



Monthly Newsletter of
**Osseo
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church**

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PARISH VISITOR

June & July 2023 | www.oelc.org | oelc@triwest.net | Pastors Terry Lorenz & David Hoadley



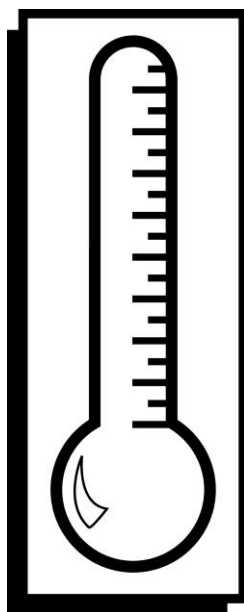
As presented at the Annual Meeting, OELC is approaching a deficit and will very soon have to use the Line of Credit to pay the bills. Church Council met May 10, 2023, and discussed many ideas for relieving this

deficit. The council wants to hear member suggestions too. Options for giving your feedback: Go to www.oelc.org and click the button "Feedback Form"

1. Put your comment in the Feedback Box in the Narthex
2. Email oelcfeedback@gmail.com with your thoughts
3. Speak up at the Congregational Meeting – June 4th after 9am worship

OELC Heating & Air Conditioning Policy

In an attempt to be good stewards of both the resources donated to the church and our impact on God's creation, our church council has approved the following policy for setting temperatures during times of normal use: **All area of our church (where it is possible) will be set to 70 degrees when in use. When not in use, temperatures will vary.** If you plan to utilize an area in which you'd like the temperature controlled, please call the church office ahead of time to schedule. We thank everyone for their understanding as we all work together to keep our expenses in check.



Church Staff

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Custodians:
Nikki & Carl Holmen
Sheila Nelson

Financial Assistants:
Shirley Bagley & Betty Ward

Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:
9:00am (May-Aug.)
8:15 & 10:45

Sunday School
(Sept.-May): 9:30am

Wednesday Schedule (Sept.-May):

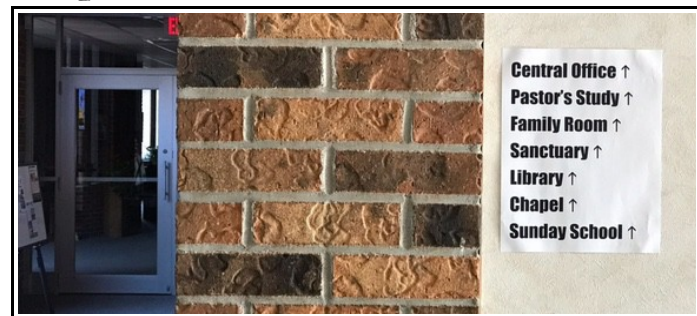
Confirmation 4:00pm
Meal 5:00pm
Worship 6:00pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm

Church Office Hours:
8-4 - Mon.-Thurs.
8-Noon - Friday
8-Noon - Sunday



Signs Abound in the Gospel of John

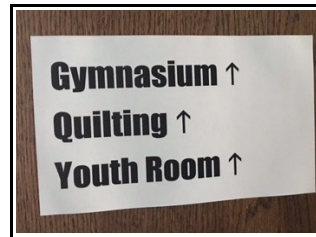
The book of signs. That's how many refer to John's version of the life and times of God incarnate, Jesus Christ. It is, in my opinion, a helpful thing that signs abound throughout John's gospel because when Jesus speaks in this Gospel the speeches are often times long and rather complicated to follow. That's the power of signs isn't it? That they can convey in a few words or less what otherwise can become too lengthy and complicated to write out.



In our church we have employed signs at several crossroads within the hallways, on specific doors, and other notable places throughout the building. The problem is not that we don't see the value in signs. The problem is that some of our signage has not kept up with the growth of our campus. We have entire additions to the building that are not even mentioned in our current signage.



An example of the need for updating the signs that direct members, visitors, workers, emergency personnel, children, etc. is the fact that at the main entrance

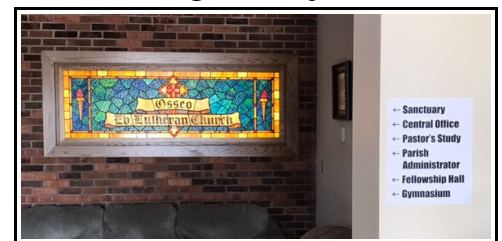


we have no signs that indicate we even have a gymnasium, youth room, chapel, library, or Sunday School wing.

With that issue in mind Molly and I have spent some time compiling a list of places in the church that could be added to our current signage locations as well as identifying more specific areas, offices, restrooms with additional signs on or near entrances. With that in mind we have printed and posted temporary paper signs to help us all determine if we are thinking of all the different places someone may be in search of when visiting our church.

