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# The Voice

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## *Comfort in the Arms of Christ*

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People like to hang on to things.

When we were kids, it maybe was our teddy bear, or our blanket with a special shiny cloth border. We hang on to things because they bring us comfort.

What do we hang on to when we are uncomfortable?

There are physical things we hang on to. A cane. A walker. Handrails on a staircase.

When people stand around drinking coffee, I wonder if the cup is actually just something to hang on to that subconsciously makes them feel safe. It does me!

We accumulate and surround ourselves with things that make us feel comfortable. I wonder if a packrat has not developed an emotional attachment to absolutely everything that they have. They surround themselves with things that are emotionally comforting. Perhaps these things make them feel safe?

We are not robots. We are people with emotions.

And some of those emotions include being uncomfortable, afraid, concerned, or sensing that our life is in danger or at risk. So, we bring things toward us, or hang on to things that ease our discomfort and bring us comfort.

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**And so much more!**



And the things we bring toward ourselves for comfort are blessings if we don't love them more than God or if our love for them doesn't overpower us. That might be an addiction.

But what if everything was taken from us?

Examples:

A man standing on the railing of the sinking titanic.

A person standing naked in the gas chamber in Nazi Germany, taking their last breath of fresh air.



But we return to the two questions. What makes us uncomfortable?

There's a super long list of what makes humans uncomfortable. Speaking in front of a large group of people. Heights. Closed places. Hunger. Thirst. Loneliness. Rejection. Lack of provisions. An uncertain future. And the list continues infinitely.

What do we turn to, to comfort ourselves?

Alcohol. A walk. Listening to music. Did someone say cookies? Hanging out with good friends. Watching a comedy. Silence. Turning off the news. Shutting off the computer. And this list also continues infinitely.

It is very dangerous and very tempting to cross lines when it comes to what we reach for here and how we comfort ourselves.

It is human to be uncomfortable.

God knows this.

After Adam and Eve's fall into sin, God found them in a very uncomfortable state hiding under the bushes. Shame.

He clothed them, in caring for them He gave them promises of restoration and His ongoing presence.

There isn't a single human who is not uncomfortable about something. If they don't show it, they're hiding it.

Why is it some days are easier than others? Did you ever study a river?

In the film, *The African Queen*, they encounter beautiful flat water, then rapids, some snags, a few rocks, horrible leeches, unexpected waterfalls, beautiful flat water again and even getting stuck in the weeds. This is a metaphor for exactly how life is.



We want to be comfortable all the time. But it doesn't happen.  
How we find comfort during uncomfortable times, during discouraging events, is the secret.

As you know, Saint Paul in the New Testament encountered very rough days and some smooth days. He probably had more rough than smooth. But he wished to teach his readers what Christ had taught him, that no matter what your situation, reach to Christ in your discomfort, and you shall be comforted.

*“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*  
- Philippians 4:11-13 NKJV

Are you uncomfortable? Is fear overtaking you? Are you retreating into a lonely place and it's only getting worse?

Here's some advice for us all:

- 1. Consider setting up a small location in the house for you to go and focus on your faith. Some call it a Prayer Corner, a Prayer Closet or a Home Altar - go there frequently to ground yourself in your faith**
- 2. Be in the habit of constantly praying to God throughout the day no matter what you're doing or where you're at - He's present and listening**
- 3. Start a habit of reading a Bible chapter a day**
- 4. G.O.O.T.H. - Get out of the house**
- 5. Turn off the news**
- 6. Set your electronics down and fast from them for a few hours at a time**
- 7. Play some holy music**
- 8. Call or visit a friend who could use your encouragement, and that will encourage you**
- 9. Start a journal and take notes about your life experiences - Then get up and get going again**
- 10. Set some attainable goals**

You may start one of these, and then fall out of the habit. Restart it again. Our entire life is made up of standing up and falling down, standing up and falling down.

It's kind of like learning how to ride a bicycle. We could go and then fall over, go and fall over again, repeatedly. Eventually we learn.

Eventually we learn the secret of contentment that Saint Paul is talking about.

