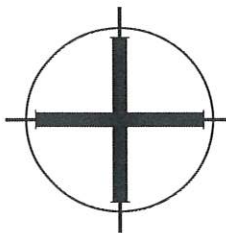




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# Sharing the Joy

Church Office Hours:  
 Monday -Thursday  
 9am -1 p.m.  
 Closed Fridays



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July  
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Our Sav-



Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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July 2022

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!



God continues to bless us with a cool, dry summer. Perhaps this month He'll change his mind...but let's not suggest to him. But who knows, the last couple of summers were strange and unprecedented already, who's to say a cool, dry summer can't happen?! Our God certainly looks to keep us on our toes these days. And if your household is anything like ours, the first month of summer break flew by with a vacation and sports and vacation Bible school. Not to mention all the ministry responsibilities of getting an intern pastor situated and participating in a stewardship cohort and preparing to attend the churchwide assembly on Columbus, OH in August. This summer is flying by and we're only a month in! I feel terribly blessed to have such busy family and ministry lives but even I'm struggling to find the time to simply appreciate it and give thanks for it. I'm reminded of that familiar passage from Ecclesiastes 3 (thanks, Kathy Nelson!) that discusses all the different seasons of life. God blesses each of us with a variety of seasons in this life and in this world, each perfectly complementing the other. What a gift to have such variety! Imagine living only one or two seasons, day after day. Imagine the utter monotony and sheer boredom such a life would produce. It's not a life God wants for any of us. God is too good, too generous, too MERCIFUL to imprison us in single seasons of life. We might put ourselves in such prisons, but God certainly doesn't want us there. God wants us to live freely in a variety of seasons, so we ought to take advantage of them when they come.

It's looking like a quiet month of ministry ahead. We are shifting into a new 4-week sermon series on 1 Peter, and I am confident we will be fed by its wisdom. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs for an outdoor service on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We're going to try and set up in the lawn by the offices. It'll be good to get out and get "the stink blown off us," as my mom used to say. Of course, we won't be broadcasting live during that service, but I will videorecord it and upload it to our website for those who are interested.

There won't be any board meetings or council meeting this month. Just a nice, quiet month of ministry that I hope you're able to participate in somehow. Otherwise, I hope to see you around.

Summer blessings,

Pastor Koos

## July Narratives

We continue the 2022 Summer Narrative Lectionary Readings, which run June 12th—September 4th . This month starts with the last readings on the Ten Commandments and continues with 1 Peter.

### Ten Commandments: (4 weeks)

07/03/2022: Exodus 20:17 Ten Commandments Part 4

### 1 Peter: (5 weeks)

07/10/2022: 1 Peter 1:3-23

07/17/2022: 1 Peter 2:1-9, 19-25

07/24/2022: 1 Peter 3:13-22

07/31/2022; 1 Peter 4:1-19

08/07/2022: 1 Peter 5:1-14



## July Birthdays

1. Loren Erickson  
Sharon Nummi
4. Matthew Skudstad
5. Ruth Nystrom
10. Kevin Gregory
13. McKenna Skudstad
18. Jean Anderson  
Sydnie DeMeyer
19. Steven Skamser
20. Tom Krob  
Tamara Susens
21. Victoria Blatt
27. Jeffrey Rosburg
29. Sharon Kotter  
Lilly Lancour
30. Ed Aamodt



### 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, Pat and Amanda Shaw, Larry Gilbertson, Jean Larkee, Dawn Heinen, Meri Will, Judy Nelson, Roger Prescott, Linda Maki

**Family Member:** Mike Klawitter, James David, Judy Johnson, Paula Brostowitz, Nellie, Priscilla Rene, Jeanne David, Pat Hansen, Carol Gruhlke, Ray Moe, Henry Wentzel, Troy Helf, Derek Helf, Reid Sather, Steve Kilby, Shawn Gallagher, Joel Dykema, Casey, Bill Mullens

**Friend/neighbor:** Bill Mullen, Jesse Russell, Annabel Hanson, Dwaine, Zion Lutheran, Bethel Lutheran, the people of Ukraine

**The Families of:** Florence Olson

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

## Mission & Outreach

### July 2022

#### St. Vincent de Paul (Superior)

July 3rd—Paper products (plates, towels. etc).

