



Monthly Newsletter of
**Osseo
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church**

50351 Harmony Street ~ Osseo, WI 54758
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September 2023 | www.oelc.org | oelc@trivest.net | Pastors Terry Lorenz & David Hoadley

Grief **SUPPORT** Groups

Two monthly grief support groups will be offered at OELC beginning in October 2023 and continuing through May 2024.

- **A support group on death and grieving** will be led by Pastor Terry on the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Family Room.

My intention is to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment in which those experiencing the grief of losing a loved one may find solace and hope. I do ask that you consider attending as many of the sessions as you can as we'll be following a model and list of goals as outlined in a book written by Harold Ivan Smith entitled: *Death & Grief, Healing Through Group Support*. You need not purchase the book as we'll be using only select parts as well as parts from other resources. The support group on death and grief begins Monday, October 2nd at 6 p.m. in the Family Room

- **A second grief support group on grieving life's losses** will be led by Pastor Dave on the first Monday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Family Room, also beginning October 2nd.

The death of a loved is difficult, but it's not the only life event to bring about grieving. This group is intended to also explore some of the other times grief invades our lives, such as at the loss of a job, the loss of a relationship, moving homes, and even some positive transitions like retirement, marriage, and childbirth. Discussions and written exercises will help work through the emotions and hurdles that tend to be common in various grief experiences. All materials are provided. A regular commitment to the group is asked.

Other area grief support sessions are also held at the following locations:

-Grief Share meetings at Fairchild Church of Hope, 200 W Main St, Fairchild, WI 54701 715-964-1305

-Mayo Clinic in Eau Claire offers many grief groups that can be found by using the following link:

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/classes-and-events>.

Then choose "All Categories" and scroll down to "Support Groups". There you will find a list of all the support groups.

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:
9:00am (May-Aug.)
8:15 & 10:45

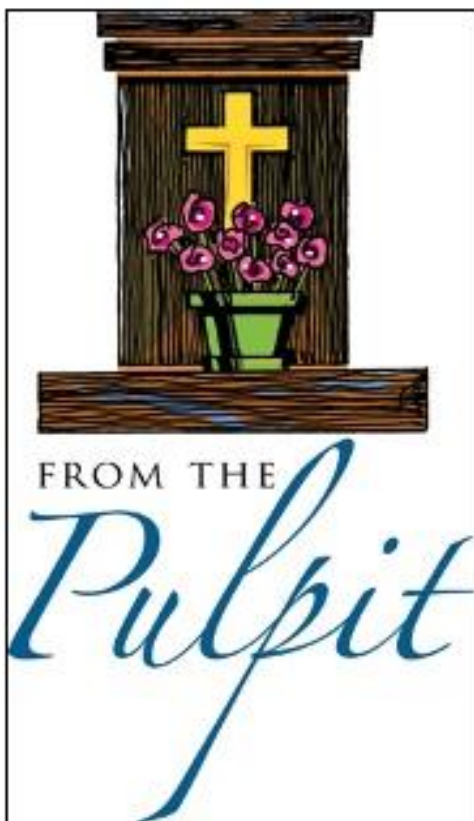
Sunday School
(Sept.-May): 9:30am

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

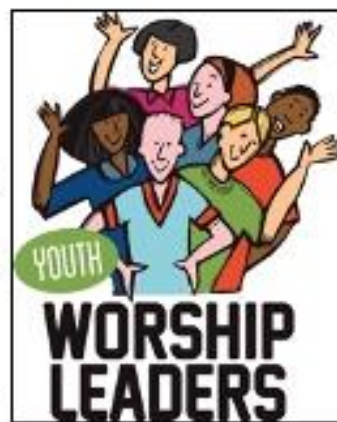


Who's preachin' today Pastor?

