



# PARISH VISITOR

Monthly Newsletter of  
**Osseo  
Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Church**

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August 2023 | [www.oelc.org](http://www.oelc.org) | [oelc@triwest.net](mailto:oelc@triwest.net) | Pastors Terry Lorenz & David Hoadley



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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



## *How are things lookin' in your garden?*

I'm writing this the day after I finished planting our garden at the farm. To be more accurate, I'm writing this the day after Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>. It's important to note the date – mostly because we skipped the task of generating a church newsletter for the month of July. Something we do occasionally in the summer months when there just doesn't seem to be enough material to justify the time and expense. It now being mid-August our gardens, raised beds and pots should have become well established and already or soon to be offering an abundance of blessings in tastes, sustenance for our bodies, and beauty.

I have always been intrigued by the gardening practices of the farmer we meet in the synoptical gospel accounts of the parable of the sower. We tried it one year at our house when it was someone's latest, greatest idea that had been published in a trendy gardening magazine. It was actually kinda fun and most definitely a whole lot faster than monkeying around with stakes, string and segregated seeds. Shoot, we had the entire garden planted in about a half hour. "How did it turn out?", you ask.

What a mess! We knew we were in trouble when things first started poking out of the ground. We typically find it difficult enough to discern weeds from plants when we've clearly and methodically marked them but mix them up with no clues other than the boundaries of the garden and forget it. Speaking of forgetting, It also occurred to me about this time that using the rototiller or even a hoe was completely out and that cross-pollination was a much stronger force than I'd ever imagined.

I'm happy to report that our venture into scatter-gardening was, as they say, a one off. I think I'll leave the extravagant, seemingly willy nilly scattering of the seeds of God's great mercy and hope to the One who knows all of creation so intimately that each seed may accomplish, if we allow, just what the Great Gardener had in mind when He released it.



So, how are things lookin' in your garden? If things seem out of control, confusing, disappointing, or otherwise not what they could be, come join us on Sunday morning and we'll do what we do best together – encourage one another in the promises of the Almighty.

*God's peace and joy to all,*

*Pastor Terry*



We've passed the mid-point of the summer of 2023 and yes, it sure seems like the days and weeks have blown right past us. A lot has happened at OELC so far this summer, with more to come!

OELC members volunteered to close down and clean up the Lake Martha Days food stand at the Osseo Community Center. A hard-working crew took relatively little time scrubbing roasters and cleaning tables.

Not long after that, the Six Hombres left for an ASP trip to Kentucky. Joe Tietjens and I accompanied four high school young men to Salyersville in Magoffin County. We spent five days in the Kentucky heat and humidity building a deck and staircase, but more importantly building a relationship with a wonderful family.

A group of us enjoyed a gorgeous night of baseball at the Osseo Merchants game on July 5. We had some games and giveaways, and the Merchants beat the Eau Claire Rivermen 5-0.

Perhaps the biggest event is still to come as I write this. National Christian recording artist Winona Avenue is scheduled to perform at the Garber Bandshell on Wednesday August 2. Gates open at 5:15 with music at 6:00. Their music is a mix of different modern styles, and the lyrics are positive and affirming. We're requesting a \$10 donation for the church.

So many thank you-s are needed for all of these events that I don't have space (or a memory) to list them all, but please know my appreciation for everyone who has supported, continues to support, and will support in the future all we do here at OELC.

#### **New this fall:**

New information as the 2023-2024 school year begins:

Beginning in October, **Senior High** youth night will move to the first Wednesday of each month following the Wednesday worship service (so roughly 6:45 to 8:30).

**TGIF (Middle School)** will remain for the time being on the third Sunday of every other month (October, December, February, and April) from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

**Confirmation students:** I want to include you in the Wednesday night worship services following confirmation class. Please plan on staying for the Wednesday worship service as often as possible (a way to get sermon notes). **Parents:** Watch for weekly parent sheets that detail each lesson. These can help spur family discussion on what we're learning.

#### **Dates to note:**

**Friday, September 15:** ASP 2024 week request—we'll be requesting much the same week as in 2023, avoiding both Lake Martha Days and Independence Day

**Sunday, September 24:** ASP 2023 supporter dinner

**Wednesday, October 18:** ASP 2024 kick-off and informational meeting



# 2023-2024 Church Dates-to-Remember

## August 2023

- 2 Concert at Garber Bandshell (6pm)
- 30 Chancel Choir Practice Begins (6:45-8pm)

## September 2023

- 4 Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- 6 Prayer Shawl Gathering (1-3)
- 6 Wednesday Night Meal & Worship Service
- 10 2-Services begins, Rally Sunday, Teacher Installation, Sunday Bible Study, & High School Youth Group
- 12 Quilting Officially begins
- 13 CONFIRMATION Orientation (6:30)
- 17 Presentation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles
- 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

- 3 Men's Bible Study at Norske Nook begins (8am)
- 8 Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4<sup>th</sup> grades
- 10 Empty Nesters Dinner
- 14 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up
- 15 Presentation of 9<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup> grades
- 22 Thanksgiving Community Service at ?????
- 23 Lions Club Thanksgiving Meal
- 26 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 29 Wednesday Advent Services begin (6pm)-No meal

