

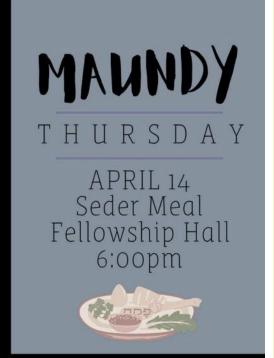
Monthly Newsletter of

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## GOOD

FRIDAY

APRIL 15 Noon/6:00pm



## EASTER

SUNDAY

APRIL 17 Sunrise - 6:24am 8:15am 10:45am



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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:45am

Sunday School: 9:30am

Wednesday Schedule:

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

#### **Church Hours:**

8-4 - Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8-7 - Wednesday 8-Noon - Friday 7-Noon - Sunday



# The Resurrection Of Our Lord Jesus Christ Is Fast Approaching

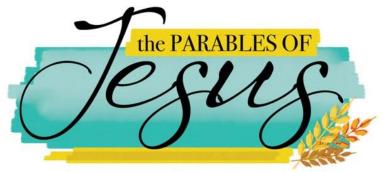
If you're reading this on the way back from retrieving OELC's latest newsletter offering from your mailbox then there is only one week left in the season we call Lent and one week we call holy before we once again gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I trust that your journey through Lent has been a meaningful one and that you have welcomed the return to the mid-week "round robin" format which affords us the opportunity to welcome area pastors into our midst for worship and reflection.

As you make plans to enter into the difficult days of Holy Week and the victorious days of resurrection, we offer the following worship opportunities:

Maundy Thursday, April 14 – 6 p.m. Good Friday, April 15 – 12 & 6 p.m. Easter Sunrise, April 17 – 6:24 a.m.

## Wednesday Worship Resumes with Sermon Series On



Wednesday Worship will resume on April 20<sup>th</sup> by kicking off a 6-week sermon series on the Parables of Jesus.

Jesus, or rabbi as those first disciples occasionally called him, was indeed a powerful teacher who knew the effectiveness of a good story. Many of the stories he was inclined to share were touching, poignant stories of a familiar teaching that, in his retelling, were laid alongside of a new, deeper understanding of God's kingdom.

A story of a farmer who plants seeds as if he doesn't know farming at all becomes a new way to understand God's gracious abundance, a strained and broken relationship between a benevolent father and a wayward son speak clearly of God's patience and commitment to his own children, or an account of the troubles a farmer can know when dealing with the problem of weeds becomes a dissertation on the complexity of judging another's sin – these are just some of the parables that Jesus used to announce the coming kingdom of his Father in heaven. This series will take us through Memorial Day weekend when we will break for the summer months. Please join us for our casual, abbreviated Wednesday Worship services in the chapel starting at 6 p.m.

#### Don't forget...

OELC is offering a 5-day canoe trip into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness area from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> for high school students who will have completed 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade by the end of this school year. For more information contact Pastor Terry at 715-533-8121. Canoes, paddles, tents, packs, food, mess kit, and mosquitoes will be provided. You just bring your own life jacket, sleeping bag, and clothes. Call soon if you're interested as we have only 7 spots available.

...the canoe trip

#### Easter Message from Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson - April 2022

2 Corinthians 5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Dear Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! This is the good news of Easter. By God's power death is reversed and Christ is raised from the dead. Jesus' resurrection from the dead changes everything! Everything is made new.

Change is good news after two years of a pandemic, right? We are ready for a change. But are we really? Do we want everything to become new like we read in 2 Corinthians 5 or do we want the change to be a return to the old and familiar?

If Jesus' resurrection from the dead changes everything, then what has changed in your life? What difference does Jesus make in your life? What has Jesus made new?

- What difference does Jesus make to my 35 year old nephew whose brain tumor came back, faces radiation treatments and is struggling with his ex for visitation of their three year old son?
- What difference does Jesus mean to our siblings in Malawi who are often threatened by drought, flood and famine or to Ukrainians whose homes were destroyed by a Russian bomb?
- What difference does Jesus make to a stable congregation deciding what their next most faithful step might be or to a declining congregation wondering if their next most faithful step is to close?