Training ourselves to stay closer to Him daily, we realize we are comfortable in His care.

## **October 2021 Usher Schedule**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Day</b> | <b>Service</b> | <b>Lead</b>      | <b>Team</b>                                    |
|-------------|------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| 03 Oct      | Sun        | 7:45 AM        | Ralph Hoerchler  | Matt Norem; Gerald Kirchman                    |
| 03 Oct      | Sun        | 9:15 AM        | Shelley Williams | Robin Williams; Rosemary & Steve Clark         |
| 03 Oct      | Sun        | 10:45 AM       | Gerald Buechner  | Rich Spangenberg                               |
| 07 Oct      | Thu        | 6:30 PM        | Harvey Boeder    | Jean & Paul Shusta                             |
| 10 Oct      | Sun        | 7:45 AM        | Allen Knaus      | Jerry VanKauwenberg; Nathan Knaus              |
| 10 Oct      | Sun        | 9:15 AM        | Matt Tompkins    | Ethan Tompkins; Kory Altergott; Kole Altergott |
| 10 Oct      | Sun        | 10:45 AM       | Mike Charles     | Sandy Groth                                    |
| 14 Oct      | Thu        | 6:30 PM        | Tiffany Duff     | Brian Duff                                     |
| 17 Oct      | Sun        | 7:45 AM        | Greg Jones       | Kathy Jones                                    |
| 17 Oct      | Sun        | 9:15 AM        | Walter Juhnke    | Lonnie Peerenboom; Rich Voskamp; Larson Parks  |
| 17 Oct      | Sun        | 10:45 AM       | Royal Bruhn      | Sue Bruhn; Carson Falck                        |
| 21 Oct      | Thu        | 6:30 PM        | David Haase      | Bobby Haase; Rich Spangenberg                  |
| 24 Oct      | Sun        | 7:45 AM        | Andrew Prescher  | Al Breitlow                                    |
| 24 Oct      | Sun        | 9:15 AM        | Shelley Williams | Robin Williams; Rosemary & Steve Clark         |
| 24 Oct      | Sun        | 10:45 AM       | Gerald Buechner  | Rich Spangenberg                               |
| 28 Oct      | Thu        | 6:30 PM        | Harvey Boeder    | Jean & Paul Shusta                             |
| 31 Oct      | Sun        | 7:45 AM        | Ralph Hoerchler  | Matt Norem; Gerald Kirchman                    |
| 31 Oct      | Sun        | 9:15 AM        | Matt Tompkins    | Ethan Tompkins; Kory Altergott; Kole Altergott |
| 31 Oct      | Sun        | 10:45 AM       | Mike Charles     | Sandy Groth                                    |

*†UN-Usher Needed: If you'd like to volunteer as an usher, please contact the Lead usher of the group you'd like to join or Michelle in the church office at (920) 468-4065 or [info@oslc-gb.org](mailto:info@oslc-gb.org).*

## **OFFICIAL ACTS**

### **Weddings**

Katie Ozanich and Ryan Vlies  
United at Our Saviour on August 7, 2021

Krista Ostrenga and Ben Beerntsen  
United in Kewaunee, WI on August 7, 2021

### **Baptisms:**

Evalynn Rose Cerniglia  
Born: July 24, 2020  
Baptized: July 25, 2021  
Daughter of Eric and Mindy Cerniglia

### **Received their Crown:**

Clarence Ney  
June 20, 1923 ~ August 9, 2021  
Funeral service held on August 13, 2021

Marcella Zabel  
April 22, 1919 ~ August 12, 2021  
Funeral service held on August 14, 2021

# Opportunities to serve at Our Saviour

**As Rally Sunday draws near, we look to you to identify ways you can serve at Our Saviour.**

**Sunday School Director:** The Sunday School director is in charge of coordination of the Sunday School teachers and schedule. This position could be done with a team or on your own. It can be as involved as you want it to be. Sunday school is Our Saviour's opportunity to share the faith with our students Preschool through 6th grade. For more information contact **Becky Nichols at [beckynichols1@gmail.com](mailto:beckynichols1@gmail.com)**

**Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes:** Sunday School is only as successful as our dedicated teachers! You can choose to teach one grade, to team teach or substitute as needed. It will absolutely be the best hour of your week! Contact Becky Nichols at [beckynichols1@gmail.com](mailto:beckynichols1@gmail.com) if you are interested in supporting our Sunday School program!

