



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. SundaySchool

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October 2023
Pastor's Report

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We're off and running into the new program year. It was a busy month last month getting the Sunday school and confirmation classes to resume as well as introducing a NEW fall 5-week 1st communion class. Typically, we offer the class during the 5 weeks of Lent but we had a few boys who were ready to take it this fall. These boys will receive their first communion during the worship service on Reformation Sunday (Oct. 29) so be sure to come and support them then. I was pleased to see the Sunday school separated between younger (pre-3rd) and older kids (4th-6th). The older kids need a little more challenge in their learning as they prepare for my confirmation class. I also enjoy the changes we made to our worship service that allow the kids to participate in receiving communion or a blessing from me. They need more from me than simply a children's message and it just feels right closing out the service with them.

Otherwise, it's good to have our regular narrative lectionary back after taking a break during the summer with the sermon series. I've invited Bishop Laurie to come and offer a message during worship on Oct. 15. She likes to get out of Chetek and check in with her congregations. It's particularly timely of her to get around the synod because next spring we will be electing (or re-electing) a bishop at our annual synod gathering. Bishop Laurie has yet to let us know if she's willing to serve another term. Perhaps we can persuade her to throw her name in the hat when she visits us on the 15th. It has been a privilege to serve under her these last 4 years and I would welcome the opportunity to serve with her for another 6 years. I think she is a great leader for our synod, and I pray you would agree. Regardless, be sure to come and support her at worship.

With a little luck, God will continue to bless us with mild temps and beautiful colors as we head into the fall season. I am confident He will surely continue to bless our shared ministry and help us grow in our faith and commitment. Hope to see you around the church!

Blessings,
Pastor Koos



Narrative Lectionary October 2023

October 1st Exodus 1:8-14 [15 –2:10]; 3:1-18

Moses and God's Name

October 8th Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

Hear O Israel

October 15th Ruth 1:1-17

Ruth

October 22nd 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5;

Psalm 150

David Is Anointed King

October 29th 1 Kings 18:[17-19]; 20-39

Kingdom Divided



Fall Guest Speakers

Our guest speaker for the month of October is Bishop Laurie. She will be here on October 15th, Please make her feel welcome again.

Offering



At their August meeting, the council voted to begin passing the plate again. You still have the option to place your gift in the plate at the back of the sanctuary or to use the online or mail in options.

Sharing the Peace

It was discussed whether to stop sharing the peace again with the increase in CoVid. It was elected to have the congregants do as they feel comfortable—hugging, shaking hands, touching elbows waving or simply smiling and saying the words. Be aware of the other person's preferences.



From Our Congregation President

Fall is upon us & after a dry summer all the rain has come in the last few weeks. This might be a good time for you to find your snow shovels, I'm just saying. Don't shoot the messenger. See you in church.

Rick



October 2023 Pastor Visitations

10/01—10/07: Audrey Larson, Len Wicklund,
Christine Carlson

10/08—10/14: Dick Taber, Rusty Carlson,
Robbye Johnson

10/15—10/21: Helen Ardell, Katie Perrault,
Scott Emberson

10/22—10/28: Joyce Bowser, Jeff Mueller, Carina Barker

10/29—11/04: Eileen Gilbertson, Erik Skudstad,
Gretchen Lisdahl





Bible Studies October 2023

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30

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

10-04-23 Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

1. How would you respond to someone who said, "The Old Testament is just a bunch of rules, but Jesus did away with all that."
2. Read Matthew 22:36-40. How can the 10 Commandments be summarized?
3. Read Matthew 19:16-30. Do you think that people today deceive themselves as to whether they are keeping God's commandments? In what ways? Why?
4. Why do you think the commandments are introduced with the words of Deuteronomy 5:6?
5. Why do you think God chose to reiterate the Ten Commandments to the Israelites at this point in their journey?
6. How does Moses' role as an intercessor resemble or differ from leaders today?
7. In what ways does society challenge or support keeping the Sabbath holy today?
8. What does it mean to have no other gods before the Lord in today's context?
9. Discuss the significance of God's desire for the Israelites to always have a heart that fears him.
10. How can modern society honor and uphold the spirit of the Ten Commandments?

