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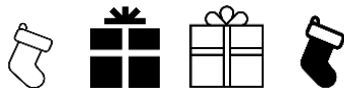
Monthly Newsletter of
**Osseo
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ANNUAL MEETING ~ January 30th, 2022
Starting at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall



NEW HORIZONS SHELTER & OUTREACH CENTERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for our “adopted” family – mom & 4 boys! The gifts were delivered to the center on Monday, Dec. 20th by Cathy Hoadley & Linda Ness. If you need a receipt for this Holiday Program, please come to the church office.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:
8:15 & 10:45am

Sunday School:
9:30am

Wednesday Schedule:

Confirmation 4:00pm
Meal 5:00pm
(No meal during Advent)
Worship 6:00pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm

Church Hours:

8-4 - Mon., Tues., Thurs.
8-7 - Wednesday
8-Noon - Friday
7-Noon - Sunday



Men's Bible Study Begins New Theme in The New Year

Have you ever considered the masculinity of Jesus Christ? Seems like an unlikely, perhaps even unnecessary topic for a Bible Study theme but that's where our Men's Bible Study will head as we begin our 2022 sessions on Tuesday, January 4th of the new year. Lutheran confessions declare that Jesus is simultaneously fully human and fully divine. Does that also mean that Jesus is the perfect example of what

a faithful, modern-day man should be like? Come join us as we explore our unusual theme following the session schedule below for the first 6 months of 2022:

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – The Divine Jesus, “God with us”

reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – The Human Jesus, “Isn't this Joseph's son?”

reading: Luke 4:14-30

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – The Initiated Jesus, Baptized and Tempted

reading: Matthew 3:13-4:11

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 – The Tough Jesus, Temple Cleansing Time

reading: Mark 11:12-19

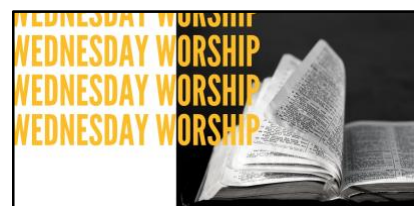
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – The Tender Jesus, “Jesus wept”

reading: John 11:1-44

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – The Triumphant Jesus, Jesus' death

reading: Luke 23:44-49

Wednesday Worship Turns to Strange Stories of the Bible



Our January 5th at 6 p.m. our Wednesday Worship service will resume a regular schedule after our Advent break. The theme for January and February will be strange.

No... really... I mean just that. We will take a look at some of the stranger stories in the bible in order to better understand the events and meaning therein. Here is a list of the stories we'll be considering:

Wednesday, January 5th – The Israelites and the fate of their beloved Golden Calf.

Wednesday, January 12th – Angels, not just cute, chubby children with wings.

Wednesday, January 19th – Noah, not the Ark building Noah but the other one.

Wednesday, January 26th – Noah, OK this time it's the Ark building Noah & the number of animals collected

Wednesday, February 2nd – Enoch & Elijah, the only two people to exit this life without dying.

Wednesday, February 9th – Boiled Goat and other frowned upon meals.

Wednesday, February 16th – Twins, not the Minnesota kind but the Bible kind.

Wednesday, February 23rd – Animals that Speak; lions, tigers, & bears... well, not exactly.



A new year often creates poetic writings of blank slates and white canvases. Such messages sometimes tend to be over the top, but as OELC enters a new calendar year, these notions hold some truth. After the months lost to the pandemic, and understanding that it is still a barrier, we want to find ways to gather as a community of faith again. And honestly, the canvas is fairly blank. We're not tied to the two phrases that cause so many problems in the church: "We've always done it that way," and "We've never done it that way."

The **OELC senior high youth** have been meeting in the newly designated Youth Room to have fellowship and think about the future. 10 youth, including friends who aren't members of OELC, enjoyed a Christmas party on December 12 that included music, games, food, and fun (the air hockey pucks were flying!). Thanks to those who attended, and to Traci Loonstra for providing walking tacos and Nolan Olson for bringing Christmas cookies. We'll continue to plan monthly events, and I'm open to ideas for a fellowship and/or service event for January or other upcoming months.

The **Youth Room** is available any time the church is open (just let someone know you're back there so we don't turn on the alarm system!). There's some furniture to sit in, the air-hockey table, and now a full-sized ping-pong table (Thank you Paulus family!). I'm sure everyone knows how to be respectful of the room and the equipment, so just "do what's right."

We are registered for an **Appalachia Service Project** mission trip for July 2022. All indications are that we've been scheduled for our first choice of weeks, July 16-24. We'll learn our service site sometime in the Spring. As I write, 10 youth have said they're interested, which fills the two work crews we registered for. There are also four adult spots we'll need to fill, so anyone willing to chaperone can contact me! We're able to add crews as long as ASP has room, so if there are more senior high youth who want to go, or if you have any questions, let me know ASAP!

Thanks to Ryan and Nolan Olson, "**OELC Youth**" has a **page on Discord** that I'd like to use for keeping in contact, sending out announcements, and just saying hello. Please go to the Discord site and add yourself to the group, then tell friends to join in as well. As with all OELC youth events, folks don't need to be members to be involved!

