



Monthly Newsletter of
Osseo
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church

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PARISH VISITOR

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



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: Gloria Anderson, 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, Kwik Trip, the Norske Nook, Thrivent, Harlan & Iris Bemis.

The committee members work continually for 3 days, with lots of hours before the week of the supper too. They are an amazing group of dedicated OELC members, but they need some “younger” help. Please consider joining this committee. It is very satisfying and benefits your church immensely.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:
9:00am
8:15 & 10:45

Sunday School

(Sept.-May): 9:30am

Wednesday Schedule

(Sept.-May):

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

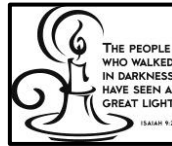
Church Hours:

8-4 - Mon.-Thurs.
8-Noon - Friday
8-10:30 - Sunday



2022 Midweek 6 p.m. Advent Worship Services

As I begin writing this article it's early Friday morning and the snow is falling at a pace and volume to sufficiently cover rooftops, lawns and cars parked around the church neighborhood. It seems fitting as I have just finished the order of worship for our midweek Advent worship services which will begin on Wednesday, November 30th.



This year, as in past years, our Wednesday Worship services in the chapel will be suspended as we move into the main sanctuary for our

four midweek Advent services. Our goal for this year's Advent services is to provide a time and place to experience God in the following themes:

Wednesday November 30th

Do Less

Wednesday, December 7th

Experience Wonder

Wednesday, December 14th

Hold on to Hope

Wednesday, December 21st

God's Faithfulness

I have always found evening worship services to lend themselves to a different sorta feel to the gathering. Our Advent services for this year will be punctuated with purposeful times of silence and reflection; along with the other expected components.

It would be great to see you at worship, to hear your voice as we join together in song praising our Lord, and to prepare with you for the arrival and return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Come, let us prepare the way together.

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



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

A Word About Lutheran World Relief and the Care Kits They Distribute Globally

For decades women of OELC have faithfully provided help globally through School Kits, Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits, and quilts. There is no way to tally the number of items that have been donated, the number of kits and quilts that have been put together and shipped, the number of lives that have been changed for the better. A more faithful way to think about this work may be to simply state: there is no way imagine the power and potential when we reach out to another in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

There is still much to do and much that can be accomplished through these simple acts of kindness coordinated through Lutheran World Relief. They remain a strong and relevant ministry for a world in need.

In order to remain engaged and effective in supporting LWR the women of our church could use our help. They are in need of additional members of any age or gender who desire to help with collecting, assembling, and transporting (to Eau Claire) the kits and quilts given in Jesus' name. For more information on this LWR ministry see the other article in this newsletter or visit the LWR website today.



Associate Pastor's Page

I recently saw a post on Facebook which quoted two verses from chapter 28 of Deuteronomy that are part of a long warning from Moses regarding the consequences of the Israelites disobeying God. The two verses mention alien residents gaining influence and financial gain while the Israelites lose those items, and other nations ruling over Israel. Though it doesn't say so outright, the thinly veiled implication of the Facebook post is that the Bible predicts that immigrants will take over nations and control the culture, an attitude that has in recent years increasingly become the basis for anti-immigration prejudice in the US.

This post is a misuse of scripture, as it “cherry-picks” two verses out of the over 600 laws God gave to Moses and tries to force them to fit the interpretation one person wants others to believe. However, in context, Moses is telling the people, “If you Israelites disobey God’s commands and worship other gods and idols, then resident aliens and other nations will reap the benefits you’re rejecting through your disobedience.” If Israel is conquered by other nations and the crops fail, the blame goes to the misdeeds of the Israelites, not of the resident aliens or immigrants.

What the post also conveniently ignores is that verses elsewhere in Deuteronomy disagree with its conclusion. The laws of Moses that refer to resident aliens and strangers include: paying their wages on time; providing them food and clothing; setting aside part of the harvest for them; especially ensuring them justice; leaving of crops in the fields and vineyards for them; and many others. More than once, Moses says, “Remember that you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

I don't know all of my genealogy, but I know that my maternal grandfather was the first of his family to be born in the US. On my dad's side, my grandmother's grandparents came over from Norway. Unless of Indigenous heritage, I would suspect most American citizens are less than a handful of generations removed from immigrant ancestors.

