



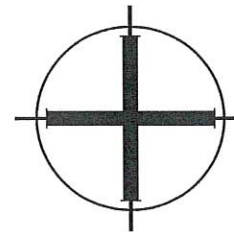
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Sharing the Joy

Church Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday
9am -1 p.m.

Closed Fridays



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Our Savior's Lutheran Church



Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA

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While the vaccine gives us hope and a light at the end of the tunnel, we still have a very difficult tunnel to get through this winter. The number of cases of CoVid 19 and related deaths are expected to increase significantly. At the advice of our synod and in line with state recommendations, we had to return to online services only in November and continued through December and still continue now. We hope to return to in house services later in January but that will depend upon the pandemic and the recommendation of the synod. Confirmation and adult bible studies continue virtually. All other activities in the church remain on hold. The online service continues to be accessible through our website or our Facebook page. If you have any problems, contact Pastor Koos or the office. We have our new video camera so our look will be much improved (once the kinks are worked out).

Communion will still be offered during the online service. If you want, the prepackaged communion kits are available outside of the office.

At this time the office remains open, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



A Talk With God

Me: Okay God, here's the thing, I'm scared, I'm trying not to be, but I am,
God: I know. Want to talk about it?
Me: Do we need to? I mean, you already know.
God: Let's talk about it anyway...We've done this before.
Me: I know. I just feel like i should be bigger or stronger or something by now.
God: *waiting patiently, unhurried, undistracted, never annoyed.
Me: Okay, So, I'm afraid I'll do everything I can to protect my family and it won't be enough. I'm afraid or someone I love dying. I'm afraid the world won't go back to what it was before. I'm afraid my life is always going to feel this unsettled.
God: Anything else?
Me: EVERYTHING ELSE.
God: Remember how your daughter woke up the other night and came running down the hall to your bedroom?
Me: Yes.
God: You were still awake, so when you heard her running, you called out to her before she even got to you ... remember? Do you remember what you called out to her?
Me: I said, "You're okay! You're okay! I'm here."
God: Why did you call out to her? Why didn't you just wait for her to get to your room?"
Me: Because I wanted her to know that I was awake, and I heard her, and she didn't have to be afraid until she reached the end of the dark hallway.
God: Exactly, I hear you, my child. I hear your thoughts racing like feet down the dark hallway (**tunnel**). There's another side to all this, I'm there already. I've seen the end of it. And I want you to know right here as you walk through it all, you're okay. I haven't gone to sleep, and I won't.
Me:* crying, Can we sit together awhile? Can we just sit here a minute before I go back to facing it all?
God: There's nothing I'd love more.

by: Becky Thompson





January 2021

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

I don't know about you but I'm terribly excited to start a new year serving our congregation. It feels like we've been laying a lot of necessary groundwork over the last year for some important ministry to really take off. God has been so good to us in providing for and sustaining us through a year of great change and adaptation. We've learned how to stay connected technologically and keep the ministry alive in spite of great obstacles. We've focused some ministries (Bible studies and confirmation) that seemed to have been struggling for direction. Our music program has been rejuvenated by the return of Megan's leadership and continued gifts of Johanna and Brad. Our Sunday school classes are being led by a strong group of dedicated teachers. Doris has kept the office running smoothly and Heidi does an outstanding job keeping our church property tidy and clean. Sure it was an uncomfortable year of change and adaptation but I am so pleased with how our congregation rose to the challenges that the pandemic presented. Slowly but surely we've managed to build a momentum that we can't let slip away from us. God has been so generous to us, we'd be fools not to build on it.

In many ways it feels like we're at the start of a new ministry. What is this new ministry going to look like? I don't know but I'm excited to see where the Spirit leads us. Our kids will be returning to the schools soon which means we'll be eager to resume Sunday school and confirmation classes. Other in-church gatherings will likely resume as well, from worship services to Bible studies to choir rehearsals. What are these all going to look like? I think technology will remain an important aspect of all the gatherings so we just need to get over our fears about it and figure out how to best use it .

