

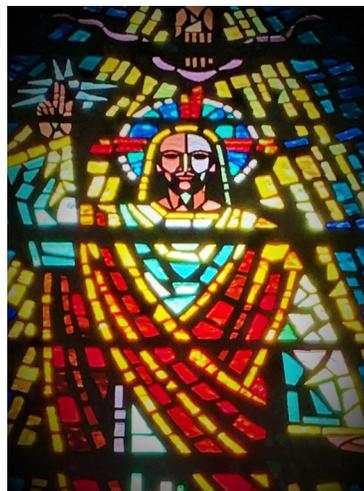
# PARISH VISITOR

September 2021

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### OELC "We Are Family"

Rally Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

Fellowship & Refreshments between services in the fellowship hall. At the 8:15am service, Sunday school teachers will be installed and the students will be blessed. You may also bring your registration form! See page 11 for a copy of the form.

### Why is a pictorial directory good for our church?

Church directories are a great way to introduce everyone in your congregation to each other. New members and old members can become familiar with each other. They offer a way to keep everyone connected, as you can include phone numbers and other information if wanted. A church directory will also offer families a chance to have current portraits made, and we offer portrait packages that are made affordable for any budget. The photography and publishing are of the finest quality to assure everyone's happiness. Who doesn't love a private photo shoot? Everyone in your family will have a great time. Harmann Studios services and products are designed with your families in mind and we work hard to deliver the very best experience.

**What do you do next?** Go to [www.oelc.org](http://www.oelc.org) and [click the button](#) at the top of the homepage to schedule your appointment. Or call Molly in the church office.

No purchases are required. See page 3 for days & times.

You get a FREE 8x10 or 5x7 print AND a COMPLIMENTARY church directory!!!

[Click Here to Schedule Your Photography Session](#)

# Well, It's Been Five Years And It's Finally Time For An Answer To Tom's Well-Intentioned Question

It was Tom Peterson who first asked the question which now, finally, deserves a well-aged answer. "How do you feel it's going for you here at OELC?", Tom, as president of the OELC church council, asked me back in the fall of 2016. When I replied that I wasn't sure yet and that it might take as long as 5 years to know how things are really going Tom looked at me curiously with slightly knitted eyebrows and uttered a monosyllabic, "hmmm".

The answer has been such a longtime coming mostly because the question is quite complicated and has a great many variables to consider. There are the usual things to evaluate such as expectations, styles, personalities, and effectiveness but then there came an unusually long list of unknown or unexpected variables that seemed to arrive one on the heels of another.

In the last 5 years our congregation has had to deal with personnel reconfigurations, another roof collapse, wind & hail damage, major updates throughout our building, the sale of the small parsonage, and a host of other unforeseen challenges, not the least among them the beast we've come to know as Covid-19.

When I pause and reflect on the last 5 years of serving as your pastor at OELC it is quite amazing how fast the time has gone by and how many things we have faithfully done together.

And there is my one-word answer to Tom's caring question. I feel confident in finally, after five fast-paced years, being



able to answer Tom's question, "How do you feel it's going for you here at OELC?" Faithfully. That's the word that describes how I feel it has gone for me here at OELC.

You have had faith in me even while wondering at times if the right decision was being made or the action being proposed was truly in the best interest of our congregation's needs. You have believed in me and allowed me to represent our church in a thousand ways over the course of my time here thus far.

I have had faith in you as our congregation has faced many seemingly insurmountable challenges. From day one with replacing all the windows in the parsonage to repeatedly meeting the financial needs of our annual budget to a hundred other ways in which you have shown me your commitment to caring for your church, parsonage, pastor, and the many ministries we continue in Jesus' holy name.

And, of course, we have all born witness to God being faithfully present in the work of His holy church here in this place as we consider the next five years and beyond. As you hopefully know, we have called a fulltime Associate Pastor, Rev. David Hoadley who will join us for worship beginning Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Calling Pastor Hoadley to come and serve with us at OELC is largely an act of faith, it always is isn't it? I pray that you will join with me in faithfully welcoming Pastor Hoadley. As his colleague in ministry it is my intention to support and encourage him and I ask you to do the same. We will

all need to adjust our expectations, style preferences, and financial obligations, as we make room for the gifts that Pastor Hoadley will bring to God's church here in this place.

