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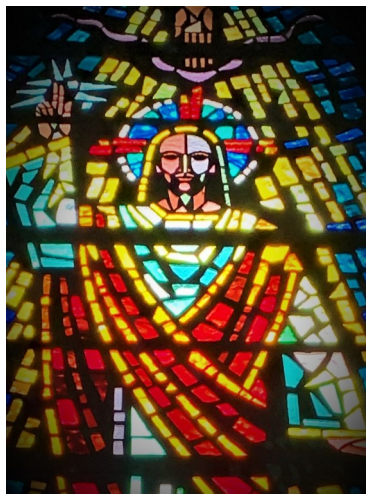
October 2021



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Harvest Dinner - 2021

This year's Harvest Dinner will again be drive-up only. With the overwhelming interest in last year's event and knowing that many didn't get a meal (including the workers) the committee is planning to make MUCH MORE food this year, about 250 more meals than were served last year. Food and supply costs have gone up since last year, but the committee decided to keep the cost of the meals the same, at \$10 each.

We have been blessed for a number of years with the generosity of Scott & Terri Swett's donation of rutabagas, Mike & Ann Hallum's donation of potatoes and Harlan & Iris Bemis' donation of cranberries. In order to keep the meal cost low and defray the rising costs, any monetary donations would be appreciated. Check out the Harvest Supper display near the office at church for an opportunity to contribute toward the cost of meatballs, corn, coleslaw, butter, milk, ingredients for gravy, take out containers, etc. Donations may also be mailed or dropped off in the church office. Thank you for considering helping in this regard.

The committee is also looking for people willing to help in preparation and serving. Masks will be required when working with food. Sign up sheets are available at church, but if you're interested in helping please call the church office and leave your information for the committee to contact you.

Help is needed:

Monday, Oct. 25

9:00am roll meatballs
1:00pm peel rutabagas

Tuesday, Oct. 26

10:00am peel potatoes

Wednesday, Oct. 27 - need help setting up traffic route

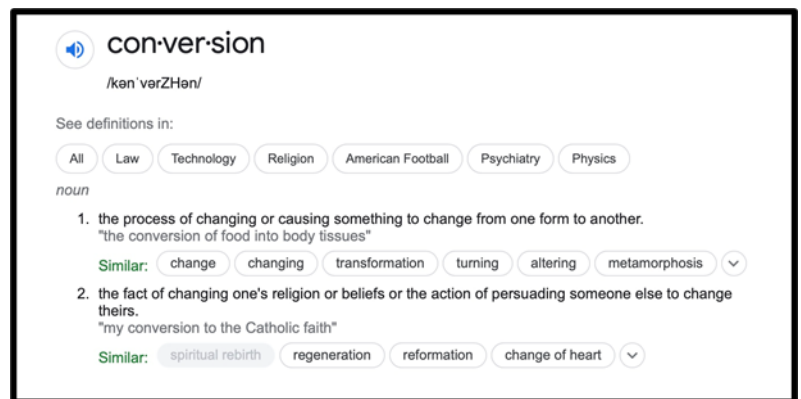
9:00am dish up cranberries, coleslaw, lefse/butter and pumpkin bars
4:00pm dish up hot food
kitchen food runner (to serving stations)
organizing orders / bringing orders to cars
directing traffic
taking \$\$

Thank you,
Harvest Dinner Committee

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP TO RESUME AT OELC

On Wednesday, September 15th our Wednesday Worship Service started up again after a 1 ½ year break due to Covid-19. We have returned to the same line up for the evening at OELC. A light supper meal will be served in the fellowship hall beginning at 5 p.m. and our Wednesday Worship begins in the Chapel at 6 p.m. A free will donation will be received for our supper meals. At of the time of this writing we have the blessing of the meals being provided by the following means: 1 week by Maggie Luallen, 1 week donated by Subway, 1 week provided by OELC, and 1 week provided by various donors. Thank you to all who have offered to provide meals. We do have a few weeks not spoken for so if you can help in this regard it would be greatly appreciated.

