



NOVEMBER 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**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA

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## **Pastor's Report November 2023**

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

As I write this, snow has fallen for the first time of the season. Sadly, I didn't make it out to collect any of the fallen leaves before the first snow. My wife is of the opinion that the leaves should be left to protect the grass through the long winter, but I would much prefer to have the lawn looking nice and tidy before the snow falls. I guess she won out this year! It seems like I was just out hiking and enjoying the beautiful fall colors. This snow snuck up on me...not fair! I suppose it is November but still, I know I'll rarely see grass until next May. The changing of seasons is a good thing though. It's good to hunker in for the long winter ahead.

It's going to be a busy winter for me. Our friends at Concordia have been without a pastor since the beginning of Aug and they have asked me to help get them through the winter. I'll be visiting with their hospitalized and shut-in members throughout the weekdays as well as helping with the bulletin prep. I'll be dividing my Sunday mornings by leading an 8:00 service for them and coming back to lead our 9:30 service. I will also cover any special occasion services (funerals, weddings, Advent, Lent, etc.). I'm glad to be able to walk through this transition time with them as they discern their next faithful step in ministry. Please hold me and them in your prayers in the months ahead.

Otherwise, it was a rich month of shared ministry in October. I was glad to prepare and welcome 3 young boys to the table for their 1<sup>st</sup> communion. It's always a joy to see young people come prepared to receive the gift of communion. God's grace is an unparalleled gift. I was also glad to give adult Bibles to 5 young boys, another milestone in the faith journeys of our youth. I'm already seeing the kids bring their Bibles to confirmation class a few years after they received them. The Bible is an important tool to carry through life. So much wisdom and so much love to have access to on the long journey.

We'll welcome a guest preacher on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of this month. Sam Campeau is the director at Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg, WI. Be sure to come and support his ministry and message. Also, come join the other churches of Superior for a Thanksgiving ecumenical service/meal on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 4:00 p.m., at United Presbyterian church. Our congregation has been asked to bring 200 pumpkin bars. If interested, please let me or Doris know.

The Advent season will be upon us in no time. Let us enjoy this quiet time before the storm, so to speak. I hope to see you around the church!

Blessings,  
Pastor Koos

## **Narrative Lectionary November 2023**

November 5th            1 Kings 18:[17-19], 20-39

Elijah at Mount

November 12th        Hosea 11:1-9

Hosea

November 19th        Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5; 11:1-5

Isaiah's Vineyard Song

November 26th        2 Kings 22:1-10, [11-20]; 23:1-3

Josiah's Reform



### **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

The churches of Superior are holding an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday November 19th at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to celebrate God's blessings with a dinner and a time of worship and fellowship. Our church is asked to bring 200 pumpkin bars. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. A freewill offering will go to the Samaritan Fund. The service is being held at United Presbyterian Church 229 N. 28th Street.



## From Our Congregation President

Winter is in the air. Don't know about you but I received snow flurries at my place. It won't be long before we prepare for Christmas. Jesus served and continues to serve us. Prayerfully consider serving our congregation on a board or committee. Many hands lighten the load. Thanks!

Rick



## November 2023 Pastor Visitations

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

11/05—11/11: Larry Hoff, Becki Rivord, Connie Morehouse

11/12—11/18: Judy Hack, Tom Donaldson, Dennis Schultz

11/19—11/25: Kim Lozon, Jennifer Stank, Kathy Murashie

11/26—12/02: Dale Nummi, Brad Hanson, Todd Peterson





## Fall Guest Speakers

Our guest service leader for the month of November is Sam Campeau. Mr. Campeau is the director of Luther Point Bible Camp. He will lead the service on November 12th.

## Offering



We are again passing the plate for the offering. 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

With the increase again in CoVid, sharing the peace is at the choice of the congregant. It was elected to have the congregants do as they feel comfortable. You may hug, shake hands, touching elbows, waving or simply smile and say the words. Be aware of the other person's preferences.



