



The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI

February



Greetings family of Our Savior's! Here is the February 2021 edition of *The Crossroads* newsletter. Attached below are section links:

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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

Memorial Service:

**Amber L. (Pautsch)
Peterson** (daughter of Lynn
and Barbara Pautsch)

**January 18, 2021 at Cress
Funeral Home, Madison**

**Please pray for comfort and
peace for Amber's family.**



From Pastor Hecox

What a Month!

Some terrifying national events caused us to pause and reflect on our identity as a nation. Furthermore, these events caused some Christians, and especially pastors, all over the nation to question our role in the ugly developments we've all witnessed recently. What we find when we look honestly at the church's role in these developments isn't very flattering.

Each of us must ask ourselves how we got here, how we ourselves—and how we as a church—have contributed to the current national environment, and then ask what is a faithful response moving forward. These are not easy questions, and I don't expect we'll find very exciting responses as options. The work of being a people isn't easy: that goes for being a people with a shared government and for being a people with a shared faith identity.

While I'm not confident of satisfactory answers to these questions, I am increasingly confident that this process we must undertake will be more fruitful if we do it together. Trying to fix things unilaterally is seldom the best way. Attempting to build a better world by oneself is rarely productive. As the people of God, we have experience in collaboration and cooperation, and these things are needed now more than ever. When we realize that we are all in this together, and that you and I are inextricably linked to each other, we can assist each other in making sense of the past and the present. That will pay dividends in the future, I believe.

So we have a vital role to play moving forward. If the future is to hold any beauty or truth, we must talk to each other, listen to each other, and envision what that future might be. This work of mutual aid, of collective labor, is what opens the door to a viable future for us as a nation, and for us as a congregation, and even for us as a human race.

You can expect Pastor Tim and me to continue discussing our future with the various leadership teams at OSLC: the church council, church committees, task forces, staff, volunteers, and all sorts of groups in the church that provide valuable feedback, ideas, and possibilities for our collective future. Already, that teamwork has resulted in new ways of ministering and those programs have all started back up after our holiday break. That new and different work continues as we move toward Ash Wednesday, which has difficult questions of its own.

From Pastor Hecox—continued

Ultimately, I am so proud of our faith family for adapting so well over the past 11 months and creating something beautiful together as we encountered event and event that was (to use a now-cliché term) “unprecedented.” We can continue to do so, even into a new year, new month, new season of the church year. You are doing a great job—keep it up! Ask yourself the difficult questions, but acknowledge the faithful work you’ve already participated in. We will get through all this alongside each other, and we will be a stronger family of faith for it.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Seth

Council News

January 21, 2020 Council Notes

- The Budget has been presented and adopted by the Council. Tremendous thanks to the Budget and Finance teams.
- The Council is currently looking for a new Secretary. Dean Sommer has completed six years serving Our Saviors and we greatly appreciate his dedication.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2021. More information to follow.

Tim Svendsen
Congregation Council President

Virtual Annual Meeting of Our Savior's

Sunday, February 14, 2021

(after Drive-In Worship)



Our annual meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 14th** immediately following our 9:00am worship service. We will use the FM transmission system that we currently use for worship for the Annual Meeting. We will also be using FreeConference Call.com as a way to hear what you have to say too. We will give you the phone number to call at the start of the meeting.

Financial Forum—Sunday, February 7

If you are interested in meeting with members of the Finance Board to talk about the spending plan for the coming year, they will be holding a forum on Zoom at 10:00 am on February 7th. If you would like to be a part of that forum, let the church office know and we will send you a Zoom link.

Worship & Music

From Epiphany to Lent

The month of February sees the end of the season of Epiphany, with the Transfiguration of Our Lord to be celebrated on Sunday, February 14. We then enter the season of Lent on February 17 with the observance of Ash Wednesday. The date for Ash Wednesday is determined by the date of Easter, which is the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. Easter Sunday in 2021 is on April 4. Then count back 40 days, but do not include Sundays and you will arrive at Wednesday, February 17. Parents, this calculation would be a good thing to work on with your children. You can explore the lunar schedule, the spring equinox, and some basic math.

