



The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



Greetings, family of Our Savior's! Here is the June 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

Funerals/Memorial Services:

Linda Dobbe (daughter of Ron and Phyllis Unmacht)

Memorial Service—May 1 (in Rosholt)



From Pastor Hecox

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

As we enter the summer, good news is aplenty. Cases of COVID here in Dane County have continued to dwindle. New deaths from COVID hit zero recently. We are number one in vaccination rates in large US counties! You guys are doing a swell job. Keep it up!

As this good news continues to come in, church leadership is considering new possibilities for worship, for fellowship events, and for education and community service events. Our sense is that our most vulnerable people (those over 65 years old) are almost entirely vaccinated now (Dane County is at something like 95% vaccinated in this age group!). Even among adults younger than 65, the vaccine rate is high, and our sense is that it may be even higher among our members. If this is the case, then it would allow us to do some things we haven't in over a year.

In light of those possibilities, we are excited to announce a couple new worship realities and invite you to consider coming out to some fellowship opportunities both this summer and this fall. The main item is that the OSLC Council has approved another Sunday morning worship service! This one will be a little later in the morning, which should help accommodate the schedules of some of our younger families. So that will bring us to three total Sunday morning worship services:

8am Sanctuary Worship
9:30am Drive-In Worship
10:30am Sanctuary Worship

All that is in addition to our worship services now being broadcast both on local public access channels and on our YouTube channel.

But wait! There's more!

Not only will we be adding a new worship service, but we will start to have music (both congregational singing on a sending song, and special music by soloists and choirs). Singing is one of my favorite parts of the worship service, and I didn't realize how much I missed singing with a congregation until I couldn't do it anymore. So it brings me great joy to entertain the possibility of doing so again with y'all, even in just one song each Sunday for now.

Furthermore, no worship service will require you to sign up in advance. Instead, you'll just jot your name down on the attendance

From Pastor Hecox—continued

sheet in the Narthex when you come in. On top of that, we've removed the capacity limits, so you don't have to worry about taking someone else's spot. Church leadership feels confident that with our big Sanctuary, we will still be able to maintain several feet between households and accommodate as many people as want to come to either Sanctuary Worship service.

All these changes start on **June 6**. So make your plans now to join in worship (and fellowship events we'll announce soon) with your church family this summer!

Peace,

Pastor Seth

Council News

May 20, 2021 Council Notes

- † The Reopening Task Force met and brought forth the recommendation of, starting the first week of June, having a second indoor service on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. There will still be an 8:00 a.m. service as well as a 9:30 a.m. outdoor parking lot service in between these in-person services. Reserving a spot for these services will no longer be required; you will need to sign in as you enter the building. The 50-person limit will no longer be a factor in our indoor services.
- † Church groups and outside organizations will be able to use the church facilities again.
- † We are looking for fellowship and community activities to bring us together. Some examples of this are golf outings and parking lot barbecues. Please pass along any ideas, old or new, that you may have to get OSLC feeling like a community again.
- † In collaboration with the high school's DECA program, there is a family movie night fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club in the new Bank of Sun Prairie Stadium on Ashley Field; OSLC is donating \$500 for this cause.
- † The Little Cardinals from the school district will once again be using our facilities a few times a week in the mornings. This has usually been in step with what our Sunday School curriculum focuses on each week.

Christ in Our Home Booklets—Copies of the **third quarter booklets (July–September 2021)** have arrived! They are in the plastic bin on top of our mailbox, as well as on our magazine rack inside the church. Feel free to pick up a copy!

Worship & Music

This June Is Different

Normally, June is the month in which we see the end of the school year and the end of the program year at Our Savior's. Normally choir rehearsals have ceased until September and choirs do not sing at worship. Things slow down.

This June, as we are still in the midst of, but beginning to see the waning of the COVID-19 pandemic, things will be a bit different. The Parking Lot Choir will continue to sing together on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Soloists and small ensembles may be able to occasionally contribute to and enhance our worship. A choir may even be able to sing from the balcony.