10-11-23 Ruth 1:1-17

1. What are some early signs in Ruth 1 that life is not as it should be for Naomi and her people?
2. Life falls apart for Naomi. Do you think she bears any responsibility for her trouble? What outside factors contribute to Naomi's difficult circumstances?
3. What is one sign that all is not lost for Naomi and her people?
4. Do you think that God can use difficulties and disappointments for his good purposes? Biblical examples?
5. What evidence is there that Naomi and Ruth still have faith in the Lord God?
6. What evidence is there that God has good plans for Naomi and Ruth?
7. Fear is the opposite of faith. You either have one or the other. What do 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Hebrews 11:1 say about faith?
8. What was wrong with Naomi's decision to go back to Bethlehem? How do Isaiah 40:31 and Psalm 145:15 encourage us to become better?

9. When crisis hits, we can either become bitter or better. According to Hebrews 12:15 what happens when we allow bitterness to grow?
10. Why do you think Ruth was so determined to go with Naomi? What did she say in vs. 16-17?

10-18-23 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150

1. How did the attitudes of the people of Israel towards David change throughout the course of his life, and what were the factors that led to these changes?
2. How did David's leadership style differ from Saul's, and what can we learn from their differences?
3. How does David's patience in waiting for God's timing to ascend the throne challenge our understanding of patience and timing in our lives?
4. In what way was the ark a symbol of God's presence with His people?
5. Read 1 Samuel 5:1-7:2. Why must David go retrieve the ark?
6. Why are the conditions now right for David to retrieve the ark in order to reinstate the worship of God in Israel?
7. How does Psalm 150 encourage you to think about the nature of praise and worship?
8. How might the concept of praising God in his sanctuary and the mighty heavens apply to our daily lives?
9. What does the universality of praise, as stated in verse 6, mean to us?
10. How does Psalm 150 challenge our understanding and practice of worship?

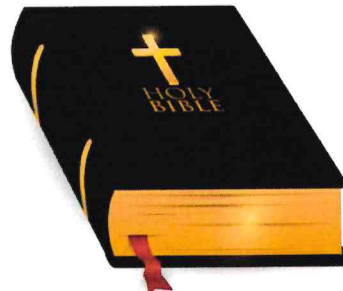
10-25-23 1 Kings 12:1-17; 25-29

1. How does Rehoboam's leadership contrast with Solomon's?
2. What were the consequences of Rehoboam ignoring the elder's advice?
3. How do we respond when given advice that contradicts our initial inclination?
4. In what ways might Rehoboam's decision be relevant to leaders today?
5. How can we ensure our faith stays strong even when a leader we respect falls into sin?
6. How can we apply the lessons of this reading to today's context of division within nations or communities?
7. How can you discern when to stand firm or when to yield in a leadership role?
8. How should we respond when we see leaders or authority figures making decisions against God's will?
9. What lessons about leadership and humility can we learn from this reading?
10. Why is it important to seek God's guidance in decision-making



Bible Mentor 1 Questions

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?



Education

Confirmation:

This year's confirmation program is in full swing. They meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. They continue to acolyte. They now will be reading the scripture lesson once a month as well. Thank you to all those who volunteered to be a mentor. We have enough volunteers for it to be a one on one experience.



Thor Netland reads the bible lesson.



The students finished their mural going down to the Sunday School area

Sunday School:

Sunday School has also begun. This year we are dividing the students into two groups by age: age 3 to 3rd grade and 4th grade to 6th grade. The younger group will begin downstairs in the fellowship hall for stories, activities or crafts and music. They will then come upstairs for a children's sermon with Pastor Koos and will finish the service in the sanctuary with their families. The older group will begin in the sanctuary and then leave with Megan to go downstairs. They will return to the sanctuary for communion.



Children's sermon



Brad Nelson leads the children in some music.

