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# Sharing the Joy

**Church Office Hours:** 

Monday -Thursday 9am -1 p.m.

**Closed Fridays** 

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2021

#### Our Savior's Lutheran Church



**Sunday Worship** 

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA

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June 2021

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

It's starting to *actually* feel like summer as we shift into summer mode around the congregation. Pandemic restrictions are quickly being lifted and Duluth/Superior are suddenly becoming quite delightful this time of the year. I knew these were two gems of cities when I visited here in the fall of 2019 but between that snowy winter and the pandemic closures, my family and I have yet to experience their full summer grandeur. We're excited to be a part of the fervor even though everything isn't quite back to 100%. What a wild ride these last 18 months have been!

Speaking of shifting into summer mode, I just want to highlight a few things for you to keep in mind. While our Sunday school and confirmation classes have suspended until September, our weekly Bible study continues on Wednesdays and all are invited either online or in-person. Choir rehearsals won't resume until September and committee meetings will be kept to a minimum during these summer months. I know it seems kind of redundant to "take a break" after a 14-month pandemic but at least it provides some semblance of normalcy. It's what we're *supposed* to do during summer! We did kick off our movie nights last month and I STRONGLY encourage all you families with little ones and those who are young at heart to come out to them. We're showing movies on the big screen in our sanctuary on Thursdays at 6:00 from June-August and they're all kid-friendly movies (rated G or PG). There is discussion about a brief Vacation Bible Study in August but stay tuned. Otherwise, let's all use these summer months to reconnect with family and friends after a year of pandemic isolation. Don't forget us at the church in your prayers (and giving!) but please use this time to rebuild broken relationships. God was good to us through the pandemic and God will continue to be good to us and for that we must be ever thankful.

You'll notice that we've also shifted to sermon series for these summer months. This year we have 3 series to reflect on Psalms, Ephesians, and Revelation. Nothing like the drama and imagery of Revelation to pique your interest in the summer! I'm excited to preach on all three series and I hope you can join us in worship. Don't forget that our annual meeting will be after service on June 6. We need 50 people to make it a quorum! Let's have a restful and rejuvenating summer!

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

#### **June Narratives**

The first summer sermon series is on Psalms.

05/30/2021	Psalm 1
06/06/2021	Psalm 100
06/13/2021	Psalm 13
06/20/2021	Psalm 23
06/27/2021	Psalm 30
07/24/2021	Psalm 150

#### 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.

### From our Congregation President

Dear members and friends of OSLC,

I want to thank you for your continued support to our church. It has been a challenging year and a half as President of the Council. Your friendship and support helped a great deal. Covid -19 has put life into a tailspin, however we managed to wiggle our way through all the obstacles and keep our church alive and healthy. Thank you Pastor for all your innovative ideas. I have one more request of OSLC members. Please attend the annual meeting June 6th right after the Sunday Church Service. It will be available on Zoom also. Follow the instructions for zoom that will be sent out by Pastor Sean. We must meet our quorum of 50 members. We have an amendment to vote on plus discussion regarding the boiler we need to purchase.

Have an enjoyable summer as we get closer to normalcy every day.

God Bless You

Kathy Nelson

Church Council President



Join us for a movie every Thursday night at 6 p.m. It will be shown on the big screen in the sanctuary. Bring a pillow and blanket.

June Schedule

06/03/2021 Soul

06/10/2021 Abomínable

06/17/2021 Call of the Wild

06/24/2021 Dora and the Lost City of Gold

We encourage families to come together but there will be supervision if necessary.

Cost: \$2 for single, \$3 for couple and \$5 for family

#### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be June 6, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., immediately after church. Kathy Nelson will be turning her gavel over to Del Kangas as the new congregational president. Thank you Kathy. Del will be president from the annual meeting until the end of the year. Kandee Rosburg has agreed to be vice president. This will need to be approved at the meeting. Our slate of new board members is almost full. If you are willing to serve in any of the open slots or have any questions, contact the office. The slate of officers and board members will be voted on at the June 6th meeting. We will also be voting on changing the required number of board members from 6 to 4. We need a quorum for these votes so please plan to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held in person at the church and will be available virtually as well.