## Bible Studies November 2023

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30

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

*11-01-23 1 Kings 18:20-39*

1. What are some modern examples of gods or idols that we have created in our own image, that represent human beings or passions drawn large?
2. If it is true that the task of the church is bringing people to the point where they are willing to choose for or against God, how does this affect evangelism in the church?
3. What kind of miracles does God do today to reveal himself to people? What are some examples of modern "Red Sea" experiences?
4. Can God always be counted on to intervene in our world in a crisis? If so, how does he intervene? If not, how can He be considered trustworthy?
5. Can faith ever be blind? Why or why not?
6. Does prayer convince God to act when he would not act otherwise? What is the purpose of prayer? Does God always answer prayer?
7. How would you describe a practical atheist?
8. Why do you think stories abound with clear showdowns between good and evil?
9. How can we be confident of the power of God yet humble about our ability to dictate anything to Him?
10. To what extent is God obligated to answer our prayers to vindicate His own name?

*11-08-23 Hosea 11:1-9*

1. When was Israel like a "child?"
2. What insights does this Father/child dynamic in these verses give us into God's character?
3. Have you ever seen a person like this who grows increasingly stubborn and rebellious the more correction he receives?
4. How can we understand the allegorical language in verse 3?
5. In what ways does God treat us as His children?
6. What judgment was Israel going to face? Why?
7. Why would God not answer their call to him in verse 7?
8. How did God feel about the judgment He was going to dish out? If God felt this way, then why did He still discipline them?
9. What insights can we gain from these verses into how God's compassion/mercy harmonize and balance with his judgment/justice?
10. What is the meaning of verse 9? Was God going to destroy them or not?





(Bible study questions cont'd)

11-15-23 Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

1. Isaiah 5:1-7 is a “poem of lament.” Why is God’s vineyard the subject of this lament, and what does the vineyard represent?
2. The purpose of the vineyard is to produce fruit. What kind of fruit did God look for from his vineyard? What kind of fruit did Judah produce?
3. How did Isaiah use a parable about a vineyard to illustrate the sin and ingratitude of Israel in these verses?
4. Describe the character and reign of this king who is none other than Jesus the Messiah.
5. Is the Christian dependent on the church or God?
6. How is John 15:1-5 connected to Isaiah 11:1? What is the connection in John 15:5 and the bearing fruit we see here? What is Jesus trying to communicate to us?
7. What qualities did Isaiah ascribe to the Branch of Jesse in these verses?
8. What is meant by “counsel,” and how are “counsel” and “might” related?
9. What is “the fear of the LORD?” How will it be known that the fear of the LORD is the Messiah’s “delight?”
10. Explain what it means to judge the poor “with righteousness” and decide for the meek of the earth “with equity.”

11-22-23 2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3

NO BIBLE STUDY – THANKSGIVING

11-29-23 Jeremiah 33:14-18

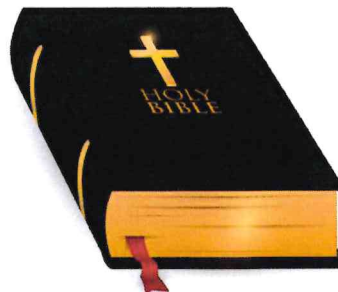
1. What promise did God make that should have given great hope to Jeremiah’s hearers?
2. How does God’s Lordship over Creation help us understand His power over human affairs?
3. How can we trust in God’s promises during times of personal or societal destruction?
4. How does Jeremiah 33 reflect God’s faithfulness to His promises?
5. How does the concept of restoration in this chapter relate to our understanding of redemption and grace?
6. How does God’s reassurance to Jeremiah reflect His patience and understanding towards our own doubts and fears?
7. What does God’s commitment to His covenant with David tell us about His views on leadership and responsibility?
8. In what ways does this passage deepen our understanding of the Messiah’s role in God’s plan?
9. What role does faith play in the acceptance and realization of God’s promises as depicted in this passage?
10. How can the concept of God’s unbreakable covenant inspire us to uphold our commitments and responsibilities?



# Bible Mentor Questions

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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?