For the first four weeks of our return to Wednesday Worship we will take up the issue of conversion as we learn how the experience did and didn't seem to work for 4 very different people in the New Testament. We will take a look at faith changing events that the following people experienced: Saul/Paul, the Ethiopian Eunuch, the rich man who wanted to be perfect, and Nicodemus.



Not all of these biblical characters had the same sort of outward outcome as described in the above definition of a conversion. In short, it can be hard to tell when and if a person's faith has been changed by the experiences life affords or even by the intervention of God Almighty. Come and join us as we consider the Apostle Paul's eye-opening experience, the Ethiopian Eunuch's revealing question, the wealthy man who discovers perfect faith cannot be bought, and we'll end with a trip to see Jesus with the original Nic at Night.

I look forward to seeing you at our Wednesday Worship services,

Pastor Terry Lorenz

Hello, people of OELC! As I join the pastoral staff, I want to tell you a bit about myself and my family and what ministries I hope we can share. If you've been around Osseo for a while and have a good memory, you might recall I did my internship year at OELC from 1996-1997 while Roger Benrud was your pastor. Thus far I have served a large church in Plymouth, MN, a small congregation near the Mall of America, and for the past two-and-a-half years a moderate-sized church in Buffalo, MN. I've also done hospital chaplaincy and was an EMT for Mayo Clinic ambulance, then still called Gold Cross, in the St. Cloud, MN area for ten years. It wasn't the church, but it was definitely ministry!

My wife Cathy is a native of the Buffalo area and we have been married six years. I have a step-son Noah, who is 22 and still living in Buffalo, and a step-daughter Aaron, who is 18 and started college in St. Paul. Cathy had been teaching elementary music for over 25 years, but unforeseen circumstances have her looking for a new path. We feel blessed to be living in the parsonage, and heartily thank those who helped us unload not one, but two truckloads of stuff.

Pastor Terry and I will share Sunday preaching and worship leading, and I'm excited to be teaching the 7th graders as they begin their confirmation instruction. I also want to help the senior high youth reconnect at church as the pandemic restrictions loosen. I will be attending school and community sporting events and other activities as work and life schedule allow.

Something I've never mastered is reading minds. If I do something that irks you, or don't do something you think I should, let me know. If you or someone you know has any kind of pastoral need, crisis or joy, that you'd like me to respond to, let me know. I'd rather have five people tell me the same information than have it missed.

I apologize in advance to those whose faces and names have slipped from my memory over 25 years. It amazes me that the 7th graders I taught that year are now close to 40 years old! Some of the little ones I knew back then have little ones of their own now. I hope I have the chance to reconnect with old friends and make plenty of new ones as we share our faith journeys together. God's blessings! ~ Pastor Dave



Men's Bible Study



The OELC Men's Bible Study Group has resumed meeting on the first Tuesday morning of the month. While the day, location, topic schedule and breakfast format will remain the same, the

time has changed. Our host, The Norske Nook, currently does not open until 8 a.m. This means that our bible study will run from 8 to 9 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Please help spread the word that all are welcome to attend our monthly sessions. **Our next bible study will be held on Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at 8 a.m. at the Norske Nook and will be based on Mark 5:24-34 and is entitled "Lost Identity."** 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.

Future study dates and topics include:
Tuesday, November 2nd - "God Cares" 1 Kings 17:1-24
Tuesday, December 7th - "Hope for Healing" Luke 24:13-35



OELC Ladies Bible Study To Resume

On Wednesday, October 20th the ladies of OELC will reconvene in the Family Room to resume their monthly bible study at 1 p.m. We will

continue with using the bible study found in the Gather magazine. Copies of the magazine and study are available in the church office if you are not a subscriber. Come join us as we study in word, prayer, and faith God's holy Word and its meaning. All subsequent bible study sessions will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Family Room.

How do I...?



Set-up Simply Giving or Online Giving?

Call the church office—715-597-3213 or stop & see Molly in the office on Sundays. She will explain exactly what you need to do. It is very easy and you'll love not having to remember your envelope every Sunday.



When does Molly work? Typically she's in the office by 7:30am, Monday-Thursday. On Wednesdays, she stays until ~6:45pm. She's also at church almost every Sunday. Betty is in the office every Friday morning until Noon.

Please contact the Church Office...

