



Discipleship Opportunities @ OLEC

We value every person as a gift from God with talents known or unknown to them. We encourage you to explore any aspect of the church activities that seem interesting to you. We have developed a Discipleship (Time & Talent) survey to help guide your way in describing your interests at OELC.

The information in these surveys will then be compiled and shared with the appropriate committee or ministry.

TIME is a VALUABLE commodity that we wish you would share with us, by helping on a committee, teaching in Sunday school, helping with building projects, or one of the many other opportunities that can be found on the survey.

Talent is very special and can help in many ways, such as carpentry, accounting, electrical, plumbing, music. These opportunities to share your talents can also be found on the survey.

URGENTLY NEEDED

WE NEED YOU!

CHURCH MEMBER

To fill out & return the survey on pages 7-8!

Church Staff

Pastor: Dave Hoadley
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763-221-1928

Parish Admin.: Molly Vold
oelc@trivest.net

Choir Director/Organist/
Accompanist: Cathy Hoadley

Custodians:
Nikki & Carl Holmen
Sheila Nelson

Financial Assistants:
Shirley Bagley & Betty Ward



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 I spent my vacation By Dave Hoadley



I don't remember having to write one of these in elementary school, so this is my big chance!

On my desk, I have a picture frame with photos on both sides. One side is Martin Luther King, Jr., and the other side is former president Jimmy Carter. During the vacation Cathy and I took at the end of February, targeting beach time someplace warm, those two images intersected.

We decided on Georgia for a few reasons, including the many unanimously glowing comments I've heard about Savannah, and we each chose a "must-do" experience. Mine was to drive to Plains to visit whatever was available to honor Mr. Carter.

Cathy found Sapalo Island, one of a chain of barrier islands off the Georgia coast. Before we left, Cathy made specific reservations for a tour of Sapalo Island, but otherwise our time was flexible.

Our first stop was Mr. Carter's boyhood farm, now a National Historical Park managed by the National Park Service. We were able to freely wander around the property and walk through the house that Earl Carter obtained in 1928. The furnishings are replicas, but we got a realistic taste of their lifestyle. Among other buildings on the farm was the home of a Black couple, Rachel and Jack Clark. Jack was the foreman of Earl Carter's farmworkers, and Rachel became a sort of surrogate mother to young Jimmy when his parents were busy working. Jimmy spent a lot of time in their house, which was sparsely furnished and insulated with newspaper.

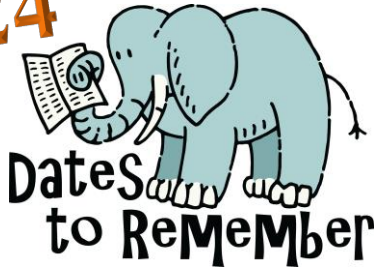
Archeologists say Sapalo Island had an Indigenous population as far back as 2,000BCE. In the 1800s, most of the island was owned by Thomas Spaulding, who "gradually developed Sapalo into an antebellum plantation empire." (New Georgia Encyclopedia) and had 385 slaves. When abolition arrived, many of the freed slaves gradually began buying tracts of land on the island, and to this day, most of the approximately three dozen permanent residents are descendants of Spaulding's slaves. To tour the island, you either have to be invited by a permanent resident or take the tours offered by the State of Georgia. The University of Georgia has a Marine Institute on the island to study the ecosystem of the area.

Our flight home from Atlanta was an early one, so we drove back to Atlanta the day before. That allowed us to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park, also managed by the Park Service. We toured the exhibits and watched a short film that added some details about the civil rights movement that history books tend to gloss over. We also got a long lesson from a Park Service employee at Fire Station 6, one of the park's historic buildings. Like many young boys, MLK spent a lot of time at the fire station talking to the firemen (all men until 1977), and the guide said it's where MLK was first exposed to segregation and racism, as it was 1963 before the fire department hired its first Black firefighters.

We did see beautiful Savannah and got some ocean time at nearby Tybee Beach. Locals were already planning for St. Patrick's Day, since Savannah has the oldest and second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the nation. And we had time to relax and enjoy delicious local restaurants, so it was a very successful vacation!

The end.

2024



April 2024

- 3 Confirmation Classes Resume
- 21 High School Graduates Brunch following Worship & Presentation of Quillows at 10:45am
- 24 Last Day of Confirmation Classes
- 28 Dan Newman appreciation day – “Dan Day”

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
- 27 Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Annual & Monthly Set Dates

- 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.



EXERCISE AT CHURCH???