# Education

## Confirmation:

This year's confirmation program is in full swing. They meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. They continue to acolyte and now will be reading the scripture lesson once a month as well



Pastor appreciation day. Kids presented Pastor with cards and donuts



Attended corn maze



## Sunday School:

There has been some difficulty with the current schedule on Sunday mornings. So beginning in November we are going to go back to last year's schedule for the younger children, age 3 to 3rd grade. They will start out in the sanctuary with their parents. After the announcement, Pastor Koos will do the children's sermon. The children will then go downstairs for their Sunday School. The parents will then pick them up downstairs after church ends. The older children's schedule will stay the same as they have been.







First Communion October 29th  
Lincoln Koos, Trevor Dahl, Nelson Netland







# OSLC COOKS:



*Thanksgiving is coming up. Here are either some alternatives or additions to the standard meal.*

6:20



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## One Bowl Apple Cake

- This cake is so moist and rich and just perfect for this time of year. (and easy to make!)

\*To Save this recipe, simply Share it to your timeline\*

### Ingredients:

2 eggs

1 3/4 cups sugar

2 heaping teaspoons cinnamon

1/2 cup oil

6 medium Gala or Fuji or Honey Crisp apples

2 cups all purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking soda

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, mix the eggs, sugar, cinnamon and oil. Peel and slice the apples and add to mixture in bowl (coating as you go to keep apples from turning brown.)

Mix together the baking soda and flour and add to the ingredients in the bowl. Mix well (best with a fork) until all of the flour is absorbed by the wet ingredients. Pour mixture into a greased one 9x13 or two 9" round pans. Bake for approximately 55 minutes.



## Scalloped Corn

Ingredients: 3 cans whole kernel corn, drained

3 cans creamed corn

1 sleeve saltine crackers

2 eggs

2 tablespoons butter

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions: Mix corns. Lightly beat eggs in bowl. Add to corn mixture. Scrunch up crackers and add to mixture. Place in 9x13 baking dish. Cut butter into thin slices and place on top. Bake 1 hour and 30 minutes at 350°F.



## Sweet Potato Casserole with Pecan Topping

### Ingredients

29 ounces [sweet potatoes](#) drained (or 3 1/2 cups cooked and mashed sweet potatoes)  
1/4 cup [milk](#)  
1/4 cup [brown sugar](#)  
3 tablespoons [butter](#) melted  
1 [egg](#)  
1 teaspoon [vanilla](#)  
1/2 teaspoon [salt](#)

### Topping

1/2 cup [brown sugar](#)  
3 tablespoons [flour](#)  
1/2 cup pecans, chopped  
1/2 cup shredded coconut  
3 tablespoons [butter](#) melted



### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl or mixer, combine sweet potatoes, milk, brown sugar, melted butter, egg, vanilla, and salt. Beat ingredients with a hand mixer (or in a mixer) until the sweet potatoes are light and fluffy.

2. Transfer sweet potato mixture into a greased 9x9 inch baking pan.
3. Stir all of the topping ingredients together in a small bowl.
4. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the sweet potatoes.

Bake uncovered for 35 minutes.

### Recipe Tips

- Sweet potatoes or yams can be used in place of the canned sweet potatoes in this recipe. Peel and dice the sweet potatoes, then boil them until fork tender. Mash them with a little milk to reach your desired consistency, then follow the recipe instructions as written.
- We recommend using a hand or stand mixer when blending the sweet potato mixture to get a light, airy texture.

Be sure to mix until it is completely blended - no chunks!  
This recipe can be double and cooked in a 9x13 baking pan to serve 12-15 people

## Pumpkin Muffins

1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin  
1 (18 oz.) cake mix, spice or carrot  
3/4 cup water or applesauce



Instructions. Mix all ingredients until smooth. Spoon into muffin tins (either lightly sprayed or with muffin cups) Bake as directed on cake box.

(This is a Weight Watchers recipe and makes 24 muffins at 2 points each)



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





## 2023 Vendor Fair

This year's vendor fair will be December 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More than 40 vendors have purchased a table with products, ranging from jewelry, jams, one of a kind crafts, blankets and lots more.