The blather that immigrants are coming here to take our jobs and drain the welfare system has no basis in reality. It's a scare tactic being used by people who are afraid that the power that Northern European descendants have had for centuries in this country might be coming to an end in favor of more equity for people of all heritages. Instead of fighting immigration, perhaps we can embrace it as a chance to broaden our understanding of the “neighbor” Jesus called—no, commanded us to love. And as Bill Cosby used to say at the start of his Saturday morning cartoon show, “You just might learn something before you're through.”

Blessings,

Pastor Dave

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Do you use SIMPLY GIVING???

If yes, we need to talk. OELC will be discontinuing Simply Giving at the end of the year. The transition will be easy, and nothing will change except for how the money is recorded in the church office. I will be giving you a new form to fill out. I will answer all questions and help anyone set-up their new giving system. If you choose to let me, do it for you, you will have to do nothing. If you want more control of your recurring giving (i.e., add \$5 each month 😊), you will have more to do. The options are somewhat endless in providing your offerings to OELC.

Simply Giving Users: You'll be hearing from me soon ~ Molly



TCC E-Mail Transition Let OELC know your NEW E-Mail Address, please.

With TCC discontinuing their residential e-mail addresses by the end of 2022, anyone who has changed their email address needs to let the church office know your new address.

**Annual Committee Reports due Dec. 1st
Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 29th, 2023**

POINSETTIA SALES – SOON!

Be on the lookout for purchasing a Poinsettia for Christmas. They will go on sale soon. Watch for an announcement in the bulletin, then head over to the table outside the office to sign-up. Prices have yet to be determined, but they are a wonderful way of beautifying the church during the holiday season and honoring/remembering loved ones.

Important Confirmation Dates:

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

- No Class
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 - UCC church at 7 p.m.
 - Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Confirmation Classes are suspended during the season of Lent. Students are expected to attend Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

- Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)
- 10:45 worship service

2022-2023 Church Dates-to-Remember

November 2022

- 6th Daylight Savings Ends (Fall Back)
- 6th All Saints Day
- 13th Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4th grades (8:15)
- 23rd Thanksgiving Community Service at Osseo-UCC
- 24th Lions Club Thanksgiving Meal
- 27th 1st Sunday of Advent
- 30th Wednesday Advent Services begin (6pm)-No meal

December 2022

- 1st OELC Committee Reports Due
- 7th W/ELCA Christmas Buffet
- 18th Sunday School Christmas Program (10:45)
- 24th Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 & 6:30pm
- 25th Christmas Day Service at 9:00am
- 26th Church Office Closed

January 2023

- 1st Lessons & Carols at 9am (No Communion)
- 4th Wednesday Meal & Worship resumes
- 8th, 15th, & 22nd - 1st Communion Classes (4th Graders)
- 29th OELC Annual Meeting (-9:15am)

February 2023

- 5th 4th graders receive 1st Communion
- 5th Installation of Church Council members
- 12th Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4th grades (8:15)
- 22nd Ash Wednesday – Service at 6pm
- 26th 1st Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 22nd-April 5th – NO Confirmation Classes

March 2023

- 1st Soup Suppers & Lenten services begin
- 12th Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4th grades (8:15)

April 2023

- 2nd Palm Sunday – Possible Chancel Choir Cantata
- 6th Maundy Thursday – Service at 6pm
- 7th Good Friday – Services at Noon & 6pm
- 9th Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at -6:30am
- 12th Confirmation Classes Resume
- 26th Last Day of Confirmation Classes

May 2023

- 3rd Confirmation Rehearsal (6:30)
- 7th Affirmation of Baptism (10:45)
- 21st All Grades Sing for Mother's Day (8:15)
1-Worship Service Begins at 9am; High School Graduates Brunch following Worship & Presentation of Quillows at 9am
- 29th Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

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

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: www.nswsi.org

ELCA WEBSITE: www.elca.org

OELC OFFICE HOURS:

- 8 to 4 - Monday – Thursday
- 8 to Noon - Friday
- Church hours will be modified per activities.



A Huge Thank You to our Bazaar Committee, **Amy McCune** and **Samantha Anderson**, for once again organizing a successful virtual Bazaar. They struggled through COVID and successfully allowed us to continue with the bazaar, although in a different venue. We are grateful for their endurance.

