



MARCH

2024

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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Pastor Sean Koos

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Pastor's Report
March 2024

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Guess what? We're almost into spring! And what a glorious spring it'll be without weeks of messy snow melt! I know, I know, our outdoor landscapes will invariably suffer without the boost from all that moisture, but God will find a way to provide. He always does! Don't be surprised if we get deluged by spring/summer rains though. God is pretty good at keeping everything in harmony. He sure has his work cut out for him this year though.

As do we in the month ahead. We'll continue through this season of Lent reflecting on a few more beliefs we ought to consider giving up for a lot longer than this brief season. We've already considered giving up our beliefs on control and expectations. We've yet to explore giving up our superiority, enemies, and ultimately our lives. Be sure to join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for Holden evening prayer services. Of course, Lent only lasts so long before we head into Holy Week and the season of Easter. This year we'll begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday on March 24 and go into a busy week. Maundy Thursday service will be on March 28 at 6:00 p.m. Sadly, we won't be welcoming any new young ones to their 1st communion at that service because they all wanted to receive it last fall on Reformation Sunday. We'll resume service on Good Friday the following evening at 6:00 p.m. over at Pilgrim Lutheran. All the churches of Superior are gathering again for a multi-denominational service like we had last year. We'll come back to our church on March 30 for the Easter vigil service at 6:00 p.m. and celebrate Easter the next morning at 9:30 a.m. We'll offer a big feast following service so plan to stick around. If you're interested in helping prepare and/or provide goodies for that feast, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. What a great gathering to head into the spring season!

Finally, I just want to thank all those who helped prepare and serve our midweek Lenten soup suppers. It's hard work feeding 30+ people each week and it can't be done without your generosity. Thank you!

I hope to see you around the church.

Blessings,
Pastor Koos



Narrative Lectionary March 2024

March 3, 2024 Mark 12:1-12[13-17]

Parable of the Tenants

March 10, 2024 Mark 12:28-44

Great Commandment

March 17, 2024 Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

End of the Age

March 24, 2024 Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9

Triumphal Entry

March 28, 2024 Maunday Thursday Mark 14:22-42

Lord's Supper, Prayer in Gethsemane

March 29, 2024 Good Friday Mark 15:16-39

Crucifixion

March 31, 2024 Mark 16:1-8

Resurrection





“Giving It Up”

Sermon Series

Lent 2024

Many of us give up certain things for the forty days of Lent, and doing so can be a very beneficial thing for us. This series takes that idea one step further and talks about things God wants us to give up, not just for forty days, but forever.

Feb 21: Giving Up Control (Genesis 2:15-17; Matthew 4:1-11)

Feb 28: Giving Up Expectations (Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17)

Mar 06: Giving Up Superiority (John 4:5-42)

Mar 13: Giving Up Enemies (Luke 19:37-44)

Mar 20: Giving Up Our Lives (Ezekiel 37:1-4; John 11:1-45)

Services at Concordia Lutheran @ 12:00 p.m.

and Our Savior’s Lutheran @ 6:00 p.m.

From Our Congregation President

First council meeting as President. Meeting was attended by all of the board representatives. Good financial report for Jan.

Plans solidified for the combined service at Concordia.

God bless you, Len



We are doing Lent Soup Suppers again this year. There will be Soup Suppers on 3/6/24, 3/13/24 and 3/20/24. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. The service will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Bible Studies March 2024

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30

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

03-06-24 Mark 12:28-44

1. Do you think this scribe was trying to test/challenge Jesus like the others?
2. What is the most important command? Why is this the most important? What other commandments are tied to this one?
3. How would you define "loving God?"
4. How can you show love to God whom you cannot see?
5. What does with "all your heart, all your soul, all your strength" mean? Is there any difference between these three things?
6. What is the second greatest commandment? Why is this so important? Who does it include?
7. What can you do to love your neighbor?
8. What additional observation did the scribe make? What was Jesus' response to it? What does this show us about his motivation for this question?
9. What does it mean that he is not far from the kingdom of God?
10. Why did Jesus warn people about the scribes?