- ⇒ If you have moved.
- ⇒ If you have changed your phone number or email address.
- ⇒ If you want to sponsor anything (see page 5).
- ⇒ If you would like to be on a committee.
- ⇒ If you would like to assist with worship -Usher, Greeter, Lector, Communion Server, Etc.

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 8-4; Friday 8-12

Greetings Women of the church! (W/ELCA)!

I shared this several years ago but feel it is worth repeating: **Pearl Ward was a long time member of our congregation, generous donor, hard worker and Sunday School teacher. Sunday School children were assembling a recipe book of sorts. The recipes were to include a blessing on the back. In digging through my drawer I came across her recipe and this blessing. She wrote, "I've learned that I have never regretted being too generous, but often regretted not being generous enough."**

Financially supporting our church is extremely important but giving generously from the heart is just as rewarding and extremely satisfying for a multitude of reasons: we are helping others and it makes us feel good, but more importantly giving from the heart glorifies God. This giving may come in the form of greeting a neighbor with a friendly smile, sending a card of greeting or support, paying a visit to a shut-in, providing financial support to someone in need or simply sharing a cup of coffee and companionship. By helping others, we act as a conduit for God's love.

God willing our **Christmas Buffet, potluck, scheduled for Wednesday, December 1 at noon** will happen. We have rescheduled the **Heartstrings** to provide a musical Christmas program for us. Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

At this meeting remember the mitten tree, gifts for the Health Care Center and we will also collect our thank offering which we then send in to the W/ELCA headquarters. Prayer partners will be revealed and new ones drawn.

Important dates to remember:

Christmas Buffet December 1, 2021

Salad Luncheon May 4, 2022

And from *God's Little Devotional Book*: **"When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head!"**

Sincerely, Rosemary Twesme



Notes
from the Office



Confirmation

Wednesdays

Snack: 3:40; Class: 4:00;

Meal: 5:00; Worship: 6:00

Presentation of Pillowcases to 9th Graders

Sunday,
October 17
8:15 service



The ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis has been re-scheduled for July 24-28, 2022. Pastor Dave is wondering if any OELC youth in grades 8-12 in 2021-2022 have interest in going. This is NOT a commitment to go, only a gauge of interest. Registration cost is \$350 per person (if registered by November 21, \$390 from Nov. 22 through Feb. 21) plus hotel room, meals, and transportation. There could be fundraising opportunities. Please let Pastor Dave know through a note, phone call to the church, or e-mail at pastordavid@tcc.coop if you or someone you know is interested.



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

gathering@elca.org

888-411-3522

elca.org/gathering

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WITH DISABILITIES

Update your poster, then tag us in your post! #ELCAYG2022

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl Gathering will be Wednesday, Oct. 6th 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.

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



Volunteering

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through Sept. 2021
With Comparison to 2020 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2021	2020		
All offerings	167,269	158,348		
Other Gen.	18,957	20,349		
	186,226	178,697		
<u>Expenses</u>	2021	2020	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Misc.	7,577	6,802	0	0
Pastoral Staff	92,017	84,440	83,270	52%
Non-Pastoral Staff	61,228	60,638	23,688	72%
Worship & Music	3,187	1,669	1,113	74%
Ministries & Committees	1,264	1,908	2,886	31%
Church Property	32,097	31,293	26,303	55%
Parsonage	6,589	5,343	2,911	69%
Admin/Office	5,936	5,810	2,814	68%
	209,895	197,903		

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.



Coffee Hour is every Sunday between services. Sign-up outside the church office if you would like to serve and/or bring/make treats.

Thanks to all who are continuing to give regular contributions. Many are using the electronic methods, dropping their envelope off, or mailing their donations to the church office. Your gifts fuel the ministry we do together.