I've been concerned with the growing lack of financial support. Yes, we received government support early in the pandemic but that doesn't mean we are less obligated to give back to God in the form of financial gifts. We must not only give to meet the needs of our ministry but also grow in our giving. Every year our needs grow so our giving should also grow. I know the fall pledge drive is over but really consider how you want to grow in your giving this year. Our ministry only grows as your giving grows

There are a couple of important notices to mention about our new ministry. You'll note that the council and I decided to postpone the 2021 annual meeting to June to allow for a little more stability to return in the community. Also, it appears that insurance will be covering the cost of a new roof to our church building, not a small price tag! Yet again, God generously provides for us and our ministry! God really does like us and wants us to succeed in being the body of Christ in this world! Prayerfully consider how you'd like our ministry to grow in the year ahead and please let me know. I'm excited about our new ministry and want you to be excited about it too!

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

January Narratives

01-03-21	Luke 2:41-52	Boy in the Temple
01-10-21	Luke 3:1-22	Jesus' Baptism
01-17-21	Luke 4:14-30	Sermon at Nazareth
01-24-21	Luke 5: 1-11	Fish for People

From our Congregation President

2021-- A year of fresh starts. A vaccine to curb the pandemic, a new roof and a church to welcome you back to your favorite pew.

The year is just beginning and it all will take time. Our hope is to reopen the church as soon as the Bishop Laurie gives us the OK. All of the safety protocols will still be in place.

The annual congregational meeting has been postponed until June 2021. This is for safety reasons and the ability to get a quorum of 50 members. I will still be your council president until the annual congregational meeting takes place. Still searching for a VP and President to take over in June. Please reach deep into your heart, pray and volunteer for this rewarding position. The nominating committee is still working hard to fill every position.

Our council meetings have switched to zoom for safety reasons. The December meeting went well. Our plan is to have a zoom council meeting in January. Pastor will be sending the link via email.

Pastor Sean has been a blessing during this pandemic. Please give him a big thankyou. Our new camera has really improved the church services and makes you feel like you are sitting right in the pew. Setting it up and working through the process took time and has been met by some challenges. Have patience it will be perfect soon. I want to again thank Pastor and all those involved with this process.

Christmas Eve service at home is not the norm. However the opportunities to reach out to homebound members and families out of town is so encouraging. I hope you were able to enjoy your holidays with your close family members.

God Bless
Kathy Nelson OSLC council president

hope

If you can carry one thing throughout your entire life,
Let it be hope.

Let it be hope that better things are always ahead.

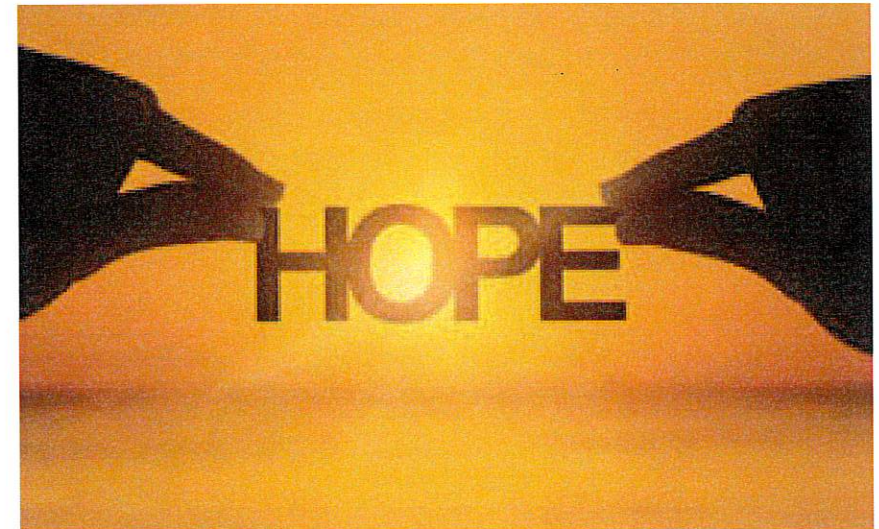
Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times.

Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way.

Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now,
and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be...

Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.