July 10th—Cleaning supplies

July 17th— Baby items (diapers, baby food)

July 24th— Canned goods (meats, vegetables)

July 31st— Canned goods (fruit, fruit cups)



The service on July 10th will be held outside, weather permitting. It will take place in the grassy area on the office side of the church. Remember to bring chairs. The service will not be online but it will be tape recorded and can be viewed at a later time.

The Readers for the month of July are:

7/03/2022 Tom Donaldson

7/10/2022 Bev Donaldson

7/17/2022 Carol Roberts

7/24/2022 Brad Nelson

7/31/2022 TBA

Communion Assistants for July:

7/03/2022 Dave Kringle

7/10/2022 TBA

7/17/2022 Steve and Linda Taber

7/24/2022 TBA

7/31/2022 TBA

If you are willing and would like to volunteer to be a reader or a communion assistant, there is a volunteer sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the office.

# Vacation Bible School

This year Vacation Bible School was held on June 28th and 29th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The title was Mission Deep Sea and most of the activities were water related. Through stories, music, activities, crafts and games; the children not only had fun but learned about faith. We would like to say thank you to:

Pastor Sean for his openings and participation in some of the activities.

Brad Nelson for leading the music.

Diane Erickson Carol Roberts and Linda Clark for helping with registration.

Jackie Van Ert and Kathy Nelson for being day long helpers and serving snacks and lunch.

All those who donated food, water and supplies.

A big thank you to our recent confirmand Kate Porter and her friend Jette Leopold who not only participated but took the lead in the games.

And a special thank you to Julianne Koski and Stephanie Shaw who researched, organized and led this year's VBS.



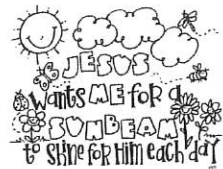
## Education Corner

### Confirmation—

Confirmation finished the year on Wednesday May 11th. A new confirmation class will start in the fall. Watch for the dates. If you have or know someone who would like to be confirmed, please contact Pastor or the office

### Sunday School—

Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer and will begin again the Sunday after Labor Day. If you have a child who is 3 or will be turning 3 soon and would like to attend Sunday School, contact the office.



### 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.



**We hope to see you soon!**

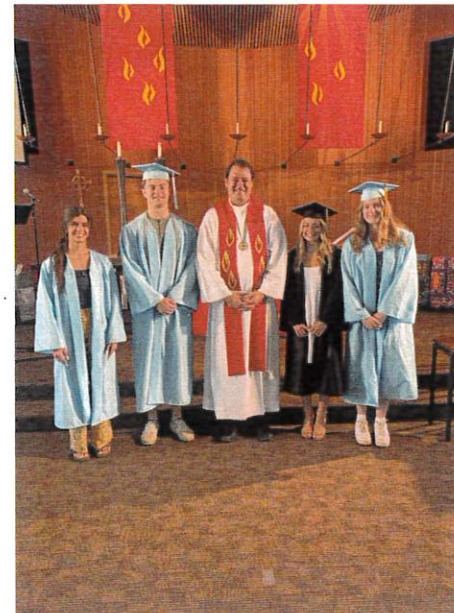
## 2022 High School Graduates

We recognized OSLC high school graduates during the service on June 5th

Kailey Roeber, Ross Rivord and Samantha Wicklund graduated from SSHS and Brooke Paine graduated from Marshall.

SSHS graduates not present that day include Archer Thompson, Keely Morehouse and Emma Winberg.

The graduates were each presented a quilt made by our quilting group.