Adult Education:

Bible studies continue on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. See elsewhere in this newsletter for August study questions. Anyone is welcome.

OSLC COOKS:



A Soup and a casserole and a couple of Halloween treats

Microwave Clam Chowder

2 slices bacon, diced	1/4 cup butter, melted
1 medium onion, diced	1/4 cup unsifted flour
2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced	2 stalks celery, diced
2 carrots, peeled and diced	3 cups milk
3/4 teaspoon salt	1/8 teaspoon pepper



2 cans minced or chopped clams, drained. Save liquid and add water to make 2 cups.

Use a 3 quart microwave safe bowl. Cook bacon on high for 3 minutes. Add onion, potatoes, celery and carrots. Cover and cook on high for 5 minutes. Add clam juice and water. Cover and cook on high for 8-10 minutes until vegetables are tender. Melt butter in 2-cup measuring cup, stir in flour. Add to soup. Add clams and remaining ingredients (milk, salt and pepper) Cover and cook on high 4-5 minutes until hot.

Potato Pizza Hot Dish

1/2 cup milk	1/4 teaspoon oregano
1 can cheddar cheese soup	1/2 cup chopped onions
1-1 1/2 pounds hamburger	1/4 teaspoon red pepper powder
4 cups thinly sliced potatoes	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 15 ounce can tomato or herb sauce	1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 cup parmesan cheese	1 package of mozzarella cheese.

Brown hamburger. Mix with potatoes in greased cake pan. Add soup and milk. Add sauce and spices. Bake 45 minutes at 350*. Remove from oven. Top with cheeses. Bake another 15 minutes until cheese melts.

Halloween Treats

Candy Corn Bars

1/2 cup (1 stick) melted

1 large egg

1 cup flour

1 cup candy corn

1 cup light brown sugar

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1 cup white chocolate chips

Line an 8x8 pan with aluminum foil and spray with cooking spray. Melt butter in large, microsafe bowl and mix about 1 minute on high power. Wait momentarily before adding the egg so you don't scramble it. Add the egg, brown sugar, and vanilla and whisk until smooth. Add the flour and stir until just combined, don't over mix. Stir in candy corn and white chocolate chips. Turn out into the pan and smooth top lightly with spatula. Very important—avoid having candy corn touch the sides of the pan or the top surface. Bake 20-26 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. In the final 5-10 minutes, cover the pan with aluminum to prevent any exposed candy corn from scorching. Allow to cool in the pan for at least one hour before slicing.

Oreo Bon Bons

1 package cream cheese at room temperature.

1 package Oreos, crumbled. For Halloween use the ones with orange filling.

1 package white almond bark (if you want to color, use paste or powder dye or the dye in oil. Regular food coloring may cause clumping)


1/2 cup chocolate chips, melted to drizzle. May use other chips or decorate as desired.

Blend cream cheese and Oreo crumbs. You will need to use your hands to blend them well. Form into balls. Place in freezer for 15 minutes. Dip balls into almond bark. Drizzle with melted chips or decorate as desired. Store in the refrigerator.

October



- 10/01 Chantelle Gregory
- 10/02 Tara Carlson
- 10/03 Kerri Nelson
- 10/04 Colton Roeber
- 10/06 Eric Skudstad
- 10/07 Norma Larson
Brad Nelson
- 10/10 Nate Young
- 10/11 Linda Taber
- 10/14 Bonnie Wentzel
- 10/15 Diane Tomczak
- 10/16 Meri Will
- 10/17 Jeffrey Liebaert
- 10/18 Diane Erickson
- 10/19 Kim Lozon
- 10/26 Maggie Nelson
- 10/27 Lorie Skudstad
- 10/29 Dale Nummi



As fall kicks in, don't forget some of our other resources and activities.

The choir has started full time again. It meets Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 8:45a.m. Anyone is welcome. Contact Megan Birk.

Quilting continues on Mondays at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome. No skill level needed. Contact Kandee Rosburg or Carol Arthur.

