

PARISH VISITOR

March 2021

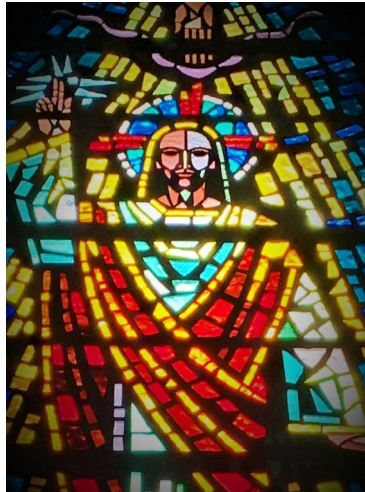
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EASTER LILY

Sign up sheet by the office

Only \$12.50

Or call 715-597-3213

Or email oelc@trivest.net

Deadline to order: March 26th

Lenten Worship

March 3, 10, 17 & 24

Services at 6:00 PM

Palm Sunday

March 28th ~ 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 1st ~ 6:00 PM

Good Friday

April 2nd ~ 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 4th

Sunrise Service ~ 6:37 a.m.

8:15 & 10:45

125 max. at each service.

Please call 597-3213 to reserve your spot.

****All in-church services will be livestreamed.**

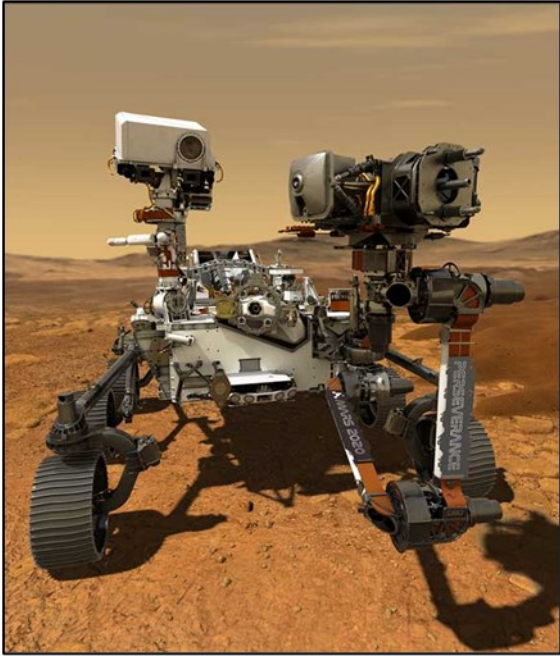
SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE TO INCLUDE SEVERAL AREA CHURCHES

On Sunday, April 4th, OELC will join Trinity Parish and Upper Pigeon Creek Lutheran Church for an Easter Sunrise Worship Service at the Buena Vista scenic overlook south of Osseo. The service will begin as the sun first peaks over the horizon at 6:37 a.m. Come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at this community outdoor service which will be lead by Pastor David Christianson and Pastor Terry Lorenz. Please bring your own chairs and dress accordingly.

Spring Forward!



March 14th



“There’s Audio, Too”

By the time you’ll be able to first read this, human-kind’s latest long-haul space exploration effort will have succeeded in reaching its destination, made its descent, landed and entered the third week of collection data on the fourth planet from the sun, the one we know as Mars.

Perseverance, the latest Mars rover to reach the red planet, actually began gathering data before it ever reached the surface. I thought it was interesting when I read that this heavenly traveler, which cost just under 3 billion dollars to fund, was equipped with 6 very common cameras to record what NASA refers to as its EDL (entry, descent and landing) events. I found it even more interesting as I read fur-

ther that, for the first time ever, there’s audio, too. For the first time ever an audio recording from the surface of Mars would be gathered and sent back to Earth for our consideration.

An audio recording of what? I wondered aloud. What sounds could there possibly be in a place where no life has ever been definitively detected? The answer to my question can be heard on any number of websites where the recording is now being shared. As it turns out the answer to my question should be a familiar sound to church folk who remember the first ever recorded sounds of life on the planet we call home: “...while a wind from God swept over the waters.” (*Genesis 1:2*) The first sound, ever heard by human ears, from the planet Mars was simply the sound of rushing wind.