Replacing them beginning in 2023 will be committee members Jayde Bertrang, Gennifer Jesunas, and Amanda Konop. We look forward to our next bazaar and thank you for stepping up and taking the reins!!!

“When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.”
God’s Little Devotional Book

Fall WELCA Bazaar & Thrift Sale – SUCCESS!

Income: 1,006 Thrift Sale
1,195 Raffle Ticket Sales
\$2,921

Net Profit = \$2,427.50

Expenses: 25.50 Raffle License
78 Ad-Delite
260 Stamps
150 Start-up Cash
\$493.50



**“Fall, the beautiful time of year
between heat stroke and frost bite!”**

Anonymous

And now, fall has departed, trees are bare, air is crisp and cold, and our attention turns to Christmas. One of the first events of the season is the W/ELCA Christmas buffet, Wednesday, December 7 at noon. Invite your friends or spouse and remember this is a potluck meal. Bring your favorite dish!

Instead of having a formal program this year, we felt it would be nice to allow time to visit and catch up, to greet our prayer partners (if we have one) and rejoice in song.

A Christmas caroling sing-along will be led by Val and accompanied by Cathy. Signing up for a new prayer partner for 2023 will be available if interested. A question about gifts for prayer partners has been raised and we feel that is entirely an individual decision.

“It’s good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing!!”
and

“Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”
And finally

“The fellow who does things that count doesn’t usually stop to count them.”

November Birthdays

- 1 Deb Gregory, Haddie Lange, Bev Stensen
Denny Lindell, Mark Rosentretter,
Carol Skoyen, Harper Spurling,
- 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,
Chris Fonner, Kelsey Freitag
- 6 Kevin Halvorson
- 7 Shelley Christopherson, Jake Knuth, Lisa
Newcomb, Maggie Luallen
- 8 Naomi Bodway, Jeremy Hanson, Gwen Janke
- 9 Vayda Bertrang
- 10 Melanie Gaulke, Gennifer Jesunas, Devin
Nelson, Lori Reynolds, Maggie Seefeldt, Curt
Skoyen
- 11 Laura Barka, Abby Decker, 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, Jim Severson
- 16 Cindy Hong
- 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
- 26 Tony Brixen, Chad Frase
- 27 Joshua Hicks, Piper Rue, Jennifer Scheller
- 28 Hudson Kittelson
- 29 Renae Chase, Lennon & Julius Keating
- 30 Dan Biesen, Oaklyn Hallum, Arlene
Matye



The Quilters meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10-4
Bring a sack lunch.
Everyone is welcome.
If school is canceled, so is quilting.



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



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 at OELC.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible Study sessions have resumed, *in the Family Room at OELC*. Retired Pastor Donna Fonner and Pastor Terry will take turns leading weekly sessions this year. Topics of discussion will be:

- ♦ The Ten Commandments
- ♦ The Apostles' Creed
- ♦ The Lord's Prayer
- ♦ The Sacraments
- ♦ Holy Baptism
- ♦ Holy Communion
- ♦ The Office of the Keys
- ♦ Confession & Forgiveness

Bible study will take place between worship

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through October 28, 2022
With Comparison to 2021 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2022	2021		
All offerings	203,015	167,434		
Other Gen.	32,952	18,093		
	<u>235,967</u>	<u>185,527</u>		
<u>Expenses</u>	2022	2021	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Misc.	9,629	10,464	0	0
Pastoral Staff	187,870	114,352	53,471	78%
Non-Pastoral Staff	61,458	67,228	21,005	75%
Worship & Music	2,232	3,489	1,268	64%
Ministries & Committees	1,638	1,274	2,062	44%
Church Property	37,325	33,460	6,975	84%
Parsonage	6,118	6,886	2,382	72%
Admin/Office	7,012	6,397	1,738	80%
	<u>313,282</u>	<u>243,550</u>		

YTD Total Income: \$235,967
YTD Total Expenses: \$313,282
Income Less Expenses: (\$77,315)

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).



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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.

Amazon Smile

Do you like to order from Amazon? Now your order can also help support our mission at no extra cost to you. Any order on smile.Amazon.com will generate a 0.5% donation to OELC if you enter the church as your charity to support. Go to www.smile.amazon.com to sign-up today!



