



# The Crossroads

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Sun Prairie WI



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

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## From Pastor Hansen

*"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:1-5)*

### 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:

Charlotte Lindsay—Feb. 21

Blair Muller—Feb. 27

#### Memorial Service:

Marlene Hyer—Feb. 5 @  
Cress Funeral Service, SP

Committal Service Feb. 8 in  
Tigerton

Dear Friends in Christ at Our Savior's,

I was reading the other day about the growing fear of declining mental health, not only in our country, but throughout the world, as the pandemic drags on. It is understandable for lots of reasons, but perhaps it is most scary when we see the effects upon our children. If you are a parent with kids still at home, you know what I am talking about. You understand the toll this pandemic has taken on life at home with kids in virtual school, or some hybrid model and you have had to take on an additional role as tutor to your children.

This anxiety is rooted in a virus that is too small to see with the naked eye and yet has caused so much pain and death throughout the world. At the time of this writing, we will soon cross over the 500,000 death mark in our country. In one way or another we have all been affected by this virus, whether it be from catching the virus or watching someone we know and love succumb to the disease. It is quite simply heartbreaking.

The danger of this virus and its transmission has caused us to change the way in which we live, and I wonder how it will change life going forward. While we can be so thankful for technology that can bring us face to face on a screen, it is hard to replace the gift of personal closeness and touch. Oh, how I wish I could give my mom a hug! I have not been able to see her in person for well over a year, and as she grows ever closer to 98, I want to spend time with her all the more. This is the reality we are all living in: Anxious, fearful, and longing for something normal from our past.

How do we continue to move forward? First of all, if you would permit me a look backwards. As I sat in my office last Sunday following our Annual Meeting, I was reflecting on the year past and I found myself not thinking about all the bad things, but rather on all the good things that have happened in 2020.

## *From Pastor Hansen—continued*

I am so thankful for you! As a community of faith we have taken what was given to us and marshaled our way forward living out our callings in a different way. I am so thankful to be a part of this community of faith—to serve alongside our great staff and alongside you in bearing witness to a loving and present God who is with us even more so in the valleys of our lives. It is the hope in this God who reminds us of this throughout scripture. Think with me about Psalm 23: *“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.”*

One could argue that we have been in a dark valley in this last year. Yet, we set our sight on your loving presence among us. We have seen God at work in amazing ways from nurses and doctors, scientists and lab workers, custodians and other essential workers who often get little credit for the work that they do to keep us safe. We have seen God in the work and determination of teachers who have had to juggle all kinds of new teaching methods along with their risk of some teaching in-person classes. God has continued to work through loving parents and friends who care for their families and neighbors even through distant relationships. Luther used to argue that most people only want to look for God in those moments of success and glory. They want to find God when everything is going right, but that is usually where God is most difficult to see. Luther speaks of seeing God using a Latin phrase, *“Deus Absconditus”* This means the “hidden God.” He said if you want to see Jesus, look to the cross. There you will see God! This year should have given us plenty of opportunities to see God at work.

So, as we begin another year together following our Annual Meeting, I am wondering if we are able to look back, but not get stuck there. We can look forward because of the assurance of God’s love and presence. We can move forward because of hope. We now have vaccines that are getting in arms and working our way toward a life that will become more normal. In actuality, Dane County is doing very well in terms of the number of vaccines given increasing and Covid-19 numbers dropping. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

As a result of the latest figures, our Re-opening Task Force has begun to meet to look at returning to sanctuary worship. While we hope that this will become a reality sooner rather than later, rest assured, we will continue to provide a way to worship for the variety of needs and concerns for all of our members. Please keep this group and our leadership in prayer as we make decisions about moving forward. We move forward in hope, knowing that God walks with us throughout our journey. **Keep an eye on emails and our Facebook page as those decisions are made.**

Again, I want to thank you for your continued ministry in your own lives and bearing witness to our ever-present God of love. Blessings to you each and every day!

Peace,

*Pastor Tim*

# Worship & Music

## **Lent Worship This Year at OSLC**

Just a reminder that we are not having noon or evening drive-in or in-person worship services for Lent this year due to the pandemic.

Pastor Tim and Pastor Seth are doing a live video worship **each Wednesday at 5pm on Facebook**. Following the live video worship, these services are uploaded to our YouTube channel.

## **Palm Sunday—March 28**

As of this writing, the decision has not been made as to whether we will be having drive-in worship or in-person worship on Palm Sunday. Regardless, we will have palms available for worship.

Watch for e-mails and postings on Facebook and our website for more information.



## **Online Worship Services premiere on OSLC's YouTube channel at 9am on 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](http://sunprairiemediacenter.com)
- Smartphone app (search Sun Prairie Media Center to download)

## **A Perspective on Hymns When We Cannot Sing Them Together**

One of the joys and benefits of worshipping in person as a group is singing together. The result of an assembly singing vigorously is somehow greater than the mere sum of our individual voices added together. There is an energy, a vitality, a unity when we join together in song. Those who feel their voices are inadequate are encouraged as we all voice the proclamation of the text of the song.

