



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's Report August 2024

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We're heading into the dog days of summer this month and I pray everyone is squeezing out the most of these days. Before long the kids will be heading back to classrooms and family households will reclaim a semblance of routine. I never lived anywhere where the 3-month summer break was quite so busy in activity. Everyone is determined to get in as much traveling and outdoor activities as possible during these warm months. And it's no wonder since the winters are so long and isolating up here. The first three summers my family were up here were pandemic summers that seemed to drag on as we all masked up and quarantined. But the last couple summers flew by with soccer practices/games, basketball camp, music lessons, and camping trips. Oh, and last month's youth gathering in New Orleans. What an adventure that was! Sam and I had a blast submersing ourselves in the southern culture and reflecting on the call of all teenage youth to be brave, authentic, and disruptive. If only it didn't take us 3 days to get home, then we would consider it a great adventure. We just need to remind ourselves that all *true* adventures have unexpected challenges anyways! Thank you for your prayers and support in getting us there and back.

Speaking of adventures, the summer isn't over by any means. This month we have a few more adventures. The four ELCA churches of Superior will again gather for a combined worship service to be hosted by Pilgrim on Aug. 4. Be sure to bring a chair and a side dish to share. The kids of *all* the churches of Superior are invited to participate in a first-ever collaborative Vacation Bible School on Aug. 12-15. It will be all day (7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) and breakfast/lunch as well as morning/afternoon snacks are provided, all for FREE. Our Savior's is hosting the event, and you can register online or with a paper form. The registration deadline is Aug. 1 but all are welcome to join whenever they can. I will be taking vacation the week of Aug. 21-27, but Pastor Tanner and Pastor Sarah will be available for any emergencies. For those families with 7th grade children interested in beginning the 2-year confirmation class, there will be an orientation on Aug. 28. We'll be in our 3rd summer sermon series this month exploring the wisdom of the book of Daniel. False idols, lion's dens, fiery furnaces, and dreams await us! The summer fun continues yet another month and I hope to see you around the church.

Summer blessings,
Pastor Koos



Narrative Lectionaries August 2024 Daniel

August 04 Daniel 2:24-49
Dream Interpreted

August 11 Daniel 3:1-30
Fiery Furnace

August 18 Daniel 6:6-27
Lion's Pit

August 25 Daniel 7:1-18
Four beasts

September 1 Daniel 12:1-3, 5-13
End of Days

Pastor Koos will complete the Summer Narrative
Lectionary Readings on September 1st. The usual
schedule will resume September 8th.





Bible Studies July 2024

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

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

08-07-24 Daniel 3:1, 8-30

1. What is an idol and why does God command us to have no other idols or God's before him?
2. Why did Nebuchadnezzar want the people to worship this image?
3. Do you think all the people worshipping that image at that moment truly believed in it? So why would they worship it?
4. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose not to bow down to the image of gold. While their decision makes sense, it isn't always easy to choose God in certain times. Why do we have difficulty at times choosing God and his will, specifically in tough or difficult circumstances?
5. Focus on v. 18 specifically. Why should we point out that they were willing to be obedient to God even if God didn't save them?
6. What do you think most people would do today in the same situation?
7. Can you think of similar examples today where "everyone" is doing something wrong?
8. What kind of reasons do we sometimes give for why we "have" to do the same as everyone else?
9. How did Nebuchadnezzar feel about the situation? Did he have any genuine belief in any gods?
10. What often happens when someone defies God? Examples?

08-14-24 Daniel 6:6-27

1. Daniel was well-trusted by King Darius. From reading this passage and looking at the previous chapters, what do we know about Daniel's character?
2. Why is our character so important to God? How does our behavior show who we believe in?
3. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God and how does that impact the way we handle difficult trials and circumstances in our lives?
4. Do unbelievers in the world today seek to accuse believers? Why or why not?
. Is it a good idea to have a rule that a law cannot be changed? Why or why not?
6. Did Daniel change any of his habits after he heard the law was passed?
7. What can we learn from this about how laws should or shouldn't be passed and the structure of government?
8. What can we learn about how decisions should or shouldn't be made?
9. Why do you think Daniel defended himself after the fact, not before?
10. What principle was illustrated?

08-21-24 Daniel 7:1-18

1. What key word or words are repeated in this chapter?
2. In what way is writing down the dream helpful?
3. What do you think of when you think of a beast? What qualities does a beast have?
4. What qualities can you see of these beasts from their descriptions?
5. Would you want to make friends with these beasts? Why or why not?
6. Who is the Ancient of Days? Why is he described with this term?
7. What are your observations about His appearance?
8. What key lesson do we learn in this book about kingdoms?
9. How is God's kingdom contrasted with man's?
10. How should a believer react to this vision?