Families of Sunday School kids, keep your eyes and ears open for information on Summer Camp at Luther Park in Chetek for the summer of 2022. There are opportunities for Day Camp (completed K-3), two-night Discovery Camp (grades 1-3), a few five-day camps focused on experiencing the outdoors (grades 3-5), and single weeks for a music, art, drama, and dance (MADD) camp and a basketball camp (both grades 4-7). Luther Park has events for older youth also, so check out the whole schedule at www.lutherpark.org

I hope your holiday season was wonderful and that 2022 is full of blessings! As always, contact me with ideas, feedback, or ideas!

Pastor Dave

2022: Your year for *GENEROSITY*

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity!" -2 Corinthians 9:11

As you make resolutions and set goals for the New Year, be sure to include this one: "I will be more generous in 2022." It will bless you – and your community and neighbor!

The Bible makes clear that generosity leads to a more abundant life. Generous people experience one of those paradoxes of the Kingdom of God, where the last are first, the greatest is servant to all, and whoever loses her life for Christ will gain it.

The paradox? Generous people get back far more they give.

First, a clarification: The paradox is NOT a financial strategy to maximize return on investment. That would be missing the point. Besides, there are more important things to give than money, such as time, service, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, love, and joy. And what we get back may not be quantifiable. How do you measure wellbeing and happiness?

Generosity's real "payback" is what and who we become when we cultivate a habit of giving. Giving transforms us into generous-hearted people, and generous-hearted people tend to experience a real abundance of joy, peace, love, and security.

The old saying is most certainly true: The open palm holds more than the closed fist.

For 2022, set a goal to be more generous. Start by increasing your charitable giving above last year's offering, but also aim to give away your time, to serve your neighbor, to be lavish in compassion, extravagant in love.

Pray that God will guide you and help you experience the paradox: Givers get back more than they give away.

--Rob Blezard

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Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch No.174

Matt.21:33-44

The Vicious Vinekeepers

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FARMERS SHARE
FRUIT SON
GIVE STONE
GOD TENANTS
HARVEST THREW
HEIR TREATED
JESUS VINEYARD
JOURNEY WALL
KINGDOM WATCHTOWER
LISTEN WRETCHES

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

Psalm 59

MORE PUZZLES AT:
<http://biblewordgames.com>

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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: nwswi.org

ELCA WEBSITE: www.elca.org

OELC OFFICE HOURS:

- 8 to 4 - Mon., Tues., & Thurs.
- 8 to 7 - Wednesday (no worship, office closes at 4)
- 8 to Noon - Friday
- 7 to Noon - Sunday (when 1 service, office closes at 10:30)

This is YOUR Chance!

If we've not called you yet, this is your chance to raise your hand, so to speak, to let the Nominating Committee know of your willingness to serve in one of several volunteer roles in congregational leadership for the coming year.

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to stand for election for 3 three-year terms on the Congregation Council, as well as three members to serve as representatives to the synod assembly next May, two members to serve as representatives on the OELC Endowment Committee, two-four members to join the Personnel Committee (to assist and advise the Council on matters of personnel administration), two-four members to join the Stewardship/Finance Committee and two new Nominations Committee members, to assist next year's outgoing Council members in this same work.

Of these roles, serving on the Council is perhaps the most "time-intensive," and yet even these leaders serve only a few hours each month: one 60-120-minute meeting, the 2nd Wednesday of each month, after 30-60 minutes of meeting preparation and review, plus serving on various work groups or committees, for another 30-60 minutes each month. A total commitment of less than five hours each month, and yet together, these leaders can support the works of countless volunteers and staff, all throughout our congregation.

We hope you'll hear this call and be moved to reach out. Preparations are being finalized this month for the upcoming election and activities for the annual meeting at the end of January. Are you ready to say "YES!"? Contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Brent McCune, Patty Hoffman, Linda Heiman, Vern Larson, or Shannon Hasz. They'd all be happy to answer questions or share their experiences. Don't delay any longer, your moment is now!

