



Monthly Newsletter of
**Osseo
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church**

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October 2023 | www.oelc.org | oelc@triwest.net | Pastors Terry Lorenz & David Hoadley



"If only I had more laundry to do," said no empty nester mother ever.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:
9:00am (May-Aug.)
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 Office Hours:

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

EMPTY-NEST DINNER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

We often joke about parents who become “empty nesters” after their youngest or their only child graduates from high school and moves on to new adventures. But this can be a time of widely mixed emotions that might be hard to understand and articulate. Regardless of how many years it’s been, any parents in the community who are facing the ups and downs of a suddenly much quieter home are invited to OELC’s Empty-Nest Dinner, Tuesday night, October 17 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Diane House, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, and a regular speaker on this issue, will be the presenter. Cost is a free-will donation, but RSVP is requested to Pastor Dave.

What is happening

at OELC on

October 25th?

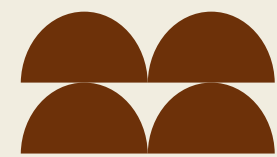
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DRIVE-THRU HARVEST DINNER

**25
OCT**
BEGINNING AT
4:30

50351 Harmony St.
Osseo, WI



**ALL MEALS
\$12**

MENU:
MEATBALLS & LEFSE,
REAL MASHED POTATOES &
GRAVY, CORN, RUTABAGAS,
CRANBERRIES, COLESLAW &
PUMPKIN BAR

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

sign up today!!!



I think by now we've established that when it comes to financial instability, "It doesn't happen here" is simply not true. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has passed 500 beds given away in Trempealeau, Jackson, and Buffalo counties in the past five years. Osseo-Fairchild School District officials tell me that in any given month, between 50 and 60% of families in the district qualify for free or reduced-cost meals. That doesn't count the families who are struggling just above the cut-off for aid. Nurse Ashley Hurlburt, with support from Feed My People and significant financial and product donations from this congregation, is having success with the Thunder Closet, where students, staff, and families can find needed items for free. OELC's noisy offering continues to be sent to the school district to help pay off overdue student meal accounts. Folks make use of our mini pantry. Ruby's Pantry continues to offer low-cost food packs each month. And other churches and service organizations offer more programs and events.

As I write this, the September distribution day for the Tri-County Food Pantry at the Osseo Rural Fire Department station occurred a few days ago. Let me quote from a text I received later that day from Peggy Lundberg, OELC member and Food Pantry coordinator:

"Rough stats: 40 households, 127 people [served that day]. 2 families [have] moved in with other households. 1 other family moved into own home after being homeless for 2 months, kids enrolled in school. 2 homeless [guests that day]; [one] is in a shelter with 5 children. Staying with relative for weekend to get kids out of shelter. [The person] needed food because it's a household of 10."

If that was a post on social media, I'm not sure which emoji would fit best: "Wow," "Care," "Sad," or "Angry." The 40 households comprising well over 100 people served are both much higher than have been seen in several months. And with autumn just underway and winter around the corner, I was left wondering if those numbers were signs of things to come these next months.

This is not a "guilt trip." The members and friends of OELC have a history of generosity that I see continuing all the time. I share this to make the point that what you do to support these ministries, what we do as a community of faith amid a larger community with needs and issues each and every day, never stops being important—perhaps imperative is a better word.

At the last church council meeting it was noted that back in May the council feared the congregation would very soon have to make use of a line-of-credit loan to cover general budget expenses. A special meeting was held to share the concern. We're now entering October, and while the budget is still on a shoestring, we haven't needed to use the line of credit. That's a testimony to how folks have stepped up when the need is great.

Pastor Terry and I say it so much that maybe it's lost some of its meaning, but the staff and leadership of OELC truly do have great appreciation for the many ways the congregation supports what happens here. We'll always gratefully accept donations for the Thunder Closet, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, the Tri-County Food Pantry, and the Osseo Lions sneaker recycling program. Thank you, thank you, and again, thank you, and I "humbly beseech you" to continue to offer your time, talents, and resources as you can to God's glory and to the service of our neighbors everywhere.