## Bible Studies-July 2022

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

(Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89587901728> or call 1-312-626-6799, passcode: 466243)

07-06-22 1 Peter 1:3-23

1. What does it mean to be born again?
2. What is our living hope? Why is it called a “living” hope? What made this hope possible?
3. What are the unique characteristics mentioned about this inheritance? How does that compare with say the inheritance left behind by an extremely wealthy person for his child?
4. In this world, sometimes a child with a big inheritance will grow lazy. Does our heavenly inheritance have the same effect? Why or why not?
5. What does it mean that our salvation is going to “be revealed in the last time?” Is our salvation not complete yet? In what way?
6. How does/should/could understanding our inheritance affect our priorities in this life?
7. What does it mean to our everyday lives that God plans to make us holy?
8. In what ways do you consider salvation a “blessing?”
9. How would you describe a “holy” Christian life?
10. If we’re all forgiven, why does it make a difference how we live our daily lives?

07-13-22 1 Peter 2:1-9, 19-25

1. How would you explain what it means to be born again to someone with no religious background?
2. In what ways do we trivialize Christ’s sacrifice?
3. What kind of “spiritual sacrifices” do believers offer to God?
4. How could Christ cause someone to stumble?
5. What makes it possible for us to obey God’s commands, particularly his command to love one another?
6. Why didn’t Jesus seek revenge?
7. How do we tend to react when others hurt us? What tempts us to retaliate?
8. Have you had to forgive someone who hurt you deeply? What helped you do it?
9. Some have suggested that the Christian life can be described as “Go against the flow”. Do you agree? Why?

10. Do you think authority structures result from the Fall? Or did God build them into human existence despite the fall? What authority structures must you submit to? What makes it easy or difficult?

07-20-22 1 Peter 3:13-22

1. Why is it better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong? Isn’t it all suffering?
2. What kind of issues create tension and conflict between believers? What practical steps can we take to promote harmony instead?
3. Vs 14 says we are blessed. Vs 9 says we are to bless and we will obtain blessing. What does Peter mean by we are blessed even in suffering (Matt. 5:10-12; 2Cor. 4:8-12; James 1:2-5; 1Peter 2:21-25)?
4. Why is it essential to have Christ as our Lord when we are suffering (v. 17)? At the end of verse 14, Peter quotes from Isaiah 8:12. What is it “they” fear that we shouldn’t (Acts 19:23-41)?
5. What is the difference between being defensive and giving a defense? What is the purpose given here for being able to give a defense (1Cor. 10:31-11:1)?
6. What does vs 18 say Christ has done (Romans 5:6-8)? What does this passage say about the completeness of what Christ has done? Why is this important?
7. How are we supposed to live (2Cor. 13:4; Phil. 3:10-11; Gal. 5:16-18)? What does it look like to put to death the flesh? What does it look like to walk in the Spirit?
8. Could vs 19-20 be talking about Christ descending into hell before he was resurrected to give people or angels alive before Noah a second chance (Luke 16:26; Hebrews 9:27; Eph. 4:9-10)? Why or why not?
9. What from verse 20 does baptism relate to? How would you use this verse to respond to someone who says that we are saved by baptism? What is baptism supposed to represent (Romans 6:3-7; Col. 2:11-13)?
10. How does baptism signify what Christ has done? Does baptism save us? Why not? What is it that saves us (1Peter 1:8-9)? Why is being baptized so important?

July Bible Studies continued:

07-27-22 1 Peter 4:1-19

1. What ought we to live for?
2. What does the phrase "give an account" mean?
3. Who does the "dead" refer to in vs 6?
4. How can you live in the spirit?  
you characterize yourself as  
hospitable? How do we show hospitality to fellow Christians?
5. What role does love play in the Christian life (1Peter 4:8; 1Cor 13:1-13; Eph. 4:16; Phil. 1:9-10; 1Tim. 1:5)? Why is it that love is able to cover a multitude of sins (Prov. 10:12; 17:9; Eph. 4:32)? Read Ephesians 4:25. What is it that keeps us from earnestly loving one another?
6. What does it mean to be hospitable (Heb. 13:2; 3 John 5-8)? Would you characterize yourself as  
hospitable? How do we show hospitality to fellow Christians?
7. Talk about the imminent return of Christ. How should we be motivated by Christ's return? What importance does Peter place on loving one another?
8. What are the spiritual gifts (Romans 12:6-8; 1Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:7-12)? Do you think that these  
lists are exhaustive in the types of spiritual gifts?
9. Why is it important for us to show care, tenderness, compassion, and affection to others-especially those in stress?
10. How do you think persecutions and sufferings have a reason and a purpose? How do they refine and purify us?