As you can see, we still have some open slots for serving on the stewardship and education boards and the nominating committee. Please prayerfully consider your generous gifts of time and talent for 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

#### 2021 OSLC Candidates for Council Officers, Boards

#### and Committees

President Del Kangas

Vice President Kandee Rosberg

**Co-Treasurers** Bonnie Wentzel and Linda Gran

**Secretary** Bev Donaldson

Fin. Secretary Jim and Marci Rigstad

Deacons ...... Dave Kringle

Debra Gilbertson

Stewardship ...... Doris Maki

Sharrie Janovic

Karen Cirilli

**OPEN** 

Education ..... Linda Clark

Connie Morehouse

**Carol Roberts** 

Open

Trustees ...... Jim Erickson

**Andy Nelson** 

Steve Skamser

Mission and Outreach ..... Joyce Bowser

Nominating Committee... Stephanie Shaw

Dawn Wicklund

Rose Reijo

3 Open

#### Bylaw amendment proposal

The following is a notice required by OSLC Constitution of *at least 60 days prior* to a regularly called congregational meeting. A proposal made to the council on October 20, 2020 to amend the Bylaws, would reduce the number of members on each Board from 6 to 4.

This proposed amendment will come to a vote at the annual congregational meeting in January. (The annual meeting was postposed until June 6,2021)

and if passed, would become effective for Board members elected at the 2022

C12.01.01. A Board of Deacons of four voting members of this congregation shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of two years, with three two members elected each alternate years. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than three full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

C12.01.02. A Board of Education of <u>four</u> voting members of this congregation shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of two years, with three <u>two</u> members elected each <u>alternate</u> years. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than three full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected..

C12.01.03. A Board of Mission and Outreach of four voting members of this congregation shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of two years, with three two members elected each <u>alternate</u> year. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than three full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

C12.01.04. A Board of Stewardship of <u>four</u> voting members of this congregation shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of two years, with three <u>two</u> members elected each <u>alternate</u> year. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than three full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

C12.01.05. A Board of Trustees of <u>four</u> voting members of this congregation shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of two years, with three <u>two</u> members elected each <u>alternate</u> year. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than three full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

#### **OSLC** Cooks

We have some great cooks here at OSLC and we'd like to feature some of your recipes. If you're willing to share, you can drop them off or email them to the office. We can acknowledge you or you can remain anonymous.

The following are from "Dinner for Two and Crock Pot Recipes" an OSLC recipe booklet dated November 2006. How about more crock pot recipes for next month?

#### Tender Baked Parmesan Chicken (Jean Larkee)

1/4 cup Hellman's Real Mayonnaise

1/2 cup parmesan cheese

1/4 tsp garlic powder

2 boneless chicken breast halves

1/4 cup seasoned Italian bread crumbs

Combine first 3 ingredients. Spread chicken with mayonnaise mixture and coat with bread crumbs. Arrange chicken on baking sheet. Bake in 425\* oven for 15-20 minutes or until lightly browned and tender.

#### Calico Beans (Dianne Tomczak)

Brown and saute together 1 lb. ground beef and 1 medium onion, chopped. Drain out grease and put in crock pot. Add and mix together in crock pot:

52 oz can baked beans

16 oz can baby butter beans, drained

16 oz can lima beans drained

2-3 Tbsp vinegar

1/4 to 1/2 c brown sugar

1 c or more ketchup

A few squirts of mustard

Cook on low 7-9 hours or high 4-5 hours.

Bible Studies-June 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)

#### 06-02-21 Psalm 100

- 1. As Americans what do we tend to give thanks for? According to Psalm 100 what are our bases for thanksgiving?
- 2. Do you think praying Psalm 100 would help you to give thanks when you are feeling bitter, ungrateful, neglected, unloved?
- 3. What words are at the center of Psalm 100 grammatically? What is at the center of Psalm 100 thematically?
- 4. It is not until the NT that we know the cost of our adoption—of becoming His. Read I Cor. 6:20 & I Cor. 7:23. How does the price paid for his sheep relate to your thankfulness?
- 5. How does his enduring love and faithfulness through the generations relate to your thankfulness?
- 6. This psalm opens and closes with a call for all the earth to praise God because of his faithfulness to all generations. God is not a tribal God; he is concerned for all people. Is your heart for all people as wide as God's heart?
- 7. What does it mean to serve God?
- 8. Read Colossians 4:2. How does thanksgiving aid or even alter our prayer requests to God?
- 9. We typically think of gratitude when we think of thanksgiving. However, biblical thanksgiving is closely related to worship and sacrifice. How does this change your understanding of how we express thanksgiving to God?
- 10. This psalm describes us as God's people (pl.), not his individuals (sg.). How does community help us with expressing thanksgiving to God?

