



Monthly Newsletter of  
**Osseo  
 Evangelical  
 Lutheran  
 Church**

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**NOVEMBER 2021 | [www.oelc.org](http://www.oelc.org) | [oelc@trivest.net](mailto:oelc@trivest.net) | Pastors Terry Lorenz & David Hoadley**

**2021**



No  
 Thanksgiving Eve  
 Service this year

**OELC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Midweek Advent services will be:  
 Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 6:00pm

Christmas Eve ~ 2 Services:

4:30pm (live streamed) & 6:30pm  
 (Sign-up not required this year)

Christmas Day Worship at 9:00am  
 Sunday, Dec. 26 ~ 9:00am  
 Lessons & Carols



**Attention Youth!!!**

Are you interested in ASP 2022????

If so, you will be receiving a letter with some details.  
 Pastor Dave needs to know if you are interested.  
 The letter will contain a questionnaire about your  
 interest and the best way to get in touch with you.  
 Please return that interest form by Nov. 7th.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

(Remember to set your clock back before you go sleep)

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Custodians:  
 Nikki & Carl Holmen  
 Mia Nicolai

Financial Assistants:  
 Shirley Bagley & Betty Ward

**Sunday Schedule**

Worship Services:  
 8:15 & 10:45am

**Sunday School:**

9:30 am

**Wednesday Schedule:**

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

# OELC FRIENDSHIP CLUB SEEKING INPUT FOR 2021 OUTING



***Our Friendship Club is looking for input on an outing we hope to put together before the end of 2021. Below are a few suggestions that we came up with that are within a day's travel - to and from. If you have other suggestions we'd certainly consider them as well. Once we've decided on a destination, we'll be in search of a place to stop after the exhibit for lunch. These outings are open to folks in the congregation as well as friends and family.***

## **#1 JAMES J HILL HOUSE**

Built in late 1800s and was the largest and most expensive home in MN  
Extravagant wood carvings all over, rich in history, just a really cool house. Located on historic Summit Ave. Tours are guided and timed and currently participants have to wear a mask during the tour. \$10 each for seniors

## **#2 SCIENCE MUSEUM**

Currently the special exhibit is Days of Dinosaurs. It features brand-new exhibits, movies, live experiences, open paleontology labs, as well as the recently expanded Dinosaurs & Fossils gallery. Senior rate is \$17. Masks are required

## **#3 MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART**

Free, currently advanced reservations are not required (a few times during COVID they've required reservations) MIA has over 90,000 artworks, Mia's collection includes art from six continents, spanning about 5,000 years. Masks strongly encouraged, but currently not required.

## **#4 MN HISTORY CENTER**

Three featured exhibits right now: Sinclair Lewis, Extraordinary Women, and Native Minnesota \$10 Senior admission  
There's also an semi-permanent exhibit that may be particularly of interest. It's on the third floor and it's called Minnesota's Greatest Generation. This exhibit beckons visitors to explore the generation's accomplishments, sacrifices, disappointments, challenges, and enduring legacy."

## **#5 MCNEELY CONSERVATORY (COMO ZOO)**

Free, but advance reservations are required. Currently the zoo & conservatory are set up as a one-way walking path. The zoo is first but if you wish to skip it there is a marked shortcut you can take soon after entering. Masks required.

**Note:** we did consider adding the Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN but it is closed from October 25, 2021, to Spring of 2022 for extensive remodeling.

***Please let us know if you have a preference for one of the above outing suggestions or if you have another idea you like us to check into. It may be possible, if the logistics work out, for us to visit more than one exhibit while we're in the area.***

*Come join our  
Friendship Club*

Responses may be directed to Pastor Terry at:  
email: [pastorterrylorenz@tcc.coop](mailto:pastorterrylorenz@tcc.coop)  
text or call: 715-533-8121 or 715-597-3213  
Thank you for your consideration.



*“39 years ago, I said to Virginia Haugen, you know, this church really should host a meatball dinner.”*

That was the first thing Pastor Roger Benrud, who was next in the queue for the most recent Harvest Dinner, said to me when he rolled down his driver’s side window. And then with his slightly crooked smile appearing on his face he turned and glanced behind his car at too many more to count and then ahead to the few that stood between him and enjoying the fruits of his long-ago suggestion. “Enjoy the evening.”, he said. And he was gone.

The steady flow of incoming cars coupled with my assigned duties of dividing and directing traffic kept me from pondering the suggestion to ‘enjoy the evening’ much for the next two hours of busyness. It was finally, upon reentering our church from the north side when my work was done and making my way to towards the fellowship hall, that I realized the true wisdom of Pastor Benrud’s advice.

Tables had been knocked askew from their impromptu workstation arrangements, emptied roasting pans were scattered here and there, backpacks belonging to kids who had come right from school to help lined the pews in the narthex, and the remains of supplies used to pack dinners-to-go lay about. In short, the church showed signs of use and life such as we don’t often see. I do not know how many cars came through our two makeshift drive-thru lanes, but I am told that we fed just shy of 986 people in less than 2 hours. That sort of pace, my friends, inherently produces a sort of controlled chaos. It is a welcomed version of chaos, such as when family comes home for the holidays or when friends stop by unannounced and take us out of our normal routines to enjoy the pleasure of their company for as long as it will last.

