



# OELC needs YOU!

## Parish Visitor

Official Newsletter for  
Osseo  
Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Church  
50351 Harmony St.  
Osseo, WI 54758  
715-597-3213  
oelc@trivest.net  
May 2024

### You Need the Church (and the Church Needs You) excerpts taken from “Leading the Way” – uk.ltw.org

A recent study of 18-35-year-old Christians revealed that nearly half believe attending church is “not an essential part of their faith.” The majority of those who do participate, do so primarily to grow in their faith (63%) and learn about God (61%), which may be why almost half of those polled attend church less than once a month. If you can stream the best preachers in America from your bedroom and listen to professionally produced worship music in your pajamas, why go to church on Sunday mornings?

When asked what is missing from the church today, these same Christians noted a general lack of relationship: my friends attending (18%), social gatherings outside worship (14%), support groups (13%), my family attending (12%), and regularly meeting with a mentor (12%). When so many neglect to meet together and consider the church as nonessential to faith, the whole body of believers feels their absence. The church is not meant to be a digital resource center for our personal and spiritual growth. Church was not and is not an event you attend; it was and is a community to which you belong that both refines and strengthens your faith. The church needs you, and you need the church.

**We Cannot be Lone Ranger Christians** – You alone cannot be the temple of God, but y’all can. At the center of the Christian life, God placed a community, a body. The Christian trying to proclaim the greatness of God alone is like the individual claiming to be a nation – a single stone claiming to be a temple.

And yet we neglect the church because living in community also means personal sacrifice. The appeal of an individualistic society is that everything is catered to our specific needs and desires. My music. My style. My age and stage. As a result, we treat church like a buffet for our own personal growth. We sample the sermon, complain about the under-flavored worship, and avoid relationships that give us allergic reactions. But the church is not a buffet; it is a family meal. We gather around the table together, break bread, eat from the same dish, and grow in our shared identity. This means our favorite entrée isn’t served every meal, but that’s not the purpose of a family meal. And that’s not the purpose of the church either. *continued p. 4*

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“Time & Talent” Survey.  
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## Church Staff

Pastor: Dave Hoadley  
Pastordave54758@gmail.com  
763-221-1928

Parish Admin.: Molly Vold  
oelc@trivest.net

Choir Director/Organist/  
Accompanist: Cathy Hoadley

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  
Last Sunday is May 5<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday Schedule (Sept.-May):

Confirmation 4:00pm  
Meal 5:00pm  
Worship 6:00pm  
May 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day  
of the meal & worship  
Choir Practice 6:45pm

### Church Office Hours:

8-4 - Mon.-Thurs.  
8-Noon - Friday  
8-Noon - Sunday



### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, May 5:** Affirmation of Baptism at the 10:45 service
- Wednesday, May 8:** Community Baccalaureate Service at OFHS Auditorium, 7:00pm
- Saturday, May 11:** Adopt-A-Highway clean-up, 10:00am at church. Lunch afterward. Anyone 11 or over is welcome!
- Sunday, June 16:** ASP sending during 9:00am worship at church  
Lake Martha Days community service in Central Park at 10:00am  
Lake Martha Days food stand clean-up at 2:30pm
- Friday, June 21:** ASP mission trip leaves for Carrie, Kentucky
- Sunday, June 30:** ASP trip returns
- Saturday, July 13:** OELC Summer Fest 2024 with special guest Nashville recording artist Eric Chesser



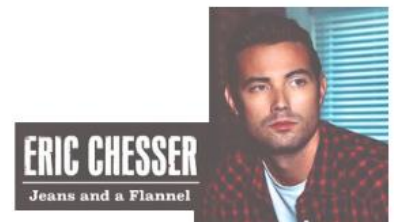
Thank you to all who have attended **Wednesday Night Worship** in 2023-2024. With confirmation classes ending, the final Wednesday Night Worship will be May 1. Plan to join us again this fall! Special thanks to the band Kingdom 3:16 for providing live music each month.

The **Lake Martha Days** committee has asked OELC to organize a crew to do clean-up of the food stand inside the Osseo Community Center on Sunday, June 16. Start time is 2:30pm, and we hope to be done by 4:00. Many hands make light work! Sign up in the hallway at church or contact Pastor Dave.



The tradition of mission trips with **Appalachia Service Project** continues at OELC! This year's trip departs Friday, June 21 for the town of Carrie in Knott County, Kentucky, returning Sunday, June 30. A special time of sending will be included in an abbreviated 9:00 worship service on Sunday, June 16, prior to the community worship service at Central Park.

