tim meets online on **Wednesdays at 11am** via Zoom. We are studying Galatians. Please contact Pastor Tim (tim@oslc-elca.org) if you would like to be added to this online class and he will send you the Zoom login information.



† A new group is meeting online on Thursdays at noon via Zoom to study the upcoming Sunday's scripture text. 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 Squircle Men!

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

Fellowship & Church in Society

Eat Boldly—The “Eat Boldly” group (that normally meets at various area restaurants on the first Friday of each month) has been cancelled for October and November. (They do not meet in December.) We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HELP!!

As most of you know, we have been providing help with the Sunshine Supper program for several years. Once every three months we provide a community meal at Sunshine Place. A year ago I think we typically had 125 to 150 people attend these meals which were served cafeteria style inside Sunshine Place. But this is 2020, and everything has changed. Diners now drive through and pick up meals curbside. In May we prepared meals for 300 people. In August we prepared for 350 and could have used more and for our next meal in November we have been asked to prepare for 400!



Many of you have been very generous with donations to purchase food for these meals and obviously the need continues to increase. If you could find it in your heart to help out with a monetary donation for the **Monday, November 16th** meal, it would be greatly appreciated. Just write “Sunshine Supper” on the memo line of your check and you can mail it to OSLC or you can also drop it off in the mailbox under the breezeway. Just open the door marked “Incoming Mail” and it will be securely deposited into the bottom of the box. We can only use five people in the preparation of the meal but if you would be interested in helping out, please let me know.

Thank you!

garydalgaard@gmail.com (608) 215-0583

Church in Society



Sock & Underwear Donation Drive

We will be collecting donations of **NEW** socks and underwear the month of October

Sizes 5T – Adult XL, both genders, are appreciated.

All donations will be given to the Sunshine Place - C.A.R.D.S Closet,
directly benefitting those in our community!

How to drop off donations:

1. Drop off donations at church on Sundays at the drive-in service in “donation bin”
2. Residential pick-up/drop-off can be arranged with Sara Klemme
3. Purchase socks/underwear online and ship it directly Our Savior’s
4. Make a monetary donation and we’ll do the shopping for you! Mail a check to church with the subject line – Underwear/sock drive

Questions:

Contact Sara Klemme – (608) 609-5354 – seklemme@gmail.com

Children & Families

So... How is distance learning going for you? Around the Perkolup Home it has been a bit “dicey” shall we say. I am impressed with how the Sun Prairie Area School District has evolved their “virtual game” over the summer and feel blessed to have such dedicated staff planning for, caring for, and teaching our children. That said...I feel your struggle! I can only imagine how it would be if my children were younger.

YOU ARE ENOUGH! Take a deep breath- God is still with you & in you!

Really, even when you want to pull your hair out!

Please join me in saying a prayer for all individuals involved in nurturing and educating *all the children of the world* with your family one day each week. Adding names will also make it more meaningful for your children.

R.O.C.K. Worship

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

Sunday 10:30 AM—Parking
Lot Service

See website for more
details



R.O.C.K. Worship has been well attended, but there is always room for YOU! Families have been enjoying worshipping together in chairs, on blankets, or in their vehicles.

Highlights Include: Puppets, Chalk Drawings, Activities, Repeat After Me Prayers - with bubbles rising up just like our prayers do, Bible Stories & Songs led by peer mentors, Communion and FUN!

Attention Parents & Guardians of Children under 3 years

Please let me know, shelly@oslc-elca.org of your exciting news, so we can support you as you begin the journey of forming the faith of your little Lutheran.

We'd love to deliver a special age appropriate song CD and monthly newsletter to help!



Worship & Music

It's October, Be Scared



It's October. Porches have pumpkins. The hand of a plastic skeleton reaches up from beneath the front lawn. Black-clad witches dangle from tree limbs. White-sheeted goblins appear everywhere. Yes, Halloween is coming. So be afraid.

As if we needed more fear. Listening to and reading the daily news, we hear of terrible events and confront dire predictions, especially in this time of a worldwide pandemic. More fear. Yes, a certain amount of fear can be helpful. It can stimulate us to take precautions, to avoid dangers, and to make safer choices. Unfortunately, it can also limit us.

