



Monthly Newsletter of
**Osseo
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Lutheran
Church**

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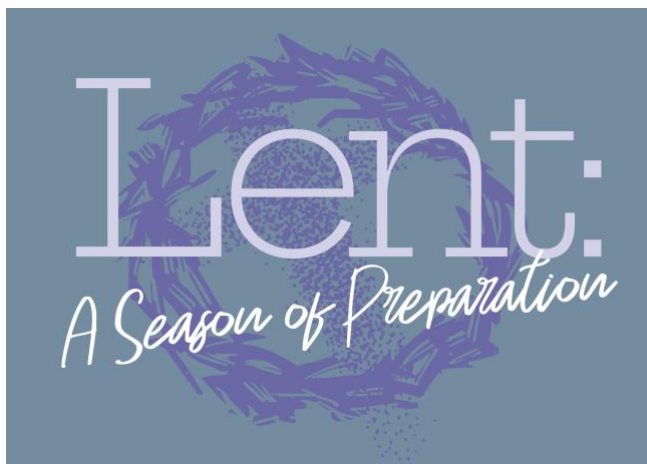
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Ash Wednesday

February 22nd
Worship Service
at 6pm

Lenten Services

Worship Service at 6pm
Soup Supper at 4:45pm



Lent 2023

“Instruments of God’s Peace”

Based on the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

March 1st: “Where there is hatred, let me sow love”

March 8th: “Where there is injury, pardon”

March 15th: “Where there is doubt, faith”

March 22nd: “Where there is despair, hope”

March 29th: “Where there is darkness, light”

Church Staff

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Nikki & Carl Holmen
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Shirley Bagley & Betty Ward

Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:
9:00am
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

Sign-up to make soup and/or bars for
LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Beginning Wednesday, March 1st
4:45pm until service at 6:00pm



Pastor Terry's

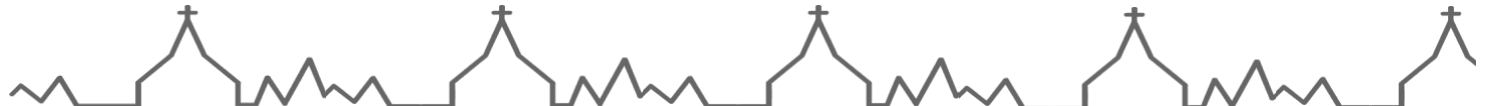
NEWS

& Notes

From

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Just in case you missed our Annual Meeting a couple weeks back, here is my annual report to the congregation for the year 2022



Annual Report

Pastor Terry Lorenz for the year 2022

Greetings to all in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

I have to tell you...sitting down to gather, compile, and tabulate statistics for my annual report for you folks is always a bit intimidating for me. It's not overwhelming in the same sense that it is for our parish administrator, Molly Vold. Molly's struggle is getting contributors to actually contribute...on time. My trouble is that I find myself getting lost in thought as I begin to revisit the many holy moments that I have been privileged to be a part of in the past year of serving as pastor here at OELC.

I find myself day dreaming about a newly baptized baby boy named Julius who thrusts his tiny hand heavenward to wave to all after having been introduced as a child of God. I remember the one and only wedding I was invited to participate in during 2022 and marvel at how quickly weddings became the work of so many others – good, bad or otherwise. The list of funerals is always a tough hurdle to get over as death never seems to discriminate as much as I think it should. I chuckle to myself thinking of the nervous child who decided on wine, not juice, for their first communion, the look on their face is priceless. I think of how much time I was able to spend with confirmands and lament at the vacancy left since the day they were confirmed.

In short, while I respect those who appreciate the stats, charts, numbers, etc. I will forever cherish the people of God here at OELC. The numbers seek to tell us of the tangible fruits of ministry we can comprehend. The stories of our lives tell us of the ambiguity, wonder and mystery of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

So here are the stats for the obvious ministries that we set our hand to in God's holy name for the year 2022...but remember, there's a lot more to the story.