In our nation, the month of February is also designated as Black History Month. I will feature, as much as possible, musical works by Black composers, both men and women, that relate to the readings and themes for the particular day.

Thanks,
John Krueger



Ash Wednesday Drive-in Worship Services

Wednesday, February 17 @ 12 noon and 6:30 pm

Small containers of ashes will be delivered to your car by the ushers/parking lot attendants. Because of social distancing we ask that you place ashes on the forehead of those in your car with you or put them on your own forehead at the appropriate time of the service.

Drive-in Worship Sundays at 9am

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



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

Online Worship Services premiere on OSLC's YouTube channel 9am Sundays

OSLC Weekly Worship Now on KSUN Sundays at 12 Noon!

You can find KSUN programming in the Sun Prairie area on:

- Spectrum Channel 983
- TDS Channels 13 and 1013
- Roku and Apple TV apps (search KSUN or Sun Prairie to download the app)
- Online at sunprairiemediacenter.com
- Smartphone app (search Sun Prairie Media Center to download)

If you know someone who'd like to view our worship services, but can't attend in-person, and isn't able to access the internet very well, this is a great, low-tech way for them to tune in and worship!



2021 has brought a change to the position of head church librarian. Mary Hauck will now fill that role. Mary has been an integral part of library operations and will continue to keep this ministry an important part of OSLC programming.

It has been a joy and honor to serve as your Church Librarian for so many years.

Phyllis Unmacht

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

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



Christian Education

Adult Bible Studies Continue in February 2021

Brown Bag Bible Study

Brown Bag Bible Study is continuing on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Pastor Tim is leading a study on the gospel of Mark. If you are interested in being a part of it and haven't yet participated, please let Pastor Tim know and he will add your email to the Zoom list in order for you to get an invitation.



Lectionary Text Study

This study group will continue meeting online on Thursdays at noon via Zoom to study the upcoming Sunday's scripture text. (The pastor scheduled to present the sermon for that week leads this study group on the Thursday before.) 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 Squirrel Men!

Squirrel (our Men's Bible Study Group) meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 16th** at 8 p.m. If you're interested in gathering via Zoom this month, contact Pastor Tim (tim@oslc-elca.org) or Pastor Seth (seth@oslc-elca.org) and they will send you a link.



Evangelism

New Member Sunday—February 14

Our new member classes are meeting online via Zoom on Sundays after drive-in worship. The last week of classes will be Sunday, February 7.

New members will then be received into the congregation on Sunday, February 14 (Valentine's Day!) during Drive-in Worship.



Children & Families

A stork sized Thank You to the anonymous donor who learned the Nursery Parent Pager system needed replacing! Our 15 round paging units, transmitter, and charging station arrived and will be ready once we are able to enjoy offering the use of our Nursery again.



If you have not seen the Virtual Nativity video many of our OSLC children and adults contributed to, or want to see the extended camel footage, visit our website, or YouTube channel and check it out.

OSLC website
<http://www.oslc-elca.org/family-ministries>



Early Communion Celebration

We celebrated the Early Communion Milestone on Sunday, January 24, 2021 as part of our 9 am Drive-In Worship. The following six disciples attended two Saturday morning classes with Pr. Tim and Pr. Seth and painted their keepsake chalice virtually over Zoom from home. These families were not about to let the pandemic stop their children from receiving this important step in the faith life journey of their child! Please join me in congratulating the following children and families!

Reed Hastings

Adlai Hecox

Justin Hofmann Jr.

Ava Smith

Calvin Sweeney

Abigail Thao



Take Good Care and do your best to keep EVERYONE healthy!

Church in Society

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 new opportunity to be involved with a neighbor school in this way. We will begin collecting items for the pantry on Sundays this week. 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,

Thank you!

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

Clothesline Ministry Snow Gloves Drive

Winterproof gloves are the greatest need! Clothesline will collect gloves and new/used kids winter clothes through February. Sizes 4T -10 are most wanted. Items will be delivered to neighborhood schools. ***Here is how to drop off donations:***

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



Questions:

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

Fellowship & Church in Society

Another Sunshine Supper Success!



