



JULY
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
July 2024

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

The summer is in full gear by now and I pray everyone's schedules have somewhat settled. Vacations are planned, kids have their daily routines down without the help of school, and life is generally easier without having to maneuver winter weather. We have several weeks of summer bliss yet and I hope you find a way to stay connected with our congregation. Believe it or not, the church is open during these 3 months of summer! We're open and eager to offer a loving space for fellowship and worship. God doesn't stop providing for us during the summer so we shouldn't disconnect from him either. We need each other to grow in faith and sustain our ministry. Please stay connected spiritually and financially.

We have an opportunity during these summer months to collect ourselves and envision our ministry in the year ahead. We need to come up with fresh, new ways of being the body of Christ in the world. We've been stagnant for far too many years. The pandemic shook us up a little but for the most part just made us cling to our traditions all the more. There is a world of struggling souls out there that desperately needs the peace of Christ. It's our job to figure out how to meet them and invite them into that peace. People don't know peace anymore. We can be an oasis, a life preserver amid the chaos of the world. Let us prayerfully reflect on this during these summer months. And be sure to join us for worship on July 21 when the Duluth Superior Harbormasters will be performing. Hopefully, I'll survive the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in the week before that Sunday. God is good and has amazing plans for our ministry in the year ahead..."for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) See you around!

Summer blessings,
Pastor Koos



Narrative Lectionaries July 2024

7/7/2024 1 John 3:16-24
Loving Each Other

7/14/2024 1 John 4:7-21
God Is Love

7/21/2024 1 John 5:1-6
Spirit Is The Truth

7/28/2024 1 John 5:9-13
God's Testimony

Summer Narrative Lectionaries 2024

Pastor Koos will again be using the Summer Narrative Lectionaries from May 26 –September 1, 2024. These will include 4 weeks on Romans, 6 weeks on 1 John and 5 weeks on Daniel.





From Our Congregation President:

Please keep an opened mind and consider helping out with the upcoming combined VBS. Any help is needed and appreciated.

Len

Pastor will be out of the office July 16th through 20th. He will be at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans with his daughter Samantha who was confirmed in May..

Seen on church signs—

God doesn't create anything without a purpose
But mosquitoes come pretty close.

I wish Noah had swatted those 2 mosquitoes.



Bible Studies July 2024

Wednesdays (Our Savior's)/2nd Thursday (Concordia), 10:30-11:30

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

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07-03-24 1 John 3:16-24 ****NO BIBLE STUDY**

07-10-24 1 John 4:7-21

1. How did John model this type of love for the brethren?
2. How can we love others when sometimes it is so hard?
3. If you find that you are not as loving as you should be, what can you do to become more loving?
4. Explain the statement "God is love."
5. What does verse 10 tell us about the source of love and the cause of our love?
6. How should knowing that God took the initiative to love us affect our attitude?
7. Why does John say "no one has seen God at any time?" What is his point?
8. How does God abide in us?
9. How does it logically connect that if we abide in love, we abide in God?
10. What does it mean that there is no fear in love?

07-17-24 1 John 5:1-6

1. Who is born of God? What does the word "born" mean in this context?
2. In a Jewish mind, what/who were they expecting the Messiah to be?
3. What does verse 1 tell us about the relationship between loving God and loving others?
4. How can you tell if you are loving others?
5. Why does John equate love with obedience? What is the relationship between these two principles?
6. Why would someone feel that God's commands are a burden?
7. In what way do believers conquer the world?
8. Considering the fact that the world has never been primarily Christian and that even now it seems to be growing more sinful, how can vs. 4 be understood?
9. What do you think the term "without hands" signifies?
10. What is so amazing about King 6. How can we ensure that our love for God extends to all his children?
7. What practical steps can we take to avoid idols and false gods in today's society, as warned in the last verse?
8. In what ways can we show our love for God by obeying His commandments?
9. How can the idea of eternal life influence our daily decision-making?
10. How can believers support each other in living out the teachings of 1 John 5?