May God's peace be made known to all,

Rev. Terry Lorenz

Funeral Services in 2022

Audrey Harnisch
Cordell Herbert
Darlene Seefeldt
Elinore Hageness
Esidro Zamora
Evelyn Olson
Ivadell Vradenburg
Joe Strangfeld
Lloyd Johnson
Lynda Screnock
Marcia Oftedah
Nathaniel Rotering
Patricia Geibel
Paul Vold
Peggy Jeziorski
Robert Olson
Shirley Holmgreen

Baptisms in 2022

Braelyn Decker
Wrenley Decker
Brett Boortz
Carter Welke
Clay Freitag
Cole Swenson
Finnley Kensmoe
Hazel Halvorson
Iris Hoffman
Knox Zawacki
Lennon Keating
Julius Keating
Mason Bitney
Nolan Pearson
Paisley Mish
Tate Boettcher
Walker Shaffer



Confirmation

Affirmation of Baptism in 2022

Teagan Bratsven
Zoey Guntner
Evan Hageness
Ty Hanson
Rosemary Hegland
Naomi Logterman
Noah Martinson
Will Mazur
Nick Morales
Drew Paulus
Orion Prudlick
Rylan Sieg
Drake Vojtik
Connor Wilkinson
Elizabeth Zimmerman

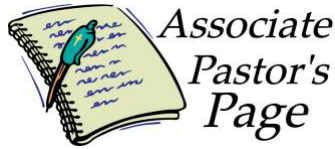
Weddings in 2022

Aspen Ryskoski & Laurissa Walentin



First Communion in 2022

Kole Bratina
George Clark
Noah Green
John Kempf
Gabriel Konop
McKenzie Martinson
Benjamin Smith
Emmett Smith



When I was in 6th grade, the time came to choose an instrument to play in band. I don't remember if band was a requirement or not, but my parents and each of my three sisters had played instruments during their school years, so it was natural I take my turn. I picked the trombone, probably because my dad had some history with it.

I didn't get very far as a trombonist. To be honest, none of my family ever became virtuosos, though some found a level of proficiency. The reason my orchestral career was cut short was that I rarely practiced. There were two other trombone players in my grade, and the bars made with marker on their practice charts were long, while mine was a stub.

20th century violinist Jascha Heifetz is quoted as saying, "If I don't practice one day, I know it; two days, the critics know it; three days, the public knows it," and as the spouse of an accomplished musician, I appreciate the need for practice. I get to listen to Cathy play through the accompaniments to upcoming Chancel Choir anthems, along with preludes and postludes she likes to have available if needed. I admire her "touch" with the keys, the changes in tempo and volume she provides, and I vicariously sigh with her as she attempts to master a tricky section by playing it, then backing up and playing it again, and maybe a couple more times.

A major ingredient in regular practice is, of course, personal discipline, something I lacked as a 6th grader (and for much of my life). A second ingredient is the desire to continue to grow your ability at the same time you recognize that perfection is a goal never to be reached. So I don't think it's a coincidence that people often say they "practice" Christianity (or some other religious heritage). As Christians, we will never reach perfection, but we can strive every day to get a little bit better, and that does take some personal discipline. There will be some "tricky sections" in our faith lives, ones we may have to back up and take more than one run at. We may lament that we're not virtuoso Christians, but we have each other to call on for help and the promise that God deeply and eternally loves us despite our flubs and missed notes. The real danger is when we think we've got everything down pat and start assuming we have a "more accomplished" faith (and readily tell that to others).

As a pastor, I never pretend to have some magical understanding of faith. I privately often wish I lived out my faith as well as some of you do. But I'll still keep practicing, and you keep practicing, and together we can get past our clunkers and make some beautiful music in God's world.

Blessings, *Pastor Dave*

Pastor Dave Hoadley ~ 763-221-1928 ~ pastordave54758@gmail.com

2023 Church Dates-to-Remember

February 2023

- 5th 4th graders receive 1st Communion
- 5th Installation of Church Council members
- 12th Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4th grades (8:15)
- 22nd Ash Wednesday – Service at 6pm
- 26th 1st Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 22nd-April 5th – NO Confirmation Classes

March 2023

- 1st Soup Suppers & Lenten services begin
- 12th Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4th grades (8:15)

April 2023

- 2nd Palm Sunday – Possible Chancel Choir Cantata
- 6th Maundy Thursday – Service at 6pm
- 7th Good Friday – Services at Noon & 6pm
- 9th Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at ~6:30am
- 12th Confirmation Classes Resume
- 26th Last Day of Confirmation Classes

May 2023

- 3rd Confirmation Rehearsal (6:30)
- 7th Affirmation of Baptism (10:45)
- 21st All Grades Sing for Mother's Day (8:15)
I-Worship Service Begins at 9am; High School Graduates Brunch following Worship & Presentation of Quillows at 9am
- 29th Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

- 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.

