

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Monday -Thursday

9am -1 p.m.

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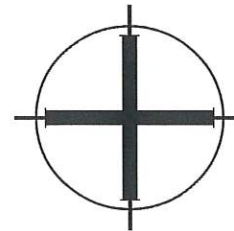
Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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October 2021

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

I am so pleased to have our regular program year fully back up and running after a year and a half of interruptions! To be learning with you, worshipping with you, and singing with you again brings so much joy to my life. I didn't answer God's call to ministry so that I could walk through a life of faith alone. No, I answered it in the hopes of serving God's people and growing in faith together with others. So many obstacles have challenged that service and growth through this pandemic but I'm so grateful that you have all hung in there. I do believe we've grown and become stronger in my brief time here. Our learning has become more focused and challenging. Our worship has become more praiseful and grateful. Our love for each other and for God has become more evident. I just hope and pray that more people can experience what we have begun to build here. We've got some strong leaders and such faithful givers that it's disheartening more people don't participate. I suppose we'll just have to plug along and grow without them until they decide to plug in and grow with us. I need your help in drawing them in though. There are so many people out there seeking what we have to offer. So many people are broken and hurting and desperately needing God's love and assurance. Our God wants to help them and love them, but He also wants our help. So how can we help him? It's not just about loving our neighbor on our own. God wants to be a part of that love too. We need to help others come to know God too. After all, we are an "evangelical" church, meaning, as the Cambridge dictionary defines the expression, "we belong to one of the Protestant churches that believes that the teaching of the Bible and the persuading of other people to join us are extremely important." I think this is our next big growing area over the next several months. How are we going to get others excited about and listening to God again? God is working in all our lives but some of us need to recognize his work more. Let us prayerfully reflect on this as we hunker down for another long winter. Hope to see you around the church this month!

Fall blessings,
Pastor Koos

Narratives

October 3—Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

God's Name is Revealed

October 10—Exodus 16:1-18

God Provides Manna

October 17—1 Samuel 3:1-21

God Calls Samuel

October 24—1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

God Calls David

October 31—1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Solomon's Temple

Grow in the
grace and
knowledge of
Jesus
2 Peter 3:18

From our Congregation President

The two old boilers are gone and the replacements are being installed. Thanks to everyone who helped fund these new boilers. WE ARE BLESSED.

We had a very productive Council meeting September 21. Thanks to the officers and board members who were involved. Please review the minutes to bring yourselves up to speed.

I want thank those members of our congregation that have stepped up to clean our sanctuary as our Custodian is on leave. We are asking members of the congregation to continue to volunteer to clean our facility. There is a signup sheet in the narthex with great instructions for what is needed to be done.

The Superior Singers will not be using our facility to practice before the Christmas season. They are hopping to start in the spring for a summer concert series.. They have sung at our Christmas gatherings and we will miss them again.

It is good to have the acolytes back, the choir back, and an active Sunday School and confirmation class.

Yours in Christ

Del Kangas
President

Help Needed

Our custodian has taken a leave of absence through October. However the church still needs to be cleaned. Since this is anticipated to be short term, the council is asking for volunteers from the congregation to help with the cleaning. Volunteers are still needed through this month. Check the sign up sheet in the narthex or check with the office. Thanks for your help.

From the Quilters and Sewers

The quilters continue to meet and invite anybody interested to join them. They meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 9:00 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be October 11th. Call Kandee Rosburg if you have questions.

Mission & Outreach September 2021

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Baskets



October 3—stuffing, instant mashed potatoes

October 10—canned fruits, cranberry sauce

October 17—pudding mix, jello mix, evaporated milk

October 24—canned pumpkin, pumpkin spice, pie crust mix

October 31—cream of mushroom (or other cream soups), gravy mix

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. In 6 months we have made \$1111.00 with only 15 people participating. **Just think, how much the church could make at no extra cost to YOU with more participants.,**

You can buy cards for local places you already go to such as: Kwik Trip , Holiday Gas, BP, Menards, Ace Hardware, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart , Superior Meats, Applebees, Papa Murphy's,, Hardees, Burger King, Subway, Dairy Queen, and Dunkin Donuts.