Before the COVID pandemic hit, OELC hosted an exercise class using dumbbells and ankle weights. Since the pandemic, the equipment has moved from place to place around the building. It’s hoping to have found a home in the classroom in the back hallway, next to the back furnace room (the access to the stage). Dumbbells from 2 pounds to 25 pounds along with ankle weights and exercise mats are available for use whenever the building is open, and some possible suggested exercises are provided. Please use this equipment with due caution and only as it’s intended, and children should only use it under adult supervision.

W/ELCA News



WELCOME

“The Church Basement Ladies-Eleva Style”
to the
Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, May 1st!
Bring a salad to share!!
Bring a friend!!!

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!

And-----we don't change God's message, His message changes us! (Author unknown)

(shared by Rosemary T. many years ago, but worth repeating)



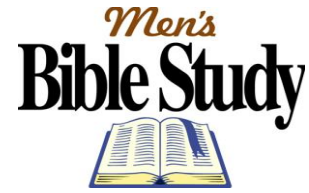
The ladies of OELC meet for monthly bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We use the bible study found in the Gather magazine. Copies of the magazine and study are available in the church office, or you can subscribe. Come join us as we study in word, prayer, and faith God's holy Word and its meaning. All studies are held at OELC in the Family Room.



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.



Held in the west room at the Norske Nook at 8 am on the first Tuesday of the month, September through May.

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Eternal values, The rich man and Lazarus
Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Kingdom priorities, Parable of the great banquet
Reading: Luke 14:15-24

General Operating Fund

Income & Expense Report—Through March 27, 2024
With Comparison to 2023 & Annual Budget

| <u>Income</u> | 2024 | 2023 | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| LOC/trans/int. | 2,812 | 174 | | |
| All offerings | 65,612 | 74,308 | | |
| Other Gen. | <u>11,177</u> | <u>4,706</u> | | |
| | 79,601 | 79,188 | | |
| | | | Annual Budget Remaining | YTD % |
| <u>Expenses</u> | 2024 | 2023 | | |
| Pastoral Staff | 58,090 | 57,133 | 188,370 | 24% |
| Non-Pastoral Staff | 18,718 | 18,565 | 64,899 | 22% |
| Worship & Music | 1,306 | 690 | 3,964 | 21% |
| Ministries & Committees | 549 | 183 | 2,201 | 20% |
| Church Property | 11,924 | 11,153 | 37,466 | 24% |
| Parsonage | 2,211 | 1,637 | 8,539 | 21% |
| Admin/Office | 2,010 | 2,538 | 7,240 | 22% |
| Line of Credit | 10,240 | 0 | | |
| Non-Op Exp. | <u>2,762</u> | <u>1,415</u> | - | - |
| | 107,540 | 93,314 | | |



1-1-2024 Beginning Balance in General Operating Fund ~

\$ 27,422

+ 79,601 (Revs.)

\$ 107,023

(- 107,540 (Exps.))

\$ -517.00

~ **balance on 3/27/2024**

Other Fund Balances:

Mission: \$ 1,538

Special: \$ 52,048

Debt: \$ 0

Youth: \$ 5,710

Line of Credit:

OELC owes \$ 5,029



HAPPY Birthdays FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

- 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, 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, Iris Hoffman
- 12 Larry Bagley, Danika Kuehn, Joe Tietjens
- 13 Payton Bertrang
- 14 Devyn Vojtik
- 15 Stacy Holden, Sam Jacobson
- 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
- 22 Iris Bemis
- 23 Harvey Baumbach, Eddie Miske
- 24 Mike Bemis, Sandy Bertrang
- 25 Colton Bertrang, Chase Nelson, Gordon Vradenburg
- 26 Dawn Daffinson, Michael Scheller
- 27 Destiny Eide, EmmaLynn Moldenhauer
- 28 Dale Amundson, Noah Krueger, Abby Mulcahy
- 29 Camryn Christopherson, Michelle Diehl, Riley Nix, Braelyn & Wrenley Decker
- 30 Allyson Barka, Greg Dahl, Laura Eide, Kennedy Vold

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

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).



**BULLETINS
SECURITY SYSTEM
NEWSLETTER**
in the church office

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

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
50351 Harmony Street
Osseo, WI 54758

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

DISCIPLESHIP AT OELC - TIME & TALENT SURVEY

Jesus came to serve humankind. Followers of Christ also serve in their families, communities, workplaces, and the church. The Holy Spirit has given each person a gift to be used for the common good. Ask God to help you determine how you can serve at OELC.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Can we text you? YES NO

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Months you are not available: (i.e. snowbird):

LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEES -

Most committees must meet quarterly at a minimum.

