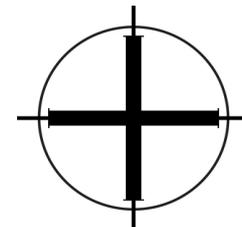


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Sharing the Joy

Church Office Hours:
 Monday -Thursday
 9am -1 p.m.
Closed Fridays



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Sunday Worship
9 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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OSLC and the CoVid 19 (Corona) Virus

The CoVid 19 virus pandemic has and will continue to have a significant impact on all our lives including our church community. In accordance with the governor's extension of the stay-at-home mandate, the church will remain closed until further notice. The Clothes Closet remains closed. Weight Watchers are not holding meetings.

The office will be open at it's usual time—Monday through Thursday 9:00 am—1 p.m.

The good news is that with technology, we can continue some of our regular activities, albeit in a somewhat different fashion.

Thank you to Pastor Sean, Johanna and Megan for continuing to have services Sunday mornings through our website or Facebook. The service is held at the usual time 9:30 am on Sundays. Sign in to Facebook and go to our website, superioroslc@gmail.com. If you miss the live service, it will remain on Facebook. If you have trouble, contact Pastor Sean or the office. He will also have printed copies of the message, readings and prayers available.

Confirmation and Adult bible studies have resumed using Zoom. Sunday School however has been cancelled for the rest of the year.

Board meetings will be held May 12th via teleconferencing. The council meeting will be held the following week May 19th also using tele conferencing.

All other activities within the church are cancelled.

Wellness Checks

One of the populations most at risk during this crisis are the elderly. This is especially true for those who live alone. To help, we have compiled a list of church members over age 70. Volunteers will call or text them regularly to make sure they are okay and if they need help. If you know of others who could use this service or you can help, please call the office.

Errands

We also have someone who will pick up prescriptions or get groceries or other such errands. Again call the office if you or you know of someone who needs this help.

Remember even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others.

- If you feel sick, stay home.
- Practice good hygiene (wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, sneeze or cough into a tissue or inside of your elbow, disinfect frequently used items or surfaces).
- Work or study from home if possible.
- Avoid gathering in groups of more than 10.
- Avoid eating or drinking in bars or restaurants. Use pickup or delivery options.
- Practice social distancing. Stay 6 feet apart
- Wear masks when out in public.



May 2020

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!

My, oh my, have I been impressed how we as a congregation have adapted to the global pandemic! Though it has been a struggle without being able to gather in person, I think we have done a great job of staying committed to our community, our church, and our call to be the body of Christ. Sure, it helps to have a functioning website, Facebook account, and sanctuary screen/projector but they mean nothing without *your* commitment to staying connected. I am so pleased to see so many of you tuning in to our Sunday morning worship services as well as our Wednesday morning Bible studies. It makes me smile every time I see someone post a note on Facebook or show their face or call in to the Zoom meetings. And not to mention your dedicated financial support. It is a skeleton crew around the church but even these “bones” have financial obligations too. Your calm and steady giving reflects a strong faith in our God to see us through these uncertain times. God *will* provide, God *will* protect, and God *will* continue loving us! We must cling to these promises even as the world around us seems to be falling apart. God is still very much in control and God wants us to love him now more than ever. But truly, thank you for staying committed to our congregation spiritually, mentally, and financially if not bodily. It is an honor serving you all!

Though we have not been given the okay to gather in person for meetings, worship, or learning, we continue to find ways to virtually gather. We continue to fine tune our worship services with little additions each week and it was great getting our weekly Bible studies back up and running a few weeks ago. This month we will get our confirmation group gathered through Zoom meetings as well. Sadly, Sunday school classes will not resume until the fall (hopefully!) nor will the choir rehearsals but at least we are engaging learning opportunities for our older members. Please consider joining us virtually for both our worship and education.

Thank you again for making this a congregation an honor to serve!

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

Narrative Lectionary for May are:

5-6-20	Acts 18: 1-4; 1Corinthians 1;10-18
5-13-20	1 Corinthians 13:1-3
5-20-20	1 Corinthians 15: 1-26; 52-57
5-27-20	Acts 2: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13

From Our Congregational President

To all members of OSLC,

Dear OSLC members,

We have been superb at social distancing. It appears to be working here in Superior as we have very few Covid-19 cases. I am very proud of our community and our leadership.

Thank you to *those who were able to continue with your Sunday donations.* *It is a difficult time for our families* that have faced hardship. Please reach out to a church member if you are in need. We would like to help.

To continue to follow the rules of social distancing I have asked each Board Chair to have a remote phone meeting. On line you can go to [Freeconferencecall.com](https://www.freeconferencecall.com) to arrange this meeting. It is very user friendly. Please accomplish this before the remote phone Council meeting on May 19th at 5:30. Each council Rep should be prepared to give a brief Board report.

Our custodian is not working due to health *reasons and the Covid-19 exposure.* *I have put together a list,* some that could be done every week at church. If you have time please stop and cross something off the list. This list will include some yard work. So grab those gloves and rakes and let's get ready for the reopening of OSLC. Remember if you come with someone other than a live- in family member to wear a mask and social distance.

In Christ,

Kathy Nelson

OSLC Council President

List of Tasks That Could Be Done Around The Church

1. Scrub the toilets in all 7 bathrooms weekly.
2. Wipe out bathroom sinks weekly.
3. Sweep the back stairs coming into the church weekly.
4. Mop stairs and entryway weekly.
5. Vacuum rugs in entryway by the office weekly.
6. Vacuum office weekly.
7. Vacuum pastor's office weekly.
8. Empty garbage cans and take outside weekly.
9. Rake leaves from under the bushes outside the pastor's office.
10. Rake by front door and along the fence.
11. Pull and spray weeds from the several islands in the driveway.

Offerings

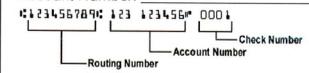
With the services now on the website, there is not the opportunity to put your weekly donation in the collection plate. However the expenses of the church continue. There are several ways you can continue your usual monetary support of the church. You can bring your donation to the church where there would be minimal contact. You can mail it in. You can use **Simply Giving**. **Simply Giving** is an automatic deduction from your checking or savings account. This is equivalent to what many of you may be doing to pay some of your own bills. However, with **Simply Giving** you can choose how much you want to contribute and how often (weekly, biweekly or monthly). You can also change this if you need to. To enroll fill out a form, attach a voided check and return it to the office. You can print out a form here or get one at the office. If you elect to email or mail the form back, please include your bank's routing number and your account number. If you have questions, please contact Carol Roberts.

However, the easiest way may be to use our **website** (superiorosl@gmail.com) If you go to the website, you will see a box on the right hand site that says donations. Click on it and follow the directions.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving** Program
endorsed by
 Thrivent Federal Credit Union

Name of the organization: _____

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If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.

Education Corner



Confirmation—

Confirmation will resume on May 6th using the Zoom platform. Students will be informed on how to access the class.

Bible camp has been cancelled.

Pending the status of CoVid 19 mandates, 5 students will be confirmed on June 7th.

Sunday School-

Sunday School has been cancelled for the rest of the year. We hope to begin on a regular schedule in the fall.

At this time, whether and where Vacation Bible School will be held is up in the air. Watch for more information.

Adult Education-

Adult bible school at New Perspectives is on hold due to the corona virus. Bible study here at the church resumed in April via Zoom. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

This year is the 50th anniversary of women being ordained in the Lutheran church. We plan to do a bible study on “Women in the Bible” in the fall.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Those serving in the military, those overseas, for those who return home with mental and physical scars, and for all military veterans. For the health of all unborn children and grandchildren, all those recovering or in nursing home care and for those struggling with addiction. Those at the frontline of the CoVid 19 pandemic– first responders, healthcare workers and those helping to make sure supply needs are met.

Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, AJ Nelson, Vern Moore, Pat Shaw, Audrey Larson, Judy Johnson, John Maki, Steve Shaw, Judy Trisko–Nelson, Virgil Everson, Del Kangas, Fred Paine,

Family Members: Darlene Shaw, Jordan Zurn, Julie DeMeyer, , Michelle Oman, Pat Hansen, Paula Brostiwitz, JR Pietz, Greg McGarry, Holly Evans, Jill and Chris Koudela

Friend/ neighbor : Tim Stratioti, Grace Hebb, Matthew, Gail Hoffman, Pat Flynn

The Families of: Mickey McMullen, Pete Jensen, Jarod Westlund, Ryan Winther, Marian Oikonen, Scott Schachte, Ron White

Call the office to add individuals to the prayer list.

