

2023



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

# Sharing the Joy

**Sunday Worship**

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

**9:30 a.m.—10:45 A.M. Sunday School**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA

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## July 2023

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Summer is plugging along, and you wouldn't know it judging by the weather. I mean, come on, still getting days in the 50s?! The rest of the country is burning up and we don't know if we need to wear a jacket/sweater from day to day. Well, it better warm up for when I take a couple confirmation kids to camp (9-14) and for the following week of VBS (17-21). We can't do water activities in these temps! But I have faith. God invariably kicks it into second gear over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. I pray everyone will have a safe and restorative holiday. My family and I will be camping again, this time somewhere in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I don't know why my wife's family insists on getting together for camping clear over there. There are plenty of beautiful campgrounds in central and western Wisconsin. But alas, a husband's job is to simply nod and say, "Yes, honey." Pastor Doug Paulson will be leading worship for us while I'm away. Thank you for your faithful patience and support. Don't forget we're having another outdoor service on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The singers from the Duluth/Superior Harbormasters will be performing at that service as well. What a busy month ahead that I hope you can participate in! Now if only God would cooperate with the weather already...

Mid-summer blessings,

Pastor Koos

## July Narratives

07/02/2023 2 Peter 1:1-11 2 Peter Part 1

07/09/2023 2 Peter 1:16—22, 15-19 2 Peter Part 2

07/16/2023 2 Peter 3:1-10,17-18 2 Peter Part 3

07/23/2023 Proverbs 1:1-7, 3:1-8 O.T. Wisdom Part 1

07/30/2023 Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36 O.T. Wisdom Part 2

Pastor will be on vacation June 30th through July 4th.  
Pastor Doug Paulson will be leading the service on  
July 2nd.

Pastor will also be out of the office July 9th through  
July 14th as he goes to camp with confirmands. He will  
lead the service on July 9th and leave that afternoon.

Be sure to attend the outdoor service on July 16th. It will  
feature the Harbormaster's Barbershop group.

Pastor will be on vacation July 24th through 28th.



## From Our Congregation President

Thank you to all those who helped out with our church cleanup and thank you to all those helping with VBS this month. Hopefully there will be a good turnout of kids and adults. Have a safe 4th of July weekend. God bless America!

Rick Gilbertson, president



### July 2023 Pastor Visitations

07/02—07/08    Kim Gralewski, Vern Moore, Ed Aamodt

07/09—07/15    Dave Kringle, Deb Johnson Tabitha Heytens

07/16—07/22    Renada Fall, Vivian Willoughby, Linda Maki

06/18-06/24    Ed Willie, Tom Krob, Jeff Liebaert

06/25-07/01    Sharrie Janovich, Lanse Roeber,



**Bible Studies July 2023**  
**Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30**

(Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6627675381> or call 1-312-626-6799, passcode: 046800)

*07-05-23 2 Peter 1:16-2:2, 15-19*

1. What are some cleverly devised myths in the world?
2. Why did Peter know that what he taught about Jesus was true?
3. Explain why the disciples as eyewitnesses' evidence of the resurrection are important.
4. How does the fact that Peter and most of the other disciples were martyred make their testimony even more believable?
5. What prophetic word does Peter refer to in verse 19?
6. What prophecies in the Old Testament can you think of that point toward Jesus?
7. What does Peter mean that "no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation?"
8. What does verse 21 teach us about the source of the Scriptures?
9. If someone asked you why you believe the Bible is true, what would you say?
10. What are some basic reasons you can give to seekers which point to the truth of the Scriptures?