The bottom line is: Instead of taking our foot off the musical accelerator and hitting the brakes, we may press our foot down a bit and begin to share the joy of vocal music in worship, all the while continuing to observe the speed limit imposed by the pandemic.

Thanks,
John Krueger

Financial News

OSLC Transitions from Vanco to Shelby Giving

Here is the link to cancel your Vanco giving:

[VANCO Giving](#)

After you've cancelled your Vanco giving, click on this link to set up your giving with our new platform: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need any help with setting up your new giving, click on this link for step by step instructions:

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any problems deleting your payment and would like Bonnie Shema to do this for you, email her with your request (bonnie@oslc-elca.org) --- or if you need other assistance with setting up your new giving, please contact Bonnie. Thank you!

Financial Progress Report for April 2021

1) General Fund:	2) Building Fund:
Giving: \$55,288.08	Giving: \$7,779.50
Expenses: \$45,680.17	Expenses: \$7,103.00
Net Cash Flow: \$9,607.91	Net Cash Flow: \$676.50
YTD Cash Flow: \$17,746.25	YTD Cash Flow: \$3,006.00

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. Thanks!

Youth & Family Ministry

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2021!

On Sunday, April 25th, 17 students affirmed their faith after completing three years of confirmation classes and activities! We want to congratulate these students on completing yet another milestone on their faith journey and we look forward to seeing what these students do in the future. Congratulations!



Adam James Alt
Seth James Austin
Caleb Andrew Ayres
Madelyn Elizabeth Birrenkott
Lexa Marie Bryant
Tyler James Drogue
Jacob Benjamin Holland
Johanna Marie Komberec

Thomas Isaac Koskelin
Madelyn Susan Lodahl
Alex William Nawrot
Basil Renna Neumann
Bennett James Pederson
Gabriel Matthew Roe
Audrey Morgan Seefeld
Nora Diana Shelton
Danica Eleanor Walters



Youth & Family Ministry—continued

RIOT High School Ministry Summer Bonfire Night—Sunday, June 27th at 6:30pm

Join us for our second summer bonfire night on Sunday, June 27th from 6:30-8pm! Join us for a fun night of games and hangout time. This event is open to all students in 9th-12th grade. Please email Matt@oslc-elca.org to let me know you will be coming. Hope to see you there!

High School Senior Graduation Recognition—Sunday, June 6th

Once again we will be celebrating the great achievements of OSLC students who will be graduating from high school this month by honoring them during worship on Sunday, June 6th at all morning worship services! If you are the parent of a high school senior, please send (email matt@oslc-elca.org) your child's name, post high school plans, a senior picture, and your child's mailing address (if different than your home address) for us to recognize this milestone in your child's life and get them signed up with our college-age ministry team. Also let us know what service you plan to attend on June 6th!



CHAOS Middle School Summer Youth Group

Students entering grades 6th–8th are invited to CHAOS middle school youth group this summer in-person at OSLC (June 23, July 7 & 21, and August 4 - 6-7pm) for fun, games, and group building after our year of virtual learning and activities! Please sign up for each week your child plans to attend by emailing Matt@oslc-elca.org to let me know your child will be attending. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Registration Coming Soon!

Plans are in the works for our confirmation program to begin as usual this fall in-person at OSLC. Students entering grades 6–9 will be sent registration materials later this summer, so keep an eye on your email inbox and mailbox for more information coming soon!

Book Drive for Scout Merit Badge

Hello! My name is Naomi Wetzel, and in August 2020 my sister and I joined Scouts BSA Troop 747, chartered by Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. Since then we have enjoyed camping, conservation activities, and learning new skills. One of the requirements of this merit badge is to plan and organize a book drive, then donate the books to an organization. My hope is to bring more diverse stories to children. So I reached out to the program director at Bayview Community Center in downtown Madison and asked what books/type of stories would benefit their center and community. After conferring with staff who work with middle and high school youth, they gave me a list of books that Bayview would like to add to their collection.