**Mark your calendars! OELC Summer Fest 2024** is coming Saturday, July 13 at Central Park in Osseo. We're excited to welcome **national country recording artist Eric Chesser** to Garber Bandshell. Eric has played at Country Jam, Lakes Jam (Brainerd, MN), and other festivals and college events around the country, and is part of this year's Country Fest line-up in Cadott. He's shared the stage with some of country music's biggest stars, such as Luke Bryan, Eric Church, Dierks Bentley, and many more. His blend of contemporary and traditional country sounds and his positive lyrics make him a crowd favorite. Music starts at 6:00pm. A suggested donation of \$20 per person is requested.



# MUSIC NOTES

## *Music Ministry and Me*

Now that I am two months in as your new organist/pianist and Chancel Choir director, and hopefully temporary choir accompanist, I wanted to take a moment to tell you a little about my music background, approach to music ministry, and toss out potential possibilities as we move forward.

Let's start with a 60 second review of my music background. Music ministry days started in high school playing piano for the new "contemporary" choir. The church organist showed me some stuff and gave me a key (!) to the church so I could play around. On to college where I studied piano and voice, sang in choirs, served as a concert choir officer, accompanied many recitals, participated in Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity for Women (professional, not social), and served as an officer there, too. My last 2 quarters of college I took organ lessons.

Right after I was hired for my first (of two) music teaching jobs, I was hired for my first paid church job as choir director. I spent the next 25 years teaching full-time and doing music ministry with piano and/or voice on and off, whenever the Spirit called until full-time teaching, parenting, life became overwhelming and then had to take breaks.

I have been fortunate to work alongside music ministers and attend a few workshops as well. It formed my approach to music ministry as just that...a ministry in the church. Music ministry done well leads God's people to practice our faith in meaningful and memorable ways, teaches one another the wisdom of God, and worships God with hearts thankful for who He is and all that He has done. ([The Ministry of Music Ministry \(tms.edu\)](http://tms.edu)). Message is the primary focus. Please pray that we may do music ministry well!

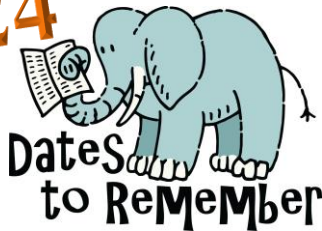


Lastly, I'd like to toss out possibilities and invitations for our future. Obviously, I am only one person and I believe no one intends for me to spend 24/7 engaged in church music. However, there are lots of ways to be involved in music ministry. Obviously, there is the Chancel Choir, and we need a couple of accompanists. As you may have already noticed, I like to include a variety of music in worship. Choirs, solos/small vocal ensembles, instruments, praise band for some Sundays, etc. Even if you have the tiniest niggle of desire to do something musical on an occasional or monthly basis, let's talk! ([hoadleyc70@outlook.com](mailto:hoadleyc70@outlook.com); 763-226-8218)

I am pumped to be here in this place and in this time with you. I think we will make beautiful music together!

Cathy Hoadley

2024



May 2024

- 1 Confirmation Rehearsal & Photo (6:30)
- 5 All Grades Sing (8:15)  
Affirmation of Baptism (10:45)  
Last day of Sunday School - kids done at 9:15
- 19 1-Worship Service Begins at 9am
- 27 Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**CLASS OF 2024!**

- Lucas Frase
- Hanna Giacomino
- Brayden Hooker
- \*Brogan Korger
- \*Karmen Paulus
- Mason Scheffer
- Hayden Smith
- \*Benji Tietjens
- Devyn Vojtik
- Brian Zimmerman

\*Awarded Endowment Scholarship

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Class of 2028 Confirmands!**

- Henry Cash
- Dalton Clark
- Adyson Curtis
- Davian Diaz
- Aidan Everson
- Izabella Kuehn
- Holden McCray
- Alexis Ness
- Addison Olsen
- Sophie Pernsteiner
- Jianna Scheffer
- Kiearra Sieg
- Ty Skoyen

Annual & Monthly Set Dates

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

**Article from front page:**

**True Transformation Comes Through Fellowship** – When we take our place in the church, we find true growth and true discipleship. Real life change comes not just with more information and training, but in the context of transformational relationships. We cannot expect to grow in Christ while only sampling the meal He has provided us. Full membership in His family means being known, being challenged, being held accountable. It means giving of ourselves to a people and a mission that are our own. It means living out the Gospel by loving our brothers and sisters in Christ even when it’s hard – and so bringing glory to the name of the Lord.

**Following Christ’s Call to Come Together** – We should not be surprised by Peter’s communal view of the church. He learned it from Jesus as one of His disciples. In fact, Jesus’ final night with His disciples was spent in a shared family meal. This meal defined the church.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus affirmed that togetherness is essential to the Christian life. This family meal cannot be digitized, downloaded, or delivered. It is the birthright of the family of God. It is time we eat of it together.