The book cart is still downstairs. Some new books have been added. There are also a couple of new jigsaw puzzles. Please feel free to take a book or puzzle and/or contribute one of your own that you have finished.



Mark your Calendars!

The vendor fair is December 2nd. Start crafting. And be sure to come shopping that day



Scrip Cards

Beginning September 15th, Cherie Splinter will be taking over the Script card reorders and orders for “new” cards! Please continue to drop off your checks either by utilizing the outside mailbox or place in the container on Sunday mornings. The outside box is locked and is checked each day. Payment is necessary at the time you order. If ordering “New” cards, please place the order by the 20thⁿ of the month. October orders must be in by 10/15/2023. OSLC has made \$1048.00 profit from Script Cards so far this year so it continues to be worthwhile. 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. It has been mentioned that younger people may be more comfortable using ecards. Please refer to the Participating Retailers sheet that is on the table. The businesses are marked as to whether they accept ecards, There are businesses that still require regular cards, i.e. Subway. If you have questions, you can email Cheri at c.splinter.2629@gmail.com or text her at 218-348-4813. You can also call the church office @715-394-3472.

“I would like to thank all those who purchased new cards. Purchasing new cards makes the process of reloading them much easier for me. Some of the “old” cards are too old to reload and will need to be replaced with new cards. They will still work but can’t be reloaded. Moving forward, Carol will be turning over the card information to me so that I can do the reloads. I have the information for several people already. I will continue to order new cards on the third Sunday of each month. October 15 is the next order date. Hopefully, I will have enough to place an order each month. Thinking ahead to the holidays, start thinking about your card needs, whether to give or to use for your own shopping. Ecards are available for several businesses. Please see the list in the Narthex.

Cheri Splinter”



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, Meri Will, Roger Prescott, Joyce Bowser, Lynne Hoff, Rusty Carlson, Stephanie Shaw, Steve Shaw, Pat Shaw, Ralph Rolson, Tom Donaldson, Russ Hendrickson, Judy Nelson

Family Members: Mike Klawitter, Jeanne David, Joel Dykema, Casey, Bill Mullens,
Tim Volpe, Beth, Chuck Korn, Jill Bruno, Bob Ericson, Dave Kangas

Friends/neighbors: Annabel Hanson, Dwaine, Lydia Miller, Bruce Carignan, Ron,
Jenny, Brian Tokar

The Family of: Carl Roberts, LeRoy Johnson





Mission & Outreach

October Donations

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Baskets



10/1 Stuffing, instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, scalloped potatoes

10/8 Canned fruit ,vegetables, canned cranberry sauce

10/15 pudding mix, jello, cake mix, frosting

10/22 canned pumpkin, pumpkin pie spice, pie crust mix, evaporated milk

10/29 canned cream soups (mushroom, chicken, etc.), gravy mix, French fried onion rings





OSLC Council Meeting Minutes

Sept. 19th, 2023 at 5:15 pm

Present: Pastor Sean Koos, President Rick Gilbertson, Len Wicklund, Kathy Nelson, Dave Kringle, Carol Arthur, Donna Liebaert, Bonnie Wentzel,, Julianne Koski, Stephanie Shaw, and Steve Shaw

Opening at 5:15 with devotions lead by Pastor Koos . Genesis 6:6 Right before the flood God regretted creating humans, who made a mess of things so quickly. The good news is that God has the power to convert indiscernible disasters to powerful events.

Secretary's report: M/S/C to accept the report.

Treasurers report: August was a good income month. The month ended in the black. M/S/C to accept the report

Board Reports:

Deacon's report: the first Sunday of the month will be communion around the rail. It was suggested to have 2 sets of assistants for communion to keep the flow in a timely manner. Dawn Wicklund will be making the bread.

Stewardship: No meeting: due to board members out of town

Board of Education: Confirmation robes arrived x6, Look nice. We were advised they are washable. Confirmation class is growing to 9 students. Adult mentors for each student, Sunday school kids are coming up for Childrens sermon then sitting with Parents for communion to get a blessing. 4th to 6th graders sit with parents at the beginning of church until Megan brings them down after the opening and they return for communion. This seems to be working out well with a few timing problems.