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Bible Studies-May 2020

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

(Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72682782954?pwd=ckhodWo5aC8wNTZVQjN5dXB4WFkyQT09>

or call 1-312-626-6799 , password: 022643)

05-06-20 Acts 18:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:10-18

1. Can you think of an example in your life where God used a bad situation for good? Explain.
2. What are some reasons that Corinth would have been a good place for Paul to spend considerable time?
3. How did God take Priscilla and Aquilla's bad situation (having to leave Italy) and create good from it?
4. How did Paul describe his feelings when he first came to Corinth (1 Corinthians 2:1-3)?
5. How many times in the Book of Acts had Paul been involved in ministry alone? Why do you think he preferred to ministry in partnership with others? What are the advantages of having others work with you in sharing the gospel?
6. What was the first issue that Paul addressed in this letter to the church at Corinth?
7. From this section, how did that issue manifest itself? What were the negative manifestations of the issue?
8. According to verse 17, what was Paul's mission to the Corinthian church? In other words, what was the one thing that he was supposed to have done there and what were the two things he was not supposed to have done?
9. From verse 17, what concern did Paul have with regard to the way he preached the gospel? (see also 2:5). What did he mean by that? How would preaching the gospel in the wrong way result in what Paul was concerned about?
10. What two groups of people does Paul identify in verse 18? What distinguishes between the two groups?

05-13-20 1 Cor. 13:1-3

1. Using verses 1-3, in a single word, what is the theme of chapter 13? Can you define it?
2. Make a list of the activities Paul mentions that result in nothing apart from love.
3. What do you learn about love from the following verses? (John 13:35, Romans 13:10, 1 John 4:19)
4. What is the main point of 13:1-3, and how does it apply at Corinth?
5. What are "tongues" in v1 (cf. 12:10)? What is the significance of brass and cymbals? (Think: Are "tongues of angels" a special prayer language? Who today speaks "tongues of men"?)
6. Does tongue speaking prove the speaker will be saved? Explain.
7. List other good works one might do without pleasing God (vv 2,3). (Think: Were these acts sinful? What was the problem?)
8. List other passages showing that attitude of heart, not just outward action, is important to God.
9. What makes speaking in tongues, faith, generosity, and even martyrdom worthless?
10. Why is love important?

05-20-20 1 Cor. 15: 1-26, 52-57

1. Generally speaking, why do you think the cross of Christ is spoken more about than the tomb of Christ?
2. What has the gospel done for you? In return, what are you supposed to do for the gospel? Why?
- 3... How many if/then statements does Paul use in this section? Do you believe this is a convincing argument for the resurrection?
4. Why is it not enough that Christ came, lived as a man, performed miracles, and died on the cross? How would you explain to a non-Christian the importance of the resurrection?
5. How do you know if you are taking the resurrection for granted? What steps can you take to guard yourself against this attitude?
6. What impact does the resurrection of Christ have on how you face life? Does it give you hope?
7. Why must humanity undergo transformation before entering into God's kingdom?
8. What is central to this transformation and victory taking place? What does Paul argue is the linchpin in our future hope?
9. What speaks to you in verse 55?
10. How do verses 55-57 delight your soul?

05-27-20 Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 12:1-13

1. What positive, confusing, or negative experiences have you had in the past with church and the way the talked about "the work of the Holy Spirit?"
2. How do you think the disciples would have felt in the days between the Ascension and Pentecost? How do you think you would have felt if you were in their situation?
3. When the Spirit falls, He eliminates obstacles to belief. What are some of the obstacles to faith the people in your life have?
4. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit descending on this specific day (namely, Pentecost)?
5. How do you think the disciples reacted when they suddenly heard "a mighty rushing wind" (v.2) coming from heaven? How would you have reacted?
6. The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. How did this experience differ from John 20:21-22 (See also 1 Corinthians 12:1-3)?
7. How do we often explain the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
8. Can you be a believer and not be filled with the Spirit?
9. Some people say we need spiritual gifts today to unite people who are divided. Were the Corinthians united? Explain.
10. Who gave the gifts and decided what gifts people would receive – 12:11? (Think: Should one be exalted for possessing a gift?)

Building Fund

There appears to be some confusion between the general fund and the building fund. The general fund is for all the expenses of running the church. Monies designated as Building Fund are applied to the mortgage. We still have a large principal from the remodeling. If you give additional monies you want to go to the mortgage, designate them as Building Fund.