A list of other participating stores is in the narthex.

Bottom line : It's an easy way to do your shopping and help the church at the same *time*

Any of the cards can also be used nationally. 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 September 18

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

Education Corner

Confirmation—

Confirmation continues on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. This year's concentration is on bible stories, designed to give a grounding for further study of the bible.

If you are aware of any student entering 7th grade who is not already attending and would like to be confirmed at our church, please contact Pastor or the office.

Sunday School—

Sunday School began with Rally Sunday on September 12th. We are using the same Covid 19 precautions we used last spring. Both teachers and students are asked to wear masks and social distance as possible. All the teachers have been vaccinated. For now, each week after registering, the students should come immediately downstairs and go directly to the fellowship hall, minimizing contact with the congregation. They can be dismissed through the side door if desired. They should not attend if they have any CoVid symptoms. There will still not be an opening with singing. We are trying a new format of teaching the students as a whole group, not dividing into grades. So far it appears to be going well.

If you are aware of a child who turned 3 by September 1st or shortly thereafter or students entering 7th grade, contact Pastor or call the office so they can join us. The parent or guardian of a child who would like to attend does not have to be a member of our church.

Adult Education -

Adult bible study is continuing. It meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. At this time bible study is planned to continue on Wednesday mornings. Anyone is welcome to attend. See elsewhere in the newsletter for the scripture lessons and how to access the study group.

We hope to see you soon!



October

October	01	Chantelle Gregory	19	Kim Lozon
	02	Tara Carlson	26	Maggie Nelson
	03	Kerri Nelson	27	Lori Skudstad
	04	Colton Roeber	28	Carl Roberts
	06	Eric Skudstad	29	Dale Nummi
	07	Norma Larson		
		Brad Nelson		
	10	Nathan Young		
	11	Linda Taber		
	14	Bonnie Wentzel		
	15	Diane Tomzak		
	16	Meri Will		
		Kathy Pearson		
	17	Jeffrey Liebaert		
	18	Leone Campbell		
		Diane Erickson		





Choir

Choir has begun again under Megan's direction. They will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. They will sing during the worship service on the first and third Sundays of the month. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

The Superior Singers had asked to use our church for their practices. They have now cancelled their fall schedule due to CoVid concerns but will hopefully begin again in the new year.



New Boiler

The old boilers were removed on September 23rd. A big thank you to Rick Gilbertson who had babied them along for years. The new boiler is currently being installed. We look forward to more warmth this winter at a lower cost.

Bible Studies-October 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)

10-06-21 Exodus 16:1-18

1. What and who are the people complaining about? Why did they feel this way? Can you relate?
2. What do you think of God's response to the people?
3. Moses clarifies that the people were not complaining against him, but against God. Why do you think this clarification is important?
4. Is it always wrong to complain? Are there times where our complaining is like the complaining of Israel?
5. The people ask for break and God gives them something they don't recognize. What do you think of God's provision in this story? Why would he do things this way?
6. Are verses 17-18 a description of the miracle or is it a description of a community ethic?
7. What is God trying to do by giving Israel something that only lasts for a single day?
8. Do you think the Israelites' complaints changed God's plans? If so, how?
9. Why did God want to test them in verse four? What would the test be? If God already knew the results why test them?
10. This manna was freely provided by God. Did the Israelites have to do anything in order to eat it? What biblical principle is in this? Why didn't God just send a bucket to each of them every morning?

