



Monthly Newsletter of
**Osseo
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church**

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Osseo, WI 54758
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SEPTEMBER 2022 | www.oelc.org | oelc@triwest.net | Pastors Terry Lorenz & David Hoadley



8:15 ~ Worship Service
with Sunday School
Teacher Installation &
Student Blessing
9:15 ~ Refreshments in
Fellowship Hall
9:30 ~ Kids excused to
Sunday School

W/ELCA NOTES: ♪♪♪♪♪

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)
(Women Who Willingly Work for their church, their community and their Lord)

- Beginning in September we will return to serving by work groups. This means that work group chairmen will find workers from their group to do the serving. At this time, however, we will NOT be asking for food to be donated but continue to purchase whatever food is needed. We are excited to get back to normalcy after three years of isolation.
- Work group three is in need of a chairman so if you are able, please step up and volunteer!
- Remember to start getting items ready for Lutheran World Relief Kits – see W/ELCA booklet for list of items needed for the various kits. (It’s a good time to buy school kit items as on sale now at most stores.)
- Mark your calendar for the annual bazaar, the last Saturday in September! It is still virtual with many wonderful prizes to be given away in the drawing.
- Thrift sale in the gym is the same Saturday. Call Maggie to reserve a table or with questions. (715-597-3287)
- Plan to attend our annual Christmas buffet the first Wednesday in December. Remember this is a potluck.

It’s good to be a Christian and know it, but better to be a Christian and show it!

“By this all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”
John 13:35

Church Staff

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services:
9:00am
8:15 & 10:45
(begins Sept. 11)

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

September of 2022



Wednesday Evening Worship

Bring the Whole Family!
Supper at 5 - Worship at 6
Begins Wednesday, September 7

Wednesday Evenings at OELC...why not make an evening of it?

As is often times the case with church traditions and practices, there is no real consensus regarding how and when Wednesday became known as the "church night" for much of Christianity. It's just always been that way I've been told numerous times by folks who remember prayer meetings, mid-week Advent and Lenten services, bible studies, confirmation classes, choir rehearsals, church council meetings and a host of other activities taking place on Wednesdays.

Our church has hosted a number of the above events on Wednesdays for most of its existence, not the least of which is confirmation. Historically our confirmands would arrive at church by the appointed time to spend an hour or so in class and then be dismissed for home. More recently the structure has evolved to encourage the students (who attend O-F) to ride the bus from school and arrive by 3:30 or so, spend a half hour enjoying snack and free time, attend class for an hour, enjoy a light supper meal, attend our Wednesday Worship 30-minute service, and then be accompanied back home by family.

I am very happy to be able to offer such a wonderful, family friendly line-up for our confirmands who come to spend time intentionally preparing to affirm their faith in what God has done in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. **I am even happier to invite the families of our confirmands to take part in our Wednesday Evening lineup as well.** Please consider making Wednesdays at OELC a part of your weekly routine by joining your confirmand for our evening meal at 5 p.m., and staying for worship in the chapel at 6. What a great way to support your son or daughter as they seek to know Christ in a more intentional, mature way.

Bible Study Offered on Sunday Mornings Between Services



Retired Pastor Donna Fonner and Pastor Terry Lorenz will take turns teaching an adult bible study on Sundays **from 9:30 to 10:30 beginning Sunday, October 2, 2022.** Our first topic of study, discussion, and reflection will be Luther's Small Catechism. On your way to take part grab a coffee and treat in the fellowship hall and meet us in the Family Room.

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

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Associate Pastor's Page

I've decided to write this month about "that" subject: money. It's not a subject I like to talk about and it's likely one you don't like to hear about. Often in churches the words "stewardship" and "discipleship" become buzzwords used in pleas for financial gifts; I recognize that there are many ways to be stewards and disciples that don't involve a checkbook, and the members of OELC are very generous with their time and talents.