03-13-24 Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

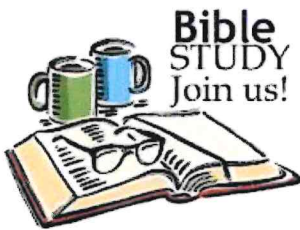
1. What is significant about this time that Jesus left the temple (it would be for the last time)?
2. How did his disciples feel about this temple? How did Jesus feel about this temple? Why did he highlight its coming destruction?
3. When would the signs in verses 5-8 take place? What would they be a sign of? Have they happened yet? Are they still happening?
4. What do you think is the main point Jesus wants his disciples to get by sharing these signs?
5. What should we be on guard for? Who is the "they" in verse 9?
6. What principle do we learn in verse 11? How can you prepare for that time of persecution without planning what you will say?
7. How would unbelievers view believers?
8. What does it mean that the one who endures to the end, he will be saved?
9. How does this parable relate to Jesus' coming again?
10. Knowing that Jesus' words will not pass away, what application is there for us?

03-20-24 Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9

1. Why would Jesus tell them to take the colt?
2. Were the owners willing for them to take it? How did Jesus know they would be willing?
3. Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem on a colt? What was the significance of a colt on which no one had sat before?
4. What is the significance of Jesus entering Jerusalem like this?
5. What does "Hosanna" mean?
6. Did these crowds stick with Jesus throughout his persecution and suffering? What do you think happened to them?
7. How were lepers generally treated in that culture? How did Jesus treat them?
8. Was perfume commonplace then like it is now? What is the significance that this was very expensive perfume?
9. What can we learn about the other people there through their reaction?
10. How can we show similar love and affection for Christ? What can we give to Him?

03-27-24 Mark 15:16-39 (Good Friday)

1. What would these Roman soldiers have against Jesus? Why would they treat him this way?
2. What does this reveal about human nature?
3. What would your reaction be if you were treated like this?
4. What can we learn from Jesus' non reaction about how we should react to others?
5. How was Jesus able to keep calm in the face of such cruel treatment?
6. Why was it important that Jesus fulfill all of the OT prophecies concerning the death of the Messiah?
7. Are there promises in Scripture concerning believers that the truth of these verses gets you excited about?
8. What does Jesus' death on the cross reveal to us about God's/Jesus' sovereignty and control, even when we find ourselves in terrible circumstances?
9. Compare Jesus' words on the cross to David's words in psalm 22. How should we understand Jesus' words from the cross, "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?" Are these words of despair? Are these words of hope and faith? Why?
10. What do you think was going on in the Centurion's heart? Why do you think he came to believe in Jesus?



Bible Mentor 5 Questions

1. How difficult is it for you to talk to others about Jesus? Why?
2. Why don't people want to believe in Jesus?
3. Why is Jesus so important for Christians?
4. What do you think when people say, "Jesus," or "Jesus Christ" when they are angry?
5. What goes through your mind when you see images of Jesus?
6. What would Jesus do if he were alive on Earth today?
7. Do you think it is okay to name your son Jesus? Why or why not?
8. Is there such thing as too much Jesus?
9. What would the world be like today if Jesus never existed?
10. How would the world be different today if God had a daughter instead of a son?
11. Do you think Jesus needs to come back to the world today?
12. What questions would you like to ask Jesus? What do you think his answers would be?
13. Why do you think there is little we know about Jesus' teenage years?
14. Why did Jesus have to be born the way he was?
15. Many people claim Jesus was only a great moral teacher. How would you respond?
16. Do you think following Jesus makes for an easier or harder life? Explain.
17. Why do you think it is important that Jesus is fully human and fully divine?
18. Do you think you can understand Jesus simply by his miracles/healings/teachings?
19. How can we fully understand who is?
20. Do you believe Jesus is alive today? Why or why not?



Offering

We are 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 and now RSV, it was elected to have the congregants do as they feel comfortable for shaing the peace. Masks are optional but are available along with hand sanitizer at the church entrance. You may hug, shake hands, touch elbows, wave or simply smile and say the words. Be aware of the other person's preferences.