On Monday, January 11th we served our fourth Sunshine Supper and along with it, helped Sunshine Place celebrate their 11th anniversary. We served Marie Calender Chicken Pot Pies, buttered corn, and a Caesar Salad. How about that for comfort food! We baked 432 pies and there was not even one left!

All went well, thanks to my amazing crew, many of whom have stepped up to assist for all four of these meals. You probably know by now who they are but nevertheless: Ed Lauersdorf, Sara Klemme, Linda and Bob Frautschy, Bill and Maggie Zimmerman, and of course, Pastor Tim and Pastor Seth. My sincere thanks to all of you for the hard work you have put into this project.

Also, a huge thanks to all who have supported this effort with contributions. Our next one is not going to be until May. I am reasonably certain that we will still be doing it the same way so if you would like to help out, just send your donations to OSLC with Sunshine Supper noted on your check.

Thank you!

Gary Dalgaard
Fellowship Chair

Here are some photos from the Sunshine Supper's Golden Anniversary:



January 11,
2011

Ed Lauersdorf

Pastor Tim

Bob Frautschy

Linda Frautschy

Gary Dalgaard



Pastor Seth

Bill Zimmerman

Sara Klemme



Ed Lauersdorf

Bill Zimmerman

Other News

Thank You to Phyllis Unmacht for all her years of dedicated service as our Head Church Librarian!

We have appreciated her excellent work and expertise in developing our church library—and have appreciated all of Ron's assistance with this project as well! While Phyllis will be passing the torch of library leadership on to Mary Hauck, Phyllis will still remain involved in assisting with the library project as needed.



Thank you so much to Phyllis and Ron for all their wonderful work with the library!

Financial Progress Report for December 2020

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$85,520.57	Giving: \$8,483.50
Expenses: \$137,728.52	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$<52,207.95>	Net Cash Flow: \$1,380.50
YTD Cash Flow: \$<67,096.13>	YTD Cash Flow: \$5,468.00

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!



Please Notify the Church Office when...

- You have a change of address
- Your email address has changed
- Your telephone number has changed



Deadline for March Newsletter

Please submit any items for the March newsletter by Thursday, February 18 to darlene@oslc-elca.org

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Christ in Our Home—These daily devotion booklets for January–March 2021 have arrived. We placed them outside in a plastic box on top of our mailbox. Feel free to stop by and take a copy from the box. We have both regular size and large print. If you'd prefer that we mail you a copy, contact the church office.

Annual Report for Year Ended 12/31/2020

—Copies of the OSLC Annual Report have been printed and will be available at drive-in worship on Sunday, January 31 as well as Sunday, February 7 and 14 for the Annual Meeting.

~ February 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:00a Staff Meeting 11:00a Bible Study via Zoom 5:00p Live @ Five with the Pastors (Facebook Live) 6:30p Confirmation (virtual)	4 12:00p Text Study via Zoom with Pastor	5	6
7 9:00a Drive-in Worship & New Member Class after svc. 10:00a Financial Form 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	8	9	10 9:00a Staff Meeting 11:00a Bible Study via Zoom 5:00p Live @ Five with the Pastors (Facebook Live) 6:30p Confirmation (virtual)	11 12:00p Text Study via Zoom with Pastor 7:00p Board of Finance via Zoom	12	13
14 New Member Sunday 9:00a Drive-in Worship 10:00a Annual Meeting (virtual) 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	15	16 8:00p Squircle (Men's Bible Study) via Zoom	17 Ash Wednesday 9:00a Staff Meeting 11:00a Bible Study via Zoom 12:00p Drive-in Ash Wednesday Worship 5:00p Live @ Five with the Pastors (Facebook Live) 6:30p Drive-In Ash Wednesday Worship	18 12:00p Text Study via Zoom with Pastor 6:00p Executive Committee 7:00p Congregation Council via Zoom Deadline for items for March newsletter	19	20
21 9:00a Drive-in Worship 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	22	23	24 9:00a Staff Meeting 11:00a Bible Study via Zoom 5:00p Live @ Five with the Pastors (Facebook Live) 6:30p Lent Drive-in Worship)	25 12:00p Text Study via Zoom with Pastor	26	27
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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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God's work. Our hands.

Worship
Online worship services each week
Drive-in worship—Sundays at 9:00 am

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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