I have made a Custom Gift Registry with Amazon (though I would encourage you to purchase locally) with the hope you will purchase and donate these books. You can find that gift registry here:

https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/3I7WZD1H9FDHT/guest-view?ref=gr_search_page_result

If you are buying online, you can send the books to **Our Savior's Lutheran Church/BOOK DRIVE, 550 Lincoln Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590**. The cut-off for delivery to OSLC will be June 15th so please make sure the books arrive before then. We are also planning to have a drop-off box set up on Sunday, June 6th at Faith Community Bible Church, and OSLC, which will be receiving books from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thank you! Please contact Shelly Perkolup with questions.

Children & Families

Office Hours for Shelly

Tuesday 8:30 - 1:30

Wednesday 8:30 - 1:30

By Appointment



Wednesday Summer **Family Fellowship**



Is your family Growing?

Please let us know, so we can pray for you throughout your pregnancy & after too!

We hope to resume dinner delivery to growing families soon. [Sign Up Here](#)

Who: Families with kids primarily
As always; Everyone is welcome!

What: Bring your own picnic
Visit with friends & play games

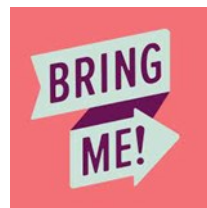
When: **June 30th 5:30 - 6:30 PM**

Where: **Birkinbine Park**

435 Union St
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Why: Do we need a reason?

Sign Up: vbspro.events/p/wedsumfam



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___ Picnic
___ Chair/blanket

Let us support you on your journey of forming the faith of your little Lutheran.
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Women's Ministry

Women's Adventure Group (WAG) June Outing!

Join us on a hike at Dane County's newest park, The Joyce M. Baer and George J. Socha Conservancy (5784 Cherry Lane, Marshall). We will meet at church at 10:30 a.m.

on **Sunday, June 13** to carpool. Please bring a chair and a lunch to enjoy after our hike.



Rebecca Circle

We will be meeting on **Thursday, June 10** at 1pm in the church parking lot. We will follow our regular schedule of not meeting in July and August and will resume meeting again in September.

Men's Ministry

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, June 15th** at 8 p.m. Watch for more information.



Other News

Deadline for July Newsletter—Please submit any items for the July newsletter by Friday, June 18 to darlene@oslc-elca.org



Just Bakery - Available Online

Are you missing getting your bakery fix from *Just Bakery* each quarter? You're in luck!

Just Bakery is now offering online ordering and curbside pick-up or delivery (\$5 fee). Although we are not ready to welcome back in-service sales, OSLC members can continue to support *Just Bakery* through online sales.

Just Bakery is a 12 week educational and vocational training program. The program works with individuals who are experiencing significant barriers to employment (homelessness, justice involved, lack of education, and/or a lack of work history or skills). Helping out never tasted so good!

<https://justdane.org/shop/>



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.

So far, Our Savior's has donated over 1,500 pounds of food to "Hunger No Longer"! Thank you!

Church in Society

May Diaper Drive Donation Was A Success!—Thank you to the generosity of so many, over 3,800 diapers were donated to [RISE Wisconsin, Inc.](#) —a nonprofit dedicated to advancing the wellness of children, individuals, and families by providing early childhood and mental health services—and a partner agency of the [Sunshine Place](#). It is amazing what a small group of people can accomplish when we work together. Thank you all for being so giving!!



Pictured here is Alex Klemme with all the diaper donations!

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 are collecting items for their food pantry on Sundays (look for the big green barrel outside). 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.



Fellowship & Church in Society

Sunshine Supper on Monday, May 17—Well, another Sunshine Supper is in the books and another resounding success. We fed 380 people a picnic supper and the reviews were great. We had a jumbo, and I mean JUMBO, hot dog on a lovely brat/sausage bun along with Picnic Potato Salad and Bush's Original Baked Beans. We even threw in some ketchup and mustard to make it complete. This was the second time we have served this meal and it was a big hit both times. I think we are going to make this our OSLC standard Sunshine Supper meal, at least until things return to normal. Once we can cook inside we can decide whether or not we want to stay with that or go back to the Fabulous Taco Salad that we served pre-pandemic.



I cannot tell you how much we have appreciated the support that so many of you have given to this effort. Your donations have meant that we could do things first class and serve meals that we were all proud of and also that we didn't have to dip into regular funds seeing as how this is not a budgeted item.