## December 2023

- 1 OELC Committee Reports Due
- 6 W/ELCA Christmas Buffet
- 17 Sunday School Christmas Program
- 24 No AM Services;  
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)

## January 2024

- 3 Wednesday Meal & Worship resumes
- 7, 14, & 21 - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes (4<sup>th</sup> Graders)
- 28 OELC Annual Meeting (-9:15am)

## February 2024

- 4 4<sup>th</sup> graders receive 1<sup>st</sup> Communion
- 4 Installation of Church Council members
- 11 Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4<sup>th</sup> grades
- 14 Ash Wednesday – Service at 6pm
- Feb. 14-March 27 – NO Confirmation Classes
- 18 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 21 Soup Suppers & Lenten services begin

## March 2024

- 10 Sunday School Special Music – 4K-4<sup>th</sup> grades
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 28 Maundy Thursday – Service at 6pm
- 29 Good Friday – Services at Noon & 6pm
- 31 Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at -6:30am

## April 2024

- 3 Confirmation Classes Resume
- 24 Last Day of Confirmation Classes

## May 2024

- 1 Confirmation Rehearsal & Photo (6:30)
- 5 Affirmation of Baptism (10:45)
- 12 All Grades Sing for Mother's Day
- 19 1-Worship Service Begins at 9am; High School Graduates Brunch following Worship & Presentation of Quillows at 9am
- 27 Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Adult Bible Study – Sundays Sept.-May between services

All Saints Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November

Church Council Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month

Committee Annual Reports Due – December 1<sup>st</sup>

Harvest Dinner – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of October

High School Youth Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month

Holy Communion – 1<sup>st</sup> & Last Sunday of month

Men's Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month

Newsletter Articles Due – 16<sup>th</sup> of the month

Noisy Offering – Last Sunday of month

OELC Annual Meeting – Last Sunday in January

Prayer Shawl Gathering – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month

Quilting – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month

Sunday Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month

Sunday School – 9:30-10:30am, Sept. – May

Tri County Food Pantry – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month

Women's Bible Study – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month

\*\*\*Some dates change due to scheduling conflicts, holidays or other factors.



### Youth event nights 2023-2024

Sunday, August 13—Combined middle school and senior high gathering

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





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.  
The group does not meet over the summer.  
See you September!



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 its meaning. All studies are held at OELC in the Family Room.



**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**will begin again in September!**

Sundays between services  
in the Family Room  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## 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.

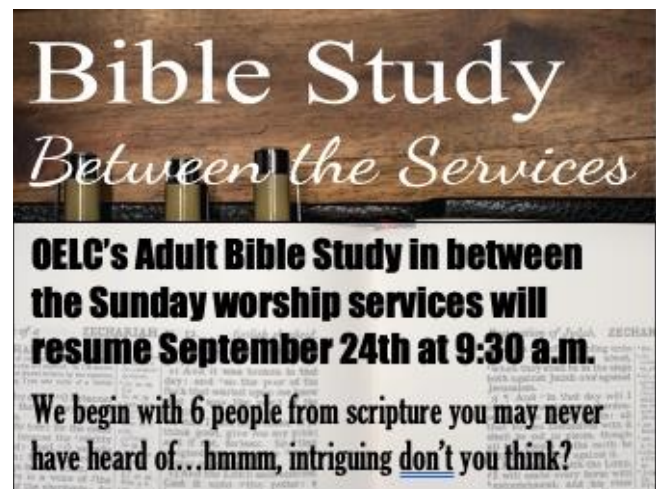
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**WEBSITE:** [www.nswwi.org](http://www.nswwi.org)

**ELCA WEBSITE:** [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**OELC OFFICE HOURS:**

- 8 to 4 - Monday – Thursday
- 8 to Noon - Friday
- Church hours will be modified per activities.



# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Bazaar Thrift Sale! Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9am-2pm

Donations needed! (no clothing, please!)

We hope you have been gathering those “no longer needed” items for donation to OELC’s “bigger & better” Fall Bazaar Thrift Sale Fundraiser! Looking forward to you joining us!!!

Drop-off is Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4:00pm.

If you have any questions, please see us at church or give us a call – Maggie Luallen at 715 597-3287 or Judy Kolar at 715 597-2416. Thank you so much!!