10-13-21 1 Samuel 3:1-21

1. Why do you think the Lord called to Samuel the boy instead of Eli the priest?
2. How did Samuel's surroundings help him hear from God?
3. How does Samuel's response to the voice of God indicate his surrender to the will of God?
4. Did God give Samuel an easy message to deliver? What did God tell Samuel to do?
5. Given that message from God, how do you think we should define success? Is that hard for you? How would you usually define success?
6. Why do you think Samuel did not recognize the voice of God?
7. Why do you think it took Samuel so long to recognize the Lord?
8. What do you think your reaction would be if you heard God calling your name? Are you conscious of the fact that God knows you by name?
9. What are the dangers of living in continuous disobedience to God's will?
10. Have there been times when you have had to share

10-20-21 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

1. What is Samuel mourning at the start of this passage?
2. Why and when did God reject Saul? Read 1 Samuel 13:8-14 and 15:10-11.
3. Why did Samuel initially think Eliab was the Lord's anointed? What's the irony here (see 10:23-24)?
4. What does verse 7 suggest about the qualities God counts as most important for His servants?
5. What does it mean that God "looks at the heart" of the individual?
6. How does the fact that God looks at the heart counter the lie that "I am what I do"?
7. If David was believing the lie that "I am what I do," how would he have seen himself?
8. How do you know if repentance is real? What is the result of genuine repentance?
9. How would you define "repentance?" Do you think most people in our community think much about repentance?
10. In verse 13, how did forgiveness change the way that David saw other people?

10-27-21 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

1. What intention did Solomon declare to Hiram in his return message?
2. How did Solomon demonstrate wisdom in the steps he took to prepare for building the temple?
3. What are some of the advantages of having a permanent location, like the Temple, for the Ark? Are there any disadvantages?
4. Do you think of God more as having a fixed place or places where God "is" or "dwells," or of God as more transient?
5. What do you think it means – implies, suggests – that the Ark was empty except for the tablets of the moral law? Does this say anything to us about God and the relationship of God to the community?
6. In verse 11, God's glory fills the Temple – what does this mean, do you think?
7. Have you ever experienced the presence of God in a distinctive or dramatic way – how did that experience compare with the event here?
8. How do you understand the idea that God "dwells in deep darkness?"
9. How do you understand the idea that God dwells in "an exalted house"?
10. Are there any implications in this for how we need to understand God, or to communicate with God? What are those?

Mentor Questions—October 2021

1. Why do you think it's important that God created everything in a certain order?
2. What do you think it means to be created in the image of God?
3. Why is it important that we hear God say that each part of his creation is good?
4. What is man's relationship with God's creation?
5. What does it mean that Eve was created to be Adam's "helper?"
6. Why weren't Adam and Eve created at the same time?
7. Do you think God was fair in casting Adam and Eve from the garden for their sin? Why or why not?
8. Do you think it's fair that we should suffer for the sin of Adam and Eve? Why or not?
9. How big of a role does temptation play in your life? Is it easy or hard for you to resist temptation?
10. Do you think Cain was right in killing Abel? Why or why not?
11. Do you think God was justified in flooding the earth? Why or why not?
12. What kinds of promises have you made or been given by someone else?
13. Do you keep your promises? Did they keep their promises? Was it easy or hard to keep your promise?
14. Does God keep his promises?
15. Could you go and live in a foreign land if God told you to?
16. How easy is it for you to trust God and have faith in his promises?
17. Do you think Job was treated fairly?
18. Do you think Joseph deserved to be treated the way he was by his brothers?
19. Was Jacob a good man or a bad man? Why?
20. Do you think God has a plan for each of our lives?



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, Steve and Amanda Shaw, Larry Gilbertson, Jean Larkee, Jan, Linda Maki, Vern Moore

Family Member: Jordan Zurn, JR Pietz, Andy, Mike Klawitter, Florence Olson, Amy Klawitter, James David, Mark Klawitter, Judy Johnson, Paula Brostowitz, Nellie, Heidi Rekstad, Pricilla Rene, Alan Koudela, Ellie Wiklund, Jeanne David, Thor

Friend/neighbor: Brita Nelson, Benita Sutherland, Charles (Chuck) Smith, Charlie Foshay, Bob Bramer

The Families of:

Call the church office (715-394-3472) to add (or remove) individuals

Let's Talk

I am so happy to introduce you to Ed and Sheryl Aamodt. They became new members of our church on Sunday August 22nd 2021. What a beautiful blessing for us their "new" church family. They both found our church to be a very welcoming and upbeat fellowship. Our Stained-Glass windows really are a showcase for our sanctuary.