Here is where you can help. I would appreciate your time spent wandering the hallways of our buildings as if you were a visitor in search of a specific place.

Please let us know if we have missed any places within the church that could use updated signage.



God's peace and joy to all,

Pastor Terry



Sisters and brothers, the elephant hasn't left the room. In the upcoming days and weeks, THAT issue is going to be the subject of discussion and a special congregational meeting at OELC: money. We've made it this far in the budget year without having to make use of our line-of-credit at a local bank, but unless something dramatic happens, we'll soon be borrowing money for the general budget to pay the bills, incurring interest.

Your council leadership continues to look for ways to close the gap between revenues and expenses. Some expenses the church has are not discretionary; utilities cost what they cost. The church itself has maintenance issues typical of a 50-year-old building. We as a congregation are called to continue our ministries and outreach to one another, the community, and the world. Believe me when I say that the leaders and staff are conscious of our duty to be good stewards with the offerings from those who consider this their church home. But as I've commented before, we don't sell hamburgers or widgets, so it's tough to simply raise prices to generate more income.

Neither Pastor Terry nor I know who gives what in offerings. We believe this avoids any tendency to interact with people based on dollar signs. Speaking for myself, I've never been a fan of the traditional emphasis on tithing; it's much different for someone making \$30,000 a year to give \$3,000 than for someone making \$300,000 to give \$30,000. There are also a wide variety of personal and family dynamics that affect finances, so the "one size fits all" approach based solely on a percentage of gross income doesn't make much sense to me.

Instead, what might be a fair barometer is disposable income. Disposable income is the money that's left after the necessary bills and other obligations are paid. It's the extra money you have to get from payday to payday. The amount is obviously going to vary for everyone and will vary from month to month. I'm asking each person who attends OELC to consider what percentage of disposable income they give to the church, and whether that can be increased. It's not about cancelling family vacations or avoiding eating at restaurants. It's about whether what OELC provides you and your family and the communities of this area is important enough for you to boost your giving as you are able. If it's not, the upcoming discussions also include ways to provide feedback if you have questions or concerns about what's happening at OELC.

I think we're doing great ministry here, though there's always room to do more. But to do more, or even to maintain where we are, it's going to take collaboration from everyone. Please involve yourself in the meetings and conversations, and prayerfully consider how you might respond to this very important need.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave

4th Annual Thrift Sale!

Saturday, September 30th, 2023

(During the WELCA Fall Bazaar)

Donations needed!

OELC looks forward again to our 4th Annual Thrift Sale to be held with the OELC Fall Bazaar! We again need you to make it a success!

Are you doing some spring cleaning? Having a thrift sale? Will you be sending off any items to an area thrift shop? If those items are in great shape consider us here at OELC for that “thrift shop” drop-off.

(No clothing, please.) Can you box up and keep until our fall sale? If not, we are happy to take them at any time and store until our event. Please see us at church or give us a call – Maggie Luallen at 715 597-3287 or Judy Kolar at 715 597-2416. Thank you so much!!



BUDGET REPORT

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through May 30, 2023
With Comparison to 2022 & Annual Budget

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<u>Income</u>	2023	2022		
All offerings	127,439	97,951		
Other Gen.	28,125	13,530		
	155,564	111,121		
<u>Expenses</u>	2023	2022	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Pastoral Staff	100,639	89,729	140,885	42%
Non-Pastoral Staff	34,756	30,912	49,395	40%
Worship & Music	1,247	890	2,253	36%
Ministries & Committees	306	1,026	3,394	8%
Church Property	25,523	23,260	20,777	55%
Parsonage	3,507	3,371	5,493	39%
Admin/Office	4,171	3,785	4,579	48%
	170,149	152,973		

1-1-2023 Beginning Balance in General Operating Fund ~

\$ 16,744

+ 155,564

\$ 172,308

(- 170,149)

\$ 2,159

~ balance on 5/30/2023

Bills-to-be-paid=\$ ~15,000

Other Fund Balances:

Mission: \$ 2,567

Special: \$ 42,925

Debt: \$ 110

Youth: \$ 6,380



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR LUTHER PARK SUMMER CAMP! CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!

Information on 2023 summer programs at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek is available by the main office window. OELC will not be organizing a trip this year, but families can coordinate registering for the same weeks.

Luther Park is hiring summer staff and is searching for volunteer nurses to serve for a week at a time.

The "Heart for Luther Park" fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday August 6 at the camp. There is a live auction, a silent auction, children's activities, and a chicken dinner. Call 715-859-2215 or email info@lutherpark.org to register or for more information.



OELC High School Canoe Trip

We finally have a date for our summer canoe trip - August 4-6.