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. The annual retreat was held scheduled February 15-16 at Amnicon. By all accounts, they had a good time and hopefully learned a little something too.. The spaghetti fundraiser here at the church on February 13th. sponsored by the confirmation students raised over \$800.00 for the trip to New Orleans later this summer.



Pictures from Amnicon Retreat

Sunday School:

The current schedule for the younger Sunday school students is for them to start out in the sanctuary with their parents. After the announcements, Pastor Koos will do the children's sermon. The children will then go downstairs for their Sunday School. They then start music with Brad followed by the lesson for the day. The parents will then pick them up downstairs after church ends. The older children's schedule will stay the same as they have been.

Adult Education:

Bible studies continue on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. See elsewhere in this newsletter for this month's study questions. Anyone is welcome. They are now joint studies with Concordia. On the second Thursday of the month, the bible study will be held at Concordia still at 10:30 a.m.. There will not be a bible study at OSLC that week.



Joint Service

We held a joint service with Concordia on February 25th. It was led by the group “Breaking Chains” and held at Concordia. The service was followed by a potluck supper. The event was well attended and there will likely be more such events in the future.



Mission and Outreach

March 2024

Ruth House



3/3-Coffee, creamer, sugar, Styrofoam to-go containers

3-10- Butter, canned soups, canned fruits & vegetables, tuna and chicken

3/17-Toilet paper, large garbage bags, disinfecting spray

3/24-Jarred or canned sauces, butter, bottled water

3/31-plastic forks, spoons, paper plates & bowls, Styrofoam cups, paper or plastic cups

Order your Easter flowers. Remember Easter is early this year and you need to have your orders in by

Easter Flowers In Honor, Memory, or Donation



- Easter Lily. \$10.00
- Tulip plants. \$10.00
- Hyacinth plant \$10.00
- Donation \$\$\$

Please attach payment with order form and place in the offering plate or send or drop off at the office (oslcsuperioroffice@gmail.com). March 24th last day.

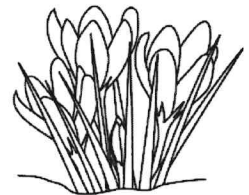
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March 1	Brendan Farrell Maci Heytens	March 22	Renada Fall Justin Schachte
March 2	Brandon Mattson	March 24	Kim Willie
March 3	Johanna Koos	March 26	Mason Morris
March 4	Paul Russ Katelynn Monroe	March 27	Tom Roeber Sandra Schultz
March 5	Tim Nelson Lynn Hoff	March 28	Kacie Heinen Dennis Schultz
March 6	Nancy Gregory	March 29	Ariana Allen Michelle Krob
March 8	Katrina Perrault	March 30	Logan Lancour Nora Wells
March 9	Thoren Netland	March 31	Gracie Johnstad Olivia Johmstad Lisa
March 10	Jack Rivord Rebecca Vaughan		
March 13	Lynn Haglin Kyler Krob		
Schachte			
March 15	Jill Bruno Roger Prescott		
March 16	Linda Clark Jamie Olson		
March 18	Kimberly Olson		
March 19	Jeffrey Fauchald Caleb Stank		



Rummage Sale will be May 4th 2024

The rummage sale is in 2 months. As you are cleaning or downsizing and need to get rid of items, the church will happily take those items off your hands. Put items downstairs in the unfinished addition, behind the blue tarps. We ask that you please do the following:

- **Put items in a box for easier stacking.**
- **No clothing**
- We only want things **that work**.
 - **Don't give us things** that we would have to **PAY** to get rid of. That includes microwaves, computers, computer printers, mattresses, etc. *The only exception is if you talk to Doris Maki or me about it.*
 - If something has an **operator's *instruction book*** please include if you have it.

Happy cleaning!!

Kandee

What's going on with Scrips?

Thank you to all those who placed orders for Scrip cards and reload during the past month.

New lists of participating business are in the filing bin on the table in the narthex. Help yourself to one. There are some new businesses and some of the old ones have dropped off.