As Lutherans we believe that we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we go under the water as a sinner and we are resurrected with Christ, lifted out of the water, a saint. We are changed for sure and we are reborn children of God! Theologically that's beautiful, but in real life, what difference does Jesus make in your life?

As human beings, Christ's resurrection from the dead challenges us to live into that change. As broken sinful humans, whose lives are "messed or mangled" we live into Easter reality that Christ is present and daily working in our lives. Jesus challenges and changes us. Those of us who doubt our faith and question its relevance are challenged by Easter's promise to see and know God in the transformed lives around us.

Friends we know that Jesus changes our weeping into laughing, our mourning into dancing, our despair into hope, our winter into spring and our death into life. Jesus changes things and makes all things new. We are challenged to see the transformations around us and in us. We are challenged to be the change, evidence of the transformation, for the world to see and know God through us.

- <sup>1</sup> Challenge: In 24 words or less, answer this question, "What difference does Jesus make in your life?"
- <sup>1</sup>Inspired by the Hymn, *Christ has Risen While Earth Slumbers*, vs 4. <u>All Creation Sings</u> #938, ELW Supplement, Augsburg Fortress, 2020.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Christ has risen and forever lives, to challenge and to change.
All whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present, making us what he has been: evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP TO INCLUDE SEDER MEAL

You are invited to join us in OLEC's Fellowship Hall for a very special Seder Meal and Maundy Thursday worship service held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Those gathered will engage in the rituals associated with the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the night of the Last Supper. The meal will include traditional foods and the meanings behind them. Also included will be the ancient song of thanksgiving for deliverance from captivity, "Dayenu". The meal will end with the celebration of Holy Communion, pointing followers of Jesus Christ to the Lamb who was slain for us on the cross. This worship service is intended be a respectful, faithful, and informative way to connect our faith with that of our Jewish brothers and sisters. Please note that this is a meal more focused on the fullness of meaning and remembrance than of fullness of belly. Also, we are in need of folks who would be willing to help provide and prepare from recipes detailing foods that are a part of the meal and how they are to be served. A sign-up sheet and list of foods and recipes is available outside the central church office. Please contact Pastor Terry at 715-533-8121 with any questions.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Kaleidoscope Change Happens at the Speed of Trust

#### Easter Stewardship: Resurrection Reset

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. -Romans 6:3-4

Christ is Risen! Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The triumphant words we cherish every Easter signal more than just Jesus' victory over the grave. They announce for us the end of deadness and the start of a new life, a fresh beginning, in our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus was raised from the dead so that we, too, might walk in newness of life.

From Jesus' resurrection, our lives take on a new trajectory, a turn away from the values and precepts of the world and toward the kingdom of God. As we walk, our lives progressively align with the purposes and mission of God.

For a steward-disciple of our Lord, the implications are many. As we walk in newness of life, we might find ourselves

- Re-examining our relationship to "stuff" our money, our possessions, the things that might have given us a sense of security or worth. Jesus is our security and our worth.
- Drawing closer to family and friends. True wealth is measured by the love we give and receive. Our lives effervesce with the love we receive from God.
- Contributing more to church and charity. Jesus frees us from the grip that possessions have upon us. We can more freely give.
- Gathering into our lives what Paul calls the fruits of the spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

May your lives as steward-disciples take a resurrection reset. Christ is risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!

--Rob Blezard

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### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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: nwswi.org

**ELCA WEBSITE**: www.elca.org

#### **OELC OFFICE HOURS:**

8 to 4 - Mon., Tues., & Thurs.

o 8 to 7 - Wednesday (no worship, office closes at 4)

o 8 to Noon - Friday

o 7 to Noon - Sunday (when 1 service, office closes at 10:30)

#### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The OELC Men's Bible Study Group meets at the Norske Nook on the first Tuesday morning of the month. Please help spread the word that all are welcome to attend our monthly sessions. 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.

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 – The Tough Jesus, Temple Cleansing Time reading: Mark 11:12-19

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – The Tender Jesus, "Jesus wept" reading: John 11:1-44

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – The Triumphant Jesus, Jesus' death reading: Luke 23:44-49

## Sunday Morning Bible Study 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays between services in the Family Room ALL ARE WELCOME!