- Altar Guild - care for linens & banners; change paraments as needed.
- Audit - audit church accounts in January - 3 yr. term.
- Buildings & Grounds - maintain & repair at church & parsonage.
- Christian Education - focus on Sunday school.
- Council - leadership of OELC - 3 yr. term - elected; meet monthly.
- Endowment - Elected position - 3 yr. term
- Evangelism/Outreach - bring people to church.
- Finance/Stewardship - ensure financial stability; Plan budget; develop good programs.
- Nominating - find new members for church council; 1 yr. term
- Personnel - review employment policies; staff reviews & support.
- Special Gifts - oversee memorial gifts to OELC.
- Worship - pertains to all things worship-music, ushers, communion assistants, lectors, pastor, etc.

FELLOWSHIP

- Sunday Coffee - between services; make, prep, serve, and/or donate.
- Wednesday Meal - prep, serve, clean, and/or donate.
- Help with "Events"
- Provide bars/cookies (for events)

MINISTRIES - meet as needed, weekly, and/or monthly

- Breakfast Club - part of stewardship
- Green Team - Creation Care - environment, climate, recycling, etc.
- Harvest Dinner - help plan, cook, clean, set-up, etc. Need younger committee members.

Ministries continued...

- Library - organize, label, procure books, check out/in, etc.
- Music Ministry - many opportunities to be creative!
- Prayer Shawl Ministry - Knit? Crochet? Meet 1st Wed. of the month from 1-3pm
- Quilting Ministry - wash, iron, cut squares, tie, sew; Can do at home or meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday from 10am-4pm
- Visiting Partners - visit homebound members.
- Women of OELC/WELCA - women's ministry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School Superintendent
- Teach Sunday School
- Aide for Sunday School
- Substitute teacher for Sunday School
- Confirmation Mentor
- Confirmation Instructor
- Christmas Program Helper

Adult Bible Study:

Lead Attend

- Vacation Bible School Director
- VBS Assistant

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship Volunteer

- Greeter
- Usher
- Communion Assistant - prep, serve & clean up.
- Lector - read the lessons during worship.
- Schedule worship assistants - typically a member of the Worship Committee

Music Volunteer

- Piano accompanist
- Sing in a choir
- Play a musical instrument
What instrument? _____
- Assist with Children's Sunday school music
- Youth Praise Choir
- Video cameras - livestream
- Create announcement videos
- Audio/Sound booth

over 

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- Custodian fill-in
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Painter
- Plumber
- Office Machines
- Audio-visual equipment
- "Handyman"
- Landscaping

TECHNOLOGY

- Computer hardware
- Computer networks
- Website updating
- Social media posting
- Church software assistant (Realm)
- Power point presentations/Videos

YOUTH & FAMILY

- Wednesday night helpers
- Chaperone
- Driver
- Provide snacks
- Mission trips
 - Age Preference: Middle School
 - High School
- Event planning/facilitating/helping
- Fundraising
- Attending Luther Park Bible Camp

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

- Tri County Food Pantry - 3rd Saturday
- Ruby's Pantry - 2nd Tuesday
- OELC Mini-Food pantry - keep stocked & updated
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Adopt-a-Highway - Fall & Spring
- Community Service Projects - organize &/or participate

OFFICE

- Assistant to the Parish Administrator
- Answer office phone
- Fill-in for Parish Administrator
- Odd jobs & organizing
- Sunday morning office - open & close
- Volunteer scheduling
- Duties as needed
- Assemble mailings &/or bulletins
- Update membership database
- Money counter
- Member phone calls

OTHER

- Decorate for events
- Photography
- Historian
- Clean/update children's activity bags

Anything not listed on this survey?

IDEAS for OELC Events/Programs/Ministries:

If you would like to take this survey online, go to www.oelc.org and click the "Discipleship Survey" button on the homepage.



CHURCH

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

ALTAR
BALCONY
BELIEF
BELL
BENCH
BIBLE
BOOKS
BULLETIN
CANDLES
CHOIR
COMMUNITY
CONGREGATION
DOORS
FAITH
FLOWERS
FOYER
GOSPEL
GUESTS
MINISTER
PEACE
PEW
PIANO
PRAYER
TRAY
WORSHIP

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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



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Please join us for Sunday Worship
Sundays
8:15 & 10:45
9:00am (Summer)
Wednesdays
6:00 meal; 6:00 Service in Chapel
Pastor: David Hoadley
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.