## General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through June 30, 2023  
With Comparison to 2022 & Annual Budget

| <u>Income</u>           | 2023           | 2022           |                         |       |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------|
| All offerings           | 166,847        | 117,832        |                         |       |
| Other Gen.              | 12,487         | 20,629         |                         |       |
|                         | <b>179,334</b> | <b>138,461</b> |                         |       |
| <u>Expenses</u>         | 2023           | 2022           | Annual Budget Remaining | YTD % |
| Pastoral Staff          | 119,776        | 108,319        | 121,748                 | 50%   |
| Non-Pastoral Staff      | 41,055         | 38,346         | 41,952                  | 50%   |
| Worship & Music         | 1,411          | 1,315          | 2,089                   | 40%   |
| Ministries & Committees | 461            | 1,164          | 3,239                   | 12%   |
| Church Property         | 30,324         | 28,008         | 15,976                  | 65%   |
| Parsonage               | 4,422          | 4,058          | 4,578                   | 49%   |
| Admin/Office            | 4,878          | 4,611          | 3,872                   | 56%   |
| Non-Op Exp.             | 4,360          | 7,006          | -                       | -     |
|                         | <b>206,687</b> | <b>192,827</b> |                         |       |

## DOLLAR\$&CENTS

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

**\$ 16,744**

+ 179,334 (Revs.)

\$ 196,078

+ 19,542 (from debt)

\$ 215,620

(- 206,687) (Exps.)

**\$ 8,933**

~ balance on 6/30/2023

### Other Fund Balances:

Mission: \$ 2,936

Special: \$ 43,040

Debt: \$ 405

Youth: \$ 5,593



# Grief SUPPORT Group

A Grief Support Group is being organized by Pastor Terry and will be offered at OELC **once a month on the first Monday** (October 2023 to May 2024) **at 6 p.m. in the Family Room**. My intention is to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment in which anyone who has recently, or otherwise, experienced the death of a loved one may find solace. Meetings will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and are open to any who have need – OELC member or not. We begin Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.



- 1 Ami Fremstad, Jacob Walter
- 2 Jerilyn Mulcahy
- 3 Maryellen Boettcher, Gene Seefeldt
- 4 Jo Hagen
- 5 Karen Thompson
- 6 Tina Bohlinger, Tia Nelson
- 7 Brianna Kraft, Bao Tankovich, Knox Zawacki
- 8 Dalton Clark, Parker Ramseier
- 9 Nathan Morales, Rolando Morales, Wendy Ottestad
- 10 Azilynn DeLong, Nicole Welke
- 11 Ayva Lane, Zhoe Lane, Don Rosenthal
- 12 Neveah Durst, Ryan Freitag, Amanda Konop, Jeff Langner
- 13 Jesse Fremstad, Brent McCune
- 14 Mary Nysven
- 15 Chris Iverson
- 16 Connor Abley, Rylan Sieg, Larry Zimmerman
- 17 Ava Miller
- 18 Virginia Abley, Ken Ives, Alex Watenphul
- 19 Martin Groell, Jamie Moldenhauer, Brooke Welke
- 21 John Newcomb, Elizabeth Zimmerman
- 22 Jesse Groell, David Hageness, Tina Higley, Alfons G. Jesunas
- 23 Carey Green
- 24 Steve Guntner, Karmen Paulus, Bert Seffens, Scot Zimmerman
- 26 Nick Barka, Alyssa Iverson, Marv McCune, Carl Ottestad, Nolan Pearson, Missie Zimmerman, Paisley Vold
- 27 Tia Gunderson, Jill Minshall
- 28 Kurt Bothe
- 29 Evan Hanson, Alyssa Kubishak, Amelia Knudtson
- 30 Madelaine Stenulson
- 31 Molly Johnson, Jill Welke



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





# 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 August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Osseo Fire Station. Volunteers needed anytime between 2:00-6:30pm.



### 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](http://www.oelc.org/giving.html)
2. Text "OELC" to 73256  
& follow the prompts
3. Mail your offering envelope to:  
OELC  
50351 Harmony Street  
Osseo, WI 54758

### Choose How You Watch Services...

#### Livestream Options:

1. OELC website  
[www.oelc.org](http://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](http://oelc.org)), the bulletin is available for every service

**Osseo-Fairchild School District** Nurse Ashley Hurlburt has created the **Thunder Supply & Market** - a resource room for middle school and high school students experiencing financial instability. A large percentage of OFSD students live in households at or below the federal poverty line. OELC is partnering to gather items that Nurse Ashley can offer in the **Thunder Supply & Market**.

Among the needs:

**New/gently used clothing in sizes for middle school/high school students:**

- Outerwear—coats, hats, gloves/mittens, shoes and boots
- Socks
- Underwear (new only, please)
- Everyday clothing—jeans/pants, shorts, T-shirts/other shirts, active wear, sleepwear

**Easy-to-prepare food:**

- Food items students can bring home for family meals away from school
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Weekend meals
- Snacks

**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE FLYERS ON MOLLY'S OFFICE DOOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Donations can be left in the basket next to the mini-pantry cupboard or given to Pastor Dave.

## **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](mailto:oelc@triwest.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.

## **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



**Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Welcomes national recording artist**

# **Winona Avenue**

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023  
Garber Bandshell, Central Park, Osseo**

**Gates open at 5:15**

**Music begins at 6:00**

**Bring a lawn chair or blanket**

**A \$10 suggested donation is requested**

**Join us for food, games, a 50/50 raffle, and more!**

**Call 715-597-3213 for more information**



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5:00 meal; 6:00 Service

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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.