



Monthly Newsletter of
**Osseo
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church**

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PARISH VISITOR

MARCH 2022 | www.oelc.org | oelc@trivest.net | Pastors Terry Lorenz & David Hoadley

Kick off the Lenten season & join us for

LENT SOUP SUPPERS

Beginning Wednesday, March 9th
4:45pm until service at 6:00pm



Thanks for signing up to make soup, but now we need people to sign up to make **BARS/DESSERT.**

Sign-up sheet is outside the church office. Lots of space to pick from. You make the bars & get them here before 4:30.

Ash Wednesday – March 2nd
Lent Services – March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & April 6th
Maundy Thursday – April 14th
Good Friday – April 15th
Easter – April 17th

See page 3, Pastor Dave's article,
for the Lenten Round Robin Schedule

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:
8:15 & 10:45am

Sunday School:
9:30am

Wednesday Schedule:

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

Church Hours:

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

WE'RE OFF TO THE BWCA ONCE AGAIN



This coming Summer of 2022 7 young members of OELC and the surrounding area who have completed 8th through 12th Grade will have a chance to take part in a canoe trip into the BWCA (Boundary Waters Canoe Area). This year about 23,000 fewer entry permits are being issued but I was lucky enough to get one for our group of 9. Our group will consist of 7 youth along with Bill Prudlick and myself.

We will leave Osseo bright and early on Wednesday, June 29th and return on Sunday, July 3rd in the afternoon. Our permit allows us to access the BWCA at entry point #52 near Brandt Lake which is about 1 hour north of Grand Marais, MN.

By the time this article is published we will have had our first informational meeting at church and encouraged any interested youth to sign up. Hopefully, as you are reading this and find yourself interested, there are still some spots available. It is important to call me as soon as you suspect you might like to go as spots are awarded first come, first serve.

The BWCA area is best described as unique, pristine, & peaceful and at the same time can be very hard work, occasionally uncomfortable, and a place where sometimes the fish just don't bite. It is also a place where the beauty of God's creation shines forth with gorgeous sunsets, intimate viewing of wildlife, and a measured amount of solitude.

We have access to trailer, canoes, paddles, tents, packs, cook kits, etc. Participants need only bring their own personal items including fishing gear and a life jacket. Please give me a call or stop to see me at church if you have any questions.

God's peace to all,
Pastor Terry Lorenz

You've Been Scammed!

That was what my lovely bride's text declared when she sent it to me one day back in mid-February. Others began to notify me of the same conclusion they had reached when the scam had reached out to them. Still others began to contact Molly at the church wondering whether it was a scam or a legitimate request. In short, thanks to modern day communication, the scam became a nuisance to many in a very short time. If anyone out there became a victim of this modern-day ploy I am very sorry that happened to you. With regards to the nature of the scam, me asking you for pre-paid credit cards for someone in dire need, please know for future reference that if there was ever such a need I would always contact folks via the telephone and have an in-person conversation. Also, please know that our church is a part of a ministerium which is funded by area churches for the purpose of helping folks in need. We don't make calls to individual members of the church asking on behalf of others.

Thanks For The Sermon Prep Help!

I was pleasantly surprised by the number of folks who offered commentary, questions, and reflections on last month's invitation to help with the February 13th sermon. For those who found this little experiment helpful in preparing for worship (count me in) here is an opportunity to do it again. On Sunday, March 13th I will be preaching on the gospel reading from Luke, chapter 13, verses 31-35. This time I'll let you look it up in your own translation or as someone last month advised, looking it up in two or more different translations can be very helpful in your pondering. I'll warn you now, this time around Jesus gives us a hearty helping of ambiguous statements to ponder.



Round Robin

For many years B.C. (Before COVID), it was a tradition that regional churches participated in what has come to be known as a round-robin. Each Wednesday evening during Lent, ministers would travel to other churches to preach and lead worship. In 2020 the Lent season had just begun when COVID shut everything down, and in 2021 churches provided their own worship experiences as they could.

The pastors of the Dairyland Conference decided to revive the round-robin for 2022. I will be out representing OELC at five area parishes and we will have five guest ministers coming here. The group chose to follow a set of themes from the Augsburg Fortress worship resource *Sundays and Seasons*. The schedule for OELC is:

March 9: Julie Garber, Osseo United Church of Christ—“Mercy”

March 16: Luke Pederson, Trinity and Good Shepherd Lutheran near Mondovi—“Compassion”

March 23: Peter Jonas, Grace Lutheran in Pleasantville and Our Savior’s in Whitehall—“Forgiveness”

March 30: Dave Christianson, Upper Pigeon Creek of Hixton and Kings Valley & South Beef River of Osseo—“Love”

April 6: Paul Tobiason, Chimney Rock Lutheran, Strum—“Faithfulness”

The service includes prayers and hymns, gospel texts from Luke and John, and readings of poetry from authors of the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. Some time for silent reflection is also incorporated as we journey together towards the somberness of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter Sunday.