So, what happens when, because of the pandemic, we cannot sing together and how can we fill the void caused by COVID? One partial, but not total, solution can be to read, silently or aloud, the text of a favorite hymn, especially one that you have enjoyed singing. Take the opportunity to immerse yourself in the poetry of the text. Ferret out the meaning and the theology embedded in the words. You may discover a new meaning and realize a new and deeper understanding of a song you have sung many times.

Perhaps this is similar to the way an organist works on a piece, learning the right hand part, then the left hand part, and then the pedal part, then combining the right hand and pedal, then the left hand and pedal, the right and left hands together, and finally all together. In each single part and then in each combination of parts, a new and deeper understanding of the piece is revealed.

So, in this time when we cannot sing together, we can practice one part and build a stronger foundation for that time when we can put it all together.

Thanks,  
John Krueger

# Council News & Other News

## Annual Meeting Notes

- The Annual Meeting of Our Savior's began a few minutes after 10:00 am on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Seth was the Zoom Master.
- It was wonderful to be in Our Savior's again and to see many people from our congregation.
- Pastor Hansen gave a report that detailed and summed up the past year.
- We are still looking for a Council Secretary and a Chairperson for the Public Relations board.
- Sara Klemme (Church in Society) and Emily LaFleur (Board of Finance) were re-elected to second terms on the Council.
- Scott Breitenbach and Bruce Hutler were very informative with their treasury and budget reports.
- Before closing the meeting, Pastor Tim welcomed the new members into the congregation.



**Tim Svendsen**  
**Congregation Council President**

## Lead Offering Counter Needed for March and April

We urgently are looking for a lead counter to take over the Sunday counting for March and April. The first Sunday this person is needed is March 7th.

If you would like to volunteer for this position, or even to temporarily help until a person is found, please let me know. We are currently counting after the 9AM Drive-in Worship on Sundays. The time may change if and when we transition to worship in the Sanctuary. Also, if you know of someone who is a "numbers" person and currently isn't on a counting team, please mention this to them.

Please contact me by email ([bonnie@oslc-elca.org](mailto:bonnie@oslc-elca.org)) or call the church on Mondays or Wednesdays. As always, we greatly appreciate all you do for Our Savior's!

**Bonnie Shema**  
**Financial Secretary**



## 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!



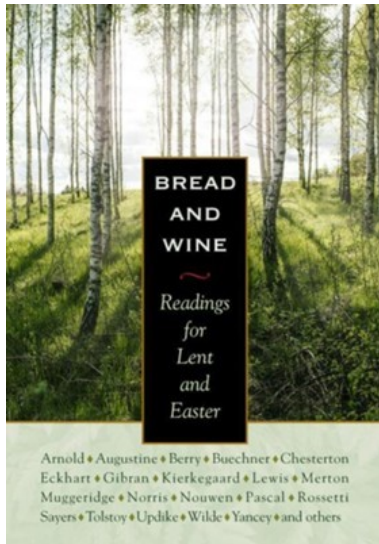
## Deadline for April Newsletter

Please submit any items for the April newsletter by Sunday, March 21 to [darlene@oslc-elca.org](mailto:darlene@oslc-elca.org)

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**



# Christian Education



## 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 via Zoom.

**Beginning March 24**, Pastor Seth will be beginning another book study on Zoom. We will be reading together in "*Bread and Wine—Readings for Lent and Easter*." Copies will be provided by the church. Contact Pastor Seth for more information at [seth@oslc-elca.org](mailto:seth@oslc-elca.org)

## 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](mailto:tim@oslc-elca.org)) or Pastor Seth ([seth@oslc-elca.org](mailto:seth@oslc-elca.org)) and they will send you a link.

## 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, March 16th** at 8 p.m. If you're interested in gathering via Zoom this month, contact Pastor Tim ([tim@oslc-elca.org](mailto:tim@oslc-elca.org)) or Pastor Seth ([seth@oslc-elca.org](mailto:seth@oslc-elca.org)) and they will send you a link.



# Youth & Family Ministry

## Confirmation Schedule 2020–2021

***Here is the Confirmation Class Schedule for the Discipleship Unit:***

- + **March 3:** Why should I follow Jesus?
- + **March 10:** Why should I pray?
- + **March 17:** Why should I pray the Lord's Prayer?
- + **April 7:** Can someone lose their salvation?
- + **April 14:** Can I be a Christian without going to church?



**Confirmation Day—Sunday, April 25, 2021**

# Children & Families

Hello Church! I so miss seeing each of you and feeling the warmth of your smiles.

A special Welcome to New Member Families!

We are so excited to be on this journey with you! ~Shelly



*Have you been looking for a fun way to prepare  
for Holy Week and Easter?  
Look no further!*

*An Illustrated Resurrection Set is a fun and  
meaningful activity for families  
to do at home leading up to Easter.*

Disciples, of all ages, will have fun coloring with their own pack of Multicultural crayons while creating these characters and will want to keep playing with them, well after retelling the Easter Story.