For me personally, the greatest part of enjoying the evening was listening to the sound of God’s people just being together. There were young and old, men and women, long-time helpers and first-time helpers all sharing in the blessings of hard work, laughter, service, reunion, tiredness, excitement, and gratefulness. I stood outside the fellowship hall longer than I needed to, but I was taken up in the moment. I thought to myself, he was right nearly 40 years ago and he’s still right, this church really should host a meatball dinner. Thanks to our dedicated Harvest Dinner Committee members and to the many, many faithful other helpers who work so well together we are able to continue to do so and bless our community with a very enjoyable evening indeed.

God’s peace and joy to all,  
Pastor Terry Lorenz

# THANK YOU!



**OELC BLESSED BY THE HANDS OF SKILLED CRAFTSMAN**  
Once again Bob Rongstad has directed his wood working skills to serve the needs of our church. This past week Bob finished a beautiful credence table made of cherry wood for our chapel. This addition to our chapel will be placed directly behind the altar to accommodate components of the sound system hidden out of sight on the lower shelf as well as items needed for worship on top of the table. Funds for this table were given in loving memory of Alvina Hagen. Thanks be to God for all gifts given to His glory.

**Framed Prints Given in Loving Memory**  
The Family of Alvina M. Hagen has donated memorial money to purchase two framed prints, The Good Shepherd and In the Shepherd’s Care, for the Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church. The prints, which have been hung on the columns outside the double doors in the back of the sanctuary, greet folks as they arrive for worship. Alvina, who was baptized, attended Sunday School, and was confirmed at OELC entered into her eternal keeping on November 6, 2020. Thanks be to God for all good gifts given in support of the well-being of His holy church. And thanks be to God for His eternal keeping of His precious children.

**Fall Clean Up At OELC.** - We wish to thank Rosemary Twesme and Tim Freidhof for their work in trimming and cleaning up our landscaping around the church. We are blessed to have many good and faithful stewards who help to care for our church grounds.

### Fall WELCA Bazaar & Thrift Sale – SUCCESS!

Although the bazaar was virtual again, Amy McCune & Sam Anderson did a great job. PLEASE consider taking over for them. New blood is needed and will be very appreciated (Amy & Sam will help, too).



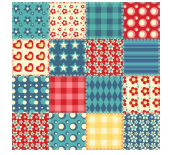
**Many Hands Make LIGHT Work**

The Harvest Dinner would not be possible without the many hands that make it happen. So many people to thank:  
Everyone who donated money!  
Everyone who helped prep the meal!  
Everyone who helped serve the meal!  
Everyone who cleaned up after the meal!  
The outstanding committee who tirelessly makes sure everything is ordered, picked up, organized, people are called, volunteers are fed, and so much more: Allyson Barka, Linda Dahl, Mary Gunderson, Nancy Gunderson, Kathy Sieg, Jack Vold & Kay Vold.  
Various donations of food & supplies: Mike & Ann Hallum-Subway, Terri & Scott Swett, Lake Martha Days, Osseo Fire Dept., Kwik Trip, the Norske Nook, Harlan & Iris Bemis.

Income:	\$1875
Expenses:	<u>\$329.50</u>
Profit:	<b>\$1545.50</b>

The thrift sale added \$900 to the amount above. Thanks to Maggie Luallen, Rosemary Twesme, Judy Kolar, Carol Skoyen, Allyson Barka, and Sue Coey for putting together another successful sale. And to Pastor Terry, Pastor Dave, Jack Vold & Brad Vold for helping to set up. And for all who donated their treasures.

WELCA raised \$2,445.50 to continue to do their ministry for OELC and the community.



## Quilting Rockstars!

On October 3rd, 97 quilts of various sizes & colors were displayed on the altar rails at both church services. Pastor Terry gave his blessing on the quilts before they were packed in boxes the following week for distribution.



Forty (40) were taken by Curt & Carol Skoyen to Our Redeemer in Eau Claire on Saturday, Oct. 9th where they were loaded into trucks for their final destination to various needy countries around the world.

About 25 were set aside to be taken to Whitlehall by Rosemary Twesme for social services distribution in the county. Twelve (12) were baby quilts. Several quilts were set aside here at church for emergency needs in the Osseo area as they arise. I'm sure many of our church members have questions as to where do we get our materials, what do we need for us to make such colorful, beautiful creations, who can join our group of ladies to help, and do I need to know how to sew?

Much of our fabric is donated, including bedsheets (flat or fitted). Flannel is used for the baby quilts & we will now start to make some lap robes for the residents at Osseo-Dove. Courderoy & polyester can also be used for the middle. Our "behind-the-scenes" seamstress

is JoAnn Rongstad who has kept us provided with the many colorful & beautiful tops in the various sizes.

