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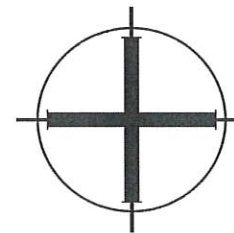
Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!



As we set out on a new year of shared ministry, I simply want to reiterate what I mentioned in last month's newsletter about grateful I am to be serving you all. We've come a long way in the two years we've been together, and I imagine there have been some changes that have challenged you. Between the alternate narrative lectionary to the additions of a screen/projector/camera to the sanctuary, worship may have become unfamiliar to you. Our Bible studies and confirmation classes have been overhauled while the Sunday school classes continue to keep up. Not to mention all the pandemic protocols altering when and how we can gather. A big contingent of our ministry participants joins us online week in and week out. Our ministry does not look like it did a couple years ago, and I don't think there is anything wrong with it. I am so proud of how everyone has adapted and prioritized our ministry in their lives. Thank you!

Though I know the pandemic is far from over, I want to start reaching out to you all to get to know you better. When I served my last parish in Nebraska, I made up a year's schedule of connecting with members. I generally met with 2-3 families each week for a whole year. Sometimes we shared a meal together, sometimes a visit either at the church or member's homes, and sometimes just a phone call. I'm going to try and pull together a schedule sometime this month and post it around the church for everyone to plan accordingly. The schedule is always subject to change. It just helps add a little structure to my visits. Please keep an eye out for it throughout the month.

Otherwise, let's keep staying safe and involved in the life of our congregation. These are the cold months so come and warm yourself with our worship services and learning opportunities. Hope to see you around!

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

January Narratives

January 2nd—John 1:35-51 Jesus Says Come and See

January 9th—John 2:1-11 Wedding at Cana

January 16th—John 2:13-25 Jesus Cleanses the Temple

January 23—John 3:1-21 Nicodemus

January 30th—John 4:1-42 The Woman at the Well

Wave goodbye to the old year
and embrace the new -



full of hope, dreams, and good
health.
Wishing you a happy new year
full of joy!

From our Congregation President

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years Eve.. We had many friends and members Celebrating Christmas and remember that we have a lot to be thankful for. I really enjoyed seeing all the Sunday Schoolers singing to help us celebrate the birth of our Christ. and Thanks to our Sunday School Teachers and the Board of Education for giving the extra mile they gave. I also want to thank our dedicated musicians Megan, Johanna, Brad and the Choir. I really enjoyed seeing the confirmation kids helping us as acolytes.

We were also blessed by having a quiet Blue Christmas Service, the tree decorators, the quilters who donated their quilts to a manager of Harbor House at one services.

We had several of fund raisers last month. The Green Bay Packer's Football, was won by Steve. The OSLC pens that could be used as gifts or just at home are very attractive and are still available We also have a fund raising shoe collecting effort going on, Please check out your closets and ask your friends to check theirs for shoes to donate to us.

.Thanks to all that that have pledged to support next years activities and to members who support us in other ways.

Winter is here and we have a warm building.. Thanks to all the who provided the financial support for the boilers, Belknap Plumbing and Rick Gilbertson for getting it done. The Church Council voted to do a little more work on the heating system. So we could use some additional giving.

Thanks again to Gene and Henry for their support of our video service going out to members of our congregation who want to join us electronically'

I want to thank the members of our congregation that have stepped up as needed to clean our building. We have a new custodian starting, lets give her our support.

I want to thank Pastor Sean, all the officers, board members, and employees for the great jobs they did to support me during my term. Please attend our Annual Meeting to help select our next Church Leaders.

Yours in Christ.

Del Kangas - President



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, Durae Lane, Carol Roberts

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, Jeanne David, Thor, Lindsay Netland, Pat Hansen, Carol Gruhlke, Ray Moe, Henry Wentzel, Troy Helf, Derek Helf, Linda Stuart, Kristin, Kris, Reid Sather, Steve Kilby

Friend/neighbor: Brita Nelson, Benita Sutherland, Ed Shaul, Mark Moore, Bill Mullens, all the people devastated by loss of family members, homes and injuries due to the tornados.

The Families of: Vicky Mullens

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

Mission & Outreach

January 2022

Faith United Methodist Church

Food Pantry



January 2—Canned vegetables and fruit

January 9—Canned tuna, canned chicken, canned beans, crackers

January 16—Hamburger Helper, mac & cheese, rice-a-roni, side salads

January 23—Instant potatoes. Scalloped potatoes, rice

January 30—Pasta products, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes

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 the past 11 months we have made over \$2000.00 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 and they can be used nationally.