Each Lenten Wednesday evening will start with a soup supper at 5:00 pm with worship beginning at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. I hope you will plan to attend!

Blessings,

Pastor Dave



Holistic stewardship for Lent

For centuries Lutherans have observed Lent with passionate devotion and prayerful attention to spiritual disciplines. These faith practices strengthen our souls and open our hearts to the resurrected Christ at Easter.

This year, try developing a sense of holistic stewardship for your life. Stewardship, of course, looks at how we use not just our financial abundance but all the blessings that God has given us – our health, our family and friends, our faith, our time, our intelligence, and so on.

Just as holistic medicine takes a “big picture” view of physical health as a dynamic interconnection of our body’s systems, holistic stewardship helps us see and appreciate all our gifts in relationship to one another.

For instance, how does your stewardship of time interact with your stewardship of your relationships or health? How might more-thoughtful stewardship of your time improve your relationships or your health? How might better stewardship of time, relationships and health improve your financial abundance?

When you examine your stewardship of these and all your gifts in dynamic interconnection with one another, you can find more meaning and purpose as a disciple of Jesus.

To get there, for the days of Lent focus on just five major categories of the blessings God has given you easily remembered by the shorthand word FAITH.

Family and friends – nurturing relationships.

Abundance -- finance and material possessions.

Intelligence – your mind and special talents.

Time -- living fully 24/7.

Health – physical and emotional wellness.

Spend 15 minutes every day to prayerfully ponder and meditate on these FAITH blessings. A prayer journal or notebook may help you process and connect.

- Take stock of your blessings in each category, thanking God for them.
- Reflect on how they interrelate to give you joy and purpose and meaning.
- Ask God to help you use these gifts more wisely and fully for God’s purposes.
- Imagine God blessing and enriching your life as you learn to steward these gifts in a way that they will support and enhance one another.

This Lent, let holistic stewardship help you envision your gifts and life more fully in God’s reality, the reality called the Reign of God. It’s the Reign that Jesus preached and proclaimed, and that he brought to fulfillment with the victory over death that we celebrate at Easter.

--Rob Blezard

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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)

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.

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



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



The Quilters 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.



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.

March

Birthdays

- 1 Sonja Herbert, Garrett Loesel, Ryan Myhers
- 2 Eric Boettcher, Neil Merritt, Kaden Moseley, Nathan Torpen
- 3 Ethan Dahl, Aleisha Lutzen, Jaxon Zawacki
- 4 Bryor Fremstad, Linda Heiman, Wayne Knapcik
- 5 Donna Fonner, Jennifer Olson
- 6 Deanna Klindworth, Alex Moldenhauer, John Severson, Victoria Smith
- 8 Caitlyn Hugdahl, Kaylyn Kubishak, Ryder Ness, Lorraine McCune
- 9 Carol Baumbach, Miranda Skoug
- 10 Pam Merritt
- 11 Isaac Miller, Robert Rongstad
- 12 Joanne Dahl, Peyton Lane, Noah Martinson
- 13 Drew Hanson, Julie Johnson, Denise Schwoch, Marvin Schwoch, Wayne Vold
- 14 Cindy Knapcik
- 15 Leo Anderson, Michael Boettcher, Terry Halderson, Miken Iverson, Jered Kuehn
- 16 Peggy Biesen, Sara Boetcher, Dayton Kraft, Jean Olson
- 17 Tammy Cuddy, Jenna Ives, Emerick Korger, Curt Nelson, Natalie Walsh
- 18 Pat Halverson, Judy Kolar, Ella Scheller, Wes Whited
- 19 Elliot Apland, Alexander Cuddy, Evelyn Olson
- 20 Joyce Bratsven, Lucy Everson
- 21 Cory Myhers
- 23 Stella Apland, Jazmyn Flury
- 24 Megan Skoyen, Rachel Skoyen, Leona Torpen
- 26 Dylan Diehl, Ander Nelson, Kara Skoyen
- 27 Spencer Anderson, Elinore Hageness, Patty Hoffman, Christine Mercer, Levi Nelson, Matthew Stanek
- 28 Kole Bratina, Joshua Daffinson, Les Vold
- 29 Esther Larson, Jianna Scheffer
- 30 Kayleen Horel, Teagan Jesunas, Amy McCune, Aaron Vold
- 31 Tim Johnson, Parker Rongstad

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

WELCA Notes

Hello from Texas! We are settling in, the weather is perfect for me (jeans and sweatshirt), but not quite warm enough for the fish to bite! The other day we caught 10 sting rays but nothing edible! We attend the Presbyterian church (no Lutheran churches here) and our friend Jane begged Tom to attend choir practice with her.

