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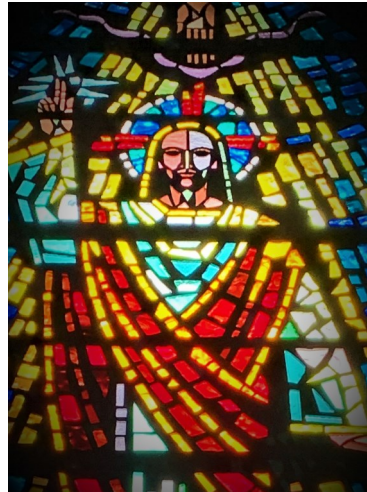
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September 2021 To See Return of OELC's Many



Ministries

The week after Labor Day will bring the return of a host of ministries that have been on a Covid-19 induced hiatus for the last 1½ years. What follows is a list of some of our returning ministries and how & when we plan to re-introduce them.

Weekly Worship Schedule Beginning Sunday, September 12th we will be offering two worship services on Sunday mornings, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. There will also be Wednesday Worship at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

In-Person Sunday School We will begin the 2021-22 Sunday School year on Rally Sunday, September 12th with the installation of teachers, blessing of students, and a send-off to begin the year during worship during the 8:15 a.m. worship service.

In-Person Confirmation Classes for 7th & 8th Grade confirmation instruction will begin with an orientation on Wednesday, September 8th at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. 7th Grade will be taught by Pastor Hoadley and 8th by Pastor Lorenz. We will be looking to pair all confirmands with a mentor to help share their journey through confirmation.

Continued...

Visiting Partners Pastor Terry will lead a reorganizational meeting for those who remain interested in taking part in this ministry as well as any who might like to know more about it. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 19 at 9:30 in the Family Room.

Friendship Club We wish to resume with regularly scheduled activities throughout the year and are looking for ideas regarding events you might be interested in. Please help us brainstorm as we make plans for outings and activities here at church.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies We plan to resume both sessions and would be interested to know how current participants feel about the format, location & time, or subject matter. There is interest in adding another men's bible study outside of the regular work week.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 8th from 6:45-8:00pm. Please see the note from Choir Director Dan Newman on page 5 for more information.

Youth Programming and Meetings Once Pastor Hoadley has settled in we will be planning a series of meetings early on in the program year in order to prepare for events and opportunities in 2021-22.

Ushers, Lectors, Communion Assistants, Cantors Beginning Sunday, September 12th we plan to return in full force with all who help to lead our worship services, including our confirmands who serve as acolytes, crucifers, and book bearers.

Other ministries and opportunities to serve in Christ's holy name will be added to our list as we continue to resume normal operation. If you are wondering about a specific ministry that you don't see on the list please call the church office at 715-597-3213 or Pastor Terry at 715-533-8121.



Each family will receive a **complimentary** 8 x 10 or 5 x 7 portrait of their choice along with a **complimentary** directory.

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Additional 10% off is off list price and any listed discount.

ARE YOU IN?

We need you to make our directory complete!

DAYS & DATES

Monday, Sept. 20th thru Friday, Sept. 24th
and

Monday, Sept. 27th & Tuesday, Sept. 28th

TIMES

Monday—Thursday 1:45pm thru 7:45pm
Friday 11:45am thru 5:45pm



HOW TO SCHEDULE?

ONLINE: Visit our web www.oelc.org and look for the scheduling link.

IN-PERSON: Look for our sign-up table before or after upcoming services.

BY PHONE OR QUESTIONS: Call the church office at (715) 597-3213



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH CHECK-IN...WHO WANTS TO HELP?



OELC to Call Associate Pastor

I am very excited to share that on Sunday, July 25, 2021 members of the Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church voted, at a specially called congregational meeting, to extend a letter of call to Rev. David Hoadley to serve as our full time Associate Pastor.

Pastor Hoadley will join myself and the rest of the OELC staff on his first day which is tentatively scheduled for ???, August ??th. Pastor Hoadley's first Sunday worship service with us will be on Sunday, August ??th. (We will get these dates out as soon as possible.)

I wish to express my thanks to our Call Committee members: Traci Loonstra, Steve Guntner, Deb Gregory, Sharon Nelson, Tom Peterson, and Bev Frase for their dedicated and discerning work in carefully considering each of the candidates that came our way.

I also wish to express my thanks to the voting members of our congregation for approving the call of Pastor Hoadley. In doing so, you have equipped our congregation to return to a fuller state of being able to serve the many ministries of our church, the needs of our members, the needs of our community and God's church beyond this place.