08-28-24 Daniel 12:1-3, 5-13

1. What is the "time of trouble?" How will this trouble be different from any other in history?
2. How does knowledge of the future resurrection influence our lives now?
3. In what ways are the wise like stars?
4. What does the phrase "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase" mean?
5. What do you think the time, times, and half a time represent?
6. How did the angel respond to Daniel's further questioning in v 8?
7. Why do you think the angel gave this answer?
8. According to verse 10, how would people react to these things during the tribulation?
9. What do you think will happen at the end of the 1335 days?
10. We have seen how many things end. What would the end be for Daniel?





Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1924 Wyoming (Parking Lot)

Rootbeer & Orange Floats **FREE !!**



5 pm — 7 pm

Hot Dogs !!

Pastor and his daughter Sam attended a national youth gathering which is held every 3 years. This year it was held in New Orleans.

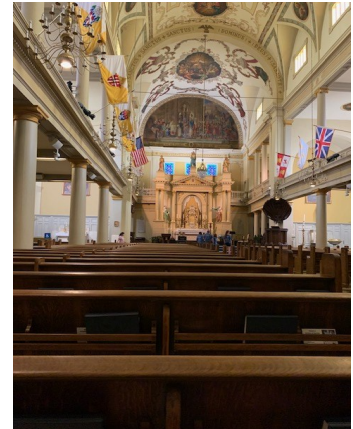
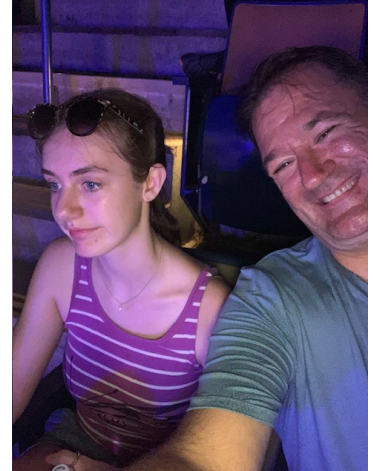


Len leads a blessing for Pastor and Sam's trip.

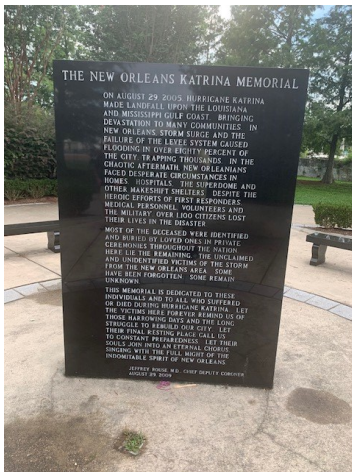
Sightseeing



Attending a concert



Cathedral in the French Quarter



Hurricane Katrina Memorial



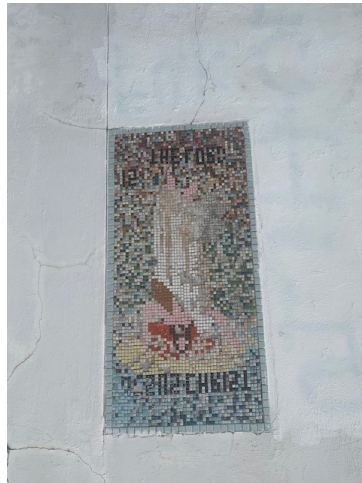
Above ground graves



The zoo



A banana tree



Red beans and rice



Concert at Preservation Hall—birthplace of blues/jazz



Mission project—picking up garbage



Met up with Pastor Sarah's group from Zion for a scavenger hunt in the French Quarter

They had an eventful trip home. They ran into the airline reservation problems that were rampant nationally especially with United because of the computer glitch. The airline canceled their original flight home. They ended up having to take a bus from New Orleans to Houston and then a flight from Houston to Chicago and another bus from Chicago to Minneapolis where they had left their car and finally a car ride home, That was why they missed services on Sunday.



The Harbormasters sang during the service.



Len leads the service
Pastor's absence..



Brad leads Bible Studies.



Henry watching the camera for Gene.

Breakfast 7:30 am



SUPERIOR AREA CHURCHES



REGISTER
HERE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MON, AUG 12 - AUG 15 **9-3:30 pm**

Vacation Bible School - Superior Area Churches **Our Savior's Lutheran**

Going ▾

1924 Wyoming Ave



2024 Community Vacation Bible School

We along with several other churches are trying a community wide joint vacation bible school this year. 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. Please feel free to invite children of your friends and neighbors. While we encourage the children to attend the entire program, we understand there are often conflicts and children are welcome to attend any portion they are able too. It will start each day with a breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m. There will be activities for those who arrive early however the actual program starts at 9:00 a.m. It ends at 3:30 p.m. with time to pick up your child between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Early registration is helpful for our planning. This is particularly true for food and crafts. We are lucky that the school summer nutrition program will be providing a breakfast and lunch for each child. Snacks will be provided by the participating churches. If you think your child may attend any portion of the program, please register them. Click on the QR code on the previous page to register. Opportunities to register will also be on our Sunday School facebook page or at the church.