The profit total for this year so far is \$328.69 and that is just in two months. Reloads are quick and easy. The next order for new cards is Sunday, March 17. It's so simple. Buy cards from local businesses and use them for everyday expenses. (Kwik Trip, Holiday Gas, Walmart/Sam's Club, Cub, Target, Fleet Farm)

Thank you all again. I look forward to lots of orders!

Cheri Splinter





Pastor Visitation Schedule for 2024-2025

2024 Visitation Schedule

01/28-02/03

Dale Nummi

02/04-02/10

Arlene Knase, Brad Nelson

02/11-02/17

Joyce Bowser

02/18-02/24

Craig Hanson

02/25-03/02

Russ Hendrickson

03/03-03/09

Eileen Gilbertson, Meri Will

03/10-03/16

Len Wicklund, Lynne Hoff

03/17-03/23

Dick Taber

03/24-03/30

Carol Roberts

03/31-04/06

Carina Barker, Matt Netland

04/07-04/13

Joni Westlund

04/14-04/20

Gene Rosburg

04/21-04/27

Jean Larkee, Jennifer Salo-Dahlberg

04/28-05/04

Gretchen Lisdahl

05/05-05/11

Julianne Koski

05/12-05/18

Linda Maki, Jennifer Farrell

05/19-05/25

Robbye Johnson

05/26-06/01

Kathy Nelson

06/02-06/08

Audrey Larson

06/09-06/15

Vivian Willoughby

06/16-06/22

Tom Donaldson

06/23-06/29

Ed Aamodt

06/30-07/06

George Bennis

07/07-07/13

Jack Arthur

07/14-07/20

Judy Hack, John Hendricks

07/21-07/27

Rick Gilbertson

07/28-08/03

Bonnie Wentzel

08/04-08/10

Sandy Steinberg

08/11-08/17

Helen Ardell, Megan Birk

08/18-08/24

Barb Danielson

08/25-08/31

Del Kangas, Jim Erickson

09/01-09/07

Jeff Liebaert

09/08-09/14

Rusty Carlson

09/15-09/21

Doris Roeber, Rose Reijo

09/22-09/28

Steve Shaw

09/29-10/05

Dawn Heinen

10/06-10/12

Linda Gran, Jodie Dahl

10/13-10/19

Dean Wilner

10/20-10/26

Tom Simon

10/27-11/02

Doris Maki

11/03-11/09

Dave Kringle, Dustin Puchalla

11/10-11/16

Linda Clark

11/17-11/23

Sharon Kotter

11/24-11/30

Dianne Tomczak

12/01-12/07

Jim Rigstad

12/08-12/14

Dustin Puchalla





Scrip Cards

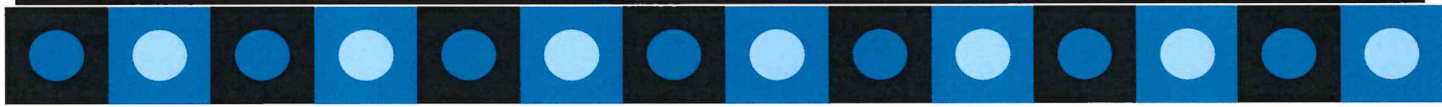
What's going on with Scrips?

Thank you to all those who place orders for Scrip cards and reloads.

Script Cards NEXT NEW CARD ORDER WILL GO IN 3/17/2024

. Cherie will update on specials as she gets them. Call church office @715-394-3472 if you have questions. Thank you. The total profit for the year 2024, for OSLC is \$301.69. This amount is from 10-15 customers purchasing everyday items from gas to groceries.

Think how much more it could be with only a few more participants.
Besides using them for your own needs, Scrip cards make wonderful gift cards.







Quilting

Quilting continues on Mondays at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome. 202 quilts and blankets were given to the community in 2023. More blankets and throws are in progress. If you are willing to help, you can join the group on Monday mornings or take the supplies home. Instructions are available. Contact Kandee Rosburg or Carol Arthur. No prior skill level is required.

