



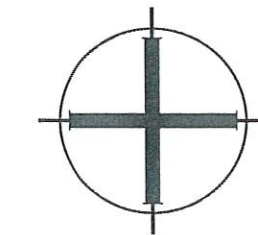
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# Sharing the Joy

Church Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday  
9am -1 p.m.

**Closed Fridays**



## Sharing the Joy

*Thanksgiving Blessings*



*November 2021*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church



**Sunday Worship**

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

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## November 2021

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

So is last month's warm weather indicative of a warm winter ahead? We can only hope. Many have suggested quite the contrary, that freezing temps and plenty of snow are in store for us. God has been pretty good to us this year, giving us an easy spring, cool summer, and warm fall, not to mention the completion of a couple big building projects (roof, boilers) and the revival of key ministries (choir). Our membership, confirmation classes, Sunday school classes, and Bible studies all are growing in participation and enrichment. We may be hunkering down for another long, harsh winter but we have much to give thanks for as the year winds down. I always consider the Thanksgiving holiday to be very well timed at the end of the year when we naturally reflect on what was completed throughout the year. We have much to give thanks for this year, good weather and good ministry to name but a few. Our God is a good and gracious God who continues to bless our congregation with good health and vitality. The pandemic has certainly threatened our health but thanks to your commitment to getting vaccinated and adapting to alternative forms of communication via technology, we have remained strong and connected. Who knew that a global pandemic could make us stronger?! Let's pray that we can continue to remain strong and healthy.

But we know this about God! We know that our God is good and gracious and wants us to thrive in our ministry together. He doesn't want us to live in fear and doubt, slaves to our sinful selves. He wants us to grow and blossom and bear fruit for the world. He wants us to bear his light to the world. Advent is right around the corner when we again celebrate the coming of his light into our world. Jesus came into our world not to condemn our world but in order that our world might be saved through him, as we hear in John 3:17. Jesus is a light in the darkness. We give thanks for his light in the darkest months of the year. Let us enjoy our Thanksgiving festivities whatever they may be. I pray they involve gathering with loved ones that weren't gathered with last year. We've come a long way with vaccines and technology since last November. Be thankful for how far we've come. Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving blessings,

Pastor Koos

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



## *From our Congregation President*

Winter is coming and we have our new boilers installed. Thanks to all the who provided the financial support, Belknap Plumbing and Rick Gilbertson for getting it done before the real cold weather showed up. The Church Council voted to do a little more work on the heating system. So we could use some additional giving.

We now have the Nominating Committee starting their job of filling leadership vacancies on the various boards and officer positions. Please pray and think hard about accepting a position if asked to serve, Better yet, volunteer to serve.

It is fun to have the choir back - we always welcome new singers so come and join us.

I hope that you all have some great plans for Thanksgiving and remember that we have a lot to be thankful for.

I want to thank the members of our congregation that have stepped up to clean our building and mow our lawn. The Trustees are working to find a new custodian.

Yours in Christ.

Del Kangas - President

### **Narratives**

November 7 —1 Kings 19: 1-18

God Speaks to Elijah

November 14—Amos 1: 1-2; 5: 14-15, 21-24

Justice Rolls Down

November 21—Isaiah 9: 1-7

Isaiah: A Child Is Born

November 28—Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14

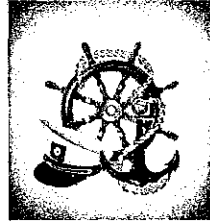
Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

### **Help Needed**

Our custodian will not be returning. However the church still needs to be cleaned. Until a new custodian can be found, we are still in need of volunteers from the congregation to help with the cleaning. Check the sign up sheet in the narthex or check with the office. If you can't do everything on a list but are willing to do tasks that you are able to, contact the office and we can pair you up with another group. Thanks for your help.

Mission & Outreach  
November 2021

Seafarer Center



November 7—Gently used men's jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters

November 14—Toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, travel size shampoo and conditioner

November 21—socks, washcloths, travel size lotion, bar soap

November 28—small notebooks, pens and pencils, playing cards

### 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 holidays are coming. Gift cards make great gifts

The church receives a small percentage of the card's 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** if more people participated.

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 her at [scskamser@charter.net](mailto: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. The annual retreat will be only one day this year on February

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

We are meeting as a whole group and it continues to go well. We did a Hope for the Hungry collection last month. Upcoming stories include Daniel in the Lion's Den, Jonah and The Ten Commandments. There will be no Sunday School on November 28th.

We continue to ask that all students, teachers and any guests wear masks.