The reality is, however, that general budget financial expenses for 2022 are significantly above offerings received. I believe I can honestly say that staff and church leadership are very careful about spending. It's no secret that costs are up around the world, and locally most folks know that utility rates recently increased here in Osseo. Businesses everywhere have had to raise prices to offset higher overhead costs. We don't have that option. We don't sell a product, so we can't just charge more to balance the books. We need to rely on your financial offerings to make up the difference.

A quick aside: It's true that the church's Endowment Fund has a large balance, but the stipulations of that fund limit the types of expenses it was meant to cover. That fund was not designed to be used for everyday operating expenses or salaries.

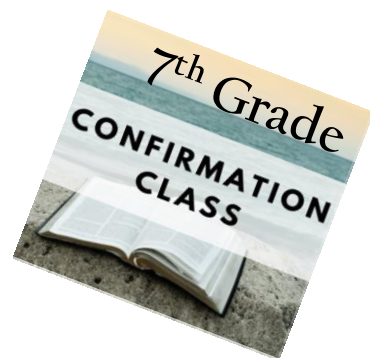
I don't know who gives how much at OELC. Nor do I want to know. A former pastor of mine said he didn't want to look out at the congregation and see dollar signs in people's faces. I don't know whether you are in a position to increase your giving; only you and God know that. I understand that many family budgets are equally strained by higher costs. I am giving voice to the situation and asking all those who call OELC their church home to please prayerfully consider whether and how they can respond. Our family recently raised the amount of our electronic giving and maybe you can find a way to do the same, however you give.

I'm proud of the ministry OELC provides in this area and globally and the reputation it holds in the community. I hope you feel positive about what we do, and I pray we as a congregation can continue to find new ways of spreading God's love in service to our neighbors. To move forward and expand our mission, we need those who can invest what they can to reduce the budget shortage. Thank you for all you do for OELC and the kingdom of God!

Blessings,
Pastor Dave



MIDDLE SCHOOL youth ministry



Pastor Dave wants to revive TGIF, To Gather In Faith, a time for youth in grades 6 through 8 to meet. To do so he'll need the help and involvement of parents and other adults willing to take part. A meeting for parents of interested 6th through 8th grade youth and other adults willing to help is planned for Wednesday, September 7 after the 6:00 worship service (about 6:30) in Fellowship Hall. There's no confirmation that night, but there will be a meal at 5:00 and worship at 6:00 if you'd like to come for the evening. Please contact Pastor Dave to let him know you'll be there.

SEVENTH GRADE CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2022-2023

- September 21:** Intro to Confirmation, Luther's Small Catechism, and First Commandment
- September 28:** Second and Third Commandment
- October 5:** Fourth and Fifth Commandment
- October 12:** Sixth and Seventh Commandment
- October 19:** Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Commandment
- October 26:** *Harvest Dinner—no class*
- November 2:** Intro to Apostles' Creed and Article One
- November 9:** Apostles' Creed Article Two
- November 16:** Apostles' Creed Article Three
- November 23:** *Community Worship—no class*
- November 30:** Lord's Prayer
- December 7:** Holy Baptism
- December 14:** Holy Communion
- December 21:** Make-up or review and Christmas party

- December 28:** *Winter break—no class*
- January 4:** Bible overview
- January 11:** Creation
- January 18:** The Flood
- January 25:** Abraham and Sarah
- February 1:** Jacob and sons
- February 8:** Moses and the exodus
- February 15:** Joshua and the Promised Land
- February 22:** Ash Wednesday
- Lent break until April 12**
Lenten Worship services are mandatory
All confirmands & parents are scheduled to assist with soup suppers
- April 12:** Judges
- April 19:** Ruth and Naomi
- April 26:** King David

2022-2023 Church Dates-to-Remember

August 2022

31st Chancel Choir Practice Begins (6:45-8pm)

September 2022

5th Labor Day – Church Office Closed
7th Prayer Shawl Gathering (1-3)
7th Wednesday Night Meal & Worship Service
11th 2-Services begins, Rally Sunday, Teacher Installation (8:15), Sunday Bible Study, & High School Youth Group
13th Quilting Officially begins
14th CONFIRMATION Orientation (6:30)
18th Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles (8:15)
21st Women's Bible Study begins (1:00)
21st Confirmation Classes begin (4:00)
24th W/ELCA Online Bazaar & In-person Thrift Sale
25th 50th Anniversary of OELC...(see article on front pg.)