Some of our church members have also been busy crafting and will have a table to raise money for the church. If you are a quilter, knitter, crochet or do other crafts and you would be willing to contribute, please contact, Linda Clark. There will also be a bake sale.





## Gifts of Grace


This year's annual stewardship campaign is called "Gifts of Grace". Due to the high cost of postage, annual giving cards will not be sent to everyone by regular mail. Instead they will be emailed. If you do not receive email, please contact the office so they can be mailed to you or stop by the office to pick one up. We ask that the cards be returned by November 25th.

## Scrip Cards

I would like to thank all those who purchased new cards. Cards can be picked up at church. If you want to reload your cards, just snap a photo of the back of the card showing the card number along with the pin number. You can then simply text it to me at 218-348-3813, drop your payment off at church and I'll do the rest. I will continue to order NEW cards on the third Sunday of each month. **November 19** is the next order date. **Thinking ahead to the holidays, start thinking about your card needs, whether to give or to use for your own holiday and/or everyday shopping. Black Friday is coming up so I hope to have the new cards here in time for your shopping needs.** Ecards are available for several businesses. Please see the list in the Narthex.

Cheri





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. 40 quilts were blessed on October 22nd with 20 going to CASDA and 20 to Harbor House.



Some of our members have been busy crafting for the vendor fair which will be held here on December 2nd. Do you do a craft you would like to contribute?





# Mission & Outreach

## November and December Donations

The CLOTHES CLOSET needs YOU...

We accept all sizes 0 to Teen gently used or new.  
Mission + Outreach November Collection... of course need will continue.  
Below is our most needed items

### Long Sleeve Shirts:

Newborn	Boys	5	Boys
3 Month	Boys	6	Boys
6 month	Boys	7	Boys + Girls
24 month	Boys	8	Boys + Girls
2T	Boys	12	Girls + Boys
3T	Boys	14	Boys

### Bottoms:

18 month Girls  
3T Girls  
6 Boys + Girls  
7 Boys + Girls  
8 Boys + Girls

### Mittens/Gloves for Outdoor Play:

All Sizes

### Snow Boots:

All Sizes

### Snow Pants:

All Sizes

### Pajamas/Sleepers:

Newborn Boys  
6 month Boys + Girls  
9 month Boys + Girls  
12 month Boys + Girls  
24 month Boys + Girls  
2T Boys + Girls  
5 Boys + Girls  
6 Boys  
7 Boys + Girls

### Snow Suits:

0-3 (Newborn) Boys  
3 month Boys  
6 month Boys  
9 month Boys + Girls

### Winter Jackets:

12 month Boys + Girls	5	Boys + Girls	14	Boys
18 month Boys + Girls	6	Boys	16	Boys + Girls
2T Boys + Girls	8	Boys + Girls		
3T Boys + Girls	10	Boys		
4T Boys	12	Boys		

## Concordia Church

Concordia Church has been without a pastor since August. The synod has been filling in as they could. They have now offered Pastor Koos a 1/4 time position until a new pastor can be found and he accepted. It has been approved by the councils of both churches. Pastor Koos' contract with us is 3/4 time. He will remain our primary pastor. The additional expenses will be paid by Concordia. He will provide a Sunday service for them. Their service time currently conflicts with ours but they are changing the time of their service to 8 a.m. Pastor will provide wedding and funeral services for them. Additional services may need to be worked out but it should not significantly affect the functions of our church. It will be reviewed every 3 months and can be renewed depending upon how the call process is proceeding.

## Poinsettias

The church will again be selling Poinsettias for Christmas. Orders will be accepted starting December 1st. Order forms will be in the December newspaper.