Lesson:

David is Anointed King

### 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.



# November

November	01	Sharon Shea
	02	Ryah Samarzia
	03	Alexis Hanson
	09	Dennis Johnson Donna Liebaert Carol Roberts
	10	Samuel Willie
	11	Samantha Wicklund
	12	Abbie DeMeyer
	15	Tom Donaldson Paul Skudstad
	17	Sheryl Aamondt
	19	Diane O'Connell
	20	AJ Nelson
	24	Bill Howard
	26	Marissa Murashie
	27	Cheryl Splinter
	29	Don Larson Ellie Westlund





**Bible Studies– November 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)**

*11-03-21 1 Kings 19:1-18*

1. Do true Christians ever become depressed? If they do, is it a sign of unbelief or lack of faith? If they don't, is it a mark of righteousness or spiritual maturity? Why or why not?
2. Elijah had performed many miracles and had seen God's power in seemingly impossible situations, yet when he is threatened by Jezebel he is afraid, depressed, and even wants to die. Why do you think Elijah responded to this threat in this way?
3. The angel of the Lord meets Elijah in the wilderness, but doesn't give him the answer he is seeking and gives him only enough food to sustain him on the next leg of his journey. Why draw out this encounter for 40 days?
4. God is made known in the silence and not in the loud manner of the earthquake or fire. Can you relate to this part of Elijah's story? Have you ever experienced God in the midst of silence?
5. In what ways can you relate to Elijah when he says, "I have had enough?"
6. Elijah complains that he is the only prophet still alive; yet, later in the chapter God tells him that hundreds of prophets are still alive. Can you share a time when you were so afraid or frustrated that the fear distorted your sense of what was really true?
7. Like Elijah, when we are afraid we may be tempted to hide in a cave from our fears. For some of us that might mean despair, surrounding ourselves with comfort, or cynicism and bitterness. How do you respond to fear?
8. What kind of "cave" do you find yourself in when you are afraid?
9. Have you ever experienced a time when God's presence helped direct you back to where he wanted you to be?
10. Why does God ask the question in vs 9 and 13? Where does the question imply Elijah should be?

*11-10-21 Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24*

1. How do justice and love relate in this passage?
2. If our own culture was in the place of Israel, what injustices would God be calling us to? What would repentance look like?
3. Do you think the people who "desire the Day of YHWH" (v18) are the same people who are holding festivals and bringing offerings (vv21-23)? Why?
4. What are YHWH's responses to the people's worship? Why?
5. What do we think it means to "let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (v24), concretely?
6. Why is judgment an important part of the Christian tradition?
7. Do you typically view your concern for justice as a part of your faith? How do you express it?
8. Is simply doing justice enough as an expression of faith, or is worship also important?
9. Have you seen examples of religious worship get in the way of doing justice? What happened? What is the point of worship if it can be corrupted so easily?
10. Why do you think so many people have found 5:21-24 moving and challenging?

*11-17-21 Isaiah 9:1-7*

1. Vs. 1-5, describe the life transformation that will happen when God brings deliverance for his people.
2. Vs. 6-7, how will God bring the deliverance? What are the specific characteristics of the new kingdom that this child will one day rule?
3. What does God promise at the start of v1, and what do you think he means?
4. Read Matt. 4:12-16. Notice anything?
5. Read Isaiah 9:2 and then John 8:12. What does it mean to say that Jesus is the light of the world?
6. How do you think hearing v2 might have helped the people during captivity?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6. Where does the Bible tell us that the light of Jesus needs to shine, and do you know why this is?
8. What does the light of Jesus give us?
9. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. What difference does that make in our lives?
10. In v7, we start to find out what it will be like for Jesus to be King. What do you find?

*11-24-21 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14*

1. What do you need to do to know it is God directing you, and not yourself?
2. "Seek to know him and not just seek to know about him." What do you think this means?
3. The Lord reminds his people, not of their situation, but of His significance. In times of struggle or crisis, why is this reminder what we need most?
4. God also reminds His people that their situation of exile is due to His sovereign choice. Why is this reality actually good news?
5. Why might vs. 5-7 be surprising to those enduring prolonged hardship?
6. What purposes might the Lord have had in calling his people to live with such purpose?
7. Read 1 Peter 2:18-25. How might the wisdom help us in our own struggles?
8. How does vs 11 help you in the midst of bad situations?
9. God promises that when the people pray and seek Him, He will lead them home. What does it mean for God to lead you back home?
10. How can we be intentional in "doing good" in our own circumstances?

*12-01-21 Ezekiel 37:1-14*

1. Why would God give Ezekiel a vision of a valley of dry human bones? What do these bones represent?
2. In v3, God asks Ezekiel if these bones can live. What is God trying to teach Ezekiel through this vision?
3. Ezekiel then responds. Does he learn anything? What does he learn?
4. Ezekiel was to preach to those in exile describing in detail the revival of these bones (flesh and breath restored). How might this give hope to those in exile?
5. V. 6, what is God's stated reason that He will restore those in Exile? Why is this important?
6. What is the significance of breaking this reanimation of life into two stages? (Hint: Word and Spirit)
7. How can we be more open to the Spirit in our lives, especially when sharing our faith?
8. God interprets the vision for Ezekiel: The exiled nation of Israel has lost all hope and God will restore this hope. What are the three parts of his hope and why is each one important?
9. What does the reanimation sequence indicate to us about how God works?
10. What is the significance of the breath? How is that applicable to our lives today?



## Mentor Questions-November 2021

1. What's the biggest journey you've been on in your life? Any surprises along the way?
2. Why do you think God chose Moses to lead the Israelites on a journey out of slavery?
3. Have you ever had an encounter with God similar to Moses and the burning bush?
4. Which of the ten plagues do you think was the worst and why?
5. Do you think God needed to afflict the Egyptians with the plagues to get them to set his people free? Why or why not?
6. Do you think God was unfair to Pharaoh and the Egyptians?
7. Do you think the Israelites deserved their freedom?
8. Do you think God's law hurts or helps us?
9. Which of the Ten Commandments is most difficult for you to keep and why?
10. Have you ever felt like you were wandering through life with no real direction?
11. Do you think the Israelites were justified in their complaining while in the wilderness?
12. Do you think God provided well for the wandering Israelites?
13. Do you think it's easier to trust in God when things are going well or when you're suffering?
14. Do you think the Israelites deserved the Promised Land?
15. Do you think Joshua was a worthy leader of the Israelites after Moses died?
16. Why do you think the Exodus story is foundational to the identity of the Israelites?
17. Why is the Exodus story foundational to all Christians?
18. Do you think 40 years was too long or not long enough to wander in the wilderness?
19. Was Moses as brave as Abraham and Jacob and Joseph before him?
20. BONUS Why is there slavery in the world?



### 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, Darlene Shaw, Tom Donaldson

**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, Ellie Wiklund, Jeanne David, Thor, Pat Hansen, Carol Gruhlke, Ray Moe

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

### The Families of:

**Call the church office (715-394-3472) to add (or remove) individuals to the prayer list.**

# 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. .

## Norwegian Meatballs

Carol Skamser

- 1# beef ground fine
- 1/3# pork ground fine
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ginger allspice nutmeg
- 1 egg



Mix thoroughly. Roll into meatballs (whatever size you like; for large size use thermometer to make sure they are cooked to 165\*).

Fry on top of stove – stir often, don't burn. Place cooked meatballs in kettle. Combine 1 can Campbell's cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup with 3/4 can filled with milk. Pour over meatballs and combine. Simmer on low heat for 20-30 minutes. Serve over mashed potatoes, preferably homemade.

## PUMPKIN SPICE CHEX MIX RECIPE

Linda Clark



### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons pumpkin spice
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- 1 (12 oz) box cinnamon chex cereal
- 1 (12 oz) box honey nut chex cereal
- 4 cups pretzels
- 1 (21 oz) bag autumn/harvest candy mix [or plain candy corn]

### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together butter, brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice and vanilla extract.
2. In an extra large bowl, toss together both chex cereal flavors and pretzels. Pour butter mixture over the cereal mixture and toss to distribute.
3. Microwave: Microwave uncovered for 6 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes. Spread on wax paper to cool. Add harvest candy mix and toss to combine. Store in airtight container.
4. Oven: Preheat oven to 275°F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Divide mixture on the two baking sheets and spread in even layers. Bake for 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on wax paper to cool. Add harvest candy mix and toss to combine. Store in airtight container.

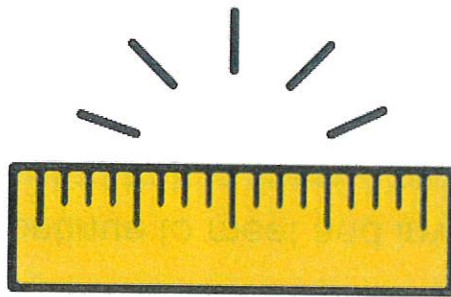




## Fall Stewardship Campaign of Giving:

### Getting Back to Basics Remember the Golden Rule

This year's annual fall stewardship Campaign of Giving begins November 1st and is entitled "**Back to Basics**". With all the uncertainty in the world today, we want to focus on getting back to basics. **Remember the Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.** If we treat others with respect and caring during these uncertain times, we are being good stewards. During this campaign we hope you will consider how you can give to our church and our community of your time, talents and finances. You should be receiving a letter and giving card in the mail. If you do not receive the card or have questions, please contact the church office. Please complete and return the Giving Card by Sunday November 28th.