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**MAY Birthdays**  
**HAPPY Birthday FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY**

- 1 Chris Halvorson, Wyatt Ramseier, Jerrad Martinson, Krystal Martinson
- 2 Sharon Nelson, Oliver Daffinson
- 3 Travis Hagen
- 4 Kadance Wampole, Blake Johnson
- 5 Raneau Myhre
- 6 Clay Freitag
- 7 Brett Boortz, Mary Solberg, Kayla Hulett, Jesse Larson
- 8 Elizabeth Cuddy, Eleice Dahl, Stuart Dodge, Bob Johnson, Carter Welke, Jeff Dodge
- 9 Allie Daffinson, Lizzie Jacobson
- 10 Sharon Steinke, Paisley Mish
- 11 Sophia Scheffer, Delores Gabler
- 12 Chuck Julson, Orlin Fremstad, Alexis Stibor
- 13 Jack Vold, Marilyn Ives, Layne Mish
- 14 Mariah Steinke, Vivianne Hart
- 15 Mary Sterry
- 16 Mark Nix, Jean Julson, Sara Swenson
- 17 Nancy Gunderson
- 18 Andy Gunderson, Gloria Berg
- 19 Niki Torpen, Brayden Hooker, Eilene Muenkel
- 20 David Higley, Blake Moldenhauer
- 21 Mark Diehl, Mark Kubishak, Hazel Halvorson
- 22 Shannon Hasz, Traci Loonstra, Jennifer Martinson, Brenna Seefeldt, Brody Seefeldt
- 23 Will Mazur
- 24 Kasey Fremstad, Cody Severson, Pat Skoug
- 25 Rosemary Twesme, Becky Adams
- 28 Scott Swett, Braeden Metzler, Kaia Metzler
- 29 Stephanie Higley
- 30 Abby Groell, Tairyn Velie, Mabel Walter

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



## 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](mailto:oelc@trivest.net). Payment can be made by check payable to "OELC" or online (still email to let me know what it is for).



**BULLETINS  
 SECURITY SYSTEM  
 NEWSLETTER**  
 in the church office

## 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

## These ministries are taking the summer off:



The ladies of OELC meet for monthly bible study on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 its meaning. All studies are held at OELC in the Family Room.



The Quilters meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 10-4. Bring a sack lunch. Everyone is welcome.



**Held in the west room at the Norske Nook at 8 am on the first Tuesday of the month, September through May.**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**  
Kingdom priorities, Parable of the great banquet  
*Reading: Luke 14:15-24*

## These ministries are not taking the summer off:

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Beginning in June, coffee fellowship will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ July 7<sup>th</sup> ~  
August 4<sup>th</sup>



Gatherings are on the first Wednesday of the month.

All are welcome!  
For more information:  
Lorna - 715-590-2159

### Thrift Sale Season is here again! Donations needed!

OELC looks forward to our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Thrift Sale to be held with the OELC Fall Bazaar!  
Saturday, September 28, 2024

We again need you to make it another great success! Spring cleaning? Having a thrift sale? Will you be sending off items to an area thrift shop? If those items are in great shape, consider OELC for the "thrift shop" drop-off. (NO clothing please.) Can you box up and keep until our fall sale? Please see us at church or give us a call...

Maggie @715-597-3287 or Judy at 715-597-2416  
Thank you so much!!!

## General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through April 29, 2024  
With Comparison to 2023 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2024	2023		
LOC/trans/int.	9,879	825		
All offerings	92,865	102,109		
Other Gen.	13,652	6,546		
	<b>116,396</b>	<b>109,480</b>		
<u>Expenses</u>	2024	2023	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Pastoral Staff	67,412	81,307	188,370	24%
Non-Pastoral Staff	25,673	27,686	64,899	22%
Worship & Music	1,607	870	3,964	21%
Ministries & Committees	549	183	2,201	20%
Church Property	24,819	20,277	37,466	24%
Parsonage	2,714	2,882	8,539	21%
Admin/Office	3,122	3,685	7,240	22%
Line of Credit	10,281	0		
Non-Op Exp.	3,920	2,768	-	-
	<b>140,097</b>	<b>139,840</b>		



### 1-1-2024 Beginning Balance in General Operating Fund ~

**\$ 27,422**

+ 116,396 (Revs.)

\$ 143,818

(- 140,097) (Exps.)

