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The Crossroads

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



Welcome,
FALL

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

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From Pastor Hansen

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

September Greetings to all of you!

I chose this passage from Matthew for a couple of reasons for this article. First of all, as we enter another round of mask mandates and the rise of the Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus, it has become stressful and anxiety producing to go backwards in our lives to social distancing and masks in public buildings. We had all hoped that by this time we would be ready to take off and soar into our fall programming with a pandemic behind us. However, we live in a world where people care about their own individual wants more than they care about their brothers' or sisters' needs and so here we are.

It is frustrating to see our handling of the virus become so political. In order to live and thrive in any sense of community there are rules that allow us to survive and flourish. We adhere to laws regarding seatbelts because they protect us. We have traffic lights that protect us from running into each other. We have cleanliness laws that tell us we cannot walk into a restaurant without shirt or shoes. We have all been vaccinated against other diseases that could have led to death, like polio, for example. What has made the handling of this virus different?

So as we enter into a new phase of a rising threat of the virus, our anxiety levels are high. This passage from Matthew just seems to make some sense to be reminded of who and whose we are. Being a follower of Jesus does not inoculate us from bad things. However, it does give us some perspective of our lives, the world, and the things that lead to a deep and meaningful life. In the midst of our anxiety we can be reminded that we are not alone. There is one who walks with us every step of the way. While our lives may seem anything but restful, it may be important to take pause and consider the companion who walks beside us. This Jesus is the one who knows what it means to suffer, to be betrayed, to lose his friends, and to die on behalf of others.

Living as a disciple of Jesus does not mean we are safe from bad things, but it does change our perspective from worrying about whether we can always get what we want to begin caring for the needs of our neighbors, and in doing so can begin to see new opportunities for hope. It just may give us the ability to be nimble to meet the ministry needs in the weeks and months to come. What might happen if we begin to consider others' needs before our own? How might that change your outlook? It just may be the freeing thing we need to relieve some anxiety along the way. We are in this together!

The second reason I chose this passage is that I wanted to thank you for the ability to take a sabbatical this fall. My hope is to look at ministry in a couple of ways. First, I'd like to look at how congregations can transition from a pastor-centered church to a programmatic or corporate congregation. It is important that we understand our role in

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.*

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:

Fabrice James and Kellen
Robert Coy-Tchouani—Aug. 8
James David Worgull—Aug. 11

Funerals:

Edith Ziesch—Aug. 6
Ron Koski—Aug. 7
Joyce Spilde—Aug. 30

Please pray for the family of Eldon Grunewald who passed away on August 20.



From Pastor Hansen—continued

ministry is to grow our faith, to deepen our commitment to discipleship. It is how we live out our faith. Our worship attendance is vital to that growth and so I think it is important to help us find ways to gather that go beyond just being in a relationship with a pastor.

Pastor Seth and I are happy to get to know all of you, but the depth of relationship is hindered by the number of folks that call this place home. Our job is to help you grow in your faith. I am planning on interviewing a number of pastors from congregations that have gone through the transition to discover both challenges and successes. Secondly, I am going to be doing some reading and reflecting on how this pandemic has changed what ministry looks like. I am hoping to develop some way that we can address this as we hope to see some kind of ending in the next year.

Pastor Seth will be able to walk with you in your ministry while I am gone. He is a gifted pastor and I am sure that you have all come to appreciate his wisdom and bad jokes! I ask that you check in with him from time to time and volunteer to help in the needs of ministry that continue to go on.

May you know God's peace and presence in these strange days.

Peace,

Pastor Tim

Council News

August 19, 2021 Council Notes

- + Council zoomed their meeting on Thursday due to the new county mandates.
- + There will likely be a vote at the September council meeting for a paid Audio-Visual position.
- + OSLC is beginning to look for a new representative for the Boy Scout troop that has been sponsored in the past.
- + There will still be a "party" or a "regathering" on September 12 after the 10:30 service. We will be wishing Pastor Tim a happy sabbatical.

Tim Svendsen

LET'S GIVE PASTOR TIM A SABBATICAL SEND-OFF

As most of you know, starting around mid-September, Pastor Tim will be starting his three-month sabbatical. We had hoped to have a big event to celebrate our reopening and to also send Pastor Tim off with our best wishes. However, this COVID thing just isn't cooperating. I think we can all agree that we're not yet ready to open things up as they were before so we're just going to have a brief get together to give Pastor Tim a nice farewell and safe passage and to let him know that we will all be anxiously awaiting his return.