Thanks be to God for the many faithful members of His holy church.

*Pastor Terry Lorenz*

# Men's Bible Study



The OELC Men's Bible Study Group will resume meeting on the first Tuesday morning of the month. While the day, location, topic schedule and breakfast format will remain the same, the time will have to change. Our host, The Norske Nook, currently does not open until 8 a.m. This means that our bible study will run from 8 to 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday

of each month. Please help spread the word that all are welcome to attend our monthly sessions. **Our next bible study will be held on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 8 a.m. at the Norske Nook and will be based on Matthew 18:21-35, the story of the unmerciful servant and is entitled "Taking the High Road"** 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.

Future study dates and topics include:

Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - "Lost Identity" Mark 5:24-34

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - "God Cares" 1 Kings 17:1-24

Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - "Hope for Healing" Luke 24:13-35

We're doing a church directory to

# KNOW WHO'S WHO

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## Reasons to get your picture taken for the photo directory:

- > We are using a new company who doesn't have access to our old pictures. The old company went out of business during the pandemic.
- > It has been 5 years since most of the pictures were taken. Yes, there was an update in 2018 and yes, you may think you look the same, but you don't. Let's update that picture so new members can get to know you now.
- > If you get your picture taken for this directory, you will get a FREE updated directory. If you don't get your picture taken, you will continue to use the old directory. And boy, oh, boy, it is OUTDATED!



## ARE YOU IN?

*We need you to make our directory complete!*

### DAYS & DATES

Monday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>  
and

Monday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

### TIMES

Monday—Thursday 1:45pm thru 7:45pm  
Friday 11:45am thru 5:45pm



Each family will receive a **complimentary** 8 x 10 or 5 x 7 portrait of their choice along with a **complimentary** directory.

#### SPECIAL OFFERS:

**Seniors** (60+) - additional 10% off.

**First Responders** (Police, EMT, Firefighters) - additional 10% off.

**Active/Retired Military** - additional 10% off.

*Additional 10% off is off list price and any listed discount.*

### HOW TO SCHEDULE?

**ONLINE:** Visit our web [www.oelc.org](http://www.oelc.org) and look for the scheduling link.

**IN-PERSON:** Look for our sign-up table before or after upcoming services.

**BY PHONE OR QUESTIONS:** Call the church office at (715) 597-3213



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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH CHECK-IN...WHO WANTS TO HELP?**

# How do I...?



## Schedule a Baptism

Call the church office—715-597-3213—and ask to speak to Pastor Terry. You will set up a date for the baptism with him. After the date is picked, go to [www.oelc.org](http://www.oelc.org) & fill out the “Application for Baptism” on the homepage.



**The Harvest Dinner** is always the 4th Wednesday of October. Due to Covid, it will be drive-thru again this year.

## Please contact the Church Office...

- ⇒ If you have moved.
- ⇒ If you have changed your phone number or email address.
- ⇒ If you want to sponsor anything (see page 5).
- ⇒ If you would like to be on a committee.
- ⇒ If you would like to assist with worship -Usher, Greeter, Lector, Communion Server, Etc.

## Church Office Contact Information

Phone: 715-597-3213

E-mail: [oelc@trivest.net](mailto:oelc@trivest.net)

Address:

50351 Harmony St.  
Osseo, WI 54758

## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 8-4; Friday 8-12

# Notes

## from the Office

# MUSIC Ministry

To past, present (as of 2020) and future Chancel Choir members:

- ◇ Choir practice resumes Sept. 8th at 6:45pm
- ◇ 1st Sunday for singing will be Sept. 26th at 8:15am
- ◇ We will sing on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
- ◇ Probably will do a Palm Sunday cantata
- ◇ If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so
- ◇ Please let Dan Newman know if he can count on your beautiful voice this year!

## Unused Bookshelf Converted in Banner Holder



Our thanks and appreciation go out to Jim Severson for converting an unused bookshelf from the old church lounge into a banner rack capable of holding 18 banners. This

newly created rack, which can be found in the back hallway behind the sacristy, allows for banners to be stored wrinkle free in heavy duty protective cardboard tubes. Thanks be to God for all good gifts given in support of His holy church.

## NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECOGNIZED AT OELC

On Sunday, September 19, 2021 our congregation will gather for worship to give thanks to God for the many blessings we know daily. On that particular day, we will give thanks for those who are new to our worshipping community. The following children of God will be welcomed into membership here at OELC:



Larry & Sharon Kirby, Chris & Donna Fonner, Janet Hangartner, Jeff Dodge, & John Clouse

**HELP WANTED**

The Chancel Choir is seeking a PIANO ACCOMPANIST. This is a paid position. See Dan Newman if you are interested.





# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next Prayer Shawl Gathering will be Wednesday, Sept. 1st from 1:00-3:00pm. Gatherings are on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome! For more information, call Lorna at 715-590-2159. Please stay safe & healthy!



## Volunteering Heartland Hospice

Friendly Visitor Volunteers are needed in our area. As a volunteer, you help determine which tasks are best suited for you and the patient. Training & education are provided.

For more information, call 715-214-2485 or email [Melissa.Peterson@hcr-manorcare.com](mailto:Melissa.Peterson@hcr-manorcare.com)

## General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through July 2021  
With Comparison to 2020 & Annual Budget

<u>Income</u>	2021	2020		
All offerings	125,756	119,059		
Other Gen.	22,429	21,851		
	<b>148,185</b>	<b>140,910</b>		
<u>Expenses</u>	2021	2020	Annual Budget Remaining	YTD %
Misc.	3,041	6,305	0	0
Pastoral Staff	66,395	64,680	108,892	38%
Non-Pastoral Staff	47,262	47,200	37,654	56%
Worship & Music	2,997	1,266	1,302	70%
Ministries & Committees	676	1,169	3,474	16%
Church Property	26,491	25,470	31,909	45%
Parsonage	3,855	4,653	5,645	40%
Admin/Office	4,396	4,622	4,354	50%
	<b>155,113</b>	<b>155,365</b>		

# 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 \$20 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.



Regular Coffee Hour will begin Sunday, Sept. 19 between services. Sign-up outside the church office if you would like to serve and/or bring/make treats.

Thanks to all who are continuing to give regular contributions. Many are using the electronic methods, dropping their envelope off, or mailing their donations to the church office. Your gifts fuel the ministry we do together.



# September Birthdays

- 2 Vicki Hagberg, Bev Frase
- 3 Mike Hallum, Hunter Becker
- 4 Eleanor Holmen, Brady Loesel, Dayne Vojtik, Wyatt Hanson, 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 Ben Jeziorski (104!!!), Martin Abley, Troy Holmen
- 15 Judy Hageness, Kelly Johnson, Izaiah Green
- 17 Chris Nysven, Scott Pralle, RJ Schwoch, Donna Van Vleet
- 18 Angie Hong, Linda Moseley, Kelly Speckien, Ryan Olson
- 19 Anthony Iverson
- 20 Madison Hageness, Amy Ramseier, Caitlin Wilkinson, Naomi Logterman
- 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, Steve Toft
- 26 Bailey Schwagel, 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, Jason Walker
- 30 Vanessa Walker, Brenda Christenson

\*\*If you have a birthday in Sept. and your name is not listed, it may not be in the church database. Contact the church office to update your information.

The Women of Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church

## FALL BAZAAR RAFFLE

ONLINE Drawing  
will take place on

Saturday, September 25th  
at 12:30pm

\$10 for 1 ticket

Prizes include:  
Quilts  
Prize Baskets  
& so much more!

Go to  
[www.oelc.org](http://www.oelc.org)  
for live drawing!

**WELCA Bazaar** will be the same as last year—  
**VIRTUAL!** You can buy tickets in the OELC office  
and watch the live drawing on **Saturday, Sep-**  
**tember 25th at 12:30pm.**

**Tickets are \$10.**

**LOTS of Wonderful Prizes!!!!**  
*plus, not virtually...*

**Saturday, Sept. 25th**  
**9am-1pm**

**OSSEO EVANGELICAL** 50351 HARMONY ST.  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**IS HAVING A**  
**THRIFT SALE**

**FREE WILL DONATIONS**

**ALL SORTS OF TREASURES! BOOKS, TOYS, DISHES, HOLIDAY ITEMS, FURNITURE AND MUCH MORE!!!**

**The sale is in the gym -  
Please park in back parking lot  
and enter thru back doors.**

### THRIFT SALE at OELC

Set up will be Friday, September 24th from 12:00-4:00pm. No need to price items as this is free-will donations. NO clothes please. If you are interested in participating, please call Maggie (715-597-3287) to reserve a table or if you have any ?'s.