#### 6-09-21 Psalm 13

- 1. Why do you think it's important for us to verbalize both our frustration and trust to God? Is it for God's sake, or ours?
- 2. Where can we pull that trust from when we're not really feeling it? Look again at Psalm 13 and its conclusion. Where does David draw his trust from?

- 3. How could verses 1-2 be encouraging for someone going through a deep struggle of faith? In what ways could these verses be discouraging?
- 4. Shouldn't a follower of God always pray with optimism? Why or why not?
- 5. Verses 5-6 make a remarkable u-turn in David's words. Do you think his feelings are manic? Or do you think he is trying to convince himself to have faith?
- 6. Compare the last line of this psalm with the first line. How can both of these comments be true?
- 7. What does it mean when David said he "took counsel" in his soul?
- 8. What is the lovingkindness of the LORD?
- 9. How has the Lord dealt bountifully with David?
- 10. What is David trusting the Lord to do?

#### 06-16-21 Psalm 23

- 1. What are some characteristics of sheep? Do they need a shepherd? What happens to them if they are left alone?
- 2. What are some characteristics of a shepherd? What are shepherds good at? Why are they needed?
- 3. Have you ever been in want? How does the Shepherd settle you and calm you when you struggle with contentment?
- 4. How confident are you that you are being saved by God? On what do you base your confidence?
- 5. How does it make you feel that David was promised "to dwell in the house of the Lord forever?"
- 6. What effect does it have on you to say that God is not just our shepherd, but my shepherd?
- 7. What have you learned from going it alone or trusting in something besides God?
- 8. How has God protected you during a time of trial, when you were walking through a dark valley?
- 9. Why do you think you've been led through certain valleys?
- 10. What has God done or taught you in the valley that you wouldn't have learned if things were great and you stayed on top of the mountain?

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#### 06-23-21 Psalm 30

- 1. Why would David's sickness cause his enemies to "rejoice" over him?
- 2. What benefits do you see for praying this psalm in ministering to someone who is sick?
- 3. David said that he was "drawn up" from the pit, which is the similar language we find elsewhere spoken of water being drawn up from a well. How is this a picture of salvation?
- 4. What does it mean that God's "anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime?"
- 5. Why do we sometimes forget to pray? How do we break this bad habit?
- 6. Psalm 30 was traditionally sung on the feast of first fruits, the very day Christ resurrected from the dead. Read though Psalm 30 in light of this observation. What stands out to you?
- 7. Psalm 30:9 says, "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?" What if Christ never resurrected from the dead?
- 8. What new insights have you learned about trusting God?
- 9. Why is it tempting for us to trust God only during certain times in our lives?
- 10. How can we learn to depend more on the Lord, no matter what our circumstances?

#### 06-30-21 Psalm 150

- 1. In what environments, in addition to church, do you feel free to praise God?
- 2. Psalm 150:2 offers two categories to draw from for praise. What are they and how is one different from the other?
- 3. Why do you think the psalmist gives such a variety of praise actions and instruments?
- 4. Would you be comfortable with a praise service like the one described here in Psalm 150?
- 5. In what ways do outward expressions of praise build the need for humble reflection and worship?
- 6. How can we fight my own spiritual apathy and lukewarmness?
- 7. Is it hypocritical to praise God when you don't feel like it? Why/why not?
- 8. Are we supposed to praise God at all times? Isn't that unrealistic?
- 9. Why do you think the final Psalm is centered on the theme of praise?
- 10. How does praising God relate to the ultimate goal of our lives?

#### Mission & Outreach



June 2021

June 6: canned veggies, canned fruit, canned tuna, baked beans, cream soups

June 13: boxed meals, individual serving cereals. Instant potatoes. Ramen noodles

June 20: Canola or olive oil, cake mixes and frostings, muffin mixes, pudding mixes

June 27: Ketchup, mustard, honey, jam or jelly, peanut butter

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

#### **Education Corner**

Confirmation— The last day of confirmation classes was Wednesday May 5th. The confirmation service for this year's graduates was May 9th at the 9:30 a.m. service. 6 students were confirmed—Abbie Barker, Joe Morehouse, Kale Westlund, Henry Schultz, Maggie Sternberg and Natalie Schultz.