So, on Sunday, September 12th, we are planning to gather right after the 10:30 service out on the lawn. There will be food that you can either eat while we all converse or if you prefer, you can take it home with you. There will also be a cake so please plan to attend. I know Pastor Tim would appreciate you being there.

Gary Dalgaard, Fellowship Chair

Worship & Music

September Worship Plans

For September, Sunday worship services will remain the same: 8am Sanctuary, 9:30 Drive-In, and 10:30 Sanctuary. There has been sufficient attendance at each to warrant continuing each of them.

Additionally, Wednesday programs and worship services will start up on Wednesday, September 15. Each Wednesday will have a contemplative worship service at 6:00pm, which will be followed by Confirmation and choir-related activities. For those who worshipped at the Saturday night services pre-pandemic, this new Wednesday service will serve as a gentle entry point to evening worship and provide a worship option for those who prefer to worship in the evening.

As families return from vacation, kids get back in school, and we all settle into weekly rhythms this fall, so too will OSLC start to begin some of those school-year programs that enrich the life of the community. We're all looking forward to it, so we'll see you there!

A "Normal" September Is Here? Not Quite.

In a typical September all choirs, children's groups through adult vocal groups, and handbells would begin regular weekly rehearsals. They would also begin to sing and play for worship. As recently as a month ago, it looked like the pandemic was finally at a manageable stage and that activities like choirs and other groups would be able to resume.

But this is not a typical year. The extremely contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 plus concerns about the level of vaccination rates have dashed our hopes for a return to what we perceive as "normal."

So what are we to do when it feels like the rug has been pulled out from under us? For members of the Senior Choir and Old Hims, this means that weekly outdoor rehearsals in the parking lot will continue into and probably through September.

We had originally thought that the "Parking Lot Choir," an idea gifted to us by Linda Stauffacher, would finish at the end of August. We thank Linda for the idea and leadership. We also thank Diane Padrutt for her keyboard skills and devotion to accompanying as well as her dedication to communicating with choir members.

May this time of uncertainty encourage our resourcefulness in adapting to new challenges.

Also, please watch for announcements about the resumption of rehearsals for the Cherub Choir, the Youth Choir, and the Alleluia Singers.

Thanks,
John Krueger

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to add to our monthly teams for the OSLC Altar Guild. Both men and women are welcome to volunteer! Please email the church office (darlene@oslc-elca.org) if you're interested in volunteering for the Altar Guild.



Congratulations John Krueger on 25 years at Our Savior's!

***John Krueger, our Director of Music and Organist, was honored on Sunday, July 25th for 25 years of dedicated service to OSLC. John's faithfulness and dedication to his craft and to his ministry allows us to grow deeper in faith each week. He is constantly finding music that works with the texts and themes for the week. We are a better community for his commitment to walk and sing with us for these 25 years!
Thank you John!***



Shown above: Pastor Tim Hansen with John Krueger and Deana Hipke



Shown above: Deana Hipke and John Krueger

3rd Annual Classic Brass Benefit Concert—Sunday, August 15th

The third annual benefit concert to raise awareness and funds for the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association (NSDA) was held on Sunday, August 15 in OSLC's parking lot. It was a beautiful day—with fantastic weather and wonderful music by Classic Brass, Pastor Tim Hansen, John Krueger, and Diane Padrutt. Here are some photos from the concert!



Classic Brass:

Shown at left:

Steve Williams-trombone, Janet Olsen-trumpet, Tony Boldt-tuba, Warren Bandel-trumpet, Ellington Starks-horn



Shown above: John Krueger on piano



At left:

Diane Padrutt, piano

At right:

Pastor Tim



Christian Education

Sunday School Starts on Sunday, September 19th (9:15–10:15am)

Starting September 19th, children will gather from 9:15–10:15 am for fun, learning, and faith development! Registration forms are available online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c9a08f>. All kids, 3 years old through 5th grade, are welcome! For more information, contact Brenda Wilcox at brenda@wilcoxes.net or 608-345-7301.



Sunday School Volunteers Needed

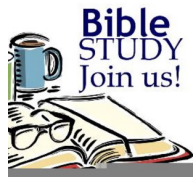
We are gearing up for another year of Preschool (3 and 4 year olds) and Sunday School (K–5th grade). Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of Our Savior's!



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 play & learn! This can be every Sunday or every other Sunday.