October 2022

2nd Sunday Bible Study begins (9:30am)
4th Men's Bible Study at Norske Nook begins (8am)
9th Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4th grades (8:15)
9th Community Clean-up/God's Work, Our Hands
16th Presentation of 9th Grade Pillowcases (8:15)
24th & 25th Prep Days for Harvest Dinner
26th Harvest Dinner (Drive-thru?)

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)
14th All Grades Sing for Mother's Day (8:15)
21st 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.

3rd Annual ~ Saturday, September 24, 2022

Fall Bazaar Thrift Sale!

9 am - 2 pm

Our In-Person Sale located in the church gym

Held along with our Online W/ELCA Virtual Bazaar at www.oelc.org



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. 23rd - 12 pm to 4 pm

Call Maggie to reserve a spot! 715-597-3287

The Women of Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church

FALL BAZAAR RAFFLE

ONLINE Drawing will take place on Saturday, September 24th at 12:30pm

\$10 for 1 ticket

Prizes include:
Quilts
Prize Baskets
& so much more!

Go to www.oelc.org for live drawing!

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.

September Birthdays

- 2 Vicki Hagberg, Bev Frase
- 3 Mike Hallum
- 4 Eleanor Holmen, Brady Loesel, Dayne Vojtik, Jackie Hanson, Avery Helland
- 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
- 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, Kelly Speckien, 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, Lonnie Solberg, Frans Carlstrom
- 30 Vanessa Walker, Brenda Christenson

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



The Quilters meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

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 will resume on **Sunday, October 2, 2022, in the Family Room at OELC**. Retired Pastor Donna Fonner and Pastor Terry will take turns leading weekly sessions this year. Our first topic of discussion this year will be Martin Luther's Small Catechism. This will include consideration of the following components of our faith:

- ♦ 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 services

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through August 29, 2022
With Comparison to 2021 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2022	2021		
All offerings	167,074	150,220		
Other Gen.	18,593	16,408		
	185,667	166,628		
<u>Expenses</u>	2022	2021	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Misc.	8,148	8,065	0	0
Pastoral Staff	145,374	73,465	95,968	60%
Non-Pastoral Staff	49,950	53,462	32,513	61%
Worship & Music	1,901	3,051	1,599	54%
Ministries & Committees	1,302	676	2,398	35%
Church Property	31,525	28,098	12,775	71%
Parsonage	4,782	4,265	3,718	56%
Admin/Office	5,720	5,343	3,030	65%
	248,702	176,425		

YTD Total Income: \$185,667

YTD Total Expenses: \$248,702

Income Less Expenses: (\$63,035)

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.

Donations of feminine hygiene products are being accepted for distribution here at OELC, at Osseo-Fairchild Schools, and at the Tri County Food Pantry. Please place donations in the basket next to the OELC Pantry near the main office. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the church office; please indicate "hygiene products" with your gift. Thank you!



FYI: Ruby's Pantry

2nd Tuesday of the month

NEW DISTRIBUTION TIME:

4:00-5:30pm

Next distribution is Sept. 13th
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. 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
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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"

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.



Quilts donated to Dove Healthcare – Osseo
Carol Skoyen, Shirley Bagley & Sara Boetcher, members of OELC’s quilting ministry, delivered some of their creations to the residents of Dove. Beautiful work, ladies!!!

Important Confirmation Dates:

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Orientation, what's it all about?