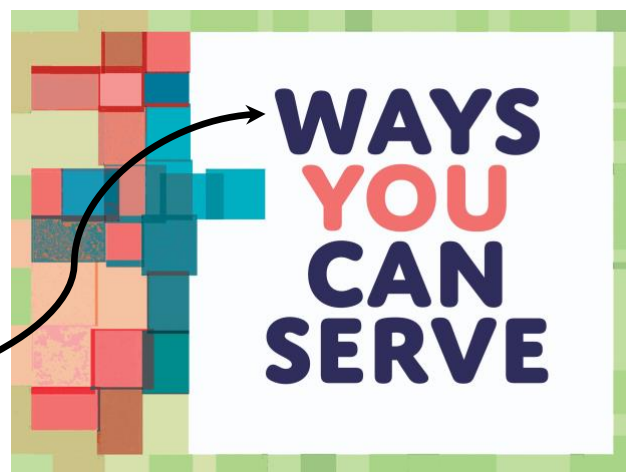
NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN WEBSITE: www.nswwi.org

ELCA WEBSITE: www.elca.org

OELC OFFICE HOURS:

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

Want to be more involved at your church??? Stop by the church office today and we'll guide you to all the opportunities at OELC!



2023 Annual Giving Appeal: Build Relationships with God & With One Another

“The grace of Jesus moves us to fearlessly join God in loving the world.”

When we look at the needs around us, this mission has never been more important. Each person is critical as we at OELC that:

- works toward creating a welcome that is inclusive.
- addresses community needs through outreach such as Tri County Food Pantry and Adopt-a-Highway.
- builds our relationship with God through faith formation and worship.
- strengthens relationships with one another through fellowship and learning.
- joyfully collaborates with ecumenical and ELCA partners in ministry.
- expands opportunities to help parents teach a faith-filled life to their children.

We realize that this has been a year filled with uncertainties. If you are having any difficulties, we hope you will reach out to your church family. We thank you for your commitment to OELC ministries. If you are able, please consider your annual offering to OELC so we can enhance our ministries for the upcoming year. In addition, your prayers and involvement are needed as we revitalize the youth & family programming, Senior Citizen activities and our community outreach.

If you have been away from worship, come and see what God has been doing at OELC. We invite you to join us in a Spirit-led mission that will testify to God’s love and grace.



General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through January 31, 2023
With Comparison to 2022 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2023	2022		
All offerings	23,303	17,634		
Other Gen.	988	981		
	24,291	18,615		
<u>Expenses</u>	2023	2022	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Misc.	628	744	0	-
Pastoral Staff	23,759	18,606	217,765	9%
Non-Pastoral Staff	8,040	4,825	74,968	9%
Worship & Music	302	158	3,198	8%
Ministries & Committees	28	57	3,672	1%
Church Property	3,997	3,540	42,303	8%
Parsonage	606	615	8,394	6%
Admin/Office	668	640	8,082	7%
	38,028	29,185		

YTD Total Income:	\$ 24,291
YTD Total Expenses: \$	38,028
Income Less Expenses:	-\$ 13,737
<u>1-1-2023 Beginning Balance in General Operating Fund:</u>	
	\$ 16,744
	+ 24,291
	\$ 41,035
	(- 38,028)
	\$ 3,007
~ balance on 1/31/2023	
<u>Other Fund Balances:</u>	
Mission:	\$ (289)
Special:	\$ 52,542
Debt:	\$ 17,720
Youth:	\$ 7,094

February BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeff Frase, Kierah Green, Sharon Jermstad, Rayanne Walker
- 2 Kacia Hagen, Jack Kempf, Hayden Smith
- 3 Ruth Miske, Greta Nelson, Samantha Scheffer, Sara Giacomino
- 4 Vanessa Fremstad, Dan Halverson, Jurnee Waniorek
- 6 Sue Coey
- 7 Laura Bechard, Lisa Boettcher, Lorna Peterson
- 8 Meridith Galstad, Kristi Hart, Eric Johnson, Denise Knuth, Jack Mach, Tiffany Vold
- 10 Judy Johnson, Gabe Konop, Xavier Vold
- 11 Shirley Bagley, Matthew Hulett, Ben Jacobson, Kim Kubishak, Ben Walker
- 12 Sierra Flury, Denise Johnson
- 13 Cindy Anderson, Mary Jo Halvorson, Beverly Husom, Alvin Toft, Bennett Vold
- 14 Nels Gunderson, Peggy Olson, Tonya Hagen, Ashley Skoyen
- 15 Blayke Gunderson, Sierra Olson
- 16 Audra Bissen, Darcy Guntner, Andrea Halderson, Carie Prudlick
- 17 Elliette Blattner
- 18 Brenda Clouse, Martin Jermstad, Renee Preston
- 19 Toni Dahl, Mark Hoffman, Bill Prudlick
- 20 Lowell Berg, Ashton Bertrang, Kendra Hasz, Justina Zimmerman, Justin Larson
- 22 Jean Bratina, Drew Severson, Madison Tankovich, Morgan Tankovich
- 23 Harlan Bemis, Max Boortz, Brock Hansen, Candice Portell
- 24 Watson Boettcher, Jenny Olson
- 25 Cierra Hansen, Joey Hulett, Will Smith
- 26 Ty Hanson, Kinsley Jesunas, Arlene Vold, Brian Zimmerman
- 27 Janet Johnson
- 28 Kasey Bothe, Brenda Hong

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



The Quilters meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10-4
Bring a sack lunch.
Everyone is welcome.
If school is canceled, so is quilting.



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



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

Retired Pastor Donna Fonner and Pastor Terry take turns leading weekly sessions in the Family Room. Topics of discussion will be:

- ♦ The Ten Commandments
- ♦ The Apostles' Creed
- ♦ The Lord's Prayer
- ♦ The Sacraments
- ♦ Holy Baptism
- ♦ Holy Communion
- ♦ The Office of the Keys
- ♦ Confession & Forgiveness

Bible study will take place between worship

Osseo-Fairchild School District Nurse Ashley Hurlburt is creating 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 resource room.

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

Feminine period products:

- Various sizes of tampons, pads, and/or liners

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



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 Feb. 14th at the Osseo Fire Station. Volunteers needed anytime between 2:00-6:30pm.

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
Osseo, WI 54758

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

February Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Time	Acolyte & Crucifer	Lector	Communion Servers	
February 5 th	8:15am	Lexi & Noah K.	Chris F.	Donna & Chris F., Betty W.	
	10:45am	Tyler & Ben	Betty W.	Traci & Madi L., Betty W.	
February 12 th	8:15am	Gabe & Gauge	Jill W.	<i>Thank you to all who sent cards, gifts, treats, and good wishes to church staff over the Christmas holiday. Your generosity and partnership in ministry are always a blessing!</i>	
	10:45am	George & Dalton	Angie H.		
February 19 th	8:15am	Kole & McKenzee	Denny L.		
	10:45am	Drew & Ty	Cathy H.		
Ash Wed. February 22 nd	6:00pm	Blake & Sara	Vern L.		Vern & Becky L., Donna F.
February 26 th	8:15am	Aidan & Sara	Sharon J.		Deb G., Sharon J., Val L.
	10:45am	Lexi & Kiearra	Sharon S.	Jon & Sharon S., Lisa S.	

Noisy Offering to Support Osseo Ministerial

Our noisy offering in the past has been designated by our Worship Committee for the Osseo Ministerial. This is a community fund established by a number of area churches and maintained by OELC. The purpose of the ministerial is to help both sojourners and area residents who are in need of gas money, groceries, lodging, etc. It has been structured in such a way so as to be able to respond quickly to requests in order to help those in need without delay.

This has been a blessing numerous times to people who find themselves in need due to unforeseen circumstances, tragedy, weather, or other emergency needs. 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.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023

February 5th – 4th Graders receive First Communion at 8:15 service

February 12th – 8:15 – 4K-4th Grade sing at worship service

March 12th – 8:15 – 4K-4th Grade sing at worship service

April 9th – Easter Break – No Sunday School

May 21st - ***9:00am*** - All Grades Sing

Please note the time of the worship service

Last day of Sunday School. Kids will go with their teachers after the children's sermon and be done with class by 10:00am.



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

Looking for the experience for your kid(s) this summer??? Look no further as Luther Park Bible Camp makes a wonderful experience, while encouraging faith formation.

Youth completing grades 1 through 12 can attend camp this summer at Luther Park in Chetek, WI. Outdoor camping ministry is a great way for your child to grow in their faith and learn more about how God is at work in their lives. Please visit the camp's website at www.lutherpark.org for more information.

Through the generosity of our congregation, camperships are available to help defray the cost of your child's camping experience. We firmly believe that any child who would like to go to camp will be able to attend, regardless of their family's financial situation.