Do you pay for gas with a credit card? There are cards for Kwik Trip, Holiday and BP.

Buy groceries with a Walmart card or at Superior Meats.

Go out to eat at Applebees. Get fast food at Hardees, Burger King, Subway or Dairy Queen.

Pay for your prescriptions at CVS or Walgreens with a card.

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*

Orders go in every 3rd Sunday of the month. This month your orders need to be in by January 15th.

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

Education Corner

Confirmation—

Confirmation continues on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. They will start again after the holiday on January 5th. The recent fundraisers will help pay for their annual retreat in 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—

Sunday School is going well. We had 6 new students in December which is very exciting. We are continuing to meet in the fellowship hall as one group and it is going well. Our anticipated lesson for January 9th is the Wise Men.

We still use CoVid 19 precautions. All children and teachers are to wear masks, as is anyone else in the classroom. Masks are available if needed. There is no opening. Children go directly to the fellowship hall. We try to socially distance as possible. Each child has their own supply box so there are no shared supplies. Hand sanitizer is readily available.

Sunday School does have a Facebook page that parents can access for more information.

If you are aware of a child who has 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!



January

01	Matthew Little	12	Richard Nystrom
	Dea Gran		Heather Thompson
	Doris Roeber	14	Dawn Heinen
	John Roeber	15	Craig Hanson
	Dave Cody		Maggie Mueller
	Judy Hack	17	Jacob Magdzas
03	Lauren Krob		Jordy Stank
04	Bev Prescott	18	Joanne Emberson
05	Dave Kringle	22	Isabella Lisdahl
	Neil Thompson	23	Matthew Netland
06	Sondra Forrest	30	George Bennis
	Liam Perrault		Owen Gran
08	Dean Wilner	31	Barb Danielson
09	Nicole Gregory		
10	Alexis Johnson		
	Doug Magdzas		

Bible Studies-July 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)

01-05-22 John 2:1-11

1. What does verse four tell us about Jesus, his disciples, and his ministry?
2. Some people have said that the “wine” that Jesus made was non-alcoholic. Do you agree or disagree with this? Why?
3. Give some examples of things that God intended for good and which man twisted?
4. Was Jesus being disrespectful to his mother when he said “woman”?
5. What did Jesus mean when He said, “my hour has not yet come”?
6. Why would the better normally be served first?
7. What, if anything, did it indicate that the better wine was served last in this case?
8. Does this miracle have any special significance?
9. What does this show us about Jesus and His character?
10. What was the result of the miracle?

01-12-22 John 2: 13-25

1. Did Jesus make it a habit of being in Jerusalem for the Passover? Read John 6:44 and 11:55. In John, how many Passover celebrations does Jesus attend?
2. Was it wrong to provide a service for buying sacrificial animals and exchanging currency for people who were from out of town? What was really going on that caused Jesus to react the way he did?
3. Did Jesus react appropriately to his anger? Is it right for a Christian to get angry? (Ephesians 4:26-27)
4. When you see people exploiting others, does it make you angry? When you see people preventing others from accessing God, does it make you angry? Why would God be angry about these things?
5. How should Christians react when they are angered by injustice and persecution?
6. How would you react if someone came into your work area and began making people move and overturned tables?
7. Did Jesus have other opportunities to get angry with people? Who does Jesus get most angry with during the course of his life? (Matt. 23:13-36)
8. Why did he react to his anger here in the temple and not when people mocked him, treated him unfairly, and ultimately nailed him to the cross?
9. How did Jesus react to people who mistreated him and to those who wanted to harm him? (Luke 23:32-43)
10. What was Jesus’ purpose in coming into the world? Read John 2:4 and John 2:19. Is there any connection between Jesus’ statement about his “hour” and when he says “Destroy this temple”?