Nikki Banks



2020 “Wow“ what a year

It's almost done, let's have some cheer!
A book will be written for our schools to teach
and it's not about a trip to the beach.
Our great grandchildren will question our actions.
Masks, hand sanitizers and toilet paper rations?
Telling our stories will be a personal test.
Have we all done our best?
Staying at home is the new norm,
trying to prevent a Covid- storm.
A detailed grocery list is a must.
Frequent trips to the store could be a bust.
Yes- a calendar with menus to keep me thinking
let's get that freezer to start shrinking.
Andy shook his head, “you're crazy you know”
but 9 months later he has a healthy glow.
The Northwoods seemed to be doing OK
But a second surge came our way.
Schools went to all virtual classes.
Teachers our hero's, as they herded the lasses.
Thanksgiving and Christmas our family traditions
this Covid bug put it into submissions.

The bishop has asked us to stay put at home
Keeping Church services virtual so we won't need a comb.
YouTube, Facebook, Zoom we have used them all
Our leader Pastor Sean has been on the ball.
That tiny little virus put the world on its back.
Thank goodness for nurses and doctors to keep on track
Scientist produced a vaccine at record speed.
Soon available to all of us in need.
Essential health care workers and elderly should be first in line.
The rest must be patient, it's going to take time.
Our leaders have learned along the way,
Our mistakes lead to triumphs that save the day
I hope our great grandchildren will be extra a-where,
A pandemic could be lurking way out there.

written by Kathy Nelson



Please wear a mask whenever you are inside
the church and maintain social distancing.

Education Corner

Confirmation—

Confirmation will resume to virtual study with Pastor Sean January 6th at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The confirmation mentorship program continues. We have 6 mentors who are meeting with 2 students apiece.

Sunday School-

There will be no Sunday School in December nor the first 3 weeks in January due to the pandemic. At that time we will reassess the status of the pandemic, the recommendations of the synod and the comfort level of our parents and teachers.

Adult Education -

Adult bible study is continuing but has returned to just virtual. It meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. See elsewhere in the newsletter for the scripture lessons and how to access the study group.

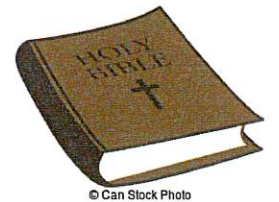


We hope to see you soon!

The Board of Stewardship's Campaign of Giving and Thankfulness has ended. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ. Thank you to those who sent in their Giving Card. It is not too late. You can still send in your card. If you do not have a card, you can get one from the office or simply send a note with the amount of your gift and how you would like it distributed. Please also prayerfully consider gifts of your Time and Talent in other ways in support of our church. "If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has--NOT according to what one does not have" -- 2nd Corinthians 8:12

Daily Devotionals

Daily Devotionals related to the narrative lectionaries we have been using in our worship service are available in printed form. We will have a few on the table in the narthex. They are also available online at www.clergystuff and put Daily Devotionals in the search bar. Ask Pastor Sean if you have questions.



Bible Studies-January 2021

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)

01-06-21 Luke 3:1-22

1. Read Luke 3:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. What was John's purpose? How was he different from all the important people mentioned in the first two verses? Why do you think God likes to use "insignificant people?"
2. How did John prepare people for the coming of Jesus?
3. What does John call those who came out to hear him? How is this unlike most evangelists today?
4. Read Luke 3:7-9 and Matthew 7:21-23. What makes a person saved? How are good deeds or fruits related to salvation? How can they help us see if our repentance is genuine?
5. Read the following passages and note the evidences of a changed heart in each of these? Ephesians 4:28; Acts 20:35; Romans 12:13; 1 Timothy 6:18.
6. Someone has said that a man's giving is one of the best indicators of his heart. Do you think that is a biblical statement?
7. What did John tell the tax collectors and the soldiers? Does honesty in our business dealings matter to God? How is contentment an evidence of God's work in our hearts (1 Timothy 6:6-10; Hebrews 13:5-6; Matthew 6:25-33)?
8. Read Luke 3:15-18 and Romans 12:3. How did John view himself and his ministry? Discuss humility. What should be our attitude toward what God does in our lives?
9. What conflict did John's preaching cause (Matthew 14:3-4; Mark 6:17-18)?
10. What often happens when we are willing to speak the truth (John 15:18; Matthew 24:9; Luke 6:22)?