- meeting with parents & confirmands, 6:30 p.m. in church sanctuary

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

1st day of Class

- Arrival in fellowship 3:40 p.m.
- Class begins at 4 p.m.
- Meal and free time 5 p.m.
- Wednesday Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

OELC Harvest Supper

Information to come regarding how we can all help with the Harvest Supper

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022-2023

September 11th – 8:15am - Blessing of the children/Installation of Sunday School teachers. Treats in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am.

September 18th – 8:15am – All 3rd Graders receive their Bibles.

October 9th – 8:15am - 4K-4th Grade sing at worship service.

November 13th 8:15am - 4K-4th Grade sing at worship service.

November 27th – Thanksgiving Break. No Sunday School.

December 18th – 10:45am – Christmas Program for 4K - 6th Grades.
Sunday School is at 9:30am.

December 25th – Christmas Break. No Sunday School.

January 1st – Christmas Break. No Sunday School.

January 8th – 9:30am – Sunday School resumes for all grades.

****January 8th, 15th, & 22nd First Communion Classes for all 4th graders** during the Sunday School hour. They will receive Holy Communion **Sunday, February 5th at the 8:15am Service.**

February 12th – 8:15am - 4K-4th Grade sing at worship service.

March 12th – 8:15am - 4K-4th Grade sing at worship service.

April 9th – Easter Break. No Sunday School.

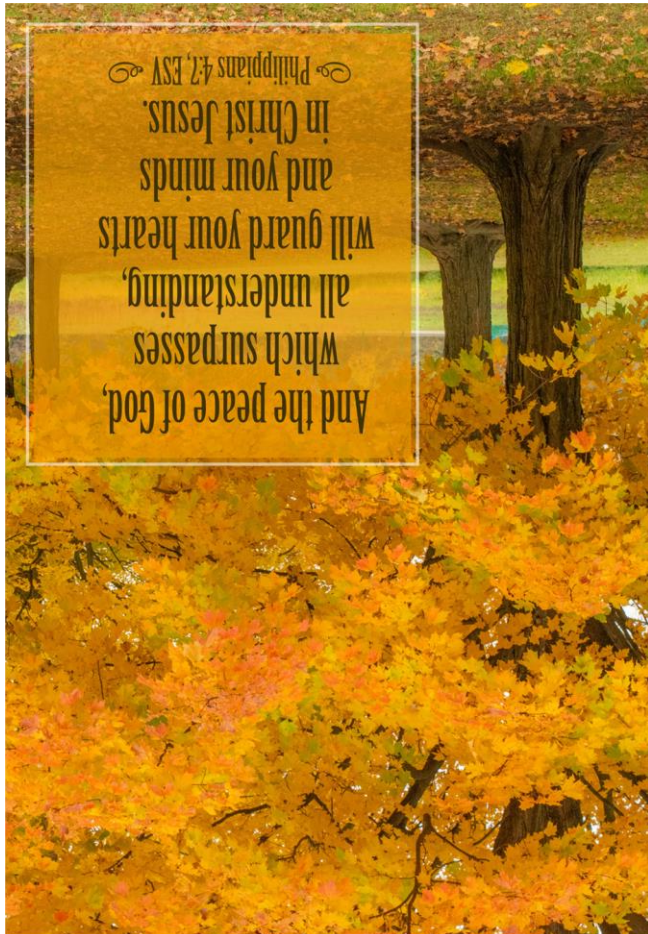
****May 21st – 9:00am** – 4K-6th Grade sing at worship service. **Please note the time of worship service!** Last day of Sunday School. Kids will go with their teachers after the children's sermon and be done with class by 10:00am.

Sunday School Registration Forms can be picked up in the church office or on the church website at www.oelc.org

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Seeks Local Leader The local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is in need of a new president, or co-presidents. This group builds and provides beds to those in need in several area counties. For more information, see the bulletin board by Molly's office or contact outgoing president, Larry Guthrie at 715-983-5602. Training will be provided.

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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.