*07-12-23 2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-182*

NO BIBLE STUDY

*07-19-23 Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8*

1. How would you summarize the main point(s) of these verses?
2. What does the author say are some of the benefits of wisdom?
3. Based on these verses, would you say everyone could be wise?
4. What is the process one must go through in order to grow in wisdom and knowledge?
5. In looking at v. 7, describe how both the head and heart are involved in the pursuit of wisdom?
6. In what ways are the words "wisdom" and "knowledge" similar? How do they differ?
7. What or who is your "go-to" source for information, instruction, wisdom and knowledge?
8. When you are given information, do you typically ask "Why"? Why or why not?
9. There are four sets of instructions in these verses. What are they?
10. What are the results of obedience to these instructions?

*07-26-23 Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36*

NO BIBLE STUDY





## Education

### **Confirmation:**

The confirmation students served lunch at the rummage sale. They earned \$436.00.

The last day of confirmation for the 2022-2023 school year was May 3rd. Since all of the current students were first year students, there was no confirmation service. These students will continue on next year with the addition of one and possibly two new students. The new year will start September 6th. If you know of any students who might want to be confirmed here contact Pastor or the office. The 2023-2024 year will focus on the bible.

Pastor will be taking some students to Bible camp in July. Most of the students are unable to participate in an overnight camp experience. It was felt that they then needed to do a service project.. Together with Pastor, they are going to paint a mural in the middle stairwell area for the Sunday School. This will be done Saturday August 26th. Plans are also being made for the students to attend “City on the Hill” August 3rd, 4th or 5th.

### **Sunday School:**

The children sang in church both May 14th for Mother’s Day and again on May 21st. May 21st was the last day of Sunday School. It will resume again on September 10th.

There has been an offer of help so **we will be having Vacation Bible School, July 17th—July 21st.** VBS this year will be family oriented, open to children and adults. It will start with a light meal, followed by music. The group will then split into adults and children. The adults will have fellowship and study based on the same story the children will be learning. Lots of fun things are planned for the children including escape rooms, puzzles, riddles and games. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information,. If you think you and/or your child might attend at least one day of the week, it will help with our planning if you register. There are sign up sheets in the St. Paul’s Room, on line or by calling the office.



Emma Raye and Megan Westlund on Graduate Recognition Sunday June 7th.



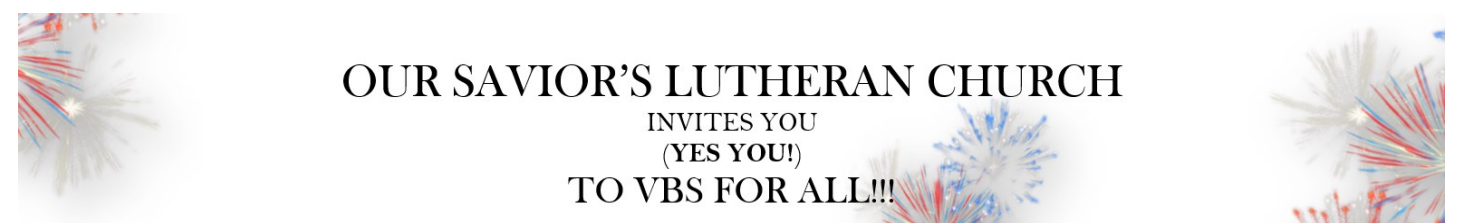

Megan and Jack with their quilts.

9 graduates of Superior Senior High School were honored this year: Marissa Murashie, Emma Raye, Caleb Stank, Raegan Stone, Rylie Stone, Taylor Thursby, Megan Westlund, Abigail Winberg and Jack Rivord. Each graduate was given a quilt made by our quilting group.



Miss Wisconsin Sweetheart 2023 Ella Kurz handed out cross pennies to all the fathers present at the outdoor service on Father's Day, June 18th





OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU  
(YES YOU!)  
TO VBS FOR ALL!!!

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COME AND **BREAKOUT** WITH US!!!

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**Where:**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Billings Park

**When:**

July 17th through July 21st

**Time:**

- 5PM to 6PM: Community Meal, Crafts, and Games
- 6PM to 8PM: Breakout! Adventures Begin

**Cost:**

Free!