Rev. David Hoadley

Above all, I am the most grateful for the presence of God's Holy Spirit who has moved among us; comforting, encouraging, and inspiring as we have sought to remain steadfast and faithful in our service in Jesus' holy name through some very challenging times. I am confident that same Spirit will guide the good and faithful people of OELC to support their newly staffed church as we return to regular ministries this September, add new opportunities for future ministries, and imagine God's calling for all of us in the years to come.

Let us join together in welcoming Pastor David Hoadley to God's Church here in this place we call home.
Pastor Terry Lorenz

How do I...?

Schedule a Baptism

Call the church office—715-597-3213—and ask to speak to Pastor Terry. You will set up a date for the baptism with him. After the date is picked, go to www.oelc.org & fill out the “Application for Baptism” on the homepage.



Holy Communion is celebrated the first & the last Sundays of the month.

Please contact the Church Office...

- ⇒ If you have moved.
- ⇒ If you have changed your phone number or email address.
- ⇒ If you want to sponsor anything (see page 5).
- ⇒ If you would like to be on a committee.
- ⇒ If you would like to assist with worship -Usher, Greeter, Lector, Communion Server, Etc.

Church Office Contact Information

Phone: 715-597-3213

E-mail: oelc@trivest.net

Address:

50351 Harmony St.
Osseo, WI 54758

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 8-4; Friday 8-12



Notes
from the Office



To past, present (as of 2020) and future Chancel Choir members:

I hope that everyone is healthy and excited to return to singing again! We will be resuming choir practices on September 8th. Our rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 – 8:00. Our Sunday service schedule will begin on September 26 at the 8:00 AM service.

We will ease back into the schedule by singing on the first and third Sundays of the month, exception being Sept. 26 and Oct. 3.

Because we still do not have an accompanist, I will play the accompaniment into my computer and use it as play-back so that I am able to direct.

We probably will have a Thanksgiving Eve Service, but I do not know where. Looking to the spring, we will probably do a cantata on Palm Sunday.

If there is anyone or a group who is interested in providing special music on the Sundays that we don't sing, I would welcome them and will assist you as you wish.

It has been such a long time since we last sang together and I miss hearing your beautiful voices. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask while singing, please do so.

Dan Newman, Choir Director & Organist

PS: Please email me to let me know if we can count on your beautiful voice in choir this year.



The Chancel Choir is seeking a PIANO ACCOMPANIST. This is a paid position. See Dan Newman if you are interested.

Stewardship is...



Giving is easy at OELC!

Offering envelopes—If you don't want envelopes sent to you, please let the office know.

MAIL YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE TO:
50351 Harmony St., Osseo, WI 54758

Simply Giving

Electronic Funds Transfer



Simply Giving—Pick up a form in the office or on the OELC website.

Text "OELC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.

Noisy Offering—Last Sunday of every month bring your loose change to throw in the metal pot

Request an invite to Realm—This is our church software. You can do so in the church office or at www.oelc.org

Thrivent Choice Dollars & Action Teams—must be a Thrivent Member

Amazon Smile—go to amazon.com and look up their "Smile" program or visit our website for the link

SPONSORSHIPS

OELC offers several opportunities to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion or celebrate a milestone.

Bulletins: You can sponsor a weekly worship service bulletin. There is one sponsorship available per week. The cost is \$20.

Altar Flowers: If you prefer altar flowers, there is one sponsorship per week. The cost is \$25 or you may bring your own (2 vases) or order them yourself from Colby's Florist. You may also increase your fee for special order flowers (more than carnations).

Security System: You can sponsor the building's security system each month for \$25.

Newsletter: The Parish Visitor is also available to be sponsored. For 1/2 a month, it is \$40 and for the entire month, it is \$75.

To sponsor any of the above, call the church office at 715-597-3213 or email at oelc@trivest.net. Payment can be made by check payable to "OELC" or online (still email to let me know what it is for).



Orientation for Students & Parents

Wednesday, September 8th

6:00pm

First Class for 7th & 8th Graders

Wednesday, September 15th

Snack: 3:40; Class: 4:00

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR 2021-22 ARE BEING PLANNED FOR IN PERSON ONLY

Now, having said that, the ultimate deciding factor will be how Covid numbers respond as we move into the Fall months. Obviously if the numbers rise and force restrictions or shutdowns elsewhere in our area we will have to consider an alternative way to hold classes online.

Online instruction is a scenario we are hoping to avoid for a number of reasons, one of them being the difficulty in keeping students engaged in the lessons in a more meaningful way.