This year we have decided not to enter the Boundary Waters Canoe Area due to the scarcity of entry permits at this time of year. We are planning for a weekend trip on the Brule River in northern Wisconsin. We will be camping at the Copper Range Campground Friday, August 4th & 5th and returning to Osseo on Sunday, August 6th. We have room for 10 high school kids in addition to 2 adult chaperones. Please contact Pastor Terry if you would like to take part in this trip. There is no cost as OELC has received a very generous donation in support of this trip.



A huge "Thank you" to those who came out to help with Adopt-A-Highway clean-up. Because we'd gathered so much last October, we were lulled into thinking this time would be a breeze, but we were wrong! Eight very full bags were collected in the two-mile stretch. Watch for the autumn clean-up date, likely in October again depending on the weather.



Sunday, June 18th

9am - ASP Sending Service at OELC.

Then, please go to Central Park for the

Community Worship Service

at 10:00am.

Bring a lawn chair.



2023 Church Dates-to-Remember

June 2023

4th Congregational Meeting after 9am Worship
14th W/ELCA Picnic & Bingo
18th ASP Sending Service (9am); Lake Martha Days
Worship in the Park (10am)
June 23-July 2 ASP Trip to Kentucky

August 2023

4th-6th Canoe Trip
Summer Coffee Dates:
June 4th, July 2nd, & August 6th
August 20th - Special Coffee Fellowship

All Saints Sunday – 1st Sunday in November
Church Council Meeting – 2nd Wednesday of month
Committee Annual Reports Due – December 1st
Harvest Dinner – 4th Wednesday of October
High School Youth Group – 2nd Sunday of month
Holy Communion – 1st & Last Sunday of month
Men's Bible Study – 1st Tuesday of month
Newsletter Articles Due – 16th of the month
Noisy Offering – Last Sunday of month
OELC Annual Meeting – Last Sunday in January
Prayer Shawl Gathering – 1st Wednesday of month
Quilting – 2nd & 4th Tuesday of month
Sunday Bible Study – 2nd & 4th Sundays of month
Sunday School – 9:30-10:30am, Sept. – May
Tri County Food Pantry – 3rd Saturday of month
Women's Bible Study – 3rd Wednesday of month
***Some dates change due to scheduling conflicts, holidays, or other factors.

Reminders:

PRAYER LIST – please let us know if you would like to add a new person or remove a current person on our prayer list.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – All submissions are due on the 16th of every month.

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES – Please let the church office know of changes to email address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations, etc.

NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN WEBSITE: www.nswi.org

ELCA WEBSITE: www.elca.org

OELC OFFICE HOURS:

- 8 to 4 - Monday – Thursday
- 8 to Noon - Friday
- Church hours will be modified per activities.





- 1 Georgia Tiller
- 2 Bernt Gunderson, Gerald Nelson, Megan Steinke
- 3 Pat Indrebo
- 4 Randy Ottestad
- 5 Nolan Morales, Tyler Smith, Brad Nicolet
- 6 Grace Eide, Kyler Hagen, Kari Julson,
Mike Loesel, Revin Lofdahl
- 7 Jaxon Gunderson, Rob Rongstad
- 8 Mike Hart, Della Vojtik, Mitch Skoyen
- 9 Evan Hageness, Laurie Newman
- 10 Kalen Hagen, Kim Metzler, Renae Shaffer
- 11 Kathy Sieg
- 12 Nicole Pralle, Gunnar Jesunas
- 13 Lynn Carlstrom, Duane Klindworth,
Wyatt Olson
- 14 Lucas Frase, Lucas Halvorson, Carter Johnson,
Robbie Ottestad, Brad Vold
- 15 Cameron Ashwell
- 16 Katelyn Rosentreter
- 18 Randy Moldenhauer
- 19 Cassidy Kittelson, Alexis Mazur, Addison
Nicolet,
Elijah Green, Ryan Pralle
- 20 Shirley Amundson
- 22 Coco Olson, Marissa Walter
- 23 Kurt Howson, Revan Lutzen
- 25 Mark Martinson, Bryce Larson
- 26 Tonia Mouw
- 27 Stella Kuehn, Graham Kuehn
- 30 Jax Haas, Ann Leadholm, Sheila Nelson,
Amara Wilkinson

- 1 Don Giem, Trystan Gunderson, Sharon Halderson,
Andrea Kubishak
- 4 Val Lorenz, Logan Smith, Natalie Velie
- 6 Rose Bohlinger
- 7 Aksel Hicks, Marian Severson
- 8 Samantha Anderson, Aidan Everson
- 9 Janell Larson, Jillian Scheffer
- 10 Keyton Boettcher, Eric Halvorson, Ella Welke
- 11 Tony Bohlinger
- 12 Ken Pearson
- 13 Larea Holmgreen, Wyatt McCune
- 14 Brogan Korger, Bella Nicolai
- 15 Travis Anderson, Chad Tankovich
- 16 Hailey Ness, Barb Witte
- 18 Shaun Everson
- 19 Alex Myhers, Molly Nicolet
- 21 Erin Everson, Kaden Hasz
- 22 Hudson Hulett, Kimi Sieg
- 23 Leah Ness
- 24 Dave Lundberg, Dr. Thomas Screnock
- 25 Jacob Sass, Mason Scheffer, Jayne Delforge
- 26 Greg Chase, Emma Lisowski, Rosi Seffens,
Denny Wilkinson
- 27 Christopher Cuddy, Terry Lorenz
- 28 Deb Bemis, Gauge Bertrang, Daxton Freitag
- 29 Adeline Ashwell, Kalyn Hallum, Chad Halvorson
- 30 Madi Loonstra
- 31 Jeff Gunning