**\$ 3,721**

**~ balance on 4/29/2024**

### Other Fund Balances:

Mission: \$ 2,305

Special: \$ 51,126

Debt: \$ 100

Youth: \$ 5,528

### Line of Credit:

OELC owes \$ 11,510

## DISCIPLESHIP AT OELC - TIME & TALENT SURVEY

Jesus came to serve humankind. Followers of Christ also serve in their families, communities, workplaces, and the church. The Holy Spirit has given each person a gift to be used for the common good. Ask God to help you determine how you can serve at OELC.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we text you?      YES      NO

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Months you are not available: (i.e. snowbird):  
\_\_\_\_\_

### LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEES -

*Most committees must meet quarterly at a minimum.*

- Altar Guild - care for linens & banners; change paraments as needed.
- Audit - audit church accounts in January - 3 yr. term.
- Buildings & Grounds - maintain & repair at church & parsonage.
- Christian Education - focus on Sunday school.
- Council - leadership of OELC - 3 yr. term - elected; meet monthly.
- Endowment - Elected position - 3 yr. term
- Evangelism/Outreach - bring people to church.
- Finance/Stewardship - ensure financial stability; Plan budget; develop good programs.
- Nominating - find new members for church council; 1 yr. term
- Personnel - review employment policies; staff reviews & support.
- Special Gifts - oversee memorial gifts to OELC.
- Worship - pertains to all things worship-music, ushers, communion assistants, lectors, pastor, etc.

### FELLOWSHIP

- Sunday Coffee - between services; make, prep, serve, and/or donate.
- Wednesday Meal - prep, serve, clean, and/or donate.
- Help with "Events"
- Provide bars/cookies (for events)

### MINISTRIES - meet as needed, weekly, and/or monthly

- Breakfast Club - part of stewardship
- Green Team - Creation Care - environment, climate, recycling, etc.
- Harvest Dinner - help plan, cook, clean, set-up, etc. Need younger committee members.

### Ministries continued...

- Library - organize, label, procure books, check out/in, etc.
- Music Ministry - many opportunities to be creative!
- Prayer Shawl Ministry - Knit? Crochet? Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month from 1-3pm
- Quilting Ministry - wash, iron, cut squares, tie, sew; Can do at home or meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 10am-4pm
- Visiting Partners - visit homebound members.
- Women of OELC/WELCA - women's ministry

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School Superintendent
- Teach Sunday School
- Aide for Sunday School
- Substitute teacher for Sunday School
- Confirmation Mentor
- Confirmation Instructor
- Christmas Program Helper

Adult Bible Study:

Lead       Attend

- Vacation Bible School Director
- VBS Assistant

### WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship Volunteer

- Greeter
- Usher
- Communion Assistant - prep, serve & clean up.
- Lector - read the lessons during worship.
- Schedule worship assistants - typically a member of the Worship Committee

Music Volunteer

- Piano accompanist
- Sing in a choir
- Play a musical instrument  
What instrument? \_\_\_\_\_
- Assist with Children's Sunday school music
- Youth Praise Choir
- Video cameras - livestream
- Create announcement videos
- Audio/Sound booth

over 

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

- Custodian fill-in
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Painter
- Plumber
- Office Machines
- Audio-visual equipment
- "Handyman"
- Landscaping

**TECHNOLOGY**

- Computer hardware
- Computer networks
- Website updating
- Social media posting
- Church software assistant (Realm)
- Power point presentations/Videos

**YOUTH & FAMILY**

- Wednesday night helpers
- Chaperone
- Driver
- Provide snacks
- Mission trips
  - Age Preference:  Middle School
  - High School
- Event planning/facilitating/helping
- Fundraising
- Attending Luther Park Bible Camp

**SOCIAL & COMMUNITY**

- Tri County Food Pantry - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday
- Ruby's Pantry - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
- OELC Mini-Food pantry - keep stocked & updated
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Adopt-a-Highway - Fall & Spring
- Community Service Projects - organize &/or participate

**OFFICE**

- Assistant to the Parish Administrator
- Answer office phone
- Fill-in for Parish Administrator
- Odd jobs & organizing
- Sunday morning office - open & close
- Volunteer scheduling
- Duties as needed
- Assemble mailings &/or bulletins
- Update membership database
- Money counter
- Member phone calls

**OTHER**

- Decorate for events
- Photography
- Historian
- Clean/update children's activity bags

**Anything not listed on this survey?**

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**IDEAS for OELC Events/Programs/Ministries:**

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If you would like to take this survey online, go to [www.oelc.org](http://www.oelc.org) and click the "Discipleship Survey" button on the homepage.



# MY MOTHER

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Please join us for Sunday Worship  
Sundays  
8:15 & 10:45  
9:00am (Summer)  
Wednesdays  
Begins in September - 6:00 Service in Chapel  
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.