## **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***





## Our Saviors Lutheran Church Council Meeting minutes Oct. 17th, 2023, 5:15 pm

Present: Pastor Sean Koos, President Rick Gilbertson, Len Wicklund, Kathy Nelson, Julianne Koski, Dave Kringle, Megan Birk, Linda Clark, Barb Danielson, Donna Lieabert, Stephanie Shaw, Steve Shaw and Bonnie Wentzel

Opening and greeting by Pres. Rick G at 5:15pm

1. Opening prayer and devotion by Pastor Sean Koos Reading from Ruth chapter 2 verse 1: Grace often comes to us in unexpected times and by unexpected people. Offer kindness and hope to people you may not even know.

2. Secretary's report Previous Council Minutes were approved as written.

3. Treasurers

Report reviewed by Bonnie Wentzel. The report shows a loss of \$2000 for the month of Sept. This is due to our insurance payment needed for the next 4 months of \$2600 per month, M/S/C

4. Board reports

a. Deacons: report written no questions

b.

Trustees: report given by Megan and Rick as no quorum was met at the meeting, so minutes were not taken. Jim Erickson worked on heat tape on roof to prevent ice jams. Bathrooms off fellowship hall had a running toilet.

Suggested to lock those bathrooms but also this could lead to frozen pipes due to unuse. Pocket garden on the side of the church on Wyoming Ave. has been replanted with perennials by Missines nursery and donated by Dave Kringle. This now called "Dave's Garden."

c. Stewardship: report given Donna L. given as

written. pledge drive ready to be mailed out. Fall fund raiser dinner has been postponed till winter. Working with Doris on the church directory and getting the shepherds staff computer program to pull out all members names to be added to the church directory. All members names should be in the directory, even those who did not get photographed.

Suggestions getting Carol Roberts and Jim Rigstad to help or call the company for support from Shepherds staff.

d. Board of Ed: Discussion held regarding Sunday school and noise during church service. Reminders to close sanctuary doors. Happy kids are noisy kids at times. Class has doubled in size the past few weeks. Older kids seem to be enjoying the separate class from the younger kids. Teachers have felt rushed and hectic during Sunday school and suggested children's sermon be at the beginning of the service and then dismissal to Sunday School. This will allow teachers to relax and enjoy their time with the students. Older students can be allowed to leave SS and go up and receive communion. Megan is starting to get the Christmas program together. Permission has been granted to toss out old red confirmation robes.

e. Mission and Outreach: Clothes closet has been changed to winter clothes; 166 items went out in September. Quilters need bed sheets for backings Thrivent cards have been gotten to replenish the clothes closet with needed winter items

Motion made and seconded to accept board reports.

5. Pastor Sean Koos report and discussion items. November 12th guest speaker Sam Campeau camp director at Sunday Service. 6. Old Business none 7. New Business a. Concordia Lutheran Church has been without a pastor since Aug. The Synod has been on discussion with Pastor Sean about filling in there with 10 hours a week. Doing the Sunday sermon, council meetings and visitations. This is just in the planning stage and would be a 3-month contract. The months of Nov. Dec and Jan. This has not been finalized by Concordia's council. Randy Olson from the Synod brought this to the forefront. b. Vendor craft sale December 2nd . Kandee R and Linda Clark have been organizing the vendors. Lots of enthusiasm from vendors that want to come. The church will have its own craft table for donations of items. Sat. Oct 21st from 10 to 12pm Bonnie W is sponsoring a craft workshop at church. c. Superior Singers concert Dec. 17 and potluck to follow. They have been leaving sound equipment here after practices and are grateful. d. Pie fundraiser is the planning stages for this holiday season. Pastor and Kandee R have been working on this.

8. Vision Victories: "Dave's Garden"

cookies and coffee for funeral / visitations have been very appreciated by the families New camera in sanctuary should be installed this week by Gene Rosburg. Dave Kangas is recovering after a heart transplant and is up ambulating in the hospital.

Upcoming events: Nov. 14th All board meetings 5:15 pm

Nov.

19th Sunday 4 pm Ecumenical Church/ meal and Service at United Presbyterian Church meeting Len Wicklund will preside as President for Rick

Nov. 21st Council

Motion made to adjourn at 6:15 Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Nelson council secretary