Since each character has a different expression on each side of the character piece, they can help tell the entire Resurrection story, including sharing the joy and bewilderment of seeing Jesus Easter morning!

**Simply Print, Cut, Color, and Create!**

**Stop by OSLC to pick up your Resurrection Kit and Multicultural Crayons today!**

Sets & crayon packs are in the bin, labeled *Children & Family Min.*, under the portico.



Kit includes: Simple instructions & Jesus, an angel, a sheep, three female disciples, two male disciples, a stone, some jars of spices, and a beautiful background set, ready for you to color.

*As always, please let me know how I can support you, and what would be helpful to you on your adventure of raising Little Lutherans.*



# Property

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## A Note from the Property Board

As winter reluctantly ambles out, and spring elbows in, we all look forward to getting *those projects* done at home. The church has a similar honey-do list. As members of the Property Board we have an opportunity to help prepare for a return to in-person worship. The Property Board is always looking for volunteers for projects that are upcoming. We are in need of painters, landscapers, organizers, and anyone who has ever put “odd jobs” on a resume. Please reach out to us, we would relish the gifts of your ideas and time.

Thank you!

Adam Bayliss  
Property Chair

rabayliss@gmail.com  
Cell: 608-226-8648



# Church in Society

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## Job Announcement for Outreach Development Coordinator

The Board of the Triangle Community Ministry is seeking a self-motivated, creative and organized individual to fill a part-time (approximately 25–28 hours per week) Outreach Development Coordinator position. The annual salary for this position is \$30,000.

This position requires a person with a desire to serve people, who is self-motivated, and has a strong work ethic. Strong written and oral communications skills are needed. An awareness of faith-based practice is beneficial.

For more information about the position and how to apply, please send an email to: [triangleministry2020@gmail.com](mailto:triangleministry2020@gmail.com)





# 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 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,

**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 Clothing Drive

### *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 clothes/winter gloves and ship directly to OSLC.
4. Make a donation to the church, clearly labeled Clothesline Ministry, and we will do the shopping for you!



Pull on pants are the greatest need!

Winter gloves and boots are still requested as well.

Clothesline will collect any new/used clothing, but Kids sizes 4T-12 are most wanted.

All items will be delivered to neighborhood schools.

Finally, the schools have a message. Many thanks for keeping kids warm!

**Questions: Contact Sharee Sensenbrenner (608) 516-8198 or [shareelins@gmail.com](mailto:shareelins@gmail.com)**

~ March 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>11:00a</b> Bible Study via Zoom  <b>5:00p</b> Virtual Lent Worship Live on Facebook  <b>6:30p</b> Confirmation (virtual)	<b>4</b> <b>12:00p</b> Text Study via Zoom	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>9:00a</b> Drive-in Worship Service  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Service on KSUN (SP cable access)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>11:00a</b> Bible Study via Zoom  <b>5:00p</b> Virtual Lent Worship Live on Facebook  <b>6:30p</b> Confirmation (virtual)	<b>11</b> <b>12:00p</b> Text Study via Zoom  <b>1:00p</b> Rebecca Circle on Zoom  <b>7:00p</b> Bd. of Finance via Zoom	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Daylight Saving Begins</b>  <b>9:00a</b> Drive-in Worship Service  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Service on KSUN (SP cable access)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>8:00p</b> Squirrel (Men's Bible Study) via Zoom	<b>17</b> <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>11:00a</b> Bible Study via Zoom  <b>5:00p</b> Virtual Lent Worship Live on Facebook  <b>6:30p</b> Confirmation (virtual)	<b>18</b> <b>12:00p</b> Text Study via Zoom  <b>6:00p</b> Executive Committee  <b>7:00p</b> Congregation Council via Zoom	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>9:00a</b> Drive-in Worship Service  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Service on KSUN (SP cable access)  <b>Deadline for items for newsletter</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>11:00a</b> Bible Study via Zoom  <b>5:00p</b> Virtual Lent Worship Live on Facebook	<b>25</b> <b>12:00p</b> Text Study via Zoom	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 PALM SUNDAY</b>  <b>9:00a</b> Drive-in Worship Service  <b>12:00p</b> OSLC Worship Service on KSUN (SP cable access)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>9:00a</b> Staff Meeting  <b>11:00a</b> Bible Study via Zoom  <b>5:00p</b> Live at Five on Facebook	<b>Notes:</b>		



# Come Grow With Us

Interested in becoming a member of OSLC? Email the church office at [office@oslc-elca.org](mailto: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](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org) to be added to "What Matters."

## Staff at Our Savior's

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Diane Padrutt

**Director of Youth & Family Ministry**

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## Congregational Council

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**Church in Society:** Sara Klemme

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**Worship**  
Drive-in worship—Sundays at 9:00 am  
Online worship services each week on our YouTube channel  
Weekly worship services on KSLN at 12 noon Sundays

**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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