They both have been a part of the Twin Ports community for over 59 years. Sheryl has been here all of her life. They have four grown children and ten grandchildren. One of their sons was a contractor in the building of the addition of our church.

Family time means a great deal to Ed and Sheryl. They wish they could see everyone more often. Especially their daughter and family in Tennessee. The holidays seem to be their special gathering time. Up until this year Ed and Sheryl would travel to Az in October and return for the Christmas holidays and make memories with their families. This year they will stay home thru the holidays and then leave for Az. Family time with grandkids growing up is too precious. Now they will be able to attend sporting events for their high school and college age grandchildren (before this time has passed).

How did they meet? Believe a blind date? Yes, and they have been happily married for 57 years. Their favorite seasons are summer and fall. I guess that could be the reason they winter in Az. Sheryl's pastime is oil painting, however, her equipment is in Az. Ed loves to golf (no, he didn't leave his golf clubs in Az.) As a good Norwegian, Ed loves lefsa and Sheryl loves pasta and meatballs. They both share the same favorite bible verse: John 3:16 and they both feel we should enjoy our life, be thankful, and know patience is next to Godliness.

I am happy to say Sheryl has been a regular participant at our Wednesday morning bible study! Next time you come to church be sure and introduce yourself to Ed and Sheryl—you will thoroughly enjoy each other. We are truly blessed to have a growing church!

Our church is full of great fellowship, humor, music and heartfelt communing with and for each other. I look forward to our next "Let's Talk" members! Will it be you??

Again "Welcome Ed and Sheryl Aamodt!"

Respectfully Submitted,

"Let's Talk" - Carol Skamser



OSLC Cooks

We have some great cooks here at OSLC and we'd like to feature some of your recipes. Where are all the recipes for the delicious food you all bring to church gatherings? If you're willing to share, you can drop them off in the box in the narthex or drop them off in the office or email them to the office. We can acknowledge you or you can remain anonymous. .

Mable Nummi's Chicken Wings

Diane Erickson

- 18 drummies or wings
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon ginger
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar



Melt butter. Mix in other ingredients, Pour over wings in 9x13 pan. Bake at 375* for 1 hour, turning every 15 minutes.

Stuffed Pepper Soup

Stephanie Shaw

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
 - 3 large green peppers, seeded and chopped
 - 1 large onion chopped
 - 4 ounces mushrooms chopped
 - 1 carton beef broth
 - 2 cans condensed tomato soup
 - 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained
 - 4 shakes Worcestershire sauce
 - 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
 - 1/2 teaspoons pepper
 - 1 1/2 cups ready rice, uncooked
- Put all ingredients into crockpot. Cook on low for 5-6 hours.



Children's Winter Outerwear Giveaway

The annual children's winter outerwear giveaway will be Sunday October 10, 2021 from 2 –4 p.m. Coats, boots, snow pants, hats and mittens will be given away free to residents of Superior. Invite your friends and neighbors. Children must be present with a parent or adult caregiver. To be CoVid safe, those requesting outerwear must stay in their cars and be assisted by an OSLC volunteers. Please sign up in the office if you are able to help. We have a donation from Walmart and 2 Thrivent cards to purchase items but any donations from our members of new or gently used children's winter wear sizes 4-16 are welcome. If you have any questions, call Carina Barker.



Readers—Remember the Book Cart

Bring in books you have already read and exchange them for others. You can also donate books. Just leave them on the cart. There are currently books by authors such as Dan Brown, David Baldacci, Jodi Picoult, Nora Roberts and Danielle Steel. There are also books on CD available. The cart is located in the basement at the bottom of the steps from the middle doors.



Puzzle Corner

We also now have jigsaw puzzles available. They are located with the book cart in the basement by the middle staircase. Like with the books, you can take a jigsaw puzzle of your choice. When you are finished, you can keep it or return it and take another. You can also donate any puzzles that you have.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Superior

Council Minutes September 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by President Del Kangas.