If you know how to thread a needle & tie a square knot, you can help us quilt.

Our current quilting group is: Carol Skoyen, Shirley Bagley, Mary Solberg, Marcella Mitskogen, Sara Boetcher, Kay Vold, Linda Dahl, Mary Sterry

and Donna (Runge) Fonner.

If any of you know of someone who is in need of a quilt, please let one of us know.

If any of you are cleaning closets or know of someone who sewed and want their fabric to have a good home, we would love to have it.

Also, in the same shipment to Eau Claire on Oct. 9th, several school kits, health kits & baby layettes were sent overseas. The items in these kits were mostly donated but some items had to be purchased to complete them. The cost for shipping overseas is expensive and that is paid for by our OELC Church Women (WELCA)

Any monetary donations or memorials to help further our ministries would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

*Your Quilting Ladies in Christ*



## November Birthdays

- 1 Deb Gregory, Jennifer Gunderson, Haddie Lange, Denny Lindell, Mark Rosentretter, Carol Skoyen, Harper Spurling, Bev Stensen
- 2 Brandan Ames
- 3 Jenny Brixen, Holly Groell, Corryn Hugdahl, Garrett Nix, Mac Waloway
- 4 Lily Bohlinger, Wake Diehl, Abby Heath, Brianna Sass
- 5 Kyra Lutzen, Karlin Olson, Leah Reynolds
- 6 Kevin Halvorson
- 7 Shelley Christopherson, Jake Knuth, Lisa Newcomb, Maggie Luallen, Jackie Tiller
- 8 Naomi Bodway, Jeremy Hanson, Gwen Skoyen
- 9 Vayda Bertrang
- 10 Melanie Gaulke, Gennifer Jesunas, Devin Nelson, Lori Reynolds, Maggie Seefeldt, Curt Skoyen
- 11 Laura Barka, Abby Clouse, Sheldon Duncan, Yvonne Halderson, Wyatt Olson
- 12 Drew Johnson, Rachel Moseley, Maddy Mulcahy, Kay Vold
- 13 Carissa Apland, Westin Quilling, Jean Schermetzler, Dylan Torpen, Shania Vold, Jimi Zawacki
- 14 Delores Erickson, Phillip Knapcik
- 15 Arnold Haugen, Kennedy Olson, Jim Severson
- 16 Kaylene Hanson, Cindy Hong, Lydia Jensen, Kaitlin Nix
- 17 Bowen Hallum, Tali Haugen, Korynn Metzler, Eric Rogness
- 18 Lindsey Hart, John Haugen, Dylan Klindworth
- 20 Joshua Kittelson
- 21 Zander Creason
- 23 Barbara Hicks, Makayla Steinke
- 24 Abby Kempf, Ashton Oliver, Ayva Oliver, Tom Twesme
- 25 Shelby Johnson, Dane Stafford
- 26 Tony Brixen, Chad Frase
- 27 Joshua Hicks, Ronette Ward
- 29 Renae Chase, Ivadell Vradenburg
- 30 Dan Biesen, Oaklyn Hallum, Arlene Matye

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl Gathering will be Wednesday, Nov. 3rd from 1:00-3:00pm. 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.—4PM.

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 on the first Tuesday morning of the month. Please help spread the word that all are welcome to attend our monthly sessions.

**Our next bible study will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 8 a.m. at the Norske Nook and will be based on 1 Kings 17:1-24 and is entitled "God Cares."** 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, December 7<sup>th</sup>

"Hope for Healing"

Luke 24:13-35

## 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 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 it's meaning. All studies are held in the Family Room.

Although the Gathering has been postponed a year, we are still super excited to be with you in 2022 to experience God's boundlessness in Minneapolis. Print this page and cut out the new poster details to attach to your 2021 Gathering poster. Make sure to snap a picture and tag us on social media!



## 2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

**NEW DATES. SAME BOUNDLESS GOD.**

#ELCAYG2022

July 24-28, 2022

Minneapolis, MN

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### Confirmation

Wednesdays

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### 2021-2022 IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/14 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.
- 11/28 —NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break
- 12/19 —4K-6th grade CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 8:15 a.m.
- 12/26 —NO 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.

## 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 \$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.

**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](http://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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 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.



Nov. 7th Fall Back – Daylight Savings  
 Nov. 8th Boxes due back at church for Young Adults  
 Nov. 25th Community Thanksgiving Meal Drive-thru at OELC  
 Dec. 1st WELCA Christmas Buffet  
 Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22 Midweek Advent Service at 6:00pm  
 Dec. 19th Sunday School Christmas Program (8:15)  
 Dec. 24th Candlelight Services at 4:30pm (live streamed) & 6:30pm  
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 Dec. 25th Christmas Day Service at 9:00am  
 Dec. 26th Lessons & Carols Service at 9:00am  
 May 4th, 2022 WELCA Salad Luncheon  
 July 24-28, 2022 National ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis