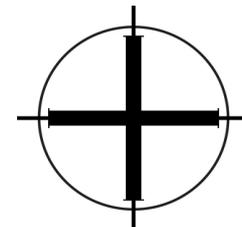


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9 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship
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OSLC and the CoVid 19 (Corona) Virus

Saying that churches are essential and can now open does not mean we can simply go back to business as usual. While we all have happy images of returning at once in celebration, it is not that easy. Unlike in other places, the number of cases of CoVid 19 and deaths related to the disease are still going up in Wisconsin. We have also not met all the criteria initially set forward for reopening. Therefore we have elected to keep the church closed for now and keep reassessing the situation. Let us pray for wisdom and guidance.

While we wait for the church to open, Pastor and the council are working on policies to make sure that we open safely.

- How to facilitate social distancing—as you enter and leave the building, as you enter the sanctuary and once in the sanctuary
- Minimizing contact—how to handle communion and tithing
- Policy on wearing masks
- Adequate cleansing, sanitation and disinfection
- Do we allow singing?
- Do we use the nursery?
- What about other activities in the church—weddings, funerals and baptisms?
- Should we continue with internet services?

They would like congregational input. A phone survey will take place the first part of June. If you do not receive a phone call, please contact the office.

Your opinions are important.

List of Tasks That Could Be Done Around The Church Now

1. Scrub the toilets in all 7 bathrooms weekly. (may change with CoVid 19 policies)
2. Wipe out bathroom sinks weekly. (may change with CoVid 19 policies)
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.



June 2020

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

So, this is what a Superior spring/summer feels like, eh? Pretty gorgeous out there... almost justifies the long, cold winter. Well, maybe not thaaaat justifying but most of us, for whatever reason, chose to live here so we can't complain about the winters. It is just nice to feel that warm sun and cool lakefront breeze. This winter was an especially difficult one for many of us, what with the Thanksgiving blizzard and pandemic shutdown. It was certainly not what I envisioned for a start of a new ministry here at Our Savior's. Oh, the places we have been in the last 6 months! Maybe not physically but definitely mentally and spiritually. It has been hard listening to our leaders who ordered us to stay at home and restrict our interactions both in the market and in worship. But we have adapted and found ways to gather and retrieve the resources we need to survive. All is not lost; we remain God's beloved children committed to serving each other and God. And God remains committed to us too! God wants us to pull through this dark time, stronger and healthier than ever. God continues to bless us in big and small ways. It is our responsibility to recognize the blessings, put them to use, and give God our endless praise and thanksgiving for them. Believe it or not, we are shifting into summer mode around the church this month (wait, haven't we been there for 2.5 months?!). Our confirmation class, Sunday school classes, and choir rehearsals have all been suspended until they are hopefully resumed in the fall. Our weekly Bible studies WILL continue through the summer, meeting through Zoom on Wednesday mornings at 10:00. I am pleased to see that committees have found ways to gather and discuss their responsibilities and the council will meet in both June and August. And, of course, our Sunday worship will also continue through Facebook on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

I know many of you are anxious to resume in-house services. I am too! I miss seeing all of you on a regular basis and checking in with you. The joys of this calling are found in the relationships I form with you all and a virtual environment greatly restricts those relationships. But we have several questions that need answering before we can resume in-house services. How do we honor federal and local guidelines? What will worship services consist of? How can we maintain a safe worship space? Questions like these have caused somewhat of a logistical nightmare but be assured that the council and I are dedicated to answering them very soon. Stay faithful and hopeful that we will gather again soon. The council and I have a difficult task set before us and we ask that you hold us in prayer as we hold you all in our prayers. We want to do what is right for you, the larger community, and God. In the meantime, stay healthy and strong!

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

Narrative Lectionaries for June are:

June 7th Job 1:1-22

June 14th Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21

June 21st Job 14: 7-15; 19: 23-27

June 28th Job 31: 35-37; 38: 1-11 {25-27}

To members of OSLC,

The council met and discussed when and how we can safely open the church. Safety and consistency are our main concerns. The next council meeting June 16th a decision will be made regarding the date of our “Welcome Back Sunday”. Everyone should understand that it is a very personal decision if you decide to worship virtually and delay your return to the church building.

A phone survey will be completed before the council meeting to see how many members would like to return to the church for service. This will help us decide how soon to open up.

A detailed cleaning protocol will go into place after every service. Masks will need to be worn. Social distancing will be enforced.

When will all this go back to normal? Not until a vaccine is developed.

Everyone needs to know that God is with us during this pandemic. Our church family is important to our wellbeing. Reach out to one another to keep connected. Loneliness can become a major issue.

Pastor Sean is doing amazing work on the virtual services. It is being viewed by people from various locations besides Superior. Families are worshiping together from different locations. The virtual service is going to continue.

Thank you for your continued giving for the church finances.

In Christ

Kathy Nelson

Council President

Congratulations SSHS Graduates!



Joseph Barker

Joseph is the son of Carina and Mike Barker. He will be graduating from Superior Senior High School on June 6th. He has committed to play college basketball at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. He plans to study business. His family is very proud of all his accomplishments while in high school; both academically and athletically.



Adam Young

Adam is currently undecided as to a major field of study, so he is keeping his options open at this point in time. He has amazing talents and is a very compassionate person. We are proud of his accomplishments, encourage his endeavors, and look forward to the new chapter he now begins.

We would also like to congratulate our college graduates:

Lorena Wicklund graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a double major in biology and chemistry. She plans to go to medical school but is currently working in a hospital.

Josh Tomzak graduated in December from UMD with a degree in engineering. He is attending graduate school at UMD.

Rachel Tomzak graduated from UWS in December with a degree in biology. She plans to go to medical school.

Education

Confirmation—

Confirmation classes for this year were completed using the Zoom platform. A new year of classes will begin on September 9th. Prior to that, Pastor will meet with continuing and new students and their parents and clear expectations for the year will be spelled out.



The students will be doing a service project this summer. They will be doing yardwork around the church.

Bible camp has been cancelled.

Confirmation has been deferred until the fall and will take place on September 6th

Sunday School-

Sunday School has been cancelled for now. We hope to begin on a regular schedule in the fall. Rally Sunday is September 6th. First Communion has also been rescheduled for that same Sunday.

Vacation bible school has been cancelled for this year.

Adult Education-

Adult bible school at New Perspectives will not be resumed prior to the fall. Bible study here at the church takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. 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 BrostiwitzJ 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.

Bible Studies-June 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)

06-03-20 Job 1:1-22

1. What do we learn about Job's character in these opening verses?
2. Why do you think we are allowed to overhear the conversation (that was never revealed to Job and his friends) between God and Satan?
3. The name 'Satan' means 'accuser.' What is the essence of Satan's accusation against Job (Job 1:8-12)?
4. How does Satan's accusation lead to Job's disaster?
5. What is the essence of Satan's accusation against God?
6. What can we learn about the hedge around Job?
7. What did Satan use to attack Job? What can we learn from this?
8. Was Job the only one to lose out by Satan's attack? What can we learn from this?
9. What is astounding about Job's response?
10. How does Paul's teaching (1 Timothy 6:7-8) compare with Job's response (Job 1:21)?

06-10-20 Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21

1. Do you recall a time when you cursed the day you were born? Or simply wished you were not experiencing difficulty?
2. How does one know when to keep silent and when to speak?
3. How would you respond to someone who said that they also would prefer to die if they suffered a loss anything like that of Job?
4. What are some ways that you have observed that people dealt with major losses?
5. Many in Job's situation would choose or justify suicide. Did Job ever express such an intention? What can we learn?
6. In 4:6-9 Eliphaz stated the fundamental view of the friends regarding suffering (the proposition for the debate). Explain it in your own words.
7. Can you think of beliefs or groups today that hold similar views?
8. Explain the mistake Eliphaz made. What did he miss? Does God always punish the wicked in this life? Is God unjust?
9. Verse 17~Who really are we as humans in God's grand scheme of things?
10. What question did he ask of God – 7:20,21? (Think: What is Job's point in all this? Has he responded to Eliphaz' arguments? Explain.)

06-17-20 Job 14:7-15; 19:23-27

1. Read James 1:2-4 and 1:13. What's the difference between a trial and a temptation? How can a trial reveal what we have ignored in the past?
2. How can trials or problems be good for us?
3. Besides trials and temptations what are some other sources of problems or pain in people's lives?
4. We all (maybe) agree God is the source of our blessings; but is God in control even when something bad happens?
5. If God is in control, where does free will come into play? And why does God let evil people have free will? Why doesn't he stop hunger, child abuse, and other injustices?
6. Evil people get away with hurting others all the time. Certainly God can't consider that fair. Do you think God is in control of justice? Or is that something that we need to take into our own hands?
7. How can God use the evil that happens in the world for his purpose?
8. Everything in this world has an end. Yet we have the assurance that through our salvation even our earthly death is not the end. How do these words of truth bring you comfort?
9. Even though Job is discouraged, he takes comfort in the fact that his redeemer lives. How does remembering this bring you comfort in your own day to day struggles?
10. What did he want done with his words? Why might he want this? Do you suppose he really thought it might ever happen?

06-24-20 Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11 [25-27]

1. Job speaks out to clear himself from the false accusations of his friends. If you were in Job's situation how would you have attempted to clear your name and still give glory to God as Job did?
2. How does ch. 31 fit the discussion between Job and his friends? What is Job's point?
3. Have you ever been angry at God, but concealed it from everyone around you, including God? Are you encouraged that God does not condemn Job for speaking honestly about how he feels?
4. Why is it important to be frank and honest with God when you go through periods of doubt or anger?
5. How does Psalm 8 reinforce Job 38? How would you answer David's question, "what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"
6. How do you see God's eternal power and divine nature being expressed in creation?
7. When God steps in to correct us, He often reminds us of how little we truly know. Has God attempted to correct you recently? If so, in what way and how have you responded?
8. What do you think God is trying to teach Job by asking these questions?
9. How do you think Job responded? How do you think you would have responded?
10. What picture does God paint of himself in this chapter?

Fundraising

We continue to look at fundraising possibilities. The hanging basket sale was a success raising \$396.00 for the church. We are looking into another flower sale perhaps with fall flowers.

The rummage sale had to be cancelled but will be rescheduled in the fall.

The bunco games will also be rescheduled.

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.

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



The Rummage Sale has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled in the fall. In the meantime continue to look through those storage areas. The church will happily take 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!!

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.

Mission & Outreach June 2020

Salvation Army



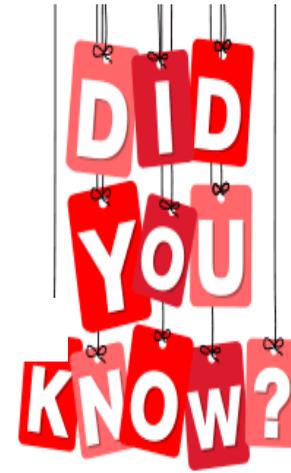
June 7th –Canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned & dried soups

June 14th—Canned tuna and canned chicken, refried beans, baked beans

June 21st—Meal starters such as Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper or Rice-a-Roni

June 28th—Pasta products, rice, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes

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



Sunday Services continue on our website. Thank you Pastor, Johanna and Megan.

Board and council meetings will be held by teleconference.

Adult bible study continues Wednesday mornings via Zoom.

2 high school graduates, Joey Barker and Adam Young, will be honored on June 6th.

Congratulations also to college grads Josh Tomzak, Rachel Tomzak and Lorena Wicklund.

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:00 am Bible study via zoom	4	5	6
7 9:30 am worship on website Honor our graduates 	8	9 Board meetings by teleconferencce	10 10:00 am Bible study via zoom	11	12	13
14 9:30 am worship on website Happy Flag Day! 	15	16 5:30 pm Council meeting	17 10:00 am Bible study via zoom	18	19	20
21 9:30 am worship on website Happy Father's Day: 	22	23	24 10:00 am Bible study via zoom	25	26	27
28 9:30 am worship on website	29	30				

Council Minutes May 19, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Nelson at 5:33 pm

The meeting was opened with all reciting the Mission Statement. Pastor lead us in prayer.

Present: Pastor Koos, Jack Arthur, Carol Arthur, Kathy Nelson, Andy Nelson, Doris Maki, Bonnie Wentzel, Julianne Koski, Vern Moore, Steve Shaw, Stephanie Shaw, and Kandee Rosburg

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve the March Council minutes and the April by phone Trustee and Council minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported that income was at \$16,088.95 and expenses were \$11,844 at the end of April. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve the Treasurer's report.