We are also looking at fundraising possibilities. The rummage sale had to be cancelled but will be rescheduled when activities in the church can resume. The bunco games will also be rescheduled. We will be selling hanging baskets (see elsewhere in this newsletter). Other suggestions have been a chili supper, pie sales, a cookie sale (around Christmas) and pasty sale. If you are willing to chair any of these events or have other suggestions, please contact the office.



The Rummage Sale has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled when we can again have activities in the church

Now that you are stuck at home and may have extra time on your hands, it maybe a good time to go through those storage areas. The church will happily take those unwanted items off your hands. Put items downstairs in the unfinished addition, behind the blue tarps. We ask that you please do the following:

- Put items in a box for easier stacking.
 - No clothing
 - We only want things that work.
 - Don't give us things that we would have to PAY to get rid of. That includes microwaves, computers and printers. The only exception is if you put your name on it (so we know when we put it out and take it back, who to return it to)
- If something has an operator's instruction book please include if you have it.

Happy cleaning!!

Think Spring!



As a fundraiser, OSLC will be selling 10 inch flower baskets from Lilac Hill Greenhouses (formerly Engwalls). Lilac Hills has helped nonprofit organizations fundraise for many years. Last year area nonprofits raised over \$5,500.00 with their Hanging Basket fundraisers.

Purchase your coupon at the church office for \$35.00. Then take the coupon to Lilac Hill and pick out your basket. Coupons will be available at the office after May 5th. The money must be paid to OSLC before you can pick out your basket. Make your check payable to OSLC. As an extra incentive you will also receive a 20% off coupon for other items you purchase at the time you pick out your basket. This sale is not just for OSLC members. Your relatives, friends and neighbors may also purchase baskets. The more baskets purchased, the more money the church makes.

The baskets will be available Friday May 15th through Friday May 29th To guarantee a good selection be there early!

Call the church office with any questions at 715-392-3472, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Think sunshine and zero wind off the lake!



Remember Script Cards

Script Cards are also a way for you to help the church monetarily. Use a card for your normal purchases. Use a card as a gift or use it to buy a gift. Buy your card here ahead of your purchase. You buy it at face value and it's worth face value at the time of purchase. There is no extra cost to you and the church profits. It may not seem like much but it all adds up. During this difficult time, I am only sending in one order a month (the third week of the month) until activities resume in the church. I have a container on my front step at 2332 Susquehanna Avenue in which to place your order. It is there all day everyday but it is brought in at night. All orders must be accompanied by payment. Any questions call Carol Skamser at 715-395-0187 or 715-781-0753

Still thinking spring cleaning? Have your carpets cleaned by "Carpet Cleaning By Kathy". The cost is a donation to the church plus the cost of Bisson shampoo (\$20). Minimal heavy furniture moving. Call Kathy Nelson at 715-392-6665 with questions or to schedule.

The Bunco games which had to be cancelled will be rescheduled when church activities are again allowed. Watch for the new dates. You still don't have to know how to play? There will be plenty of people to show you how.

Mission & Outreach May2020

Food Shelf



May 3rd

Canned fruits & vegetables, canned and dried soups.

May 10th

Canned tuna and chicken, refried beans, baked beans

May 17th

Meal starters—Macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, Rice-a-Roni, etc.

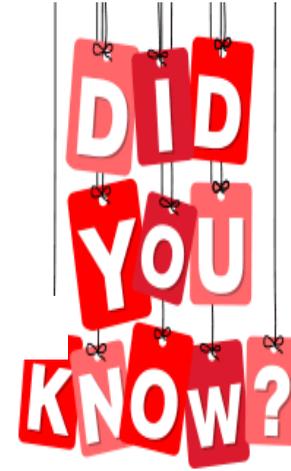
May 24th

Pasta products, rice, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes

May 31st

Breakfast cereals, quart and gallon resealable bags

You may bring your items to the 20th Street (office) door anytime the office is open.



We are becoming more technologically advanced. The website is up and running so we are able to provide services on our website.

Board and council meetings will be held by teleconference.

Confirmation and adult bible studies have resumed using Zoom.

2 high school graduates, Joey Barker and Adam Young, will be honored on June 7th.

5 students will be confirmed on June 7th .

Hand towels embroidered with “OSLC wants to Laugh and Sing like Megan” are still for sale at \$8.00. Proceeds go to the church. Call Kathy Nelson at 715-392-6665 for details..

Don't forget about the handmade items for sale in the cabinet in the St. Paul's Room. All proceeds go to the church.



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