The following Sundays at 8:15 am:
 October 8 ~ November 12
 February 11 ~ March 10
 April 14

ALL Grades: December 17 & May 5



Youth event nights 2023-2024

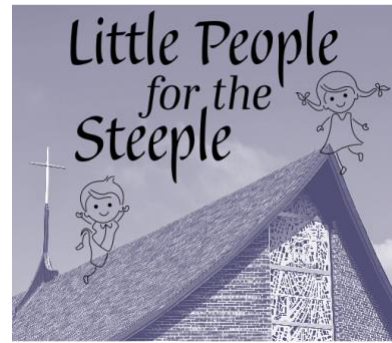
Beginning in October: Sr. High first Wednesday of the month following Wednesday worship; TGIF third Sunday of every other month (for now) from 6:00-8:00

- Wednesday, October 4—Senior high
- Saturday, October 14—Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up
- Sunday, October 15—TGIF
- Wednesday, November 1—Senior high
- Wednesday, December 6—Senior high
- Sunday, December 17—TGIF or combined family Christmas caroling?
- Wednesday, January 3—Senior high
- Wednesday, February 7—Senior high
- Sunday, February 18—TGIF
- Wednesday, March 6—Senior high
- Wednesday, April 3—Senior high
- Sunday, April 21—TGIF
- Wednesday, May 1—Senior high (depends on prom)
- Wednesday, May 8—Baccalaureate? (depends on district)
- Saturday, May 11—Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up
- Summer—To be determined



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Saturday, October 14 is the next Adopt-A-Highway clean-up day, and anyone age 11 or over is welcome! We'll meet at church at 10:00 and carpool to the 2-mile stretch south of Buena Vista. Pizza and beverages will be served afterward in Fellowship Hall. The more people we have, the easier and faster we can cover the clean-up. This is a great chance for confirmation students to get service hours. Sign up with Pastor Dave.



Sunday School ~ Little People for the Steeple

“Little People for the Steeple” is going to be our focus at Sunday School this year! We’re asking folks to bring nonperishable food items, personal care items such as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc. Dog food, cat food, anything that a variety of

donation sights in our area will accept. The Sunday School kids will be collecting these items the second Sunday of the month, which is also the Sunday that they provide special music at the 8:15 a.m. worship service. The kids will push shopping carts down the aisles of the church so folks can put their items in them.

Our Sunday School teachers have volunteered to distribute what we collect and deliver them to places like OELC’s Food Bank, New Horizon’s in Whitehall, as well as the Osseo Fairchild School Store.

Please help support our “Little People for the Steeple” any way you can! Thank you!

2023-2024 Church Dates-to-Remember

September 2023

30 W/ELCA Fall Bazaar & In-person Thrift Sale

October 2023

8 Sunday School Special Music – 4k-4th grades (8:15)
Little People for the Steeple

10 Empty Nesters Dinner

14 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

15 Presentation of 9th Grade Pillowcases (8:15)

23 & 24 Prep Days for Harvest Dinner

25 Harvest Dinner (Drive-thru)

29 New Member Sunday

November 2023

5 Daylight Savings Ends (Fall Back)

5 All Saints Day

12 Sunday School Special Music – 4k-4th grades (8:15)
Little People for the Steeple

22 Thanksgiving Community Service at OELC

23 Lions Club Thanksgiving Meal

26 1st Sunday of Advent – No Sunday School

29 Wednesday Advent Services begin (6pm)-No meal

December 2023

1 OELC Committee Reports Due

6 W/ELCA Christmas Buffet

17. All Grades Sunday School Christmas Program (8:15)

24 No AM Services or Sunday School;
Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 & 6:30pm

25 Christmas Day Service at 9:00am

26 Church Office Closed

31 Lessons & Carols at 9am (No Communion or
Sunday School)

January 2024

3 Wednesday Meal & Worship resumes

7, 14, & 21 - 1st Communion Classes (4th Graders)

28 OELC Annual Meeting (-9:15am)

February 2024

4 4th graders receive 1st Communion

4 Installation of Church Council members

11 Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4th grades (8:15)
Little People for the Steeple

14 Ash Wednesday – Service at 6pm

Feb. 14-March 27 – NO Confirmation Classes

18 1st Sunday of Lent

21 Soup Suppers & Lenten services begin

March 2024

10 Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4th grades (8:15)
Little People for the Steeple

24 Palm Sunday

28 Maundy Thursday – Service at 6pm

29 Good Friday – Services at Noon & 6pm

31 Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at -6:30am
No Sunday School

April 2024

3 Confirmation Classes Resume

24 Last Day of Confirmation Classes

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

TBD High School Graduates Brunch following Worship
& Presentation of Quillows at 9am

27 Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Sunday Bible Study–Sundays Sept.-May between services

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 – 1st Wednesday of month

Holy Communion – 1st & Last Sunday of month

Men's Bible Study – 1st Tuesday of month (Sept.-May)

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 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.

What did God's people say when food fell from Heaven?

Answer: Keep reading newsletter...

It's hard to believe, but we're already planning for our **Appalachia Service Project mission trip for 2024!** All interested youth in grades 9-12 (23-24 school year) and their families are invited to a kick-off informational meeting on **Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30** (or as soon as possible after Wednesday Night Worship) in the Family Room (across from the Sanctuary). We'll have our assigned week confirmed by then, though the actual site we'll be at won't be assigned until Spring. Contact Pastor Dave with questions.