**Editor For the Voice:** Do you enjoy reading The Voice? Do you have a passion for editing and formatting? This could be the ministry for you! Once per month, using Canva or Microsoft Word, and the materials provided by Michelle, the editor puts this publication together. 1-4 hours per month, depending on skill! Contact the church office for more information.

# What Does Fall Mean at Our Saviour?

Well it means a lot is going to change soon and the building will be very busy on any given day!

**Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School** classes began on August 25. **Our Saviour Preschool** 3K and 4K classes started on August 31/September 1. On any given weekday/school day that you come to OSLC, please watch for kids and extra cars. Have you noticed the fence in the green space? That is our new preschool play area! Please also note that you may see a line of cars in the parking lot from 7:30-8am and from 2:30-3:30pm for student drop off and pick up. It is requested that you avoid these times for SCRIP and other business that can be arranged at a different time.

Pastor Dave will lead a **new member class** on Wednesdays during September (1, 8, 15, 22 and 29). All members are welcome for a 'refresher' and non-members are welcome to learn about Christianity and Our Saviour before deciding if they want to join our family community.

**Confirmation classes** start September 8. If your 7th grader is not registered, contact the church office to get signed up. Classes meet Wednesdays with some Youth Night fun mixed in approximately every other week.

**Sunday School** classes will start with a rally during church on September 12. Children will sit with their parents in church, be dismissed to class and return to the Sanctuary before the end of worship. Online registration is now open or pick up a paper registration from Donna Biebel.

**Fish fries** return on the 2nd Friday of each month beginning September 10. You are welcome to **join the team** to help on one or more Friday nights (or Thursday prep). **Youth** are needed to bus tables and serve beverages; tips received will be earned for youth accounts to pay for NYG trips and more. Fish fry fliers with dates and menu are available at the Welcome Center so that you can invite family and friends to order carry out or dine in from 5-6:30pm. One change this year...the last fish fry will be on Friday, April 8.

**Youth Nights** return on September 15. All youth in grades 5-12 are welcome. Parents are asked to sign up to provide a meal. Contact the church office to set up a date (about 8 from which to choose) to feed our youth a simple meal.

**Lambeau Field** opens for the regular season on Monday, September 20. Workers are needed but training and online testing is needed first. If interested, contact Michelle in the church office for more information. The complete schedule of home games includes:

September 20 at 7:15pm  
October 3 at 3:25pm  
October 24 at 3:25pm  
November 14 at 3:25pm

November 28 at 3:25pm  
December 12 at 7:20pm  
December 25 at 3:30pm  
January 2 at 7:20pm

*Engaging The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* is a **special class** led by Pastor Dave on six consecutive Wednesday nights starting October 6 from 6-7:30pm. The class will also be held on Tuesday mornings during the 9am Bible Study time beginning October 5. Zoom is an option for Wednesday nights.

RSVPs appreciated by calling the church office at (920) 468-4065.

# Super Sale 2021 Update and Thank you

How do you possibly say enough thank yous to the many, many servants who worked diligently to make our Super Sale such a great success? The committees and the people who worked on those committees are listed below. Please know that we, Mike Baneck, co-chair and Jill Proulx, chairwoman, are very grateful for every servant and every task that was completed. We know that without you, the sale would not be possible. The sale keeps getting bigger and better every year and our reputation as a “must not miss” sale is growing as well. So many comments were made about what a wonderful sale we have and how people look forward to coming each year. They love the cinnamon rolls and booyah too!