2020 ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January 30 at 9:30am

January Birthdays

- 1 Terri Swett, Amanda Creason
- 3 Ruth Anderson, Kameara Tiller
- 4 Theo Hoffman, Tyler Langner, Lori Rongstad, Lester Bratsven, Heather Nix, George Clark
- 5 Cassandra Stibor
- 6 Nathan Stanek, Megan Gaulke, Marissa Gaulke, Bennett Kuehn
- 7 Marilyn Balliett, Anna Cuddy, Adam Julson
- 8 Lester Pederson
- 9 Serenity Knudtson, Ernie Vold
- 10 Ethan Kittelson, Mackenzie Scheller
- 11 Kirk Gunderson, Jenny Zimmerman
- 12 Megan Zimmerman, Madison Hugdahl
- 13 Linda Dahl, Kalyann Dewitz
- 14 Waylen Killian, Mary Severson, Jon Steinke
- 17 Robert Olson, Mason Cuddy-Ness, LueAnn Schaefer, Jessica Pralle, Jessica Mach, Jennifer Boshier, Piper Bertrang, Hayden Bertrang
- 18 Adelyn Helland, Tina Severson, Rosemary Hegland, Barbara Hageness, Molly Vold
- 19 Brandon Boettcher, Aliza Hollister
- 20 Trevor Holmen, Jill Lane, Carol Zimmerman, Caitlyn Carlstrom
- 21 Noah Green, Jamie Lindell, Charles Fremstad, Bryce Haas, Alice Laufenberg
- 22 Jane Johnson, Ann Hallum
- 23 Emma Fremstad
- 24 Kevin Welke, Anna Boortz, Alex Vold, Jack Steinke
- 25 Sylvia Haugen, Kaylee Mouw
- 27 Jack Swenson, Breckyn Sass, Kelsey Higley
- 28 Isaac Iverson, Darcey Halvorson
- 31 Julie Dewitz, David Hageness, Elenore Gunem

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

QUILTING

Quilting Ladies meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch. Everyone is welcome. If school is canceled, so is quilting.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The OELC Men's Bible Study Group meets at the Norske Nook on the first Tuesday morning of the month. Please help spread the word that all are welcome to attend our monthly sessions.

Any questions or concerns, please call Pastor Terry Lorenz at 715-533-8121, 715-695-3524, or call the church office. You may bring your own bible or use the handouts provided.

See Pastor Terry's article on page 2 for details.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study has returned with a record number of ladies!!! 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 in the Family Room.

2022 SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 1/2 —NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 2/13 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.
- 3/13 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.
- 4/10 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.
- 4/17 —NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (EASTER Break)
- 5/8 —Last Day of Sunday School ~ ALL GRADES SINGING at 8:15 a.m.



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



5TH GRADE

4TH GRADE

January 9th, 16th, & 23rd
Receive Holy Communion
February 6th at 10:45am service

February 13th, 20th, & 27th
Receive Holy Communion
March 6th at 10:45am service

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- 4K- \$95.26
- 5K- \$1.46
- 1st- \$101.35
- 2nd- \$90.00
- 3rd- \$140.20
- 4th- not turned in yet
- 5th- 103.88
- 6th- not turned in yet

Total=532.26 & with this money they purchased

- 5 goats
- 2 roosters
- 4 pigs
- 3 honeybees
- 7 chicks

OELC Members:

- 3 goats
- 1 roosters
- 5 pigs
- 3 honeybees
- 4 chicks
- 1 cow
- Donations where needed: \$180



ALL GIFTS WERE MATCHED FOR A COMBINED TOTAL:

- 16 goats
- 6 roosters
- 18 pigs
- 12 honeybees
- 22 chicks
- 2 cows
- Donations where needed: \$360

AMAZING!!!



Wednesdays

Snack: 3:40; Class: 4:00;
Meal: 5:00; Worship: 6:00

FYI:

Confirmation Sunday is May 1st

Soup Suppers start on March 9th – all confirmation students will be scheduled to work 1 soup supper.

Confirmation Classes are suspended during the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 2 & there will be no class. Students are expected to attend Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services & work their scheduled soup supper.

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through Dec. 29, 2021
With Comparison to 2020 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2021	2020		
All offerings	241,854	216,647		
Other Gen.	73,971	140,502		
	315,825	357,149		
<u>Expenses</u>	2021	2020	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Misc.	14,213	11,103	0	0
Pastoral Staff	146,684	110,750	28,603	84%
Non-Pastoral Staff	72,119	73,844	12,798	85%
Worship & Music	3,674	2,022	626	85%
Ministries & Committees	1,938	3,184	2,212	82%
Church Property	40,060	38,592	18,340	69%
Parsonage	7,830	6,334	1,670	82%
Admin/Office	7,540	7,724	2,210	89%
	294,058	253,553		



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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).

**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.

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”



Volunteering

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 \$22 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.

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:
OELC
50351 Harmony Street
Osseo, WI 54758

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

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Sundays

8:15 & 10:45

Wednesday Worship

6:00pm

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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.



January 4th & 8th Red Cross Blood Drive in OELC gymnasium
 January 7th & 8th Luther Park Bible Camp - Youth Recharge
 (for all grades, split into age groups)
 January 9th, 16th & 23rd 5th Grade First Communion Class
 January 26th -30th Luther Park Bible Camp Quilt Retreat
 January 30th OELC Annual Meeting between services
 February 5th Luther Park Bible Camp Annual Meeting
 February 6th 5th Grade First Communion at 10:45
 Luther Park Bible Camp Chill Fest Family Event
 (Noon-4pm)
 February 13th, 20th, & 27th 4th Grade First Communion Class
 March 2nd Ash Wednesday
 March 6th 4th Grade First Communion at 10:45
 March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 Wednesday LENT Worship Services
 April 10th Palm Sunday
 April 14th Maundy Thursday
 April 15th Good Friday
 April 17th Easter Sunday
 May 4th WELCA Salad Luncheon