Confirmation Information:

Wednesdays @ 4:00pm
Meal @ 5:00pm
Worship @6:00pm

Confirmation Classes are suspended during the season of Lent. Students are expected to attend Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services.

Soup Suppers – Confirmation students will be scheduled to work at least 1 soup supper along with an adult to help with clean-up. The dates are all the Wednesdays in March (1, 8, 15, 22, 29).

Soup suppers are 4:45-6:00pm with Lenten Worship Service at 6:00.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

- 10:45 worship service



A new Facebook group page has been created to share prayer concerns. The group is called Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Prayer Group and is a closed group, meaning

people must request to join. This is an effort to make the page a safe space for sharing concerns and prayers with trusted people who will respect confidentiality. If you'd like to join, feel free to send a request.



**TCC E-Mail Transition
Let OELC know your NEW
E-Mail Address, please.**

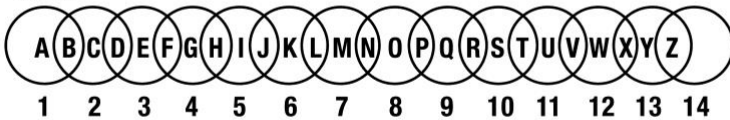
With TCC discontinuing their residential e-mail addresses, anyone who has changed their email address needs to let the church office know your new address.



Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



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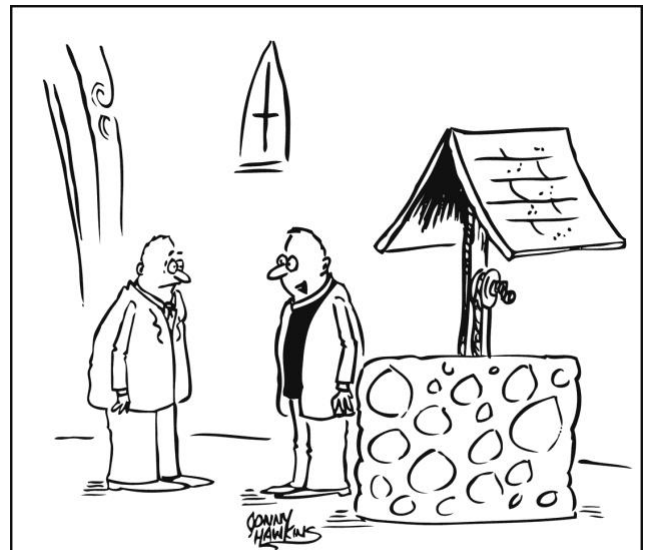
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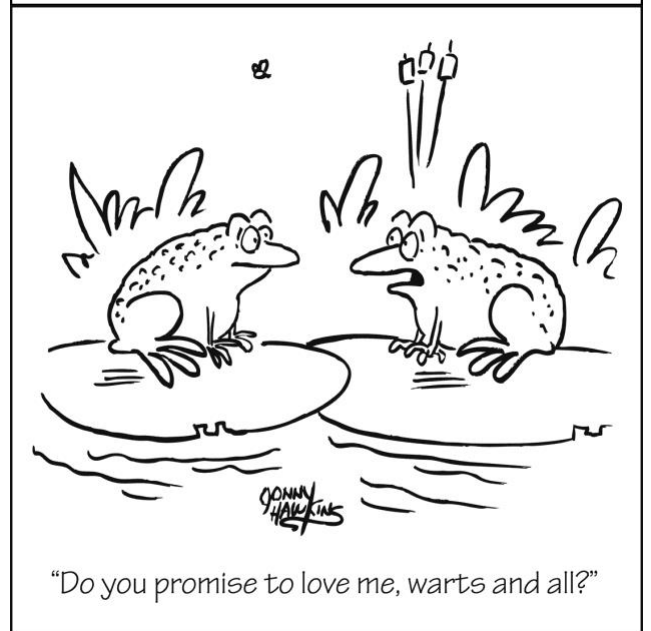
EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV



"We're hoping it will increase our giving."



"We were on the way out the door before I remembered I needed something for the Valentine party at Sunday school."



"Do you promise to love me, warts and all?"

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Please join us for Sunday Worship

Sundays

8:15 & 10:45

Wednesdays

9:00 meal; 6:00 Service

9:00am (Summer)

Pastor: Terry Lorenz

Associate Pastor: David Hoadley

Our Mission at OELC:

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.