## **Booyah:**

Bob and Fay Boerschinger  
Paul and Jean Shusta  
Jerry Buechner and Bill Heffernan

## **Cinnamon Rolls:**

Greg Ammerman  
Lonnie Peerboom and Bob Reinke

## **Kitchen:**

Shelley Williams and Mary Luberda

Another benefit of our sale, besides the boost to our general fund, is the outreach to our community and within our own congregation as well. Our neighbors know us as a friendly place to be. With this sale, we open our hearts and hands to all who walk in our doors and show them our love for Christ through our interactions with them. The members of Our Saviour family who work to make the sale a success get to know each other better and become more engaged within our church family. If you didn't help this year, please try to help next year and feel the joy of being involved with others in our church family.

I have received some questions about future sales, but at this time I can't assure that the sale will go on. However, I am hopeful that, in the near future, you will see an announcement. If you are still interested in working on the sale for next year, we have decided that a team is now needed and, if we get a few people to take some leadership roles, the sale will go on. Call the church office if you would like more information.

The final total is not yet available at this writing, but it looks like it will be well over \$8,000.00! When the final number is available, it will be announced.

As I have announced, this will be my last year as chairwoman of the Super Sale. It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity for the last 11 years. I look forward to working with the new team when it is formed.

Thank you **SO MUCH** again to everyone who had a part in making our sale the success it was!

In humble gratitude,  
Jill Proulx

# Youth Page

Youth is the term at Our Saviour for those in grades 5-12. All are welcome to attend Youth Nights, beginning September 12, 2021 from 6-7:30pm. Check the online calendar for the Wednesday dates of all youth nights which will continue until February 23.

Parents are asked to sign up to provide a simple meal (sloppy joes, hot dogs, potato bar, etc.) for Youth Nights. Select one of the eight available and contact the office to reserve a night that works best for you.

NYG Youth include those entering 8th grade thru 12th grade this year. We have approximately 30 youth registered to attend and still have room for you to join us in Houston next year – July 9-12, 2022 – plus additional dates for the trip to and from Houston.

We have several ways for you to raise funds for your youth account:

Lambeau Field – Youth aged 14 and older can work at a concession booth for any Packer games. Parents and other relatives or friends that work with OSLC can raise funds for their favorite youth. Minimum pay per event is \$85 with a possible bonus at the end of the season.

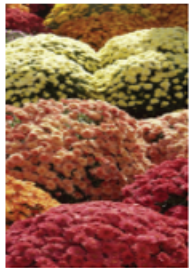




SCRIP – Purchase gift cards and earn a percentage from each store – Festival Foods, Shell gas, WalMart, Target, Kwik Trip and so many more. Contact the church office for details. One half of the profit earned from your card purchase can be deposited into your youth account.

Fall Flower Sale – This is a new fundraiser this year since the Spring Flower Sale went so well! All orders and payments must be received in the church office by Friday, September 10. Online orders can be placed at [oslc-gb.org](http://oslc-gb.org). A paper order form for youth can be picked up from the church office. A QR code is available at the Welcome Center. Youth can earn a portion of sales made at the Welcome Center when they schedule to take orders on Sundays (only September 5 still available). Call the church office to be one of two (max) youth to sell on Sundays.

## Mum's the Word

The Youth are at it again...this time with flowers for your viewing pleasure this fall!

Flowers to be offered from Schroeder's Flowers include:

|  |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
|  <p><b>8"</b><br/><b>Fall Mums</b></p> <p><b>\$10</b></p> |  <p><i>Assorted</i><br/><b>Fall</b><br/><b>Combo Pots</b></p> <p><b>\$35</b></p> |  <p><b>9"</b><br/><b>Fall Kale</b></p> <p><b>\$10</b></p> |  <p><b>9"</b><br/><b>Millet</b></p> <p><b>\$10</b></p> |  <p><b>9"</b><br/><b>Dwarf</b><br/><b>Sunflower</b></p> <p><b>\$10</b></p> |
|--|---|--|--|---|

The sale begins August 16; orders can be taken until Friday, September 10. Find a youth at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning, order online at [oslc-gb.org](http://oslc-gb.org) or contact Michelle in the church office. The expected arrival is the week of September 13. Those who order will receive a phone call with plant arrival and pick up dates and times.