07-24-24

1. What men testified about Christ? Is their witness reliable?
2. Whose testimony is even more powerful? How did God testify about Christ?
3. What does it mean that the one who believes in Christ has the testimony in himself?
4. Can we make any applications from the fact that God used so many ways to testify/prove Christ is the Messiah?
5. How does the concept of victory through faith encourage us in times of struggle?
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07-31-24 Daniel 2:24-49

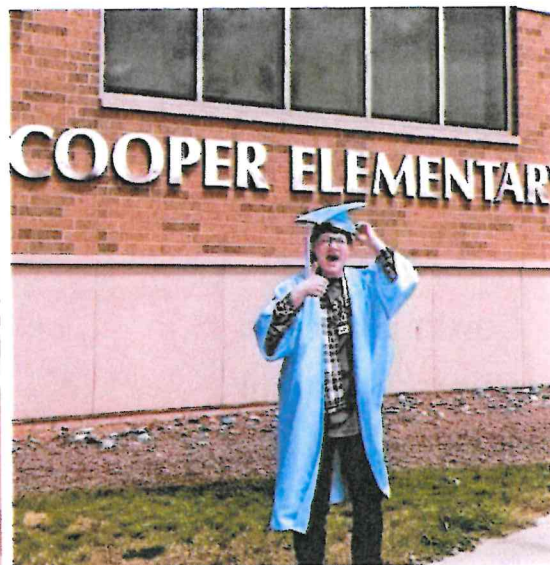
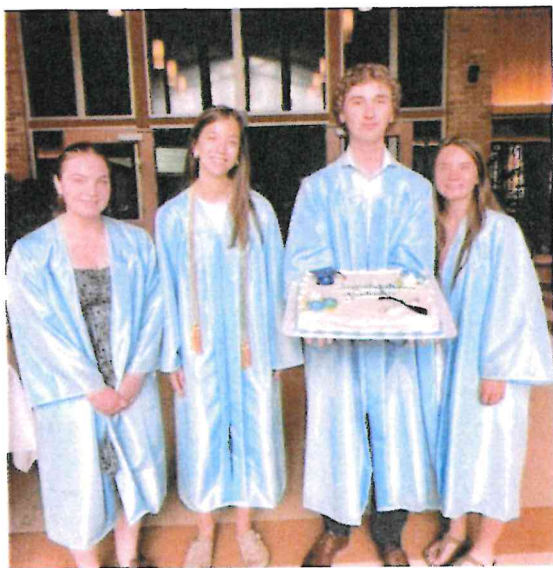
1. What is Daniel's attitude in front of the king? What does he do with this opportunity?
2. Why would God tell Nebuchadnezzar what would take place in future times?
3. How did Daniel view himself in the matter?
4. This same prophecy is repeated in chapter 7 when the various kingdoms are beasts. Why the difference?
5. Does God normally speak in dreams today? How does he speak to us?
6. Did this dream come true? Which parts of this dream have not yet been fulfilled?
7. What would you say is the main point of the dream?
8. When is this final kingdom going to be established?
9. What do you think the term "without hands" signifies?
10. What is so amazing about King Nebuchadnezzar's response?





July 1	Loren Erickson Sharon Nummi
July 4	Matthew Skudstad
July 5	Ruth Nystrom
July 10	Kevin Gregory
July 11	Suzanne Riedel
July 13	McKenna Skudstad
July 18	Sydney DeMeyer
July 19	Steven Skamser
July 20	Tom Krob Sandy Novak Tamara Susens
July 21	Victoria Blatt
July 25	Kimberli Mead
July 27	Jeffrey Rosburg
July 29	Sharon Kotter Lily Lancour
July 30	Ed Aamondt

Congratulations to OSLC's 2024 Superior Senior High School Graduates :
Nora, Cameron, Ryah, Sam, Ava
Each graduate received a quilt compliments of our quilting group.



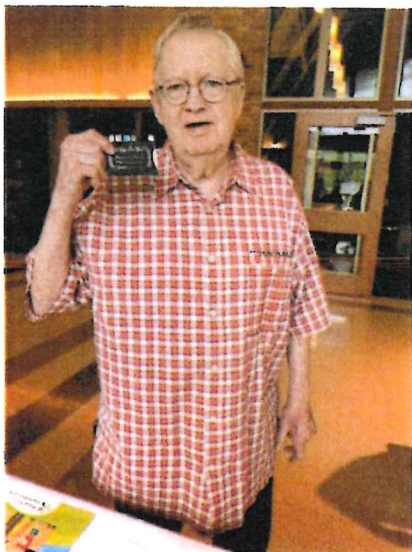
Happened in June—



Bonnie Wentzel retired. We hope you enjoy every moment of this next phase of your life".



We said goodbye to the Puchallas. They were active members of our church community and we will miss them. But we wish them good luck as they begin their new adventures in Atlanta, Georgia!