How about when it comes to singing? In many places in the bible, especially in the psalms, the people of God are urged to sing. Yet using your voice to sing is a very personal action. Singing, especially by yourself is like being in the bathroom with the window shades up. Yes, expressing yourself by singing can indeed be scary and daunting, especially if you are singing alone or in a very small group. Furthermore, since your singing instrument is within you, you can't blame the sticky valve of a trumpet for a mistake.

In some ways we are not aided and can even be intimidated by hearing recordings of highly trained singers ("I could never sing like that."). Add to that the ability of recording technology to weed out and correct the few errors of the pros. Result: perfection.

So what are we doing at this point in time for singing at worship and when singing with the support of a large group around us is not able to happen? For worship at Our Savior's, either via video or drive-in, we are trying to choose the most familiar and singable hymns which relate to the readings for the day. We are trying to choose hymns the texts of which use understandable language. We often select only certain verses so that you are not asked to sing for a long time.

And now, what can you do? First of all, don't be afraid to sing. It may not come out perfectly, but God is not a vocal judge. So, just jump in. The first time is the scariest, but you will find that, with repetition, it gets easier. Don't be afraid.

Thanks, and stay safe,
John Krueger

Youth & Family Ministry

CAT (Care-Team Ministry for College Age Youth)—Attention Parents of Post High School Youth! Is your son or daughter attending college, in the military, or beginning their life away from home? No matter the situation—distant learning or physically leaving home, The C.A.T. CARE TEAM Ministry for college age youth wants to know. Throughout the year your son or daughter will receive cards, care packages, and inspirational notes to let them know we are thinking of them.

Please email Charise Dunn at cdunn9901@aol.com with your youth's name, address, email, and cell phone number, and they will be added to the ministry so we can stay connected with them.

Fall Confirmation Plans



Confirmation begins on Wednesday, October 7
for 6th thru 9th grade.

Contact Matt Weber to register (matt@oslc-elca.org)





Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month?

This year because of the current pandemic situation, we're not able to celebrate this month at in-person worship as we have in the past.

So, if you see Pastor Tim and Pastor Seth at a drive-in worship in the coming weeks, perhaps you can greet them through your car window and let them know how much they're appreciated. Or, perhaps you'd like to send them a card or note or an e-mail to express your appreciation for all they do.

Please Note—the OSLC staff is adding this note to the newsletter without their knowing of this!

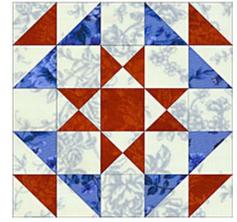
Thank you Pastor Tim and Pastor Seth—for all the good work that you do for Our Savior's! We love working with you and sharing in this ministry!

Darlene *Bonnie*
Shelly *George*
John *Matt*

Women's Ministry

From Our Quilters

Even though Quilters haven't been able to gather at the church for crafting quilts together since March 11, we produced more than 200 quilts for Lutheran World Relief since last fall. The quilts from last year were sent to the Ukraine, the Bahamas, and Georgia (Asia). The need this year is greater than ever. A special thanks to Gary Dalgaard for once again arranging for all 85 boxes of quilts to be delivered to the train station in Madison.



We always so much look forward to displaying them for everyone to enjoy, and are sorry it's just not possible this year. Thank you so much for thinking of us as you've been cleaning, going through your fabrics, and for all the support you've given us.

Days for Girls Update

OSLC's Days for Girls sewing group shipped 75 kits in September to Cote d'Ivoire, Africa with Project C.U.R.E. They have been working outside in a member's driveway and plan to pack another 100 kits in the coming weeks as weather permits. And, they have seven new enthusiastic volunteers who've joined the group working with them as well.

If you'd like more information about being a part of the Days for Girls sewing group, contact Linda Frautschy at: linda.frautschy@gmail.com or 608-837-8783.



Quilting Fabric Donations Needed for Days for Girls

—We are looking for donations of new cotton quilting fabric in dark or bright colors. There are some requirements (like no holidays, animals, faces) so any fabric that isn't suitable will be passed on to the quilters.

Please give Linda Frautschy a call to arrange pickup at (608) 837-8783.



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

WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to "What Matters."

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Worship
Online worship services each week
Drive-in worship—Sundays at 9:00 am
R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out to Christ's Kids) at 10:30 am, beginning September 13

God's work. Our hands.

Office Hours
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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