BUDGET REPORT

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through September 27, 2023
With Comparison to 2022 & Annual Budget

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Income	2023	2022		
All offerings	245,948	184,221		
Other Gen.	16,059	19,603		
	262,007	203,824		
Expenses	2023	2022	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Pastoral Staff	182,611	164,264	58,913	76%
Non-Pastoral Staff	61,384	53,229	21,624	74%
Worship & Music	2,510	1,901	990	72%
Ministries & Committees	686	1,638	3,014	19%
Church Property	37,674	35,957	8,626	81%
Parsonage	5,419	5,439	3,581	60%
Admin/Office	6,503	6,078	2,247	74%
Non-Op Exp.	5,890	8,266	-	-
	302,677	276,772		

1-1-2023 Beginning Balance in General Operating Fund ~

\$ 16,744

+ 262,007 (Revs.)

\$ 278,751

+ 19,542 (from debt)

\$ 298,293

(- 302,677) (Exps.)

\$ -4,384

~ balance on 9/27/2023

Other Fund Balances:

Mission: \$ 4,814

Special: \$ 41,145

Debt: \$ 1,540

Youth: \$ 5,925

FYI: As we mentioned at the Church Meeting on June 4, 2023, we had anticipated needing to access our line of credit by June 2023. Due to your generosity and continued support, we have made it 3 extra months without having to use the line of credit and this has saved the church from paying the interest on the loan. However, as you can see above, we are close to \$4,500 in the hole and that means we may have to dip into the line of credit soon.

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.nwswi.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.



- 1 Lacey Frase, Bethany Morales
- 3 Jerry Sieg, Shawn Green, Erik Metzler, Scott Nicolai
- 4 Gloria Anderson, Mason Haas, Lisa Skoyen, Caroline Tietjens
- 5 Jane Simpson
- 6 Andrew Christopherson, Ben Smith, Emmett Smith
- 7 Craig Carlson, Pam Nix, Rick Vojtik
- 8 Mia Nicolai
- 9 Connor Nix
- 10 Lincoln Bertrang, Jim Cuddy, Hailey Zawacki, Waylon Stenulson
- 12 Lori Fremstad, Jenny Mazur
- 13 Kim Kittelson, Brent Konop, Matt Ness
- 14 Chloe Hicks, Mark Lutzen, Benji Tietjens
- 15 Richard Anderson, Carol Dodge
- 16 Kelly Helland, Drew Paulus, Bo Prudlick, Karlee Rosentreter, Carla Toft
- 17 Michael Hagen, Callon Kraft, Amy Tlusty, Kathryn Von Haden
- 18 Donny Erickson, Tyler Hart, Kay Mouw, Drake Vojtik, Mary Windhorst, Andrew Cuddy
- 19 Ethan Ness, Chelsey Severson, Tonya Skoug
- 20 Wally Apland, Jason Christopherson, Harold Moldenhauer, Richard Schermetzler
- 21 Oscar Daffinson, Zoey Mazur
- 22 Bev Haugen, Matt Nelson, Rae Prudlick
- 23 Cory Halvorson, Bev Peterson
- 24 Bev Iverson, Teegan Langner, McKenzee Martinson, Parker Schwoch
- 25 Thea Vojtik
- 27 Dean Eide, Eric Skoyen, Cole Windhorst, Shaun Windhorst
- 28 Dave Loonstra
- 29 Korben Lutzen
- 31 Hannah Abley, Dennis Barka, Kendall Torpen

**If your birthday is not listed & you would like it to be, please contact the church office.



OCTOBER

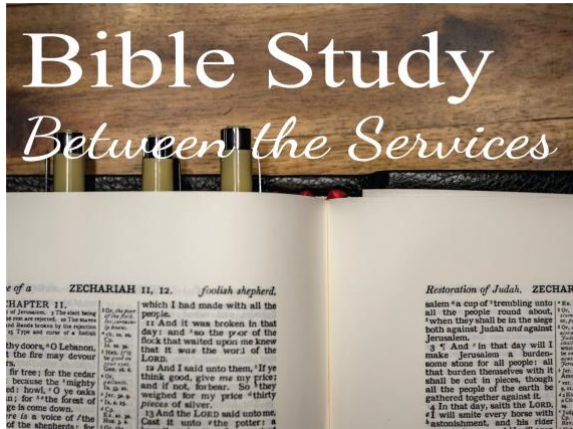




The ladies of OELC meet for monthly bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We use the bible study found in the Gather magazine. Copies of the magazine and study are available in the church office, or you can subscribe. Come join us as we study in word, prayer, and faith God's holy Word and its meaning. All studies are held at OELC in the Family Room.