Before there was ever a universe for life to exist in, there was God, the life force of the rushing wind tasked with bringing order out of chaos in order that God’s people might exist, flourish even. Before human life ever existed, there was a plan to preserve the life of God’s people forever. The season of Lent remains a meaningful meditation on God’s plan for the life of His holy people. The life of God’s holy people is one of loving God, loving one another, and loving ourselves. The life of Lent is one of almsgiving, prayer and fasting in order that we might better appreciate the cost of God’s plan for eternal preservation and our dependence on it. The plan for eternal preservation is mostly clearly seen in the events of Holy Week, culminating with Easter Sunday.

I invite you to come; worship and reflect on the God of life and life eternal. Please see our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Sunday worship schedules elsewhere in this newsletter or on the church website. All of our worship services are in person and online.

A blessed Lenten and Easter season to all,

Pastor Terry Lorenz

PARISH EVENTS

2021 SPONSORSHIPS!!!

Security System - \$25/month

Newsletter - \$40/ ½ month; \$75/entire month

Bulletin - \$14.00/Sunday

Flowers - \$25.00/Sunday **** (new price)**

Many dates/months available!!!

See Molly in the office! Please consider giving this gift to the church.

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Shirley Bagley & Betty Ward

Worship at OELC

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

This service is also Live Streamed. Go to

www.oelc.org for the

YouTube Channel link.

Flagship Gathering at 10:30 a.m.

2nd & last Sundays of the month in the Chapel.

This service will be uploaded to the YouTube channel for future viewing.

OELC Remains Open For In-Person Worship Services

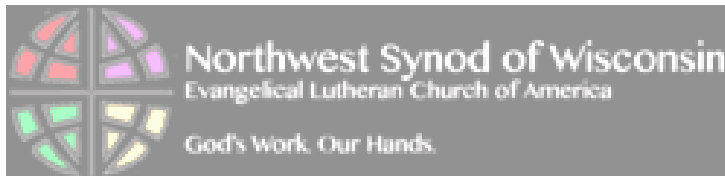
Since early July of last year the Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church has been conducting Sunday morning worship services without attendance restrictions. The church council felt that there would be no problem having enough room to spread everyone out. There were also additional precautions put into place such as:

- ❖ Encouraging attendees to wear a mask
- ❖ Refrain from passing the peace
- ❖ Leaving offering plates by the doors
- ❖ Having bulletins available for the taking instead of passed out
- ❖ Sanitizing common areas between Sundays
- ❖ Masks being available to those without

The decision has been made by our council to temporarily continue to move forward with the following Sunday worship schedule:

- ❖ One worship service at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary every Sunday
- ❖ Two contemporary worship services a month (2nd and last Sundays) at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel

The same precautions will remain in place. Our hope is to be able to return to our regular worship schedule and frequency as soon as the threat of Covid is diminished and attendance numbers come back up. We are also live streaming the services from the sanctuary and will be posting the recorded contemporary services on the church's YouTube channel. Thank you to all who have continued to support the ministries of OELC through these unusual times of being God's church in a changed world.



**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.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Students:

Don't forget to email your

SERMON NOTES

to Pastor Terry or to Molly. It might be best to send them to Molly because Pastor forgets to print them & then Molly can't tally them...hint, hint.

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Osseo Evangelical
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Annual Meeting Highlights

Church Council 2021

- President—Dennis Barka (year 2)
- Vice President—Tony Bohlinger (year 2)
- Treasurer—Emily Wilkinson (year 2)
- Secretary—Shannon Hasz (year 1)
- Student—Amara Wilkinson (year 1)
- Sheila Nelson (year 2)
- Jill Welke (year 1)
- Don Erickson (year 1)
- Ryan Olson (year 1)
- Linda Heiman (year 3)
- Brent McCune (year 3)
- Patty Hoffman (year 3)

Endowment Fund Committee

- Jody Groell
- Stuart Dodge
- Deb Gregory
- Allyson Barka
- Dan Halverson

Nominating Committee

- Brent McCune
- Linda Heiman
- Patty Hoffman
- Shannon Hasz
- Vern Larson

Synod Assembly Delegates

- Jamie Lindell
- Cindy Hong
- Shannon Hasz

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—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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are postponing all regular monthly Prayer Shawl Gatherings until further notice.
For more information, call Lorna at 715-590-2159.
Please stay safe & healthy!



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.