01-13-21 Luke 4:14-30

1. Jesus read Isaiah 61:1-2 and unequivocally stated He fulfilled those verses (cf. Luke 4:21). If Jesus fulfills these verses – if they are about Him – list all the things these verses say about Him. There are at least seven things.
2. When Jesus says He has been anointed and sent to preach the gospel to the poor, the prisoners, the blind, and oppressed, what does that mean?
3. How does Jesus' teaching in Luke 4:18-21 relate to His words in Luke 19:10?
4. What did Jesus do following the temptation in the wilderness? How did the people respond to his ministry? What does this tell us about who they thought he was (Isaiah 42:8; 48:11)?
5. What was Jesus' regular custom (Luke 4:16)? Did he need to go to the synagogue for his own spiritual growth? How should this affect us as followers of Jesus (Hebrews 10:24-25)?
6. What is the significance of the passage that Jesus reads? What surprising words does he give related to the passage? Compare these to John 4:25-26.
7. What does Jesus leave off when reading from these two verses? Why (Hebrews 9:27-28)?
8. What did Jesus tell the people of Nazareth (also see John 4:48; John 2:18)? What is the role of signs and wonders (Acts 2:22)?

9. What OT examples did he give to show God's sovereignty in miracles? How would you apply this to miracles today?

10. How did they respond? Why do you think this angered them so much (remember this happened in their synagogue)? What happens when we teach the truth (John 7:7; John 15:23-25)?

1-20-21 Luke 5:1-11

1. Jesus calls his first disciples. What is a disciple? Is there a difference between being a convert and being a disciple? Explain. (Matt. 29:18-20, John 13:34-35, James 2:14-17)
2. Why do you think the people were so eager to hear Jesus speak? (Luke 4:31-37, Matt. 7:28-29)
3. How hungry would you say are you for God's Word? Explain. What can keep you from a love for, and a daily study of, God's Word?
4. How would you evaluate Simon's readiness to obey Jesus in vv. 4-5?
5. What do you think prompted Peter to react the way he did?
6. When the Spirit makes you aware of your sin, how quickly do you (or should you) confess and repent before God? Why? (1 John 1:5-10)
7. What did Jesus mean in his statement to Simon (v. 10)? Explain the metaphor.
8. How did Jesus' disciples demonstrate their devotion to him? Is a response like that required of every disciple of Christ? Explain. (Luke 14:25-33)
9. Was Jesus' command to be "catching men" for those disciples only or is this a command for every disciple? How can you grow in your motivation and also your skill in catching sinners?
10. What does this level of devotion look like today? (Matt. 22:34-40, 1 Cor. 10:31, Is. 66:2, others?) How would you evaluate your personal devotion to Christ as his disciple?

01-27-21 Luke 6:1-16

1. Why were the people following Jesus? What does this show about them?
2. Why did Jesus want to feed the people? Why not just let them prepare their own food?
3. How can those of us doing ministry follow this/these principles?
4. What is the point of Jesus testing Phillip (or anyone)? Didn't Jesus already know how Phillip would respond?
5. What is the significance that people ate "as much as they wanted"?
6. Is there any significance that there were twelve baskets left? If so, what can we learn from this?
7. Why should we be careful to believe just because of signs or emotional high events?
8. In what way is it ironic that they believed Jesus was the Prophet yet planned to do something to Him by force? What does this show about their understanding of what the Prophet/Messiah was?
9. Why didn't Jesus let them make Him king? Why did the people want to make Jesus king?
10. What do these miracles show us about Jesus' character? What do the people's responses to these miracles show about their character?