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"

# 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. 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

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## 2021-2022 IMPORTANT DATES

**RALLY DAY:**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

8:15 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE with TEACHER  
Installation & Student Blessing

9:30 a.m. Excused to SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 a.m. Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

9/26 —10:45am - 3RD & 4TH Grade BIBLE presentations;  
Meet & greet with Pastor Terry & Pastor Dave

10/10 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.

11/14 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.

11/28 —NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

12/19 —4K-6th grade CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 8:15 a.m.

12/26 —NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

1/2 —NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

2/13 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.

3/13 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.

4/10 —4K-4th grades SPECIAL MUSIC at 8:15 a.m.

4/17 —NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (EASTER Break)

5/8 —Last Day of Sunday School - ALL GRADES SINGING at 8:15 a.m.

## 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.



### Pastor

Terry Lorenz

(H) 715-695-3524; (C) 715-533-8121

pastorterrylorenz@tcc.coop

### Associate Pastor

David Hoadley

Contact Info: TBD

### Parish Administrator

Molly Vold

oelc@trivest.net

### Chancel Choir Director/Organist

Dan Newman

newmandr4546@me.com

### Custodians

Carl & Nikki Holmen

### Financial Assistants

Shirley Bagley & Betty Ward



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### Church Council

President: Dennis Barka

Vice President: Tony Bohlinger

Treasurer: Emily Wilkinson

Secretary: Shannon Hasz

Brent McCune

Linda Heiman

Sheila Nelson

Patty Hoffman

Jill Welke

Ryan Olson

Amara Wilkinson

# Sunday School Registration Form ~ 2021-2022

OELC ~ 50351 Harmony St. ~ Osseo  
715-597-3213 ~ www.oelc.org  
oelc@trivest.net

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to our email list & receive updates for OELC?  Yes  No

Would you like to receive your OELC Parish Visitor (newsletter) via email?  Yes  No

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

& Phone Number (during Sunday School hour): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name

Birthdate

Age

Grade

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Special Concerns/Needs/Allergies Sunday school staff should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\* I give permission for photos or videos of my child(ren)/family member(s) to be used by Sunday School literature, presentations and our church's website.  Yes  No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian)

- Materials fee of \$10 per child helps cover the cost of curriculum & materials used every Sunday.
- Make checks payable to "OELC"; please pay on or before Rally Sunday (Sept. 12) or Monday-Friday, 8am-Noon, in the church office.
- Checks & forms can be mailed to OELC, 50351 Harmony St., Osseo, WI, 54758.
- Pay online—www.oelc.org—hit Sunday School Registration button.
- Pay via text to 73256 & type "OELCsundayschool"; follow the prompts.

Office Use Only:

Amt. paid? \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid? \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or  Cash

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# COMING SOON

Aug. 31st	Quilting BEGINS!!!
Sept. 7th	Men's Bible Resumes—8am at Norske Nook
Sept. 8th	Confirmation Orientation
Sept. 12th	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—6:45pm Begin 2 Service—8:15 & 10:45 Rally Sunday
Sept. 16th	Installation of Sunday School Teachers—8:15 Blessing of the Sunday School Students—8:15 Red Cross Blood Drive at OELC
Sept. 19th	New Member Recognition Sunday
Sept. 20-24 & 27-28	Visiting Partners Information Meeting—9:30 Church Directory Photos
Sept. 25th	WELCA Virtual Bazaar & In-person Thrift Sale
Sept. 26th	Presentation of Bibles—3rd & 4th graders (10:45)
Oct. 27th	Harvest Dinner-Drive-Thru
Nov. 25th	Community Thanksgiving Meal at OELC
Dec. 4th	Lions Club Breakfast with Santa at OELC
Dec. 19th	Sunday School Christmas Program (8:15)

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 9:00 am  
 Pastor: Terry Lorenz  
 Our Mission at OELC:  
 to share our faith and bring people  
 to Jesus Christ,  
 to love our neighbors as ourselves,  
 and to minister to the needs of ALL people.