For most of my time in ministry no one ever asked me that question, if I was there, at church, I was always the one who would be delivering the sermon. Oh, it is true that once and a while a guest would be present and agree to join with me in leading the service but I never assumed that they came to preach as much as they came to champion their cause. Even if they told me ahead of time not to worry because they would work their cause into a sermon which they would be happy to deliver I never forgot the words Pastor Sherm Iverson shared with me long ago, "No matter who you think is going to preach, always prepare as if it were you." His advice has saved me from panicking several times. Someone may have suddenly taken ill, had the wrong date, or for some other reason just didn't show up for the service. Pastor Sherm's advice has been the impetus for a weekly routine in

which I am always preparing a sermon whether I'm on the schedule or not.

Come Sunday, September 10th, Rally Sunday and the day on which we return to two Sunday morning services and then one on Wednesday evening, you're going to notice a change in the answer to the question regarding who's preachin' today. Starting on the 10th I will be preaching on Sunday mornings, the first 3 or 4 Sundays of the month and Pastor Dave will be preaching the last Sunday of the month. While we will continue to lead together on Sundays he will be taking on, exclusively, leadership of the Wednesday Worship services. It is our intention to engage the help of confirmands in the planning and leading of those services. In the past few years, we have been trying harder to retain and engage confirmation students from the arrival from school to worship on Wednesday night. Rest assured, no matter who climbs up into the pulpit, pastor or pupil, our intention is to faithfully proclaim the Good News of God in Jesus Christ.



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



A HUGE thank you to all who made OELC Summer Festival 2023 featuring Winona Avenue and Brian Bethke a success. So many people within and outside the congregation stepped up to make it such a fun event! If I tried to list everyone, I'd likely forget someone, and the list would be very long, but I do need to give special thanks to:

- The organizing committee: Ryan Olson, Curt Nelson, Michael Scheller, Shawn & Carey Green, and Julie Hangartner
- The Osseo Nickel
- Redline Design
- Audio Adrenalin Mobile Entertainment
- Foster's Fireside
- Osseo Subway
- OELC staff and church council
- Youth and adult volunteers (greeters, stage crew, brat stand, merchandise stand)

And of course, thanks to all who attended and donated to this fundraiser. Plans are already underway for Summer Festival 2024!

Pastor Dave

upcoming events

Sunday, September 17, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Youth Room: Grades 6-12 2023-2024 school year kick-off. Actual events to be determined, but let's start the new school year by gathering in the Youth Room and sharing a night of food, fun and fellowship (that may not END in the Youth Room!). Contact Pastor Dave to sign up.

Sunday, September 24, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall: ASP Supporter Dinner: Anyone who in any way supported the Appalachia Service Project mission trip in June is invited to the Supporter Dinner served by the participants and families. Whether you donated money, bought stock, provided snacks, or kept the group in prayer, please come for a meal and short presentation on the trip to Magoffin County, KY. RSVP is requested to Pastor Dave.

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall: Community "Empty-Nest" Dinner: Having the youngest/only child leave for new horizons can create a wide spectrum of emotions. Join us for a meal (free-will offering) with Rev. Diane House, a pastor in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin with a background in human development as our presenter. Open to all! Contact Pastor Dave to RSVP.

Wednesday, October 18, 6:45pm (following Wednesday worship, Youth Room): ASP 2024 kick-off: The hope is we'll know the week we're assigned for summer 2024 by this date, and we can start getting ready to serve God wherever we might be sent (work site assigned in the spring). Space on the trip will be limited, so plan to attend this kick-off event to hear information and get registered. Adult chaperones will also be needed!! Contact Pastor Dave for more information.

2023-2024 Church Dates-to-Remember

September 2023

- 4 Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- 5 Men's Bible Study at Norske Nook begins (8am)
- 6 Prayer Shawl Gathering (1-3)
- 6 Wednesday Night Meal & Worship Service
- 10 2-Services begins, Rally Sunday, & Teacher Installation (8:15), Kids done at 9:15
- 12 Quilting Officially begins
- 13 CONFIRMATION Orientation (6:30)
- 17 Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles (8:15)
- 20 Women's Bible Study begins (1:00)
- 20 Confirmation Classes begin (4:00)
- 24 ASP Supporters Dinner
- 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.