Mentor Questions
January 2021

1. Why do you think the 2nd article of the Apostles' Creed focuses on both the details of Jesus' humanity and his divinity?
2. Jesus comes into the world to live, to teach, to die and to rise to save us. What part of Jesus' ministry do you find the most interesting and why?
3. How does your faith alter your perception of death and dying?
4. In what ways does Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection set you free?
5. What are some new beginnings you see coming into your life in the next year or so?
6. In what ways do you sense God's ongoing creative work in these beginnings yet to come?
7. What are some changes you see ahead that will bring some endings?
8. What did Jesus dying on the cross really do?
9. Why would he descend "to the dead" when he died?
10. How does Jesus' resurrection affect us now?
11. Is Jesus the only way to salvation/eternal life?
12. When will Jesus come back & what will happen then?
13. Where do you "see" or sense the presence of the risen Jesus during your week?
(For example, in your work, classroom, family, friends and so forth)
14. Jesus has done everything so that you "may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness." How does the gift and blessing of Jesus in your life affect your actions, priorities, decisions?
15. Have you ever "searched" for Jesus and felt him just beyond your reach?
16. Why do you think the world is so afraid of Jesus? Might this apply to us sometimes as well?
17. What elements of the life of Christ connect you to him? (for example, his obedience, his suffering or his love)
18. When have you experienced Christ "coming at the right time" in your life?
19. What role does Jesus play in your "worlds"?
20. Who do people say Jesus is? Who do you say Jesus is?

Memory work

1st Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

2nd Article

And I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death,

Mission & Outreach
January 2021
Food Shelf



January 3rd: Canned fruits and vegetables, canned and dried soups

January 10th: Canned tuna, canned chicken, refried beans, baked beans

January 17th: Meal starters— macaroni & cheese, hamburger helper, rice-a-roni as examples

January 24th: Pasta products, rice, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes

January 31st: Breakfast cereals, instant potatoes, muffin mixes, peanut butter

Items may be dropped off at the 20th street (office) entrance during office hours Monday–Thursday 9am–1pm

If you are aware of need, the clothes closet remains open. It is open Monday –Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We prefer them to call the office ahead of time to keep numbers low and maintain social distancing. They must wear masks.

From the Quilters
(and sewers)



In November and December, the quilters and sewers at OSLC

Made 174 mending kits for the Seafarers.

Sewed 264 fleece hats for the six elementary schools in the School District of Superior.

Completed 14 toddler blankets, 37 youth blankets and 30 quilts to be given to United Faith Methodist Church to distribute to the Harbor Houses, their newly opened apartment building and any others in our community in need.

If anyone has any other ideas for projects, I have a group will to sew. So, let Kandee know at 715-392-4426.



Congratulations!

The candlestick raffle fund winner was Dave Kringle with a winning bid \$130.00



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those serving in the military, those returning 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 struggling with CoVid 19 and the families of those who have lost loved ones.

Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, AJ Nelson, Vern Moore, Pat Shaw, Audrey Larson, John and Linda Maki, Steve Shaw, Fred Paine, Amanda Shaw, Larry Gilbertson, Meri Will, Gretchen and Isabella Lisdahl, Letha Bennis

Family Member: Jordan Zurn, Pat Hansen, Paula Brostiwitz, Matthew, JR Pietz, Greg McGarry, Andy, Michelle Oman, Mike Klawitter, Darlene Shaw, Betty Samuell, Florence Olson, Amy Klawitter, James David, Robert Ericson

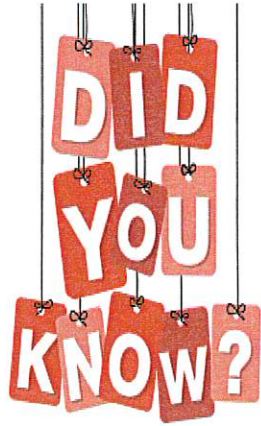
Friend/neighbor: Pat Flynn, Billy Jo Cronin, John Gaul, Tammi Meal, Bill and Lori Bolte, Alex Marciniak, Shirley Charles

The Families of: Virgil Everson, Caren Gagne, Virginia Erickson, Louis T. Willie, Allen Will, Vivian Lary

!!!! GOOD NEWS !!!!

The insurance company is going to pay for the majority of the cost of the roof repairs!

Funds can now be allocated to replacing our aging boiler.



The rummage sale continues downstairs.

The quilters are making fleece hats and blankets for children.

The annual meeting in January has been postponed to June.