01-19-22 John 3:1-21

1. What important group was Nicodemus part of? Why did he visit Jesus by night?
2. In what way does Nicodemus misunderstand Jesus?
3. What are the two things Jesus tells Nicodemus can’t happen unless he is “born again?” What do you think Jesus is trying to get across to him?
4. When Nicodemus hears that he must be born again, what does he think Jesus is talking about? What did it take for a gentile to become part of God’s people?
5. Why doesn’t Nicodemus understand? Does Nicodemus think that new birth applies to him? Why or why not?
6. Have you ever met someone who thinks Jesus and his message do not apply to them?
7. What kinds of things do people wrongly trust in, for salvation? What is Jesus’ message for them?
8. Is there any evidence that Nicodemus becomes a Christian after this encounter? When do we see that Nicodemus fully realizes who Jesus is and what he came to do? (John 19:38-40)
9. Is it possible to see the Kingdom of God without being born again? (John 3:3, 5 & 7)
10. What must all “good,” “religious,” “bad” people do in order to enter the kingdom?

01-26-22 John 4:1-42

1. Why did the Pharisees knowing about Jesus’ baptizing so many people have to do with him leaving? Why would he leave because of this?
2. Didn’t Jesus normally stand up to the Pharisees and even condemn their practices? Why is here different?
3. Jesus did minister mostly to the Jews: but how did he treat those who weren’t Jews?
4. Why didn’t the disciples say anything to Jesus? Were the disciples uncomfortable with the fact that Jesus was talking with this woman?
5. What did the woman leave at the well (verse 28)? Why do you think she left this at the well?
6. What did the woman do as soon as she left the well? Do you think that she went to the same people that she may have been trying to avoid by coming to the well at the sixth hour (noon)?
7. How much did she know about Jesus? Was what she knew enough to convince people to come and see Jesus?
8. What is Jesus’ food (verse 34)? What is the will of God and the work that Jesus came to accomplish?
9. How does doing the will and work of God satisfy and fill a Christian in more ways than food fills the stomach?
10. How important is it for people to sow seeds of faith and for others to reap the crop of faith that the seeds produce? Is it okay for the sower and reaper to be different people?

Mentor Questions (Divided Kingdom of the North/South, Prophets, Exile)
January 2022

1. Do you think Solomon was a good leader? Why or why not?
2. Do you think Rehoboam was a good leader? Why or why not?
3. Do you think Jeroboam was a good leader? Why or why not?
4. Do you think God was justified in dividing the kingdom of Israel?
5. Have you ever done something foolish or sinful to gain popularity? Witnessed others?
6. Do you think God's wrath or judgment can be too harsh at times? Not harsh enough?
7. If given the choice, would you have supported/lived in the northern or the southern kingdom?
8. Can you think of any modern-day prophets?
9. Do you think a prophet's job is easy or hard? Why?
10. Do you think the rewards of prophecy outweigh the punishments?
11. What do you think the primary goal of prophecy should be?
12. Are there any of the biblical prophets that stand out for you? Why?
13. If you were a king or queen, how much would you rely on prophets in your decision-making?
14. Do you think prophets are important? Why or why not?
15. Do you think the Judeans deserved to be sent into exile? Why or why not?
16. If forced to worship false gods, how would you react?
17. Do you think Daniel was brave or foolish? Why?

18. What do you think would be the most difficult part of living in exile in a foreign land?

19. Do you believe in the power of dreams to reveal important things about your life?

20. Have you ever defied someone powerful in your life?



Choir meets at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:45 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.

Shoe Drive

The shoe drive has been extended through the end of January. There will be another drop off event so watch for details. Shoes can also be dropped off at the office.

What happens to the shoes we donate?

The shoe fundraiser not only raises money for the church but helps some of the most impoverished nations across the world. These countries can provide little or no support to their people creating a lack of opportunity. Millions of children cannot attend school because shoes happen to be one of the minimum requirements for attendance. Few opportunities and a lack of education keep them from working as adults. Millions of people in developing nations must then create opportunities for themselves and selling shoes is a good way for them to make a living. Funds2 Orgs will ship the shoes we collect to 26 developing counties in the Western Hemisphere including nations like Haiti, Ghana, Cambodia and the Honduras. The footwear is then sold to micro-entrepreneurs (small business owners, mostly women) at a fraction of the cost.

The micro-entrepreneurs then sell the shoes in their communities. This helps to ensure commerce in these countries and does not destroy their economy by the dumping of “free” items and donations (which is regulated or not allowed by many countries and local governments). More than 4000 micro-entrepreneurs and their families have created thriving businesses selling shoes. They will help themselves out of poverty with your “hand-up” through the shoe drive.

So help the church and make a global impact by getting rid of your unwanted shoes!