Clancy won the Father's Day gift certificate

Vacation Bible School

Planning continues for the combined community vacation bible school. It will be held August 12th-15th here at OSLC. It is being sponsored by OSLC, Concordia, Pilgrim, Zion, Faith United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches. It is free and open to all children in the community. While we encourage children to attend the entire program, we understand there are often conflicts and children are welcome to attend any portion. Early registration is helpful for our planning. If your child will attend any portion, please register them. Click on the QR code on the following page to register. Opportunities to register will also be on our Sunday School facebook page and here at the church. We will be needing lots of volunteers from all the churches for help with registration, storytelling, food, crafts, games and other kinds of help as needed. There is a QR code and link below to also take you to sign up sheets for volunteers. Forms will also be at the churches. Help in planning is also welcome. The next planning meeting is July 9th at 4:00 p.m. at OSLC. This should be a fun experience for the kids and hopefully for the adults as well. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.



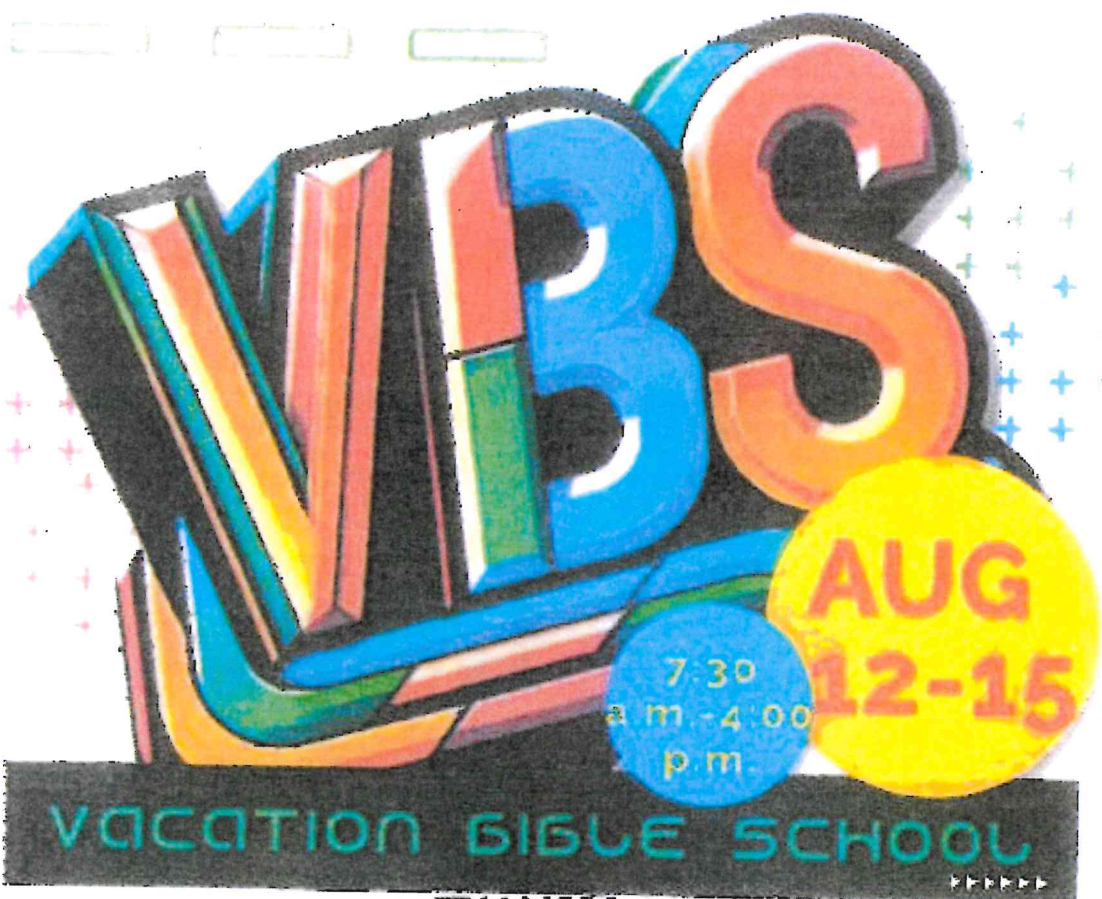
Links to Superior Community VBS Sign Up

<https://superiorfaithumc.faithteam.com/superiorcommunityvbsvolunteers>



Questions? Email: Kathy@superiorchurchofchrist.com or
Phone: (757) 347-3422

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**Breakfast, lunch, & snack provided
for FREE! Register by Aug. 01.**

All kids in 4K-5th grade & up
invited!

1924 Warming Ave

* Hosted by our Saviors United
Church


Forms Also
Available →

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Available




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, we encourage congregants to 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.



Adult Education:

Bible studies continue through the summer 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. Remember 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. Adult bible studies will continue during the summer.

OSLC COOKS



Let's Barbecue!