*If your birthday should be on this list
& isn't, please contact the church office.

Osseo-Fairchild School District Nurse Ashley Hurlburt has created the **Thunder Supply & Market** - a resource room for middle school and high school students experiencing financial instability. A large percentage of OFSD students live in households at or below the federal poverty line. OELC is partnering to gather items that Nurse Ashley can offer in the **Thunder Supply & Market**.

Among the needs:

New/gently used clothing in sizes for middle school/high school students:

- Outerwear—coats, hats, gloves/mittens, shoes and boots
- Socks
- Underwear (new only, please)
- Everyday clothing—jeans/pants, shorts, T-shirts/other shirts, active wear, sleepwear

Easy-to-prepare food:

- Food items students can bring home for family meals away from school
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Weekend meals
- Snacks

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE FLYERS ON MOLLY’S OFFICE DOOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Donations can be left in the basket next to the mini-pantry cupboard or given to Pastor Dave.

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).



“Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church”



“oelc_osseo”



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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

If you would like to support our OELC Coffee Fellowship, here are 3 easy ways to help:

1. Provide treats & juice and serve as host/hostess
2. Provide treats & juice and the committee will serve for you
3. Sponsor treats & juice (\$30) and the committee will serve for you.

If you are willing to help with Coffee Hour, simply do the following:

1. Pick a date on the sign-up sheet
2. Write in your name
3. Put down your preference (see above)

1, 2, or 3



Volunteering TRI COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

3rd Saturday of the Month

At Osseo Rural Fire Station behind Stockman's

10:00-11:00 am

OELC is partnering with the Tri-County Food Pantry to make a limited supply of free food and personal hygiene items, including feminine period products, available to anyone in need between the monthly distribution dates. The Food Pantry will stock items in the Mini-Pantry cabinet just inside the south doors (by the office) and anyone is welcome to come get items whenever the church is open. Please spread the news to others who might make use of this.



FYI: Ruby's Pantry

2nd Tuesday of the month

4:00-5:30pm

Next distribution is June 13th at the Osseo Fire Station. Volunteers needed anytime between 2:00-6:30pm.



Noisy Offering to Support Osseo Elementary School Lunches

Our noisy offering in the past has been designated by our Worship Committee for the O-F Elementary School Lunch Program. Our noisy offering is received in the large metal bucket hanging in the sanctuary every last Sunday of the month. Thank you for your consideration of our Noisy Offering ministry.

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. Text "OELC" to 73256 & follow the prompts
3. Mail your offering envelope to:
OELC
50351 Harmony Street
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Choose How You Watch Services...

Livestream Options:

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

Did you know?

If you go to OELC's homepage (oelc.org), the bulletin is available for every service



Gatherings are on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome! For more information: Lorna - 715-590-2159.



The Quilters meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10-4 Bring a sack lunch. Everyone is welcome. The group will not meet over the summer. See you September!



The ladies of OELC meet for monthly bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We use the bible study found in the Gather magazine. Copies of the magazine and study are available in the church office, or you can subscribe. Come join us as we study in word, prayer, and faith God's holy Word and it's meaning. All studies are held at OELC.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

will begin again in September!

**Sundays between services
in the Family Room
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 276

Matt. 19:15-30

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The Rich Man & The Kingdom

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ENTER	CHILDREN
GIVE	ETERNAL
HANDS	FATHER
HARD	FOLLOW
HONOR	GLORIOUS
INHERIT	HEAVEN
ISRAEL	JUDGING
JESUS	MOTHER
KEPT	NEEDLE
LEFT	PERFECT
LIFE	POSSIBLE
PETER	RECEIVE
RICH	RENEWAL
SAKE	SISTERS
SAVED	TEACHER
SELL	THRONE
TIMES	TREASURE
TRUTH	WEALTH

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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OELC CHRONICLES



 **These confirmands graduated from high school & received their quillows.** 



The prayer shawls were blessed. Thanks for all your prayerful stitching, Prayer Shawl Ministry! 



2023 Confirmation Class 



Thanks for the "Springy" coffee fellowship! 



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8:15 & 10:45
Wednesdays
7:00 meal; 6:00 Service
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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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