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



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.



The ladies of OELC meet for monthly bible study on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 in the Family Room.

### April Birthdays

- 1 Terrilee Bratsven, Peter Ottestad, Julia Simpson
- 2 Violet Konop, Nick Morales
- 3 Dionne Anderson, Jody Groell, Makena Koch, Peggy Lundberg, Steve Seefeldt, Jane Stanek, Croix Zawacki
- 5 Jackie Frase
- 6 Millie Herman, Ginger Hong, Marshall Laumann, Brian Zimmerman
- 7 Jack Kolar, Morgan Kubishak
- 8 Cathy Hoadley, Jenny Lange, Ann Schiefelbein, Everett Shaffer, Eileen Stensen
- 9 Matt Torpen
- 10 Ada Nelson
- 11 Lorraine Allen, Sawyer Anderson, Dave Hoadley
- 12 Larry Bagley, Danika Kuehn, Joe Tietjens
- 13 Payton Bertrang, Nicole Toft
- 14 Steve Gibboney, Ken Torpen, Devyn Vojtik
- 15 Brantley Hallum, Stacy Holden, Sam Jacobson, Fay Potter, Andrea Volbrecht
- 16 Addie Hoffman
- 17 Steve Velie, Emily Wilkinson
- 18 Cale Boettcher, Becky Larson, Matt Vold, Laurie Zimmerman
- 19 John Balliett
- 20 Butch Boettcher
- 21 Mitchell Halvorson, Kanon Kittelson, Taylor Volbrecht
- 22 Iris Bemis
- 23 Harvey Baumbach, Eddie Miske
- 24 Mike Bemis, Sandy Bertrang
- 25 Colton Bertrang, Olivia Biesen, Sophia Biesen, Shirley Holmgreen, Chase Nelson, Gordon Vradenburg
- 26 Dawn Daffinson, Michael Scheller
- 27 Destiny Eide, Mavis Rathjen
- 28 Dale Amundson, Noah Krueger, Abby Mulcahy
- 29 Camryn Christopherson, Michelle Diehl, Riley Nix
- 30 Allyson Barka, Greg Dahl, Laura Eide, Kristin Flury, Cayden Guntner, Kennedy Vold

#### **WELCA Notes**

Welcome Spring! and Greetings my WELCA friends!

Some thoughts to share with you:

March is dreary, it makes me weary

SO-----Get a Faith Lift!

April is fine and so sublime

SO-----Exercise Daily, Walk with God!

May is fresh, ready to redress

SO-----For extra strength and energy, take vitamins, the best one for Christians is B 1! (Author unknown)

And ----- we don't change God's message, His message changes us SO- share with your friends and invite them to our annual:

Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, May 4
Bring a salad to share!!
Bring a friend!

Program: "What's in Your Attic?" Pam Selz-Pralle (Perhaps some Vintage Door Prizes)

In closing I want to share a story. We are still in Texas and the weather has finally improved!! Yesterday Tom and I were fishing in the park on the shipping channel when two middle-aged women brought their dad over to fish. They were so kind and gentle with this 90-year-old man in a wheelchair whom they called "Daddy". He fished all afternoon with a light pole and line. As we were packing up to leave, I stopped to visit and noticed his line was taut as he struggled to slowly reel it in. Minutes later we spotted a drum(fish) out in the water as he continued reeling. Tom netted a 35" black drum for him. He was thrilled and his daughters overjoyed for their "Daddy." Such an emotional experience for us "stoic" Norwegians who have such a hard time expressing our feelings!

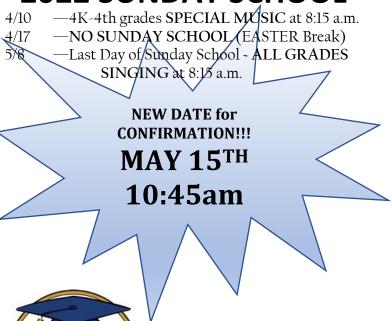
Sincerely, Rosemary

#### Spring Cleaning Time!!!

Think of OELC & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Thrift Sale Any items you are thinking to donate to a thrift store? Consider saving for our sale!!! More info. to come...