Our 7th Grade class for 2021-22 is only 7 students at this time while the 8th Grade class is 16. This dip in our normal class size works in our favor when seeking places to spread ourselves out. We have adequately large rooms for both classes this year. Let's all hope and pray for Covid to become a thing of the past that no longer restricts the way we live and learn.

Pastor Terry Lorenz

OELC SEEKING CONFIRMATION MENTORS FOR THE 2021-22 YEAR

Oprah Winfrey has been quoted defining a mentor as **“...someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself.”** When put that way doesn't that sound like holy work? Would you kindly consider helping with the holy work of preparing our young members for confirmation? We are in search of 23 adult members of our congregation who would be willing to invest a small portion of their time in order to help 23 of our confirmands discover the hope within in them. Simply put this means sharing your faith in Jesus Christ, a thing you already possess. You can do this in a



variety of ways detailed in the Mentor Handbook we'll give you to use. You can also do this in ways that you and your mentee will discover as you journey through the experience of confirmation. We ask mentors to make a commitment to meet regularly (at least monthly) with our confirmands from September through April. Please contact the church office by September 8th to get signed up, have your questions answered, or let us know you'll keep our confirmands in your prayers. Thank you very much for your consideration, and hopefully, your investment in our confirmation students here at OELC.

Pastor Terry Lorenz

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl Gathering will be Wednesday, August 4th from 1:00-3:00pm. Gatherings are on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome! For more information, call Lorna at 715-590-2159. Please stay safe & healthy!



Volunteering Heartland Hospice

Friendly Visitor Volunteers are needed in our area. As a volunteer, you help determine which tasks are best suited for you and the patient. Training & education are provided.

For more information, call 715-214-2485 or email Melissa.Peterson@hcr-manorcare.com

TRI COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

3rd Saturday of the Month
At Osseo Rural Fire Station behind Stockman's
10:00-11:00 am



2nd Tuesday of the Month
At Osseo Rural Fire Station behind Stockman's
3:00-4:30 PM

It will be outdoor drive through if weather permits and drive through inside the fire station if weather is bad. Guests donate \$20 for one share of food. Limit of 2 shares per car.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please come help at 1:30, if possible, or when you can get there.

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through June 2021
With Comparison to 2020 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2021	2020		
All offerings	106,002	99,785		
Other Gen.	<u>20,568</u>	<u>19,654</u>		
	126,570	119,439		
<u>Expenses</u>	2021	2020	Annual Budget	YTD %
Misc.	2,749	5,584	0	0
Pastoral Staff	56,893	55,508	115,698	49%
Non-Pastoral Staff	41,003	41,102	84,916	48%
Worship & Music	2,897	1,193	4,300	67%
Ministries & Committees	676	1,169	4,140	16%
Church Property	24,124	24,422	58,400	41%
Parsonage	3,474	4,330	9,500	37%
Admin/Office	<u>3,681</u>	<u>4,282</u>	8,750	42%
	135,497	137,590		

Thanks to all who are continuing to give regular contributions. Many are using the electronic methods, dropping their envelope off, or mailing their donations to the church office.

Your gifts fuel the ministry we do together.



August Birthdays

- 1 Ami Fremstad
- 2 Jerilyn Mulcahy
- 3 Maryellen Boettcher, Brenna Lundberg, Gene Seefeldt
- 5 Karen Thompson
- 6 Tina Bohlinger, Darcie Gibboney, Emily Gibboney, Tia Nelson
- 7 Bao Thao-Tankovich
- 8 Dalton Clark, Parker Ramseier
- 9 Wendy Ottestad, Troy Zimmerman, Brock Lundberg, Rolando Morales, Nathan Morales
- 10 Azilyn DeLong, Nicole Welke
- 11 Don Rosenthal, Kaleb Walsh, Ayva Lane, Zhoe Lane
- 12 Neveah Durst, Amanda Konop, Jeff Langner
- 13 Jesse Fremstad, Brent McCune
- 14 Cooper Ward, Mary Nysven
- 15 Chris Iverson
- 16 Rylan Sieg, Larry Zimmerman, Connor Abley
- 17 Ava Miller
- 18 Ken Ives, Virginia Abley, Alex Watenphul
- 19 Brooke Welke, Martin Groell, Jamie Moldenhauer
- 20 Eldon Martinson
- 21 Melissa Jensen, Elizabeth Zimmerman
- 22 David Hageness, Tina Higley, Destiny Tiller, Desyre Klindworth, Jesse Groell, Alfons Jesunas
- 24 Bert Seffens, Steve Guntner, Scot Zimmerman, Karmen Paulus
- 25 Shelby Pettis
- 26 Nicholas Barka, Carl Ottestad, Missie Zimmerman, Marv McCune, Alyssa Iverson
- 27 Wyatt Holmen, Jill Minshall, Ben Gibboney, Tia Gunderson
- 28 Virginia Olson, Kurt Bothe
- 29 Alyssa Kubishak, Evan Hanson
- 31 Jill Welke, Molly Johnson, Ronda Wathke

The Women of Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church

FALL BAZAAR RAFFLE

ONLINE Drawing
will take place on

Saturday, September 25th
at 12:30pm

\$10 for 1 ticket

Prizes include:
Quilts
Prize Baskets
& so much more!