**Sunday School**—The last day of Sunday School was May 16th. The students paraded through the sanctuary after which the teachers received certificates of appreciation. Sunday School will resume again in September ,hopefully to have a complete year,

#### Adult Education -

Adult bible study is continuing. It meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. At this time bible study is planned to continue during the summer. See elsewhere in the newsletter for the scripture lessons and how to access the study group.



We hope to see you soon!



- June 1 Willow Rhodes Richard Berg
  - 3 Linda MakiCarol Skamser
  - 6 Leighton HansonLarry Gilbertson
  - 10 Zoe Heytens
  - 11 Jennifer Farrell
  - 18 Matthew Carlson
  - 20 Joseph Morehouse
  - 23 Evan PuchallaChristian MurashieBonnie Leland
  - 25 Katherine Westlund
  - 28 Ryan Rivord



#### **Book Exchange**



For the past year we have had the bookcases under the middle steps. During the Cpvid 19 it naturally became a book exchange for many. So it was decided that we should continue with it. So bring books and take books. Enjoy reading!!!

Kandee Rosburg

#### **Script Cards Update**

As a reminder Script cards are an easy way for you to make money for the church. You purchase a card through the church and then use it as you would any other gift card. The church receives a small percentage of the value but you do not pay any more. Just think, how much the church could make at no extra cost to YOU, simply by buying cards for <u>local</u> places you already go to such as:

Bottom line: It's an easy way to do your shopping and help the church.

You can now also purchase reloadable cards. Contact Carol Skamser for more information.

Orders go in every 3rd Sunday of the month. This month your orders need to be in by June 19th..

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



## Rummage and Plant Sale



**Thank you** to all those involved with the Rummage and Plant **Sale!!!** That includes those that donated, setup, worked the sale, purchased items, cleaned up after the sale, and made the pasties and burritos! The rummage sale took in \$3,535.31 this year, which goes to the mortgage. Plus, what had been sold starting in the fall of 2019 through 2020 that has helped pay the mortgage. The pasty and burrito sale made \$1,262 (A few burritos left yet). That money will go for the new boiler. I want to give a special thank you to Doris Maki for collecting the rummage sale money from our pre-sales. Also, thank you to our cooks Len Wicklund, Karen Kangas, Kathy Nelson, Rose Reijo, Carol Arthur, and Kandee Rosburg. I didn't get as much daily help this year with the setup, so I want to **thank** those that helped when they could: Carol Arthur, Kim Erickson, Patty Everson, Karen Kangas, Cheri Splinter, Jim Erickson, Gene Rosburg, Diane Tomzak Marcy Rigstad, Joyce Bowser, Julianne Koski, Doris Maki, Diane Erickson, and Marian Simon. This was a **Thrivent** sponsored project, so everything earned is used by Our Savior's. Thanks! Time to start collecting for next year. Next years sale will be May 7, 2022. Happy cleaning!! Kandee Rosburg

Our upcoming major expense is the replacement of our aging boilers. Thanks to Rick Gilbertson, they have made it through this winter but they may not make it through another. The Council has decided to take action now. 2021 is also the last year the church would be able to get an energy efficiency rebate. A new boiler also means the probability of a substantial reduction in heating bills. Quotes of \$46,000 to \$55,000 have been received. We hope to have the boilers replaced this summer. This will be discussed at the annual meeting. A fund has been set up to raise money to cover the cost. Any donation large or small is appreciated. We are also looking at a number of fundraisers. After the addition of money raised from the sale of pasties and burritos at the rummage sale, we have raised nearly \$20,000. We will continue to keep you informed of the amount raised as we go forward.. Do you have ideas for other fundraisers? Talk to a member of the Board of Stewardship, Pastor or the office!