Turkey Burgers

Ingredients:

20 ounces ground turkey	1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt	1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon pepper	1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon coriander	1 tablespoon skim milk
1/2 teaspoon dried rubbed sage	

Directions: Mix all ingredients well and let sit overnight. Form 6-8 patties. Grill over medium-high heat for 4 minutes each side. Serve on wheat buns.

Slow Cooker Baby Back Ribs

Ingredients:

3 pounds baby back ribs	Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup water	1/2 onion, sliced
1 clove garlic, minced	
store-bought or homemade barbecue sauce	

Directions:

Season ribs with salt and pepper. Pour water into the slow cooker. Then add ribs. Scatter onion and garlic over the top. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or high for 4 hours. When the ribs are almost finished, preheat the oven to 375* F. Transfer the ribs from the slow cooker to a baking sheet. Discard onion and garlic. Coat ribs with barbecue sauce. Bake the ribs in the preheated oven until the sauce caramelizes and sticks to the meat, about 10-15 minutes.

Crack Burgers

Ingredients:

1 ½ pounds ground chuck (80/20 or 85/15 fat content)

3 tablespoons sour cream

2 tablespoons ranch dressing mix

1/3 cup cooked and crumbled bacon

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

salt and pepper to taste

hamburger buns

Optional – cheese slices, favorite toppings such as lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo and mustard

Directions:

In a large bowl, gently combine ground chuck, sour cream, ranch dressing mix, bacon, shredded cheese, salt and pepper. Do not overmix to avoid tough burgers. Shape into patties about 1 inch thick. Make a slice depression in the center of each patty to prevent puffing up during cooking. Preheat grill or a cast iron skillet to medium-high heat. Lightly oil grill or skillet. Place the patties on the grill or in the skillet. Cook for about 4 minutes. Do not push down with a spatula. Flip carefully and cook an additional 3-5 minutes until the internal temperature reaches 160* or well done. If desired, place a slice of cheese on top of each patty during the last minute of cooking to melt. Remove from heat and let rest for a few minutes. Meanwhile, lightly toast the buns. Assemble the burger and add your favorite toppings.





WE ARE **REV** VING UP

THE RUMMAGE SALE WORLD
WITH THIS **MOBILE EVENT!**

DURING BILLINGS PARK DAYS

Friday, Aug 2 and Saturday, Aug 3

9a-1p - in the parking lot at Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1924 Wyoming Avenue, Superior

Members of Wisconsin P.E.O.
Chapter AD-BG, Superior will
be lining up their vehicles
and popping open trunks,
backseats and tailgates filled
with treasures to sell as they
raise funds for the

**INTERNATIONAL PEACE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

THERE WILL BE A
BAKE SALE
• SPECIAL "PAY WHAT
YOU CAN" DEALS •
AND OH, SO MUCH MORE!

For more information
contact **Kathy Nelson,**
218.390.7762

P.E.O. is an international philanthropic education organization that provides scholarships
and low interest loans for women attending college. Visit our P.E.O. table.





What's going on with Scrips?

Thank you to all those who purchased new cards or reloaded existing cards. Through the month of June for year, \$936.88. Think about any summer projects you may have and will be making purchases from Home Depot or Menards. Also, maybe treat someone special to lunch or dinner somewhere. New card orders will go in July 21st.

Thank you again for participating in the Scrips program. We are earning money for the church with every purchase.

Cheri

July 7th 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 !!!

Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet

The closets have now been changed over to summer clothing. Thank you Diane Tomzak.



Mission & Outreach

July 2024

Seafarers


July 7 Bar soap, Deodorant, Men's Socks

July 14 Disposable Razors, Shaving cream

July 21 Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

July 28 Small Note Pads, Pens, Decks of
Cards, Word Search Books






Summertime is here!! Don't forget that Our Savior's still is grateful for your offering even during the summer months when we are often traveling or enjoying weekends away to play!!! We appreciate your generosity, thank you for sharing of your finances, time, and talents with us! There are e-giving options on our website, or offering donations can be mailed or dropped off at the church. Have a wonderful July!

We are looking for volunteers to be readers, ushers and communion assistants. Summer is a good time to try these out if you have not done it before. The readings for July are short and easy. There are sign up sheets in the narthex.

The Stewardship Board

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!

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the ark while professionals built the Titanic!





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.