Go to
www.oelc.org
for live drawing!

WELCA Bazaar will be the same as last year—VIRTUAL! You can buy tickets in the OELC office and watch the live drawing on **Saturday, September 25th at 12:30pm.**

Tickets are \$10.

LOTS of Wonderful Prizes!!!!

plus, not virtually...

Saturday, Sept. 25th
9am-1pm

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**The sale is in the gym -
Please park in back parking lot
and enter thru back doors.**

**If you have a birthday in August and your name is not listed, it may not be in the church database. Contact the church office to update your information.

Choose How
You Watch Services...
Livestream Options:

1. OELC website
www.oelc.org
2. OELC Facebook Page
"Osseo Evangelical
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3. YouTube Channel
"Osseo Lutheran"

CHOOSE HOW YOU GIVE

*"All must give as they are able, according to the
blessings given to them by the Lord your God."*

- Deuteronomy 16:17

Give easily and securely...

1. www.oelc.org/giving.html
2. Simply Giving (see Molly in the church office)
3. Text "OELC" to 73256 & follow the prompts
4. Mail your offering envelope to:

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Bible Word Search Puzzle

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Kwik Trip Cards make GREAT gifts!!!



Profits from the cards will go into the Youth account, which is used for kids going to Luther Park Bible Camp or any TGIF activities. They are available in the office. Thanks for helping support the Youth at OELC.



Pastor

Terry Lorenz
715-533-8121

pastorterrylorenz@tcc.coop

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David Hoadley
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Molly Vold

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Chancel Choir Director/Organist

Dan Newman

newmandr4546@me.com

Custodians

Carl & Nikki Holmen

Financial Assistants

Shirley Bagley & Betty Ward



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President: Dennis Barka

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Sheila Nelson

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Jill Welke

Ryan Olson

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Sunday School Registration Form ~ 2021-2022

OELC ~ 50351 Harmony St. ~ Osseo
715-597-3213 ~ www.oelc.org
oelc@trivest.net

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ ***Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Would you like to be added to our email list & receive updates for OELC? Yes No

Would you like to receive your OELC Parish Visitor (newsletter) via email? Yes No

Emergency Contact Person: _____

& Phone Number (during Sunday School hour): _____

	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Special Concerns/Needs/Allergies Sunday school staff should be aware of: _____

* I give permission for photos or videos of my child(ren)/family member(s) to be used by Sunday School literature, presentations and our church's website. Yes No

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

- Materials fee of \$10 per child helps cover the cost of curriculum & materials used every Sunday.
- Make checks payable to "OELC"; please pay on or before Rally Sunday (Sept. 12) or Monday-Friday, 8am-Noon, in the church office.
- Checks & forms can be mailed to OELC, 50351 Harmony St., Osseo, WI, 54758.
- Pay online—www.oelc.org—hit Sunday School Registration button.
- Pay via text to 73256 & type "OELCsundayschool"; follow the prompts.

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Aug. 31st	Quilting BEGINS!!!
Sept. 8th	Confirmation Orientation
Sept. 12th	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—6:45pm Begin 2 Service—8:15 & 10:45 Return in full force with Worship Assistants: ushers, lectors, communion servers, acolytes, crucifers, book bearers, greeters, etc... Rally Sunday Installation of Sunday School Teachers—8:15 Blessing of the Sunday School Students—8:15
Sept. 16th	Red Cross Blood Drive at OELC
Sept. 19th	New Member Recognition Sunday Visiting Partners Information Meeting—9:30
Sept. 20-24 & 27-28	Church Directory Photos
Sept. 25th	WELCA Virtual Bazaar & In-person Thrift Sale
Oct. 27th	Harvest Dinner
Nov. 25th	Community Thanksgiving Meal at OELC
Dec. 4th	Lions Club Breakfast with Santa at OELC


COMING SOON

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 to share our faith and bring people
 to Jesus Christ,
 to love our neighbors as ourselves,
 and to minister to the needs of ALL people.

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