October Birthdays

- 1 Bethany Morales, Canyon Boettcher, Lacey Frase
- 3 Erik Metzler, Jerry Sieg, Michelle Underwood, Scott Nicolai
- 4 Caroline Tietjens, Gloria Anderson, Lisa Skoyen, Mason Haas
- 5 Jane Simpson
- 6 Andrew Christopherson, Benjamin Smith, Emmett Smith, Kathie Thompson
- 7 Pam Nix, Rick Vojtik
- 8 Bennett Lundberg, Mia Nicolai
- 9 Connor Nix
- 10 Andy Bagley, Dale Windhorst, Hailey Zawacki, Lincoln Bertrang, Canyon Boettcher
- 12 Harry Laufenberg, Jenny Mazur, Lori Fremstad
- 13 Brent Konop, Kim Kittelson, Matt Ness
- 14 Benji Tietjens, Chloe Hicks
- 15 Carol Dodge, Richard Anderson
- 16 Bo Prudlick, Drew Paulus, Karlee Rosentreter, Kelly Helland
- 17 Amy Tlusty, Callon Kraft, Kathryn Von Haden, Michael Hagen
- 18 Drake Vojtik, Kay Mouw, Mary Windhorst, Tyler Hart, Don Erickson, Andrew Cuddy
- 19 Chelsey Severson, Ethan Ness
- 20 Harold Moldenhauer, Lloyd Johnson, Richard Schermetzler, Wally Apland, Jason Christopherson
- 21 Oscar Daffinson, Peggy Jeziorski, Zoey Mazur
- 22 Beverly Haugen, Matt Nelson, Rae Prudlick, Rick Tiller
- 23 Cory Halvorson, Jenna Bischoff, Bev Peterson
- 24 Bev Iverson, McKenzie Martinson, Parker Schwoch
- 25 Thea Vojtik
- 26 Charlotte Robinson, Tony Mouw
- 27 Cole Windhorst, Shaun Windhorst, Dean Eide, Eric Skoyen
- 28 Dave Loonstra
- 29 Korben Lutzen
- 31 Dennis Barka, Hannah Abley, Kendall Torpen

Need Addresses for 

**Care Packages for
College Students/Military/Young Adults**

Parents/Grandparents of College Students/Military/Young Adults (not living at home), please provide the church office with their address by Monday, October 25th. Empty boxes for care packages will be available on Sunday, October 31st for church members to take home & stuff full of good stuff. We will need the boxes back by Monday, November 8th. If you don't want to take a box, we are also looking for postage donations of \$13.
Thank you!!!



TIME TEST
Write the time on the clocks below.

12:00, 6:00, 11:00, 7:00, 1:00, 2:00

Incorrect! It's still 1:00

**THE TIME CHANGE IS COMING
FALL BACK NOVEMBER 7TH**

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL

2021-2022 IMPORTANT DATES



- 10/10 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.
- 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.

Do you like to take pictures?
Could you take some when you
are at church?

Could you send them to Molly
(oelc@trivest.net) so they can
be used on the website &/or
social media?

Please?

Thank You!



Pastor

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Dan Newman

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Custodians

Carl & Nikki Holmen

Financial Assistants

Shirley Bagley & Betty Ward

**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.



Church Council

President: Dennis Barka

Vice President: Tony Bohlinger

Treasurer: Emily Wilkinson

Secretary: Shannon Hasz

Brent McCune

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Sheila Nelson

Patty Hoffman

Jill Welke

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Meatballs & Lefse HARVEST DINNER-DRIVE-THRU

Wednesday, October 27 beginning at 4:00pm

*MENU: Meatballs & Lefse, Real Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Corn, Rutabagas, Cranberries, Coleslaw & Pumpkin Bar*

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All meals: \$10

***Drive-thru will take place in the main parking lot (not the back).
Watch for signs &/or volunteers directing traffic.

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You Watch Services...
Livestream Options:

1. OELC website
www.oelc.org
2. OELC Facebook Page
"Osseo Evangelical
Lutheran Church"
3. YouTube Channel
"Osseo Lutheran"

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:

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 6:00pm
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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.

Oct. 17th	Presentation of Pillowcases to 9th graders (8:15)
Oct. 25-27	Harvest Dinner Prep Days
Oct. 25th	Deadline for Young Adult addresses
Oct. 27th	Harvest Dinner-Drive-Thru
Oct. 31st	BOO! Boxes available at church for Young Adults
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. 19th	Sunday School Christmas Program (8:15)
May 4th, 2022	WELCA Salad Luncheon
July 24-28, 2022	National ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis