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

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



A Quick Look at Our Adult Bible Study Schedule:

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Vashti, queen of her own decisions
Esther 1 & 2

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Nehemiah, cup bearer & general contractor
Book of Nehemiah

Sunday, October 15, 2023

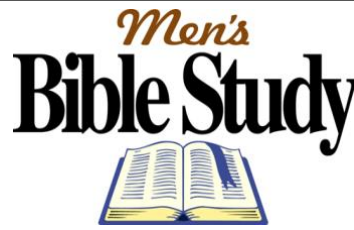
Eutyclus, a tired, lucky young man
Acts 20:9-12

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Caiaphas, these kids and their new math!
John 11:47-50

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Nebuchadnezzar, a king-sized mean streak



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

This year we consider the theme of what it means to be a Spiritual follower of Jesus Christ. Our sessions are scheduled for one hour and generally consist of breakfast, prayer, fellowship and reflection on the passage of the day. Below you will find our scheduled readings for the year. We welcome new participants.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

How do I respond?, Jesus and Nicodemus
Reading: John 3:1-21

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

What about my sins?, Jesus: my substitute
Reading: Mark 15:1-15

Tuesday, December 4, 2023

How can I be sure?, An honest doubter
Reading: John 20:24-31

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

What should I do now?, Zacchaeus' new life
Reading: Luke 19-1-10

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

What does it cost?, Take up your cross
Reading: Matthew 16:13-28

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Under new management, Paul's change of direction
Reading: Acts 9:1-19

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Eternal values, The rich man and Lazarus
Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Kingdom priorities, Parable of the great banquet
Reading: Luke 14:15-24



The Osseo-Fairchild School District Thunder Supply & Market, which offers food, clothing, and other supplies to students and families as needed, has a hard time keeping personal hygiene supplies in stock. They are looking for **shampoo and conditioner, deodorant/anti-perspirant, soap/body wash, packs of toilet paper, and feminine period products**. Drop items off in the brown bin near the main office.



“Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church”



“oelc_osseo”



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.

Answer: “oh man-na!”

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).

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



Volunteering

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 October 10th at the Osseo Fire Station. Volunteers needed anytime between 2:00-6:30pm.



Give, and it will be given to you.

Luke 6:38

Noisy Offering to Support Osseo Elementary School Lunches

Our noisy offering in the past has been designated by our Worship Committee for the O-F Elementary School Lunch Program. 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.

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...

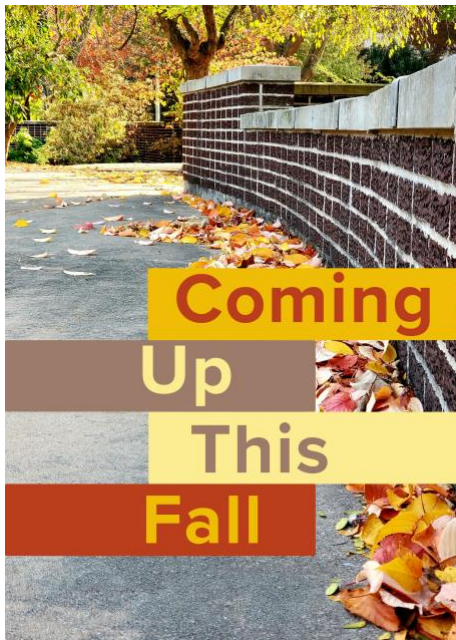
1. www.oelc.org/giving.html
2. Text "OELC" to 73256 & follow the prompts
3. Mail your offering envelope to:
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Choose How You Watch Services... Livestream Options:

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

Did you know?

If you go to OELC's homepage (oelc.org), the bulletin is available for every service.



**Presentation of
Pillowcases
to 9th Graders**

Sunday,
October 15
8:15
service

Thrivent Members...

Call your representative and get an Action Team together for the Harvest Dinner. Jessica Berg is the new Thrivent Agent in Osseo. Give her a call at (715) 533-4795 for assistance. You can sponsor a lunch for the prep-days, ingredients for the supper, paper products or other supplies, and so much more.

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

8:15 & 10:45 Worship Services

On All Saints Sunday we include in our worship services a time of remembrance for all who have died in the year since last All Saints Day. We will read names, light candles, and offer prayers for our brothers and sisters who have gone before us into the everlasting heavenly kingdom of God. We will include the names of all from our church and invite you to help us remember others who are known to you. Please contact the church office by Wednesday, November 1st to add names that you wish to have included in our All Saints remembrance.

*New Member
Sunday*

October 29, 2023



4k-4th Grade
**Special
music
Sundays**

8:15 am
Worship Service
October 8th
November 12th

**College Students/Young
Adult Addresses...**

If you know a college student/young adult who needs a care package, give the address to the church office by October 31st.



PARISH VISITOR

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Sundays
8:15 & 10:45
9:00am (Summer)

Wednesdays
5:00 meal; 6:00 Service

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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.

**REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV

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