Workshop Leaders are needed to teach workshops for K–5th grade. This is a wonderful ministry opportunity because it involves a short-term commitment (teaching the same lesson for 4–6 weeks), you can lead a workshop that fits your interests (such as cooking, arts & crafts, drama, science, movies, games), and you can impact the lives of children, all while having a fun time!

Brown Bag Bible Study Resumes!



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Brown Bag Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, September 16 at Noon** at OSLC. On days with good weather, we'll consider going outside for our Bible Study. On days that are rainy or too hot or too cold (or just when we feel like it), we'll gather in the Chapel. Feel free to bring a lunch or snack if you'd like, and join Pastor Seth in exploring our faith and the scriptures together!

Youth & Family Ministry

Confirmation Registration Now Open for 6th-9th Grade Students!

Students entering grades 6-9 this fall are invited to join our confirmation program, which will kick-off on **Wednesday, September 22nd** at 6:30pm!

Please follow this link to register online: vbspro.events/p/34c369

Once you register, you will be sent more information about the program including important dates for the year. Confirmation classes will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:45pm. Questions about confirmation should be directed to Matt@oslc-elca.org.

Confirmation
Class News

Confirmation Small Group Leaders Needed!

As we get closer to the start of fall programs, we are once again in need of a number of adult volunteers to lead our confirmation small groups. As a small group leader, you will be provided with a curriculum to follow for each night's class, which includes activities, Bible verses, and discussion questions for the topic of the day. A small group leader training/information session will be held at OSLC on **Wednesday, September 15th** from 6:00-7:00pm. Contact Matt@oslc-elca.org for more information or if you have questions about being a confirmation small group leader.

Children & Families

Wow! September seemed so far off in the future, and next thing I knew it was here! I know this is not the post pandemic party we were hoping for, but there are opportunities for us to re-engage with each other and continue to build relationships that if you are like me, you really crave. One way we can strengthen these relationships is through prayer. My prayer for your Family this month is for you to take moments to ponder and plan ways to increase your prayer life for you, your child, and our entire OSLC Family. Praying for You - Shelly

Five Finger Prayer



Thumb: Those closest to your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (Teachers, Pastors, Doctors, Nurses) ask for wisdom and support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance and wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves and our own needs.

Five Prayers you can pray for your child this school year.

(Secret tip-I posted similar prayers on the fridge as a reminder for me, well, my kids noticed, and allowed for casual discussion, about how I pray for them and others.)

1. May my child be aware of Jesus, the always-present friend, as the first days of school bring opportunities for new or changing friendships. I pray for healthy, positive friendships.
2. Send your angels to guard and protect my child's school and all the schools in our nation.
3. Help my child be aware of other children who need to know Jesus. Give them boldness and compassion that they might be a witness of your love to their school.
4. I pray my child will be a life-giving friend and encourager. Lord, guide them as they become a leader in their school.
5. I pray my child will be a servant and a protector of kids who are alone or bullied. May you guide them Lord, as they refine their leadership skills in their school.

Fellowship

Eat Boldly—Friday, September 3rd Join Us For a Fun Evening of Fellowship, Good Food and Friendly People! The Eat Boldly group will resume on **Friday, September 3rd**. Reservations are at 7 p.m. at Lake Windsor Country Club (upper level), 4628 Golf Drive, in Windsor. Please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk or contact Judy Fenske (837-9000) or judyfenske@hotmail.com **no later than Wednesday, September 1.**



Looking ahead—next month the group will meet on Friday, October 8 at Maple Bluff Country Club.

Fellowship & Church in Society



Another Successful Sunshine Supper

We had another great day on August 16th at Sunshine Place. Once again, we prepared 400 meals for the community, and everything went great. I cannot express adequately my appreciation for our crew. I believe this was our sixth event together under the Covid guidelines and boy, are we getting good. We are so efficient now that we didn't start preparations until 1:30 and we were all out of the building and on our way home by 5:30, before they even finished serving. Our Sunshine Place supervisor said we had done all that was required of us and more, so we were home in time for dinner with our families.

I want to once again thank these dedicated individuals: Linda and Bob Frautschy, Ed Lauersdorf, Sara Klemme, Bill Zimmerman, and Pastor Seth. Between us we have prepared over 2,000 meals for this wonderful cause. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Also, **HUGE** thanks to those of you have so generously contributed! Thanks to you we have not had to spend a single penny of church funds for these unbudgeted events.