#### 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.

**Congregation Members**: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, AJ Nelson, Pat Shaw, Linda Maki, Steve Shaw, Fred Paine, Amanda Shaw, Larry Gilbertson, Jean, Jan, Linda

**Family Member**: Jordan Zurn, JR Pietz, Andy, Mike Klawitter, Darlene Shaw, Florence Olson, Amy Klawitter, James David, Mark Klawitter, Kathy Kangas, Judy Johnson, Paula Brostowitz

Friend/neighbor: Gail Hoffman, Priscilla Rene, Jim Frees

The Families of: Alex Kotter, Scott Schachte, Carol

Remakes

## Our Saviors Lutheran Church Superior Council Minutes May 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Koos at 5:33 pm

**Present:** Pastor Koos, Jack Arthur, Carol Arthur, Doris Maki, Bonnie Wentzel, Julianne Koski, Donna Liebaert, Carol Skamser, Steve Shaw, Stephanie Shaw, and Kandee Rosburg

The meeting opened with Pastor Koos giving a devotion and leading us in prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported that April income was \$48,240.95 with \$40,403.95 of that being the check from the insurance company to cover the roof. Expenses were \$50,464.79, which included paying for the roof. On the roof project, Jack A. figured the church paid about \$6,685 for the upgraded shingles and the guarantee. That cost was covered by grant money we had received earlier. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to approve the Treasurer's report.

#### **Board Reports:**

**Deacons:** Carol S. and Steve S. reported that they divided the remaining month up and they are assigned to get readers for services. The brass and wood candle stick were discussed. The brass candle sticks will be used starting on Maundy Thursday and through the Easter Sundays and when requested for other occasions. They prayed for the congregation.

Trustees: Jack reported that they closed up the roof project. They are getting bids to have the chimney wrapped, plus it was suggested that they put a chimney cap on it. The boiler bids are \$37,000, 47,000, and 57,000 from Stack Brothers and \$55,000 from Belknap Plumbing. The trustees would like to go with the \$57,000 bid that has the 95% efficiency but think the 47,000 is more realistic. If donations for the boiler get up to \$20,000 there is a donor willing to give a substantial donation. Jack A. is getting the mission statement sign made. Heidi was having problems getting the lawn mower going. Jim Erickson helped her with that.

Mission & Outreach: Carol A. reported no meeting

**Stewardship:** Donna L. reported that they divided up the months for getting ushers.

**Education:** Julianne reported that they had no meeting. However, confirmation went fine, Sunday School is done for the school year and Bible Study will continue over the summer.

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

#### Pastor Koos Report: Pastor reported:

They need 50 voting members for the annual meeting in-person and on zoom.

The next two Fridays in May there will be a movie night with a cost of \$3 for single, \$5 for couple, and \$10 for family. Starting in June they will change to Wednesday evenings, with a total of 16 weeks of movies. All starting at 6 pm. The movies are kid friendly.

Memorial Day weekend Pastor and his family will be gone. He has setup a sub.

#### **Vision Victories:**

Roof is done and paid for III
Rummage sale is happening this Saturday
Confirmation went well
Sunday School is done for the school year

#### Old Business:

Boiler information is out. Donations at this time are \$16,500.

#### **New Business:**

Annual meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup>.

For the annual meeting the Parliamentarian is Bonnie W.

The Stewardship board will do the member credentialing.

It was agreed that Pastor should order a new church record book.

It was agreed that a new more user-friendly software called "Church Windows" should be tried free for 30 days to see if it would meet our needs.

#### **Upcoming:**

June 8<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting at 10:30 am
June 8<sup>th</sup> Executive board meeting 5:30 pm
June 8<sup>th</sup> All boards meeting 6:00 pm
June 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting 5:30 pm
A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously pass to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

We recited the Lord's Prayer together.

Kandee Rosburg



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9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online  Annual Meeting	7	Pastor text study 11 a.m. Boards 6 p.m.	9 Bible study 10 a.m.	Movie 6 p.m. Abdominable	11	12
9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online	14 FLAC DAY	Pastor text study 11 a.m. Council 5:30 p.m.	16 Bible study 10 a.m.	Movie 6 p.m. Call of the Wild	18	19 Script Cards orders due Juneteenth!.
9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online	First Day of Summer	Pastor text study 11 a.m.	Bible study 10 a.m.	Movie 6.m. Dora and the Lost City of Gold	25	26
9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online	28	Pastor text study 11 a.m.	Bible study 10 a.m.		June is National Rose Month	