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

TUESDAY AUGUST 2

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

6pm-8pm

1924 Wyoming Avenue

Superior

Games; Pizza; Music and Family Fun

National Night Out in Superior



# OSLC COOKS



## Slow Cooker Pulled Pork Sandwiches

3 tbsp. light brown sugar

2 tsp. hot paprika

1 tsp. mustard powder

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

3 to 4 lb. boneless pork shoulder, trim excess fat

2 tsp. vegetable oil

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar

3 tbsp.; tomato paste.

Combine 1 tbsp. brown sugar, paprika, mustard powder, cumin, 2 tsp salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Rub over pork.

Heat vegetable oil in large skillet, Add the pork and cook until brown on all sides, about 5 minutes. Transfer pork to a plate. Whisk 3/4 cup water into drippings. Transfer liquid to slow cooker. Add the vinegar, tomato paste, the remaining 2 tbsp. brown sugar and 2 cups water to the slow cooker.

Whisk to combine. Add pork, cover and cook on low for 8 hours. Transfer the pork to a cutting board. Strain the liquid into a saucepan, bring to a boil and cook until reduced by half, about 10 minutes. Season with salt.

Roughly chop pork and mix in bowl with 1 cup of the reduced liquid. Add salt and vinegar to taste. Serve on buns.



## Barbeque Beef Sandwiches

1 5 # beef roast (chuck roast)

1 bottle Open Pit BBQ Sauce

1 quart ginger ale



Bake at 300\* for 6 hours, covered. Shred meat off the bone with a fork. Place back in the oven for an additional 1 hour. Serve on buns.

## Orange Salad

1 pkg. regular orange Jello

2 pkgs. Americana tapioca pudding

2 1/2 cup boiling water

1 20 ounce can crushed pineapple, drained

1 can mandarin oranges, drained

1 12 ounce tub Cool Whip

Mix Jello, pudding and water. Place in refrigerator for 1 hour, stirring often.

Mix pineapple, mandarin oranges and Cool Whip. Combine with above mixture. Store in refrigerator.

## REMEMBER TO USE SCRIP CARDS

**How do Scrip cards work?** You purchase a Scrip card through Carol Skamser and pay by check to OSLC. Her phone number is 715-781-0753. The cards can be used to purchase everyday items such as gas, groceries, pharmacy items, and at restaurants. If you purchase a new card, orders must be in by the third Sunday of the month. This month orders must be in by July 16th. Some of the cards can be reloaded by simply calling Carol Skamser at any time and getting a check to her. After each purchase the receipt you get shows the remaining balance of the card.

**Where can I use them?** Some local examples are; Kwik Trip, Holiday Gas, Walmart, Superior Meats, Walgreens, CVS, Menards, Home Depot, Arbees, Applebees, and Dominos. There are many more. There is a list of available cards in the narthex or ask Carol.

**How does this benefit OSLC?** When you purchase these cards, a percentage of the purchase price is immediately given to the church. Each business has their own rebate percentages. This helps the church with additional revenue. **For January–through June 2022, Scrip Card usage \$1438.00 was contributed toward the church mortgage.** Remember purchasing Scrip cards helps you give additional funds to OSLC without it costing you anything extra.

## Threads of Hope

The clothes closet has now been switched over from winter to summer clothing. If you are aware of a family in need, the closet is open during office hours 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Monday through

## 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 July 11th.

## 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.

While there are some children's books on the Book Cart, remember the Little Blue Bookshelf across from the Children's Clothes Closet.