JOIN
THE
Youth Group

Youth event nights 2023-2024

Sunday, September 17—combined kick-off

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

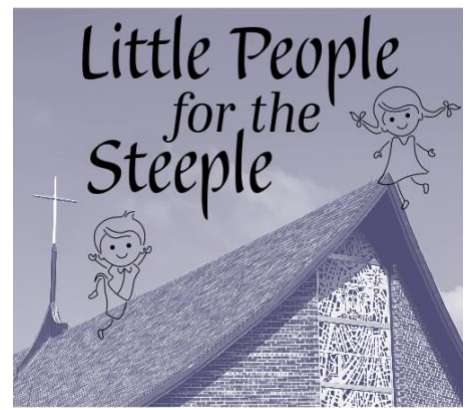
Sunday, April 21—TGIF

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



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!



The following Sundays at 8:15 am:

October 8 ~ November 12

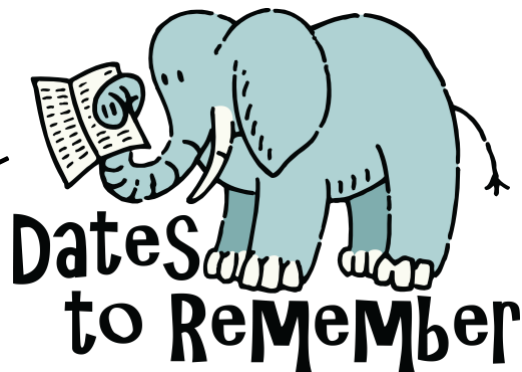
February 11 ~ March 10

April 14

ALL Grades: December 17 & May 5



SUNDAY
SCHOOL



8:15 ~ Worship Service with
Sunday School Teacher Installation
& Student Blessing

9:15 ~ Coffee & Refreshments in
Fellowship Hall.

No formal class at 9:30.

Kids are excused after church (~9:15).

September 17
3rd Grade Bible Presentation at 8:15 service

November 26
No Sunday School – Thanksgiving Break

December 17
All Grades Sunday School
Christmas Program at 8:15 am

January 7, 14, & 21
First Communion Classes for 4th Graders

February 4
4th Graders receive
Holy Communion at 8:15 am

March 31
No Sunday School – Easter Break

May 5
All Grades Sunday School Sing at 8:15 am
Kids done at 9:15.



Thrift Sale

10am-2pm in the OELC Gym



Orientation

Wednesday, September 13th

6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Class starts September 20th!

Early Release – 2:45

Arrival at OELC – 3:00

Snack, Free Time, Homework – 3-4

Class – 4:00

Meal – 5:00

Wednesday Worship – 6:00

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through August 29, 2023
With Comparison to 2022 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2023	2022		
All offerings	224,467	167,313		
Other Gen.	13,743	18,090		
	238,210	185,403		
<u>Expenses</u>	2023	2022	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Pastoral Staff	163,774	145,674	77,750	68%
Non-Pastoral Staff	55,085	49,950	27,923	66%
Worship & Music	2,498	1,901	1,002	71%
Ministries & Committees	499	1,302	3,201	13%
Church Property	33,813	31,599	12,487	73%
Parsonage	5,364	4,901	3,636	60%
Admin/Office	6,197	5,720	2,553	71%
Non-Op Exp.	5,720	7,645	-	-
	272,950	248,692		

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

\$ 16,744

+ 238,210 (Revs.)

\$ 254,954

+ 19,542 (from debt)

\$ 274,496

(- 272,950) (Exps.)