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# September 2021

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday            |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---------------------|
| <p><b>Fall Events Return to OSLC</b><br/> <b>Tuesday 9am Bible Study – September 7</b><br/> <b>Monthly Fish Fry – September 10 at 5pm</b><br/> <b>Sunday School – September 12 at 9:30am</b><br/> <b>Lambeau Field Concessions – September 20</b> (there is still time to join this group raising money for OSLC – contact the church office or Neil Burnmeister for details)</p> |   |  |   |   |  |                     |
| <p><b>5</b><br/>           7:45am Divine Worship<br/>           8am Zoom Bible Study<br/>           9:15am Divine Worship with Live Stream (w/organ)<br/>           10:45am Divine Worship</p>  | <p><b>6 Labor Day</b><br/><br/>           Office Closed</p>   | <p><b>7</b><br/>           7am Bible Study<br/>           9am Bible Study<br/>           6:30pm Band Practice<br/>           6:30pm Board of Elders</p>                                  | <p><b>8</b><br/>           6pm New Member Class<br/>           6pm Confirmation Class</p>         | <p><b>9</b><br/>           12:15pm Divine Worship<br/>           6:30pm Divine Worship</p>  | <p><b>10</b><br/>           5pm Monthly Fish Fry</p>   | <p><b>11</b></p>    |
| <p><b>12 Mite Box Sunday</b><br/>           7:45am Divine Worship<br/>           8am Bible Study<br/>           9:15am Divine Worship with Live Stream<br/>           9:30am Sunday School<br/>           10:45am Divine Worship</p>  | <p><b>13</b><br/>           6pm Personnel &amp; Finance<br/>           6:45pm Church Council</p>  | <p><b>14</b><br/>           7am Bible Study<br/>           9am Bible Study<br/>           6:30pm Band Practice</p>   | <p><b>15</b><br/>           6pm Youth Night (grades 5-12)<br/>           6pm New Member Class</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>           12:15pm Divine Worship<br/>           6:30pm Divine Worship</p> | <p><b>17</b><br/><br/>           Deadline for September newsletter articles</p>                                | <p><b>18</b></p>    |
| <p><b>19</b><br/>           7:45am Divine Worship<br/>           8am Bible Study<br/>           9:15am Divine Worship with Live Stream<br/>           9:30am Sunday School<br/>           10:45am Divine Worship</p>  | <p><b>20</b><br/>           TBD Lambeau Carpool<br/>           6pm Board of Evangelism<br/>           7pm Board of Education<br/>           7:15pm Packers at Lambeau</p> | <p><b>21</b><br/>           7am Bible Study<br/>           8am-12pm Michelle-Out<br/>           NO Scrip until PM<br/>           9am Bible Study<br/>           6:30pm Band Practice</p> | <p><b>22</b><br/>           6pm New Member Class<br/>           6pm Confirmation Class</p>        | <p><b>23</b><br/>           12:15pm Divine Worship<br/>           6:30pm Divine Worship</p> | <p><b>24</b></p>   | <p><b>25</b></p>    |
| <p><b>26</b><br/>           7:45am Divine Worship<br/>           8am Bible Study<br/>           9:15am Divine Worship with Live Stream<br/>           9:30am Sunday School<br/>           10:45am Divine Worship</p>  | <p><b>27</b><br/>           4pm Rudy's Pantry at Redeemer Lutheran<br/>           6:30pm Altar Guild</p>  | <p><b>28</b><br/>           7am Bible Study<br/>           9am Bible Study<br/>           6:30pm Band Practice</p>   | <p><b>29</b><br/>           6pm Youth Night (grades 5-12)<br/>           6pm New Member Class</p> | <p><b>30</b><br/>           12:15pm Divine Worship<br/>           6:30pm Divine Worship</p> | <p><b>Oct 1</b><br/><br/>           Michelle Vacation<br/>           NO SCRIP (also out on Monday, Oct. 4)</p> | <p><b>Oct 2</b></p> |