I also cannot tell you how easy these meals have been to prepare thanks to a fantastic group of volunteers. It's a small group, because that's what we are limited to, but boy do they perform. Sara Klemme and Ed Lauersdorf have been with me from start to finish every time. Linda and Bob Frautschy have helped us prep the meals every time, and Pastors Tim and Seth along with either Bill or Maggie Zimmerman have been there to help out with the serving. Our next date is in August and we are looking forward to another success.

Gary Dalgaard, Fellowship Chair



Shown above: Gary Dalgaard, Ed Lauersdorf, Pastor Seth Hecox, and Sara Klemme

Fellowship & Church in Society-cont.

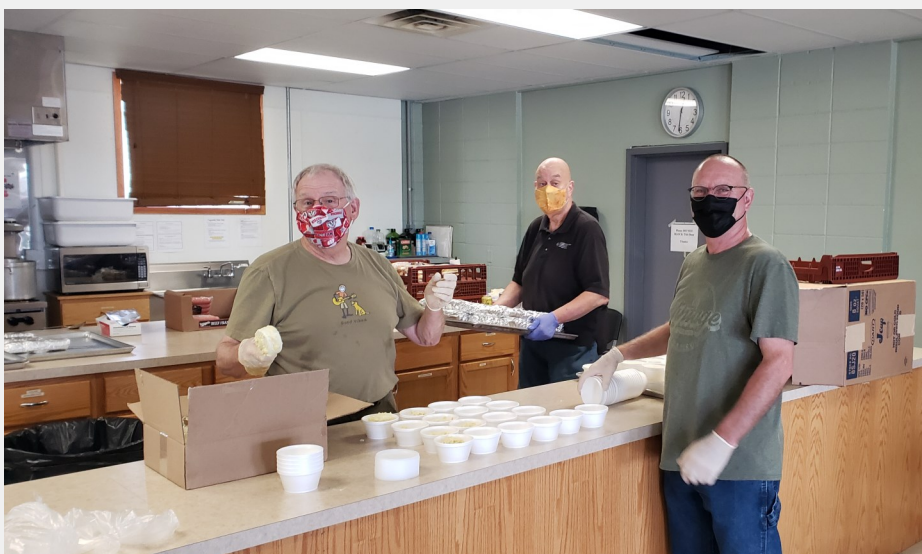
More photos of our crew preparing the meal for the May 17 Sunshine Supper...



Linda



Sara



Bob, Gary, and Ed

~ June 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p Parking Lot Choir	3	4	5 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (mtg. in parking lot)
6 8:00a Graduation Recognition Sunday 8:00a Worship in Sanctuary 9:30a Drive-in Worship (OSLC Parking Lot) 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	7	8	9 9:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p Parking Lot Choir	10 1:00p Rebecca Circle in parking lot 7:00p Bd. of Finance	11	12 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (mtg. in parking lot)
13 8:00a Worship in Sanctuary 9:30a Drive-in Worship (OSLC Parking Lot) 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 10:30a WAG hike (meet to carpool) 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	14 Flag Day	15 8:00p Squirrle (Men's Bible Study)	16 9:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p Parking Lot Choir	17 6:00p Executive Committee 7:00p Congregation Council	18 Deadline for items for July newsletter	19 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (mtg. in parking lot)
20 Father's Day 8:00a Worship in Sanctuary 9:30a Drive-in Worship (OSLC Parking Lot) 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access)	21 First Day of Summer	22	23 9:00a Staff Meeting 6:00p CHAOS 6:30p Parking Lot Choir	24	25	26 11:15a Rule 62 AA Group (mtg. in parking lot)
27 8:00a Worship in Sanctuary 9:30a Drive-in Worship (OSLC Parking Lot) 10:30a Worship in Sanctuary 12:00p OSLC Worship Svc. on KSUN (SP cable access) 6:30p RIOT Summer Bonfire Night	28	29	30 9:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Wednesday Summer Family Fellowship (Birkinbine Park) 6:30p Parking Lot Choir	Notes:		



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

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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

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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