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 give them to the office. If you wish to be acknowledged, put your name on the card. Otherwise we will leave it anonymous. We do need some new recipes. Please consider sharing.

6-Layer Hot Dish (Serves 4)

Layer in the order given in a 2 quart greased casserole dish. Season each layer with salt and pepper.

1. 2 medium potatoes, sliced
2. 2 medium carrots, sliced
3. 1/3 cup uncooked rice
4. 2 small onions, sliced
5. 1 pound ground beef
6. 1 quart canned tomatoes with some liquid

Sprinkle over 1 tablespoon brown sugar

Bake at 300* for 2 1/2—3 hours.

Wild Rice with Pork Chops

- 1 6 ounce box long grain and wild rice
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1 16 ounce an Chinese vegetables, drained
- 6 lean pork chops
- Black pepper

Mix rice, soup and water in a 2 quart casserole dish. Add vegetables. Arrange pork chops on top. Sprinkle with black pepper.

Bake 1 hour and 20 minutes at 350*

Serve with Chinese noodles and soy sauce.

Veal chops or chicken may be substituted for the pork chops.

Yum!



Mark Your Calendars!!

The annual meeting will be January 30th after the worship service. Please plan to attend so that there will be a quorum. If there are items you wish to be on the agenda, please contact the office. The nominating committee will be looking for new board members. Please consider donating your time and talent.

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 January 10th. Call Kande Rosburg if you have questions.

The Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet

The closet remains open at this time. If you are aware of someone in need, the clothes closet is open Monday –Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Readers—Remember the Book Cart

Bring in books you have already read and exchange them for another. There are also books on CD available. The cart is located in the basement at the bottom of the steps from the middle doors. We have received some new books.



Puzzle Corner

A long winter is ahead of us. Have you considered doing jigsaw puzzles? We 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 already have.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Superior

Council Minutes December 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 PM by President Del Kangas.

Present: Jack Arthur, Carol Arthur, Del Kangas, Kandee Rosburg, Carol Skamser, Bonnie Wentzel, Bev Donaldson, and Pastor Sean.

Devotions: Pastor Sean led devotions and prayer.

Due to the failure of a quorum, no business will be transacted at this meeting.

Secretary's report – November's meeting minutes discussed for accuracy.

Treasurer's report – Bonnie reported actual income of \$10,715.21 and expenses of \$13,884.03 leaving a deficit of \$3804.44.

Board Reports

Deacons

Carol Skamser reported that the Christmas tree is up with help in the trimming from the congregation.

Blue Christmas service held on 12/20, Pastor Bridget from Bethel gave the message.

Responsibility calendar for readers in 2022 has been prepared.

Banner for Christmas is hung.

Stewardship – Did not meet, written report noted the following

Main project is shoe drive which has been extended through January

Fund raising for Confirmands to attend camp, sale of pens, ongoing

Encouraging purchase of script cards

Pledge drive – 125 letters sent; 35 pledges were made to the General fund totaling \$66,916.00. 34 pledges were made to the building fund totaling \$57,132.00.

Board of Education – no report

Mission and Outreach

Carol Arthur reported Pastor Doug Paulson took collected donations for the Seafarers.

January collections will be for Faith United Methodist Church food pantry.

Thank you to members who donated Thrivent cards for December.

The bishop has requested donations of winter clothing for the Afghan refugees currently housed at Fort McCoy. It is possible that our local Goodwill store will ship the clothes to Milwaukee for us.

Trustees –

Jack reported the rebate request for the new boilers has been completed and they were awaiting a check.

Jack reported Trustees had approved 2022 church budget except salary adjustments.

The new custodian, Jillian Gran and husband are scheduled ten hours per week.

A used water heater will be installed in the Christopher Lounge.

Christopher Lounge needs toilet repaired.

Sidewalks around the church need to be kept plowed. May need to enlist help if custodian not available.

Pastors report – Pastor Sean reports all is well

Old Business – None

New Business – All Board annual reports due the first week in January.

Vision Victories – Sunday School kids singing for the service

Donations of quilts

Seafarers program


Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourned.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Bev Donaldson, Council Secretary



2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Happy New Year! 
2 9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online No Sunday School	3	4 Pastor text study 11 am	5 Bible study 10 am Confirmation 4 pm	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. worship service in house and online	10 Quilting 9 am	11 Pastor text study 11 am Boards 6 pm	12 Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 4 pm Choir 4:30 pm	13	14	15 Deadline for Script orders
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