Mission and Outreach: Dianne Tomczak is changing the clothes closet to winter clothing She is working hard to keep it looking fantastic.

Funds may be available to buy winter clothing. Checking with Linda Gran regarding the availability of these funds. Sheets are needed for the quilt backs. Starting to take donation for

Thanksgiving baskets.

Trustees: report given by Rick Gilbertson. Leak from the roof again from last rainstorm in the hallway. Empire roofing notified by Jack Arthur. Next Staff Support committee there needs to be documentation that supports what the recommendations have come from this committee. These recommendations are then to the council to be voted on.

M/S/C all board reports

Pastors report: guest speakers for Sunday services 10/15 Pastor Laurie Bishop and 11/12 Luther Point bible Camp director.

Superior Singers will begin practicing at the church Thursdays from 6 to 8pm.

First communion classes will be offered this fall for 5 weeks for a 1-hour class after Sunday Service. 4 students. Confirmation has 9 students and 9 church members have become mentors for each of them.

They will meet monthly with each student.

Planning for an Ecumenical church service with all churches in Superior for Thanksgiving on Sunday 11/18 at 4 pm with a meal to follow. The place of worship has not been decided. Possibly another joint Lutheran church service in Feb 2024.

Fall theological Conference Sept. 24 to Sept 26 at Heart wood conference center in Trego. Pastor will be attending 2 conferences on 10 /21 and 11/13. These are conference days to explore different service styles. Called Fresh Expressions. This is at a church in Eau Claire. M/S/C to accept Pastors report.

New Business:

1. Discussion held on the sharing of the peace with the rising covid cases. Pastor will explain to the congregation that is perfectly ok to chose not to share the peace. Greet with a smile or wave. Keeping your hands safe.
2. Pocket garden on Wyoming Ave has a financial donor to replace plantings with perennials. Hiring a gardener in the Spring for this project.
3. Church Directory is still being worked on by the Stewardship board. Donna and Jennifer are heading this up.
4. Still hoping to plan a fundraiser meal in the fall by the Stewardship board. A pie fundraiser was also a suggestion.

Vision Victories: Back steps of church fixed with cement by Pastor. (Hidden talent): 9 confirmands with 9 mentors: Good financials for the month of August: Donna shared the power of prayer as her grandson is doing well and will be coming home from the hospital soon.

Upcoming events all board meeting 10/10 at 5:15

Next council Meeting 10/17 at 5:15

Motion made to adjourned at 6:15pm


Closed with the Lords Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Nelson council secretary



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. First Communion class</p>	<p>2 9:00 a.m. quilting</p>	<p>3 11:00a.m. Text Study</p>	<p>4 9:00 a.m. New Perspective 10:30 a.m. Bible study 1:30 p.m. Harmony House 3:30 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. No choir</p>	<p>5 6:00 p.m. Superior Singers</p>	<p>6 1:00 p.m. Virginia Trentnor funeral</p>	<p>7 11:00 a.m. Carl Roberts funeral</p>
<p>8 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. First Communion class</p>	<p>9 9:00 a.m. quilting Columbus Day</p>	<p>10 11:00a.m. Text Study 5:15 p.m. All Boards</p>	<p>18 9:00 a.m. New Perspective 10:30 a.m. Bible study 3:30 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>12 6:00 p.m. Superior Singers</p>	<p>13 1:00 p.m. Virginia Trentnor funeral</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>18 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service with Bishop Laurie (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. First Communion class</p>	<p>16 9:00 a.m. quilting</p>	<p>17 11:00a.m. Text Study 5:15 p.m. Council</p>	<p>18 9:00 a.m. New Perspective 10:30 a.m. Bible study 3:30 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>19 6:00 p.m. Superior Singers</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29 Reformation Sunday First Communion 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p>	<p>30 9:00 a.m. quilting</p>	<p>31 11:00a.m. Text Study</p>	<p>Halloween! </p>			