The group is always looking for supplies including: cotton or cotton poly blend fabric flannel fabric, thread, large darning needles, yarn bed top sheets in good condition. The completed quilts are 60" x 90".





Mission Sunday

March 3rd is the first Sunday of the month...which makes it Mission Sunday! Be generous with your Mission Sunday donations in the basket in the Narthex on Sunday. All the money collected stays right in our community !!!

“Our role as God’s stewards is one of many dimensions - grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ” -ELCA

Thank you for your generous contributions this month and all year long!
The Stewardship Board





Remember in Your Prayers

Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Roger Prescott, Lynne Hoff, Stephanie Shaw, Steve Shaw, Pat Shaw, Amanda Shaw, Ralph Rolson,, Russ & Jan Hendrickson, Tom Donaldson , Meri Will , Sheryl Aamodt, Barb Danielson, Karen

Family Member: Mike Klawitter, Jeanne David, Joel Dykema, Casey, Bill Mullens, Beth, Chuck Korn, Bob Ericson, Dave Kangas, Lois Ullmann, Dorothy Huffman Jennifer Spring, Judy Lund, Logan Grace

Friend/neighbor: Vicki, Jenn Salo, Courtney Thompson, Sue Weber Dan Muller, Mike Brinwall, Robert O'Dell

The Family of: Carol Bolin

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





OSLC Council Minutes
February 20th, 2024

Present: Pastor Sean, Len Wicklund, Ben Gaard, Stephanie Shaw, Brooke Puchalla, Steve Shaw, Bonnie Wentzel, , Linda Clark, Jennifer Farrell, Diane Tomczak, Carol Arthur, Carol Roberts, Jim Splinter

Devotions/Prayer: Pastor Sean lead a reading Exodus 20

Secretary Report: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the January 2024 Council Minutes

Treasurers report: Income for January was \$14,464.67. Expenses were \$11,694.99. Gain of +\$2,769.68. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurers report

Board Reports:

- Deacons: Deacon monthly assignments have been determined
- Stewardship: Church directory underway
- Board of Education: Donna L will help Megan with Sunday School. Confirmation Students will be helping serve the soup supper and help during lent services
- Mission and Outreach: Ruth House will be recipient for March donations. 207 items were given out from the Clothes Closet in January
- Trustees: Old boiler has been removed. Trustees will meet after church on Sunday before the Tuesday of all boards meeting

Pastors Report:

- Spaghetti dinner raise \$880. This will go towards registration for the youth conference
- Amnicon retreat went well. Everyone had a great time!
- Combined service will take place with all congregations at Concordia on 2/25/24
- Easter Breakfast - Starting to plan
- Good Friday - will have a combined service at Pilgrim Lutheran
- Church directory is being worked on
- Baptism - April 7th - Alina Breitlow, daughter of Tro and Annalyn Breitlow
- Wedding - September 14th - Rampior/Webb Wedding

Vision Victories:

- Spaghetti Dinner was a success
- Amnicon retreat went well
- Last two months have been financially good for church

Motion was made to adjourn

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Brooke Puchalla, Secretary



March

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School	4 9:00 a.m. quilting	5	6 9:00 a.m. NP service 1:30 p.m. HH Bible study 3:30 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m. music committee 6:00 p.m. Service	7 10:30 Bible study @ Concordia	8	9
10 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School	11 9:00 a.m. quilting	12 5:15 p.m. All Boards	13 9:00 a.m. New Perspective 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir 6:00 p.m. Service	14	15	16
17 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) NO Sunday School	18 9:00 a.m. quilting	19 5:15 p.m. Council	20 9:00 a.m. NP service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 3:30 p.m. No Confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir 6:00 p.m. Service	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School	25 9:00 a.m. quilting	26	27 9:00 a.m. NP service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. HH service 3:30 p.m. No confirmation 4:30 p.m. Choir	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 p.m. Service (OSLC)	29 GOOD FRIDAY 6:00 p.m. service (Pilgrim)	30 EASTER VIGIL 6:00 p.m. (OSLC)
31 EASTER 8:30 a.m. Brunch 8:45 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Service NO Sunday School						