## 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.

## Pastor Visitations

Pastor Sean would like to visit all the members of our church over the next year. A current schedule of the people he plans to visit along with the dates is available in the narthex.

This month (July) Pastor will be reaching out to the households of: Rick Gilbertson, Ben Rhodes, Jill Bruno, Steve Shaw, Randy Kolanczyk, Chad Johnstad, Jeff Gilbertson, Mary LeMay, Kim Blume, Victoria Blatt, Mike Lancour, Ben Gordon, Melissa Miller, Bob DeMeyer, Miriam Thompson and Jim Splinter.

**Minutes for OSLC Council Meeting**  
**June 21, 2022**

**Opening Greeting:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rick Gilbertson at 5:20 pm.

**Present:** Pastor Sean Koos, Diane Erickson, Jim Erickson, Kim Erickson, Dave Kringle, Donna Liebaert, Doris Maki, Stephanie Shaw, Steve Shaw, Bonnie Wenzel.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the May 17<sup>th</sup> council minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Linda was not available for the report.

**Board Reports:**

**Deacons:** The Deacons are filling slots for readers and communion assistants. Pastor Paulson filled in for Pastor Sean for one service.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Bd. of Education:** Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Snack/lunch donations are still needed along with assistance. The Board met with Mission & Outreach to discuss a possible carnival on

August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the annual National Night Out.

**Trustees:** A new custodian is needed. A "men's night out" to clean the church once a week was mentioned. It is an idea from another church as a possibility until we hire a custodian. The estimate on maintaining/ updating the stained-glass windows will be going up 8% in July. The trustees are looking into building a new shed with electricity to house the lawn mower and snow blower. Current shed is in poor shape.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Board reports.

**New Business:** The piano in the Christopher Lounge was recently tuned. The grand piano will be tuned in July.

**Vision Victories:** Offering Vacation Bible School is a good reflection on OSLC. We had a very nice high-school graduation ceremony.

**Pastor Koos Report:** Pastor was asked to lead worship services at New Perspectives at 9:00am on Wednesdays. A funeral service for Florence Olson will take place June 25<sup>th</sup>. VBS is the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of June. There will be 3 Baptisms on July 7<sup>th</sup>. An outdoor worship service will take place next to our building on July 10<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Folks are asked to bring chairs. The intern for Zion Lutheran started June 19<sup>th</sup> with Pastor as her off-site supervisor. Pastor will attend the national Church Wide Assembly in Columbus Ohio from August 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Rally Day will be September 11<sup>th</sup>. Pastor's course on becoming a Financial Empowerment cohort has begun.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 28-29 - VBS 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Sunday 7/10/22 – Outdoor worship service.

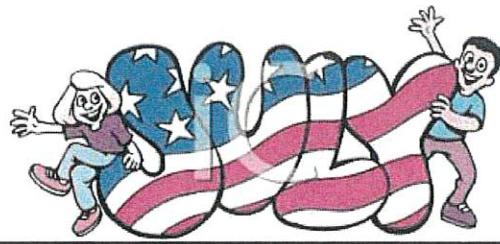
Tuesday 8/9/ 22 – next Board meetings (The Trustees will meet in July)

Tuesday 8/23/22 – next Council Meeting


A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

Pastor gave a closing prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Erickson, Secretary



# 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 a.m. in house and online	4 	5 11 a.m. Pastor's text study	6 9 a.m. New Perspectives 10:00 a.m. Bible study	7 Baptisms: Avelyn, Elena & Hudson Steltz (grandchildren Audrey Larson)	8	9
10 9:30 a.m. Outdoor service	11 9:00 a.m. Quilting	12 11 a.m. Pastor's text study 5:15 p.m. No boards	13 9:00 a.m. New Perspectives 10:00 a.m. Bible study	14	15	16 Scrip cards due
17 9:30 a.m. in house and online	18	19 11 a.m. Pastor's text study No Council	20 9:00 a.m. New Perspectives 10:00 a.m. Bible study	21	22	23
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