The insurance company is going to pay for roof repairs!

Rummage Sale Update

The rummage sale continues downstairs. We have made over \$1500.00.00 so far. The sale is for just members and their family and friends. So, if your family and friends want to come, ***you have to bring them.*** It will be open during normal office hours: Monday—Thursday 9 a.m.— 1:00 p.m. The items are not marked. Instead we ask that you make a generous donation to the building fund (mortgage). You will need to sign in at the office and wear a mask.

We only put out what we have room for in the space and add things as things sell. So it never hurts to look again.

If you have questions call Kande Rosburg 715-392-4426.

Script Cards Update

This year we raised **\$2450.00**. Just think, we could double the amount given to the church at no extra cost to YOU by buying cards for local places you already go to such as -

Kwik Trip -\$25, \$50 and \$100 cards; Holiday Gas—\$25, \$100; BP—\$50, \$100, \$250

Menards—\$25, \$100, \$500; Ace Hardware—\$25, \$100

CVS—\$10, \$25, \$100 / Walgreens—\$25

Walmart—\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500

Superior Meats—\$25

Applebee's—\$10, \$25, \$50/ Papa Murphy's -\$10

Hardee's—\$10/ Burger King—\$10/ Subway—\$10, \$50

Dairy Queen—\$10/ Dunkin Donuts—\$10, \$25.00

ALL LOCAL—curbside, drive thru, home delivery or scheduled pickup

Plus 100's more in Duluth or other parts of the country. Bottom line : It's an easy way to do your shopping, help yourself stay healthy and help the church.

The schedule returns to normal in January. Orders go in every 3rd Sunday of the month. For January, orders must be placed January 10th—16th and will go in on the 16th.

Questions—call Carol Skamser at 715-781-0753 or email at scskamser@charter.net

Think Hard—**We Can Do It**

Poinsettias



The beautiful poinsettia plants decorating the altar were donated by:

Gene & Kandee Rosburg in memory of their parents

Jim & Cheri Splinter in memory of Bob & Ginny Gradin, Ray & Florence Splinter

Dave Kringle in memory Darlene Kringle

In honor of Heidi Rekstad (our custodian)

Rick & Linda Gran in memory of Ken & Lorraine Carlson

Julianne Koski in memory of Bill & Janet Koski



January

January 1— Dave Cody

Judy Hack

Alex Kotter

Doris Roeber

John Roeber

Dea Gran

January 3— Lauren Krob

January 4 Bev Prescott

January 5— David Kringle

Neil Thompson

January 6— Sondra Forrest

Liam Perrault

January 8— Dean Wilner

January 9— Nicole Gregory

January 10— Alexis Johnson

Douglas Magdzas

January 12— Richard Nystrom

Heather Thompson

January 14— Dawn Heinen

January 15— Maggie Mueller

January 17— Jacob Magdzas

Jordy Stank

January 18— Joanne Emberson

January 22— Isabella Lisdahl

January 23— Matthew Netland

January 30 — George Bennis

Owen Gran

January 31— Barbara Danielson

Annual Meeting

Due to concerns about whether the church will be open yet, the difficulty in having the availability for all members to interact virtually and the difficulty in obtaining a quorum, it has been decided to postpone the annual meeting until June. Kathy Nelson has agreed to stay on as congregational president until that time, as have current board members. We thank them for their cooperation. The vote on the proposed amendment to the bylaws in regard to the number of board members will also be deferred until that time.



Our Saviors Lutheran Church Superior Council Minutes

December 15th, 2020 (Zoom Meeting)

Zoom meeting called to order by President Kathy Nelson at 5:38 pm

Present: Pastor Koos, Jack Arthur, Carol Arthur, Kathy Nelson, Andy Nelson, Doris Maki, Bonnie Wentzel, Julianne Koski, Stephanie Shaw, Carol Skamser, Donna Liebaert, Bev Donaldson, Linda Gran, Vern Moore, and Kandee Rosburg

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

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve the October Council minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported that November income was \$9,590.62 and expenses were \$14,878.33. Bonnie paid insurance twice that month. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve the Treasurer's report. Linda will have the required paperwork for the Covid-19 small business loan completed by Christmas.