\$ 1,546

~ balance on 8/29/2023

Other Fund Balances:

Mission: \$ 4,230

Special: \$ 40,617

Debt: \$ 1,195

Youth: \$ 5,813

OELC Breakfast CLUB

Please join us for fellowship and a free-will donation breakfast between services on September 24th sponsored by the OELC Breakfast Club! A hearty meal of egg bake, cinnamon rolls, fruit (fresh picked apples from a local orchard), and for the gluten free folks, apple cider donuts. Beverages will include coffee, milk, and juice. Hope to see many of you there! All proceeds going to the General Fund.

Women of OELC (WELCA): Start getting items together for the Lutheran World Relief kits-baby kits, sewing kits, health kits, etc.... The lists of items are in your WELCA booklet, on the OELC Website, or call the church office (715-597-3213). Bring items to the church office.



Personal Care Kits

Provide much-needed self-care and critical germ fighting tools.



Baby Care Kits

Help a baby get off to a good start in life with basic baby care supplies.



School Kits

Equip a child with the supplies they need to keep learning even in a crisis.



Fabric Kits

Give simple supplies that lead to a useful, marketable skill.

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.nswwi.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.



- 2 Vicki Hagberg, Bev Frase
- 3 Mike Hallum
- 4 Eleanor Holmen, Brady Loesel, Dayne Vojtik, Jackie Hanson, Avery Helland, Gloria Anderson
- 5 Robert Anderson, Merica Loesel, Garrett Rue
- 7 Madeleine Kempf, Havyn Hulett
- 8 Noah Mouw, Louise Loken
- 9 Cody Welke, Ingrid Thompson, Cordell Stanek, Staci Korger, Brittany Knudtson
- 10 Teri Moldenhauer, Rob Gaulke, Maria Paulus, Brooks Vold
- 11 Grant Hanson, Dorothy Nelson, Val Bergeman, Ian Vold
- 12 Margie Vold, Emma Johnson
- 13 Trent Olson, Lisa Vold, Suzanne Rogness
- 14 Martin Abley, Troy Holmen, Brent Larson
- 15 Judy Hageness, Kelly Johnson, Izaiah Green
- 16 Karlee Kittelson
- 17 Chris Nysven, Scott Pralle, RJ Schwoch, Donna Van Vleet
- 18 Angie Hong, Linda Moseley, Clarissa Clark, Ryan Olson
- 20 Madison Hageness, Amy Ramseier, Caitlin Wilkinson
- 21 Caden Boettcher, Kari Dodge, Royce Anderson, Hanna Giacomino
- 22 Barbara Larson, Aubrey Hart, Ava Hart
- 23 Laikyn Boettcher
- 24 Mike Hagen, Kia Lane, Paige Skoyen, Ty Skoyen
- 26 Tim Freidhof, Ellery Helland, Olyvia Shoemaker
- 27 Nolan Olson, Tyler Swenson
- 28 Debra Martinson, Chris Jacobson, Carter Bratina
- 29 Marty Kempf, Zoey Guntner, Frans Carlstrom
- 30 Vanessa Rue, Brenda Christenson



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

Two groups in our community could use some help!

The Osseo-Fairchild School District Thunder Closet, 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.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Trempealeau and Jackson Counties is in need of **new pillows** to include in the bedding they provide when they install a new bed. You can bring new pillows to the Family Room (across from the Sanctuary). Sleep in Heavenly Peace is also looking for a long-term storage space for materials and its enclosed trailer. Contact Tom Twesme or Pastor Dave if you know of an available space in Trempealeau County.



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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.

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@triwest.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 September 12th 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:
OELC
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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.

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 4th Annual Thrift Sale!

9 am - 2 pm

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Free-will donation!

Thrift Sale is located in the church gym. Prior to 10 a.m. please park in back parking lot and enter through back doors!

Held along with our W/ELCA Fall Bazaar!!

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall

Join us for both!!



DONATIONS NEEDED!

No clothing, please!

We hope you have been gathering those “no longer needed” items for donation to OELC’s “bigger & better” fall thrift sale fundraiser.

Drop off is Friday, Sept. 29th – 12 pm to 4 pm

Questions? Call Maggie 715-597-3287



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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.