<sup>\*</sup>If your birthday should be on this list & isn't, please contact the church office.

#### **2022 SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Time change! Due to the O-F prom on April 30, the time for the Senior Recognition Breakfast on May 1st has

been adjusted. Graduating seniors will be recognized during the **10:45 service on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** with a meal following in Fellowship Hall. More information will be coming soon! Please pray for the Class of 2022 as they near a big milestone!

OELC will host an inter-faith baccalaureate service for graduating seniors and their families on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Students and families from any school district are welcome.



One in four teens have missed class because of a lack of access to period products.

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!



#### Memorial Given in Support of Live Streaming Ministry

OELC was recently the recipient of a generous memorial which will allow us to expand our live streaming capabilities by adding another camera a switcher, an additional tripod, and all the hardware needed to install everything. This gift was given in loving memory of Alvin & Doris Pederson by their son, Les Pederson.

With the implementation of this gift, we will be able to enhance the broadcasting of our worship services via the BoxCast platform we are currently using.

Adding another camera will help us to better cover activity throughout the entire sanctuary from two different angles. The switcher will enable us to seamlessly toggle back and forth between cameras as well as incorporate announcements on slides at the beginning of the services and offer helpful titling during the worship service.

According to our latest Annual Report live streamed worship services at OELC in 2021 garnered just under 2500 BoxCast views from folks in 3 different countries and 28 different U.S. states, 64 Facebook followers, and 6,100 views on YouTube. Online worship participation continues to grow in amazing ways, and we are grateful to Les for his memorial given in loving memory of his parents and in support of this fledgling ministry.

It's not too early to think about summer camp!

Summer 2022 brochures for

#### **Luther Park Bible Camp**

in Chetek, WI are available in the Narthex. There are many opportunities for youth completing grades K through 11, plus a week-long family camp in August. Scholarships are available through the camp or from OELC. Contact Pastor Dave with any questions.

#### **General Operating Fund**

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

|                            | 94,258<br>(-28,129)     | 72,700<br>(-6,541)      |                               |       |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Admin/Office               | 2,341                   | 2,088                   | 6,409                         | 26.8% |
| Parsonage                  | 1,917                   | 1,827                   | 6,583                         | 22.5% |
| Church Property            | 15,148                  | 12,960                  | 29,152                        | 34%   |
| Ministries<br>& Committees | 546                     | 388                     | 3,154                         | 15.8% |
| Worship & Music            | 402                     | 1,099                   | 3,098                         | 11.5% |
| Non-Pastoral<br>Staff      | 19,015                  | 21,421                  | 63,448                        | 23%   |
| Pastoral Staff             | 52,300                  | 29,642                  | 189,041                       | 21.8% |
| Misc.                      | 2,589                   | 3,275                   | 0                             | 0     |
| Expenses                   | 2022                    | 2021                    | Annual<br>Budget<br>Remaining | YTD % |
| Other Gen.                 | 10,966<br><b>66,129</b> | 10,057<br><b>66,159</b> |                               |       |
| All offerings              | 55,163                  | 56,102                  |                               |       |
| <u>Income</u>              | 2022                    | 2021                    |                               |       |



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#### **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.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>: 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).

### 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. Choose How You Watch Services... Livestream Options:

 OELC website www.oelc.org

#### 2. OELC Facebook Page

"Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church"

3. YouTube Channel

"Osseo Lutheran"



## 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 \$22 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.

## 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 Osseo, WI 54758



If you would like to support our OELC Coffee Fellowship, here are 3 easy ways to help:

- 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



Palm Sunday

Osseo Lions Easter Egg Hunt – Stoddard Park

Wednesday LENT Worship Service & Soup Supper

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Easter Sunday

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May 4<sup>th</sup> WELCA Salad Luncheon Graduating Seniors Recognition (10:45)

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June 29-July 3 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip

Confirmation Sunday

Baccalaureate (7:00pm)

**WELCA Picnic** Lifeline Screening

Good Friday (Noon & 6:00pm)

Maundy Thursday-Seder Meal (6:00pm-Fellowship Hall)

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