Gary Dalgaard and the Sunshine Supper Crew

OSLC's Sunshine Supper Crew at work on August 16th

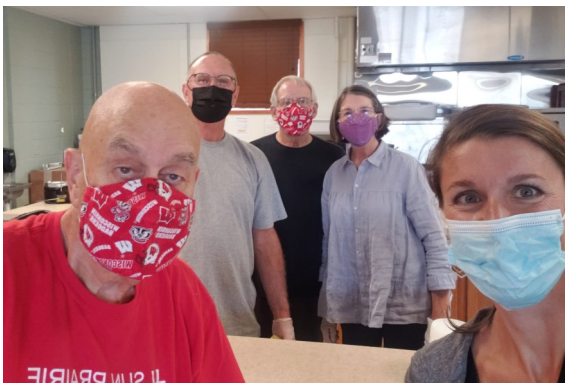


Photo on left:
Gary, Ed, Bob,
Linda, and Sara

Photo on right:
Gary, Bill, and
Pastor Seth



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 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). 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

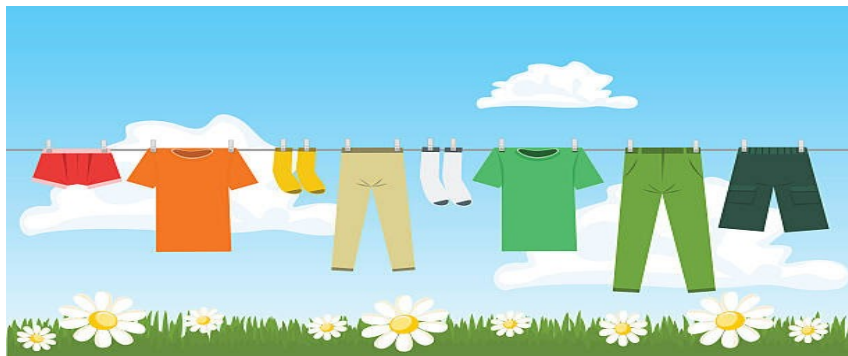
Non-food Items

Toiletries- deodorant, soap, shampoo, toilet tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, diapers.

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

Church in Society

Clothesline Ministry Clothing Drive



How to drop off donations:

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

Tops, bottoms, combined outfits, jackets, socks, and underwear are all needed. Clothesline will collect any new and gently used clothing, but kids sizes 4T-16 are most wanted. All items will be delivered to neighborhood schools. This supports our partner Bird School’s Clothed with Love.

Questions:

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

Stewardship & Other News

Save the Date!

Pledge Sunday will be **Sunday, October 31st**.

Watch for more information coming soon!



Financial Progress Report for July 2021

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$40,286.60	Giving: \$6,217.50
Expenses: \$42,283.99	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$<1,997.39>	Net Cash Flow: \$<885.50>
YTD Cash Flow: \$<1,657.67>	YTD Cash Flow: \$1,533.50

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!

Attention All Electronic Givers!—If you have been using electronic giving but have not yet signed up with the new Shelby giving program, please check with Bonnie Shema. **She will assist you with setting this up with our new giving platform.**

Deadline for October Newsletter

—Please submit any items for the September newsletter by Friday, September 17 to darlene@oslc-elca.org

Newsletter
DEADLine

C.A.T. Care-Team Ministry

—Attention Parents of Post-High School Youth! Is your son or daughter attending college, in the military, or beginning their life away from home? The C.A.T., care-team ministry for college age youth, wants to know. Please e-mail Charise Dunn at cdunn9901@aol.com to sign up your college age youth so OSLC can stay connected to them. They will receive cards, care packages, and inspirational notes throughout the year to let them know we are thinking of them. If you have any questions please contact Charise Dunn at cdunn9901@aol.com.

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, September 21st** at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

Quilters—The Quilters group will not meet in person to quilt until further notice due to the risks with the variant. If questions or if interested in picking up fabric for quilting at home, please contact Ellie Borchert.

Financial Donations Needed to Help Afghani Refugees

At the time of this newsletter, the needs are great to help the refugees from Afghanistan. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) are working closely with the State Department in finding opportunities to care for and resettle the thousands of refugees coming to America. While there may be opportunities to partner or sponsor families down the road, the most important way to help right now is through financial donations. **Please go to [www. LIRS.org](http://www.LIRS.org) and donate to help with the tremendous cost of resettlement.** Thanks for your help!

~ September 2021 ~

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God's work. Our hands.

Sanctuary worship—Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
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

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