## Shoe Drive



The stewardship committee is participating in a shoe drive fundraiser this year. We would like our members to collect new and slightly used shoes to donate to our church. They will then be given to small businesses in developing countries to help them provide for their families. We are working with a group called funds2orgs and they will distribute them. Our goal is to collect 100 bags of 25 pairs of shoes from November 7- January 6 or for 60 days. Please watch for additional information to come. Your stewardship committee thanks you!



## Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship has resumed. From 8:45 a.m. until the start of service there will be coffee and goodies in the St. Paul's Room. If you would like to host and/or provide goodies, there is a sign up sheet next to the coffee area.



## 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 November 8th. Call Kandee Rosburg if you have questions

## Choir

Choir has resumed under Megan's direction. They 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 annual coat and boot drive was held on October 10th. There are still some coats and a few snow pants available. There are also some boots and hats. They are located outside of the Threads of Hope closets and are available whenever the office is open (Monday—Thursday from 9 a.m. —1 p.m.).

## 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. There are still children's books in the blue bookcase by the office



## 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**

**October 19, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Del Kangas.

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

**Devotions:** Pastor Sean led devotions and prayer taken from 1 Samuel chapter 5.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the September 21, 2021, Council minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie reported that September income was \$8,512.35 with expenses of \$12,325.84 leaving a deficit of -\$3,813.00. Bonnie further reported that \$5,000.00 was taken from the general fund to pay the mortgage. Additional funds were used to pay the fees to reduce the mortgage rate. New interest rate begins November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

**Board Reports:**

**Deacon:**

Steve reported the Deacons had met to pray for members of the congregation.  
Sunday morning readers have been assigned through January  
Work continues to revise the membership roster

**Stewardship:**

2 members had attended the meeting.  
Pens with Our Savior's name printed have arrived and will be sold for \$3.00 each as a fund raiser.  
A second fund raiser will be collecting gently used shoes for distribution to countries in need.  
Collection bags will be distributed throughout the city.  
The annual Stewardship drive begins this month. Letter to congregation has been developed.

**Board of Education:**

Discussed confirmands one day retreat to be held February 14, 2022, at Camp Amnicon. Fee is \$500.00, will need to have fund raisers.

**Mission and Outreach:**

Winter coat giveaway on October 10<sup>th</sup> was very successful. Thanks to the 10 volunteers who assisted. The following items given away included 13 snowpants, 18 jackets, 14 boots, 16 hats, 13 gloves and mittens.

Items for the Seafarers will be collected in November.

**Trustees:**

Water leaks near Eternal candle persist, Empire Roofing alerted.

Recommended that current custodian be replaced.

Boiler rebate may be higher than first indicated.

Discussed removal of 3<sup>rd</sup> boiler with pipes refitted through new Lochinvar units.

Motion made by Kande, seconded by Jack to remove old boiler and refit pipes to new boiler at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00. Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to accept Board reports.

**Pastors Report:**

A second-year student has joined the confirmation class

Discussed resuming regular communion, consensus is to wait a while longer.

**Old Business:**

Still need volunteers for cleaning.

Reduced mortgage interest rate begins November 1<sup>st</sup>

**New Business:**

Coffee Hour restart

Discussion followed by decision to restart Sunday morning coffee at 9:00 am

Kande will place a sign-up sheet for volunteers to set up and/or clean up and to bring treats as desired.

**Upcoming events and vision victories:**

Stewardship Drive

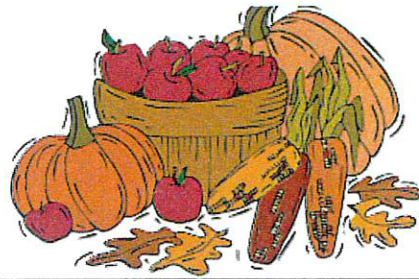
Installed boilers

Choir's return to Sunday services.

**Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 7:15 PM**

**Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer**

Bev Donaldson, Council secretary



# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day! Pastor text study 11 a.m.	3 Bible Study 10 a.m. Confirmation 3:30 p.m. Choir 4:30p.m.	4	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Daylight Savings Time ends	8 Quilting 9 a.m.	9 Pastor text study 11 a.m. Boards 6:00 p.m.	10 Bible study 10 a.m. Confirmation 3:30 p.m. Choir 4:30 pm.	11 Veteran's Day! 	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online 9:30 a.m. Sunday School	15	16 Pastor text study 11 a.m. Council 6:00 p.m.	17 Bible study 10 a.m. Confirmation 3:30 p.m. Choir 4:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Script Card orders due
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28 9:30a.m. worship service in house and online no Sunday School	29	30				