Present: Doris Maki, Donna Liebaert, Julianne Koski, Jack Arthur, Carol Arthur, Del Kangas, Kandee Rosberg, Bonnie Wentzel, Carol Skamser, Steve Shaw, Bev Donaldson, and Pastor Sean.

Devotions: Pastor Sean led devotions and prayer taken from Genesis 24: 48-49.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the August 17, 2021, Council minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported that August income was \$11,691.90 with expenses of \$11,430.76 leaving a surplus of \$261.14. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Board Reports:

Deacons: Steve reported the Deacons had met to pray for members of the congregation. Sunday morning readers have been assigned. Acolytes have returned. Steve suggested that our congregational membership list needs to be updated.

Stewardship: Donna reported the board continues to look for fund raising ideas. Script card sales continue to support the church. The theme for this year's pledge drive will be "Back to Basics". A letter to the congregation is being composed. Suggestions were made by Pastor Sean for additional Stewardship components to consider such as Impact Stories from recipients of donations i.e., Harbor House, Seafarers, Habitat for Humanity, and our Clothes Closet.

Board of Education: Did not meet. Several on the Board are also Sunday School teachers who have met. Currently 15 young people are registered. The children are meeting together in a single group and liking this format. The students are masked and kept at least 3 feet apart. Confirmation is also going well.

Mission and Outreach: Carol reported that Mission & Outreach will be collecting for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving baskets in October. The Children's Winter Coat Giveaway will be on October 10th from 2-4 pm. A gift card donated by Walmart plus 2 cards from Thrivent will be used to supplement donated items. Snacks will also be distributed.

Trustees: Jack Arthur reported leaks on the west wall, near the Eternal candle and in the furnace, room have been reported to Empire roofing. Parking lot lines were painted by Pastor Sean and family. Suggest refinancing our Church Mortgage through ELCA Mission Investment Fund. For a \$1500.00 fee, the interest rate on the mortgage can be reduced from 4.875% to 3.875% and will save \$269.00 per month. This is a 5-year adjustable document. Current mortgage balance is \$627,242.00. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to refinance our mortgage as described above. In custodian's absence, custodial work is being done by congregational volunteers. Lawn mowing – Kathy & Andy Nelson have volunteered to mow the lawn during custodian's absence. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Board reports.

Pastors report: Pastor Sean reported that the Superior Singers have cancelled their winter schedule due to the issues cause by the Covid 19 pandemic. They will hope to reconvene in the spring. Three 8th grade confirmands have returned plus two 7th graders joined this week. Currently, the overnight retreat is on hold.

Old Business:

Church cleaning – volunteers will still be needed for a while.

New Business

Discussion held regarding potential return of the WW meetings.

Discussion held regarding methods to encourage Board members to attend their meetings.

Suggestion to communicate to area Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities about our Sunday Services via Facebook.

Vision Victories:

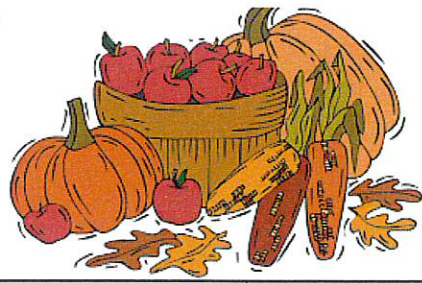
Return of Sunday School and Confirmation

Increase in Sunday morning attendance – still room for more!

Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 6:53 PM

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Bev Donaldson, Council Secretary



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3	4	5 Pastor text study 11 a.m.	6 Bible Study 10 a.m. Confirmation 3:30 p.m. Choir 4:30p.m.	7	8	9
10 9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Children's winter wear giveaway 2-4 p.m.	11 Quilting 9 a.m.	12 Pastor text study 11 a.m. Boards 6:00 p.m.	13 Bible study 10 a.m. Confirmation 3:30 p.m. Choir 4:30 pm.	14	15	16 Script Cards orders due Tim & Melodee Kotter wedding 3:00 p.m.
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31 Reformation Sunday 9:30a.m. worship service in house and online 9:30 a.m. Sunday School						