Board Reports:

Deacons: Carol S. reported that she and Steve are in the process of putting up the tree.

Trustees: Jack reported that the Trustees have a draft for the 2021 budget. Our building insurance company checked the roof and will pay \$91,000 toward the roof replacement. The Trustees have two roof bids at this time, they are around \$91,000 and \$97,000. The more expensive one has a better shingle. They are looking at getting another bid. They haven't caught any additional mice lately, so hoping that is taken care of. Jack talked to Rick Gilbertson about the boiler and he is thinking the cost will be around \$50,000. He is getting two different bids. They have updated the security system; the cost will increase \$8 a month. Signs are up in the parking lot about online services and Christmas services.

Mission & Outreach: Carol A. reported that the November collections were to the Seafarers. Collected were clothing, socks, mending kits (Thrivent), and personal items. Quilts, youth blankets, and toddler blankets were given to Faith United Methodist for the Women's Transitional Housing and the apartment. Hats were made and given to Superior public elementary schools. The Clothes Closet continues to be used. They haven't decided on what January giving for the month will be yet, but it will most likely be food.

Stewardship: Donna L. reported that they had 43 pledges turned in. 38 give pledge amounts and 5 said they would give what they could. \$67,000 was pledged. 24 thank you notes were sent and the remaining will be sent.

Education: Julianne reported that the teachers were willing to try Zoom meets, but there wasn't enough interest. Julianne will be doing the Christmas Story and taping it. That will be posted on the website. Three crafts will be part of that. They will prepare materials for the Sunday School students to do those, but anyone can take the information off the website and do it themselves. Sunday School is looking at starting up in January again, but that depends on Covid-19 cases.

Pastor Koos Report: Pastor reported:

The web camera and equipment are up and running as of Sunday 12/13. Next Sunday, they are going to cut the different views down to two or three. Those are: the altar area, screen, and maybe Pastor during the sermon. The donations for this went into the special offerings. At this time \$1466 was given and there are some additional donations yet to come. It was figured that around \$1900 has been spent.

Confirmation and bible studies will take 2 week break

Web camera being used

Insurance paying most of roof cost

Warm weather has kept the utility bills down

Old Business:

The Jamar bid will also include work on the chimney.

Water pools on the flat roof above the stain glass windows. The Trustees are looking at putting rubber down there or building part of that roof up with a slanted triangular piece that would hopefully help with drainage as part of the roofing project.

2021 budget total is \$236,698 (this is down from last year). Budget without mortgage 172,498. Mortgage \$64,200.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to raise the hourly rate for the secretary and custodian from \$10 per hour to \$11.50, starting January 1, 2021.

New Business:

Annual meeting date being changed was discussed because of Covid-19. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to wait until June 2021 to hold the annual meeting. It was asked that boards check with their members to see if they would continue on the board until that time. It was also asked that boards do their 2020 annual report at this time and do another for 2021 just before the meeting.

The audit for 2020 will also be done in January by Doris Roeber, Lynne Hoff, and Jim Splinter.

There is a concern about church outside doors being found unlocked. Doris will be making a list of those people who have keys (please let her know if you have a key).

Weight Watchers has closed all satellite offices and that includes the one at OSLC (They haven't been meeting or paying rent since March).

Upcoming:

December 24th at 4:30 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve services

December 25th at 9:30 am Christmas Day service

January ?? at ?? All Board meetings

January 19th at 5:30 pm (Zoom) Council meeting

JANUARY

2021

2021Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2
3 9:30 am worship service online	4	5	6 Epiphany Bible study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation 2:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10 9:30 am worship service online	11	12 Pastor text study 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Council	13 Bible study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation 2:30 p.m.	14	15	16 Script orders due
17 9:30 a.m. worship service online	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 Pastor text study 11:00 a.m.	20 Bible Study 10:00 am Confirmation 2:30 pm	21	22	23
24/31 9:30 am worship service online	25	26 Pastor text study 11:00 am	27 Bible Study 10:00 am Confirmation 2:30 pm	28	29	30