- Come celebrate a very special VBS for children and adults!  
We will be exploring how we can break out of the ordinary, to  
become Extraordinary!

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# OSLC COOKS

It's grilling season.



Why not try something different...

## Honey Mustard Grilled Pork Chops

### Ingredients:

2 TB apple cider vinegar

1/2 tsp cornstarch

1/2 cup pure honey

3 TB whole grain mustard, with seeds

1 tsp onion powder

1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

1/2 cup brown sugar, packed

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper/ 1/2 tsp each, combined

4 8-10 oz bone in pork chops about 1 inch thick

### Instructions:

In small saucepan, mix together vinegar and cornstarch until fully dissolved.

Add honey, mustard, onion powder, cayenne pepper and brown sugar.

Simmer over medium heat whisking continuously until glaze is reduced, about 5 minutes. Divide in half and reserve 1/2 for serving and 1/2 for basting.

Pat chops dry with paper towel. Sprinkle with salt/pepper combination.

Grease grill and preheat to medium-high. Grill chops 3–4 minutes per side or until center is cooked. Do not overcook. Baste chops with glaze and grill another minute per side. Drizzle glaze over cooked chops.

Serve with reserved glaze.

## Grilled Asparagus

1. Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat and lightly oil the grate.
2. Lightly coat the asparagus spears with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Cook asparagus on the preheated grill, turning often until lightly charred and fork-tender about 3 to 5 minutes.

## Grilled Peaches

### How to pick peaches for grilling:

Before grilling, be sure to pick the best peaches you can find. Here are some tips: Take a peek at the top where the stem used to be; if it's golden or white (not green) and starting to wrinkle, that peach is ready to be eaten. When you squeeze the peaches they should still be a little firm if you want to grill them, since softer peaches will caramelize too quickly on the grill and burn.

Tip: No need to remove the skin before grilling! In fact, keeping the skin helps the peaches maintain their structure on the grill.

### Ingredients:

1 **tbsp.** olive, vegetable or canola oil  
Vanilla ice cream, for serving  
Honey, for drizzling  
Flaky sea salt

1. **Step 1** Heat grill to medium high.
2. **Step 2** Brush peaches with oil and grill cut-side down, until soft, 4 to 5 minutes.  
**Step 3** Flip skin-side down and grill until almost falling apart, 4 to 6 minutes more.

### How to serve grilled peaches:

Grilled peaches can be served solo, but a drizzle of honey, olive oil, and sea salt will really bring out their flavor. To kick things up a notch, add freshly whipped cream, vanilla ice cream, mascarpone, or ricotta, and a handful of torn mint for a wow-worthy dessert.



July 01	Sharon Nummi Loren Erickson
July 04	Matthew Skudstad
July 05	Ruth Nystrom
July 10	Kevin Gregory
July 13	McKenna Skudstad
July 18	Sydney DeMeyer Jean Anderson
July 19	Steven Skamser
July 20	Tamara Susens Tom Krob
July 21	Victoria Blatt
July 27	Jeff Rosburg
July 29	Sharon Kotter Lilly Lancour
July 30	Ed Aamodt

# Scrip Cards

## Script Cards

Cherie Splinter has taken over management of our Scrip card program. The orders with the checks will now be dropped off at the church. We are blessed as congregation members have provided a locked mail box which is located on the outer wall by the office entrance. The orders and payment should be placed in there, in the container in the St. Paul's room on Sunday morning or at the office.

Otherwise the procedure is the same. A list of participating businesses is in the narthex. Be sure to look periodically as some businesses provide specials for a short period of time. If you have questions, please call the office at 715-394-3472. As of April 24/2023 Script card revenue has yield \$720.00 this year so it is definitely worth while to continue.







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.