Board Reports:

Deacons: Steve reported the group prayed for the congregation and reviewed old business.

Trustees: Jack reported the trustees didn't meet, but he checked out the windows in the St. Paul room after a rain and the middle window just had a little water. The elevator guy suggested we put in a certain type of additive to get rid of the noise which Jack did and it seems to work. Andy mowed the lawn and the wheel fall off the mower. It needs a special type of washer to fix and Andy is taking care of that. Jim is going to check with Loren Erickson to see if he might be willing to do the mowing.

Mission & Outreach: Carol reported that they didn't meet. The clothing season change has been completed. The community dinners have been cancelled. June's monthly donation with be food.

Stewardship: Doris reported that the hanging basket fundraiser made over \$300. Announcements are being emailed to the congregation. They are going over the membership list.

Education: Julianne reported that confirmation class is having mixed participation. Some aren't doing their sermon notes. So, confirmation has been changed to Rally Sunday at this time. In August the confirmation group is going to do a service project of cleaning around church to make up for not being able to go to camp. First communion is also scheduled for Rally Sunday. There will be no Vacation Bible School this summer. Adult Bible Study is working out well on Zoom. High School recognition will be June 7th virtually. The high school graduates will receive a quilt.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve board minutes.

Vision Victories:

The council is very happy with the way the services are going online.

Finances were good this month.

We received the Small Business Administration (SBA) grant

The online confirmation and Bible Study are working

We are happy that Pastor Koos is with us during this CoVid 19 time

We are all becoming more tech saavy.

The sanctuary screen came at the right time.

Pastor Koos Report: Pastor reported:

Confirmation and first communion will be Rally Sunday September 13th

Confirmation service project will be Saturday August 29th

Still want to do the Get-to-know Pastor event, but waiting to see where things are at

Talked about an outdoor service, but not at this time

Two weddings are scheduled July 4th and August 15th. *Right now, in Superior only gatherings of 20.*

The July 4th would most likely wait another year. The August was a smaller wedding. It was suggested this could be done with a small group in church and others could watch it virtually as an option.

Pastor will check on the licensing for using the music virtually. Our first three months were free.

Old Business:

Mortgage is \$663,581. For May and June, we just paid the interest. For July, we have enough to make a full payment. Kathy will check to see if we could get interest rates lowered.

Staff support meeting is changed to fall.

New Business:

Pastor and Kathy applied for a SBA Payroll Protection Plan Grant in the second round. We received it. If the money is just used to pay salaries it is a forgivable loan. It has to be used in 2½ months.

There was a lot of discussion on when do we open up the church for services again. Kathy had a list of suggestions that we went over. Communicating with our members was a big part of it. We are going to continue as we are right now until next month's meeting. A week before the next meeting we are going to do a phone survey of our members to get their input. Kandee will get that survey put together.

Doris meet with our custodian's supervisor to go over the duty list and what new practices needs to be put in place with Covid-19. This will take about three weeks.

Kathy Nelson cleaned the carpets in the Christopher lounge and the sanctuary.

Upcoming: These will depend on Coronavirus-19

June 7th at 9:30 am virtually service graduates will be recognized

June 9th at 5:30 pm Executive meeting (Vern and Bonnie will cover this for Kathy)

June 9th at 6 pm All Board meetings – Each board will decide how they want to meet

June 16th at 5:30 pm Council meeting

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

We all recited the Lord's Pray

Respectfully Submitted

Kandee Rosburg

Survey

When Should We Open the Church to Inhouse Worship?

That is the question that the council is trying to decide. At May's council meeting we decided to do a phone survey the week of June 8th to 12th to get your input. We want to give you some time to think about it and take into consideration what is happening in our community. Here is the survey:

The council is surveying member households for your input to help make the decision if we should open up the church for inhouse services now during this Covid-19 epidemic.

*If we do open members **would still have the option of viewing services live online.***

Or just continue doing what we are doing and re-evaluate at the council August meeting.

If we decide to open there will be extra cleaning, people asked to wear masks, social distancing, no bulletins or hymnals used, etc. to make this as safe as possible.

The council will be making the decision at the June 16th meeting.

So, do you think we should open up the church at this time for inhouse services? Yes or no?

If we do open, would your household attend inhouse church? Yes or no?