2021 Giving at OELC

January 2021

Simply Giving

General=\$3,860
Mission=\$284
Debt=\$363
C-YA=\$40
Total=\$4,547

Online Giving

General=\$1,735
Service Fees=\$22.46
Total=\$1,757.46

Mail-in/Sunday Offering

General=\$18,813
Mission=\$190
Debt=\$100
Total=\$19,103

GRAND TOTAL Jan. 2021

\$25,407.46

Grand Total Jan. 2020

\$21,070.34

How is the Pandemic affecting contributions at OELC?

	<u>2020 YTD</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>	<u>2021 vs 2020 YTD</u>
General Fund	\$31,383	\$35,144	+\$3,761
Mission Fund	\$1,208	\$941	-\$267
Debt Fund	\$1,137	\$811	-\$326
Sunday Loose \$	\$1,211	\$356	-\$855
Initial Offering	\$260	\$185	-\$75
Ash Wednesday	\$1,072	\$402	-\$670
Lenten Offering	\$517	\$193	-\$324
	\$38,032	\$36,788	+1,244

March Birthdays

1st
 Sonja Herbert
 Garrett Loesel
 Ryan Myhers
2nd
 Eric Boettcher
 Neil Merritt
 Kaden Moseley
 Nathan Torpen
3rd
 Ethan Dahl
 Jaxon Zawacki
4th
 Bryor Fremstad
 Linda Heiman
 Wayne Knapcik
5th
 Jennifer Olson
6th
 Deanna Klindworth
 Alex Moldenhauer
 John Severson
 Victoria Smith
8th
 Caitlyn Hugdahl
 Kaylyn Kubishak
 Lorraine McCune
 Ryder Ness
9th
 Carol Baumbach
 Miranda Skoug
10th
 Pam Merritt
11th
 Isaac Miller
 Robert Rongstad
12th
 Joanne Dahl
 Payton Lane
 Noah Martinson



13th
 Drew Hanson
 Julie Johnson
 Denise Schwoch
 Marvin Schwoch
 Wayne Vold
14th
 Cindy Knapcik
15th
 Leo Anderson
 Michael Boettcher
 Terry Halderson
 Miken Iverson
 Jered Kuehn
16th
 Peggy Biesen
 Sara Boetcher
 Dayton Kraft
 Jean Olson
17th
 Tammy Cuddy
 Jenna Ives
 Emerick Korger
 Curt Nelson
 Natalie Walsh
18th
 Pat Halverson
 Judy Kolar
 Wes Whited
19th
 Elliot Apland
 Alexander Cuddy
 Evelyn Olson
20th
 Joyce Bratsven
 Lucy Everson
21st
 Cory Myhers



23rd
 Stella Apland
 Jazmyn Flury
24th
 Stephanie Haas
 Megan Skoyen
 Rachel Skoyen
 Leona Torpen
25th
 Scott Ehle
26th
 Dylan Diehl
 Ander Nelson
 Kara Skoyen
27th
 Spencer Anderson
 Elinore Hageness
 Patty Hoffman
 Christine Mercer
 Levi Nelson
 Matthew Stanek
28th
 Kole Bratina
 Joshua Daffinson
 Maxden Dewitz
 Les Vold
29th
 Eshter Larson
 Jianna Scheffer
30th
 Kayleen Horel
 Teagan Jesunas
 Amy McCune
 Aaron Vold
31st
 Tim Johnson
 Parker Rongstad

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



Luther Park Bible Camp Info.



www.lutherpark.org



[www.facebook.com/
LutherPark.Chetek/](http://www.facebook.com/LutherPark.Chetek/)

You Tube Channel

YouTube.com
Luther Park
Bible Camp-Chetek, WI

**Camp Recharge:
March 19-20, 2021**

Be sure to view LPBC YouTube videos for faith-filled learning, songs, and lots of fun!