**Support Congregation Members:** Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Meri Will, Roger Prescott, Joyce Bowser, Lynne Hoff, Rusty Carlson, Stephanie Shaw, Steve Shaw, Ralph Rolson, Tom Donaldson, Carl Roberts, Russ Hendrickson, Pat Shaw

**Family Member:** Mike Klawitter, Jeanne David, Joel Dykema, Casey, Bill Mullens, Tim Volpe, Beth, Chuck Korn, Richard Gran, Baby Kay

**Friend/neighbor:** Annabel Hanson, Dwaine, Lydia Miller, baby Curt, Bruce Carignan, Ron, Ben & family, Jenny

***The Family of: Naomi Carpenter (Niece of Pastor Koos)***





Mission & Outreach  
July Donations  
**Harbor House Crisis Shelter**


July 2 : Laundry detergent, dryer sheets,  
dish soap

July 9: disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray,  
multi-purpose cleaners

July 16: shampoo, conditioner, body wash,  
razors

July 23: kitchen towels, bath towels, small area  
rugs, pillows

July 30: Men's clothing medium—XL,  
Women's clothing small—XL,  
shoes, underwear





## OSLC Council Minutes

OSLC council minutes  
June 20th 2023

Present: Pastor Sean Koos, President Rick Gilbertson, Bonnie Wentzel, Barb Danielson, Donna Liebaert, Juliann Koski, Kathy Nelson, Dave Kringle, and Megan Birk

Devotions/ prayer: Pastor lead us with devotions from Isaiah chapter 41 verse 29.

Secretary's report: a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the May 2023 Council minutes.

Treasure's report: report not given due to Linda being on vacation

Board Reports:

Deacons report: Sunday June 25th outdoor clean up of church grounds immediately after 9:30 service.. Come dressed in work clothes. Spray rocks for weeds. Mow Volleyball court.. Trim bushes and weed gardens.  
Next outdoor service July 16th.

Stewardship report: Fall fundraiser will be a Spaghetti dinner Oct. 25th.  
Updating Stewardships boards activity list.

Questions regarding membership list to be updated and the purchasing of coffee and supply's.  
Requested by members who pledge by "simply giving" to have a small card to place in offering plate as an indication they give by this means.

Board of Education:  
Two students going to Luther Point with Pastor July 9th to July 14.  
VBS is set for July 17 to 21

Mission and Outreach:  
National night out Aug 1st with RB floats and cookies.  
Facebook advertising our clothes closet will be created by Linda Clark

Trustees:  
Everything is going well however no meeting last week due to poor attendance.  
Requesting Andy Nelson to finish the trim on the windows in the St. Paul's room. If possible using a vinyl or plastic product.  
Parking lot lights will be replaced by LED lights in the future by Rick.

All boards reports accepted:

Pastors report: Taking 2 confirmation students to Luther Point July 9 to July 14.  
August 4th taking confirmation students to the "City on the Hill" event.  
Also working with Confirmation students on a Mural project the last Saturday in August.

Old Business: "All Church" service August 13th Sunday 10 am service at OSLC. Outdoor service with Pot luck to follow. We are providing the hamburgers. Bethel, Concordia, Zion and Pilgrim will be bringing the rest of the meal.

New Business:  
VBS is planned for July 17 to 21. Adults and children are both welcome. Time 5pm to 8pm. Dinner at 5 will be provided each night along with music, crafts and fellowship. Music fellowship with Brad and Megan. Beth (pastors sister) will be providing the lesson. Linda Clark and Julianne Koski will be involved with crafts and coordinating the event.  
Advertising this event

Vision Victories: Accomplished an outdoor service in 50 degree weather. Weather cold but spirits warm.  
9 High school graduates with homemade quilts given to them.

Upcoming events: July 17 next outdoor service with Harbor masters will be performing  
No meetings in July unless board feels the need to meet.  
Next Board meeting August 8th  
Next council meeting Aug. 15 - 5:15

Motion to adjourn at 6:05 pm  
Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer

Respectfully submitted By  
Kathy Nelson council secretary