TRI COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

3rd Saturday of the Month

At Osseo Rural Fire Station behind Stockman's

10:00-11:00 am

OELC is partnering with the Tri-County Food Pantry to make a limited supply of free food and personal hygiene items, including feminine period products, available to anyone in need between the monthly distribution dates. The Food Pantry will stock items in the Mini-Pantry cabinet just inside the south doors (by the office) and anyone is welcome to come get items whenever the church is open. Please spread the news to others who might make use of this.



FYI: Ruby's Pantry

2nd Tuesday of the month

4:00-5:30pm

Next distribution is Nov. 8th
at the Osseo Fire Station.

Volunteers needed anytime
between 2:00-6:30pm.

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. Text "OELC" to 73256
& follow the prompts
3. Mail your offering envelope to:
OELC
50351 Harmony Street
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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"

November Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Time	Acolyte & Crucifer	Lector	Communion Servers
November 6 th	8:15	Jianna S. & Abby H.	Jane S.	Amy & Brent Mc., Jane S.
	10:45	Aidan E. & McKenzie M.	Angie H.	Traci & Madi L., Jessica M.
November 13 th	8:15	Gauge B. & Kole B.	Denny L.	
	10:45	Tyler & Ben S.	Michael S.	
November 20 th	8:15	Isaiah & Noah G.	Bev F.	
	10:45	Noah K. & Gabe K.	Cindy H.	
November 27 th	8:15	Abby H. & Sara G.	Sharon J.	Deb G., Sharon J., & Val L.
	10:45	Kiearra S. & Jianna S.	Betty W.	Traci & Madi L., Betty W.

Noisy Offering to Support Osseo Ministerial

Our noisy offering for today has been designated by our Worship Committee for the Osseo Ministerial. This is a community fund established by a number of area churches and maintained by OELC. The purpose of the ministerial is to help both sojourners and area residents who are in need of gas money, groceries, lodging, etc. It has been structured in such a way so as to be able to respond quickly to requests in order to help those in need without delay. This has been a blessing numerous times to people who find themselves in need due to unforeseen circumstances, tragedy, weather, or other emergency needs. Our noisy offering is received in the large metal bucket hanging in the sanctuary every last Sunday of the month. Thank you for your consideration of our Noisy Offering ministry.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022-2023

November 13th – 8:15 – 4K-4th Grades sing at Worship Service
 November 27th – Thanksgiving Break – No Sunday School
 December 18th – 10:45 – Christmas Program for ALL Grades;
 Sunday School is at 9:30
 December 25th – Christmas Break – No Sunday School
 January 1st – Christmas Break – No Sunday School
 January 8th – 9:30 – Sunday School resumes for all grades
 January 8th, 15th, & 22nd – First Communion for all 4th Graders
 during the Sunday School hour
 February 5th – 4th Graders receive First Communion at 8:15 service
 February 12th – 8:15 – 4K-4th Grade sing at worship service
 March 12th – 8:15 – 4K-4th Grade sing at worship service
 April 9th – Easter Break – No Sunday School
 May 21st - ***9:00am*** - All Grades Sing
 Please note the time of the worship service
 Last day of Sunday School. Kids will go with their teachers after the children’s sermon and be done with class by 10:00am.

Sunday School
Music
 needs
COFFEE
CANS
 (metal or plastic cans)
 for their
Christmas
Program.
 Please bring cans
with lids to the
 church.

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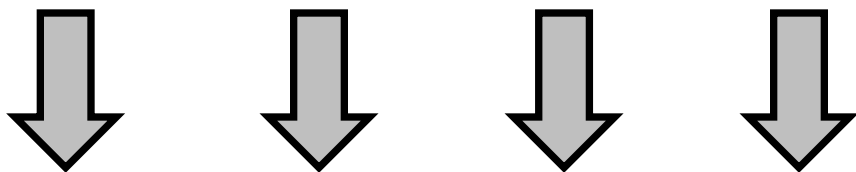


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Time Change Sunday
Sunday, November 6
Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour On Saturday Evening

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8:15 & 10:45
Wednesdays
5:00 meal; 6:00 Service
9:00am (Summer)

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