**Ministry Center
Building Dedication:
June 5, 2021**



Call or email the church office:
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for information on
“CAMPERSHIPS”

OELC CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM TO BEGIN 5 PART SERIES ON THE HOPE OF RENEWAL

Flagship



Worship Team

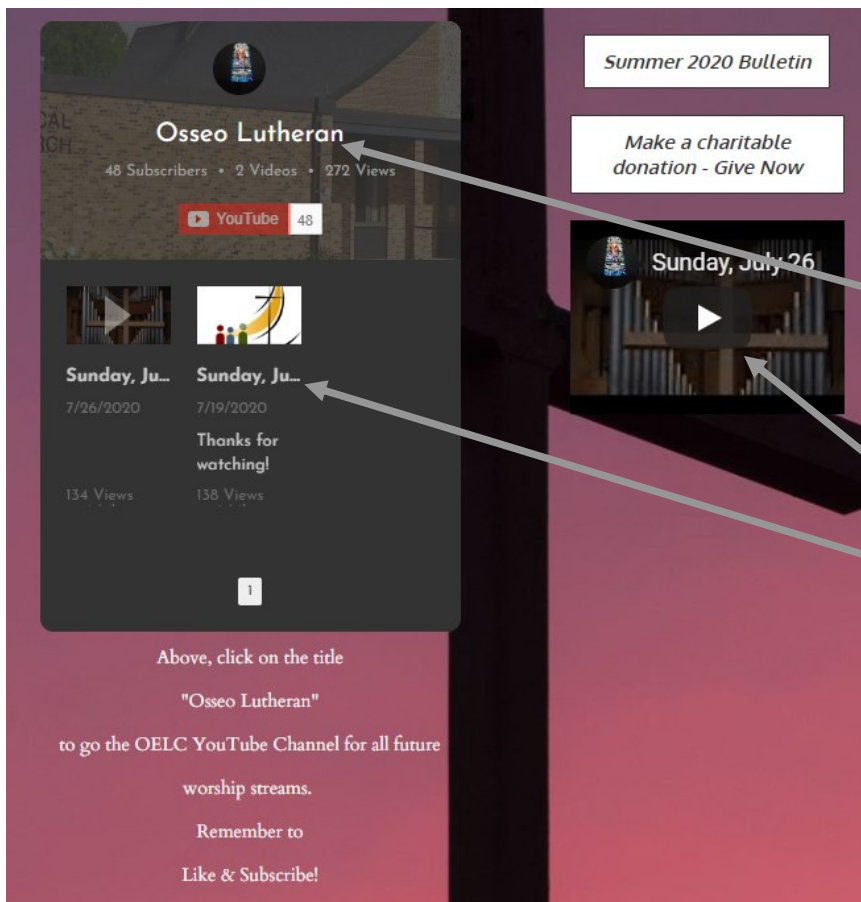
On Sunday, January 31st, OELC's Flagship Worship Band will began a series of 5 worship services based on author John Eldredge's presentation *All Things New*. The series includes reflection on the following topics:

- The Hope of Renewal*
- Creation Made New*
- Your Story Told Rightly*
- What We'll Do in the New Earth*
- The Power of Our Hope*

Contemporary Worship Services at OELC are currently held on the second and last Sundays of the month in the Chapel beginning at 10:30 a.m. Come and join us for contemporary worship in a freshly created worship space that offers new music, a casual atmosphere, friendly folks, loosely structured liturgy, informative topics, celebration of Holy Communion and Baptism, intimate prayer and a meaningful experience as we strive together to know our Lord Jesus more closely in order to serve him more faithfully. All are welcome!

If you choose not to attend in person please know that of our contemporary worship services can be viewed on YouTube on the Osseo Lutheran Channel.





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Make a charitable donation - Give Now

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel

Go to www.oelc.org
 Click on "Osseo Lutheran" which will take you to OELC's YouTube Channel.
 Click "Subscribe"

OR

Click the service you want to watch

Above, click on the title

"Osseo Lutheran"

to go the OELC YouTube Channel for all future

worship streams.

Remember to

Like & Subscribe!

eGiving Helps You and Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

– DEUTERONOMY 16:17

BENEFITS FOR YOU:

1. Give from anywhere using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.
2. No need to find a check or stop by the ATM.
3. Use your Checking / Savings Account or your Debit / Credit Card.
4. Schedule gifts to occur automatically.
5. Give to one or more funds at any time.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHURCH:

1. Reduces administrative work allowing more time to focus on the ministry.
2. Helps streamline receivables.
3. Increases stewardship by providing members and guests easier ways to give.
4. More regular and predictable giving makes planning easier.



ONLINE

Donate online at
www.oelc.org



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Palm Sunday Hidden Message Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle and circle them. The words can be right to left, up and down. Hidden between, or touching those words, are six more hidden words. Circle those six words in a different color and write them in the correct order at the bottom of the page to unscramble the hidden message.

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