Worship Support Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Pat and Amanda Shaw, Roger Prescott, Lynne Hoff, Ralph Rolson,, Russ & Jan Hendrickson, Tom Donaldson , Meri Will , Linda Taber

Family Member: Mike Klawitter, Jeanne David, Joel Dykema, Casey, Bill Mullens, Beth, Chuck Korn, Bob Ericson, Dave Kangas, Lois Ullmann, Dorothy Huffman, Jennifer Spring, Mickie , Paulette, Paulette Jokela

Friend/neighbor: Vicki, Sue Weber, Cindy Terhar, Mike Brinwall, Robert O'Dell, Ruth Ann, Sue Ann, Bob & Renita Sutherland

Family of: Joyce Bowser

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

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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





OSLC council meeting

June 18th, 2024

Present: Pastor Sean, Pres. Len Wicklund, Kathy Nelson, Julianne Koski, Linda Clark, Carol Roberts, Carol Arthur, Bonnie Wentzel, Steve Shaw and Stephanie Shaw

Devotions and prayers: Pastor lead us in scripture with verses from Deuteronomy

Secretary report: motion made and seconded to accept report from May 21, 2024

Treasurers report: \$8523.58 income \$11,109,94 expenses loss of (\$ 2586.36) motion made and seconded to accept report

Board Reports:

Deacons: verbally given: Harbor masters barbershop singing group will be singing at all church services this summer. Discussion regarding date due to all church services start at 9:30 except Concordia starts at 8. Possibly could sing at outdoor service Aug 4 at Pilgrim Lutheran at 10 am service.

Board of Education: ideas presented by pastor for a pre confirmation class of 5th and 6th graders on Wed nights to entice Concordia youth to become involved with confirmation class. This would also combine our confirmation students with their students. Concordia has no Sunday school or confirmation class currently. Recap of VBS that is combined with 6 churches. Aug 12 to 15 time 7:30 to 4pm Breakfast and lunch provided by Superior School district. Next official planning meeting July 9th. Olympic based theme has been chosen.

Mission and outreach; National night out Tuesday Aug 6th. Serving hot dogs, chips, cookies in addition to root beer floats. Thrivent cards needed.

Received clothes for kids closet from a local church rummage sale. June donations to seafarers. Asking members to give some ideas for future donation places.

SHS all grad party was one suggestion.

Trustees No report

Stewardship: one member resigned. Board is very small so need to replace

Pastors report: Synod assembly went well. Elected a new bishop, Martin Halom. He will be installed on Sept 15, 2024.

Bishop Lauri has been asked to speak at the joint outdoor service Aug 4th at Pilgrim. Music group

from Pilgrim will be present.

Youth Gathering In New Orleans July 16 to 20th. Pastor and Sam Koos going. Synopsis of money makers was given with most of expenses paid. Motion made and seconded to give an additional

\$500 for meals and other misc. expenses. The donation would come from the generous youth fund donation.

Wedding June 22 and Sept 14

New Business: need replacement of Jim Erickson on investment board and Cheryl Amond on Stewardship

Upkeep /repair needed: cleaning windows, replace caulking on exterior windows in the Fellowship Hall. Raise concrete by back steps and power scrub and wax fellowship hall.

Old Business: none

Vision Victories: 4 graduates here for Graduation Sunday. Great confirmation class confirmed

Upcoming:

VBS planning meeting July 9t

Next scheduled All board August 13th and Council Aug 20th

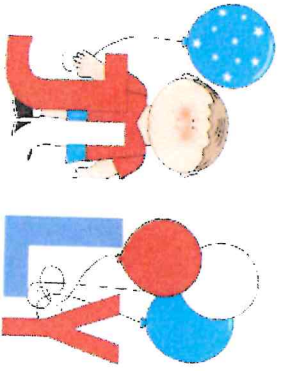
Motion to adjourn at 6:25

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Nelson secretary





2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1
9:00 a.m. Quilting

2

3
NO 9:00 a.m. NP service
NO 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
NO 1:30 p.m. HH

4
Independence Day!



OFFICE CLOSED

5

6

8
9:00 a.m. Quilting

9
4:00 p.m. VBS planning

10

9:00 a.m. NP service

11
10:30 a.m. Bible Study at Concordia

12

13

7
9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online)

No Boards

14

9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online)

15
9:00 a.m. Quilting

No Council

Pastor at Youth Gathering

17

NO 9:00 a.m. NP service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Pastor at Youth Gathering

18

Pastor at Youth Gathering

19

Pastor at Youth Gathering

20

Pastor at Youth Gathering

21/28

Harbormaster Singers (21st)
9:30 a.m. Service (in house and online)

22/29
9:00 a.m. Quilting

23/30
5:00 p.m. CHIMS meeting @ Pilgrim (30th)

24/31
9:00 a.m. NP service
10:30 a.m. Bible study
1:30 p.m. HH (31st)

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Summer Olympics begin!



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