Guess what? He is one of two men in the choir and adored by the women!

All of this makes me think of you and all the volunteering that occurs at our church and in our community. The following is taken in part from a 1981 Parish Visitor!

Being a volunteer means:

Giving - From the center of one's being

Receiving - From lives blessed

Being A Friend

Having A Friend

Touching other lives

Being touched by other lives

Caring

Sharing

Finding Faith

And speaking of volunteers, *Margie Vold* was elected treasurer of the Conference ALCW in 1981!

Upcoming events:

- April 20 – Conference Morning of Renewal at Sabylund Lutheran, Stockholm
- *May 4 – Salad luncheon, bring a dish to pass and a friend or neighbor!*
- June 15 – Picnic at the Community Building downtown-meal provided

Until next month....

Isn't it strange how \$20 seems like such a large amount when you donate to church & such a small amount when you go shopping....

Sincerely,

Rosemary

2022 SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 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.



Receive Holy Communion
March 6th at 10:45am service



FYI:

Confirmation Sunday is May 15TH

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.

**NEW DATE for
CONFIRMATION!!!
MAY 15TH**

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WORK SCHEDULE FOR LENT SOUP SUPPERS

**KIDS – SET-UP, SERVE, CLEAN &
GO TO THE SERVICE**

****PARENTS/GUARDIANS/
GRANDPARENTS OR FRIENDS
SUPERVISE & CLEAN UP**

- IF YOU CAN'T SERVE ON YOUR SCHEDULED NIGHT, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT. (Covid cautious, just let us know)
- All servers will have to wear a mask.
- Working for the supper fills as a "Service Work Requirement" so make sure you check-in with Molly in the office.
- STUDENTS – Be ready to work at 4:30pm. You will be done by 6:00pm to go to the worship service. *Please do not leave until just before 6:00. Check-out with a kitchen supervisor and/or soup maker(s) when you leave.*
- ADULTS – You are needed to help supervise & clean up so your child can go to the worship service. The soup makers have more than likely been here all day making the soup, so all the help of cleaning up is greatly appreciated. If you can't be here by 4:30, get here when you can.
- There are no confirmation classes during Ash Wednesday, Lent & Holy Week, but you are required to attend all worship services. (Covid cautious, just let us know) Molly will take attendance, so check-in with her when you get here.
- After Easter, classes will resume as scheduled.
- Any questions? Contact Molly at 597-3213 or oelc@trivest.net

March 9th
Connor W.
Sara G.
Drew H.
Ty H.
Noah M.

March 16th
Rylan S.
Tyler S.
Elizabeth Z.
Evan H.
Drake V.

March 23rd
Izaiah G.
Noah K.
Naomi L.
Orion P.

March 30th
Abby H.
Emerick K.
Drew P.
Gauge B.

April 6th
Blake J.
Teagan B.
Zoey G.
Nick M.
Will M.

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through Feb. 24, 2022
With Comparison to 2021 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2022	2021		
All offerings	33,705	36,448		
Other Gen.	2,535	2,793		
	36,240	39,241		
<u>Expenses</u>	2022	2021	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Misc.	1,919	3,092	0	0
Pastoral Staff	28,709	18,200	212,633	15%
Non-Pastoral Staff	9,511	13,152	72,952	11.5%
Worship & Music	323	649	3,177	9%
Ministries & Committees	376	388	3,323	10%
Church Property	7,364	5,987	36,936	16.6%
Parsonage	1,158	1,052	6,982	18%
Admin/Office	1,649	1,271	7,101	19%
	51,009	43,791		



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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
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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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March 2nd Ash Wednesday
March 6th 4th Grade First Communion at 10:45
March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th
Wednesday LENT Worship Services & Soup Suppers
April 10th Palm Sunday
April 14th Maundy Thursday
April 15th Good Friday
April 17th Easter Sunday
May 1st Graduating Seniors Recognition
May 4th WELCA Salad Luncheon
May 15th Confirmation Sunday
May 23rd Lifetime Screening
June 15th WELCA Picnic
June 29-July 3 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip
July 16-24 ASP Mission Trip



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to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to minister to the needs of ALL people.