Each church is asked to donate snacks. We are assigned fruit for Tuesday. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex

We will be needing other supplies for the crafts and games. There are again sign up sheets in the narthex.

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 on the next page to take you to sign up sheets for volunteers. There will also be sign up sheets at the churches. If there is a specific area you would like to volunteer for, indicate that as well. Thank you. This should be a fun experience for the kids and hopefully for the adults as well.

VBS follows shortly after the Olympics. There will be references to participating continents or countries. We would like to have an international display during VBS. If you have anything relating to your heritage or to trips you have taken internationally and are willing to display them here at the church, please contact Julianne Koski (jnjkoski@gmail.com or 218-348-3245. Items will be returned to you at the completion of VBS. These could include pictures, souvenirs, stamps or other items you would be willing to display. Also if there is a particular food or snack related to your heritage and you would be willing to make and donate, we would be happy to receive that as well. Thank you.



Links to Superior Community VBS Sign Up

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





Joint Service August 4th

There will be a joint service with all the Lutheran churches on August 4th at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at Pilgrim Lutheran Church with a picnic to follow. Remember to bring your chairs and a side dish to share.



Confirmation:

The new confirmation year will begin on August 27th with an orientation for students and parents. This will be at 5:30 p.m.. It is recommended that all students and their parents attend, old and new. Classes will start the following week.





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:

Ault 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, bible study will be held at Concordia at 10:30 a.m.. There will not be a bible study at OSLC that week

OSLC COOKS

Summertime Cakes



Lemon Poppy Seed Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 lemon cake mix
- 1 small box lemon instant pudding
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/4 cup poppy seeds

Mix all ingredients for 4 minutes. Pour into a prepared (oiled/sprayed) Bundt pan. Bake at 350* for 45 minutes. While cake is warm (not hot), drizzle with Powdered Sugar Glaze.

Powdered Sugar Glaze

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla (preferably clear)

Beat all together. Drizzle over warm cake. (May be thickened with more powdered sugar or thinned with more milk.)



Raspberry Champagne Cream Cake



Ingredients:

Cake

- 1 pkg (18.25 ounce) white cake mix
- 3 egg whites
- 3/4 cup pink champagne
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon double strength vanilla
- 6 drops red food coloring

Frosting

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 large marshmallows (sliced in quarters)
- fresh raspberries (optional)

Preheat oven to 325*. Grease and flour 2 round (8 inch) cake pans. Combine cake ingredients. Whisk for 2-3 minutes or until smooth. Divide batter between the two pans, spreading evenly. Bake 20-25 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove pans from oven and cool 10 minutes. Invert cakes onto cooling rack, then invert again. Cool completely.

To make frosting: beat cream, sugar and vanilla on high speed with hand mixer until starting to thicken. Place marshmallows in another bowl. Microwave on high 10-20 seconds or until almost melted. Add to batter. Beat on high speed until soft peaks form. Place one cake on cutting board and slice in half horizontally to form 2 layers. Repeat with the other cake. Place one layer on cake plate. Spread with 2/3 cup frosting. Top with another layer. Repeat with remaining layers. Frost top and sides with remaining frosting. Garnish with raspberries.

Refrigerate any leftover cake.

Strawberry-Rhubarb Dump Cake

Ingredients:

- 4 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
- 4 cups fresh rhubarb, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 6-ounce package strawberry flavored gelatin dessert mix
- 1 package (18.25 ounces) white cake mix
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup water, mixed with 1 teaspoon pure vanilla



Preheat oven to 350*. Mix strawberries and rhubarb in a large bowl. Pour evenly into a greased 13x9 inch baking pan. Sprinkle with sugar and then dry gelatin. Then sprinkle evenly with dry cake mix. Drizzle with melted butter and then with water mixture. Bake 40-50 minutes. Serve warm. Refrigerate any leftovers. Hint—serve this cake in dessert bowls like a cobbler and top with whipped cream.





BIRTHDAYS 2024

8/1	Todd Peterson
8/4	Kale Westlund
8/5	Joseph Pearson
8/7	Jeff Mueller Stephanie Shaw
8/8	Ella Thompson
8/14	Kathy Hendrickson
8/15	Letha Bennis
8/16	Casey Rasmussen
8/17	Halle Barker
8/19	Brooke Puchalla
8/21	Lanie DeMeyer
8/24	Randal Gordon
8/27	Darla Magdzas
8/29	Dustin Puchalla Zach Puchalla



WE ARE **REVVING 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 July for year, \$1046.80. 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 August 18th.

ALSO, the bonus program for Trends is still going on. If you order a NEW card of \$50 Value that gives OSLC at least 5%, you can receive a FREE \$10 off service from Trends. Carol S. gave Cherie these coupons to offer as a way of encouraging new sales. There are a limited number of so first come first serve.

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

August 4th 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

August 2024

Vacation Bible School And Sunday School



August 4th

Small and large sturdy white paper plates

Pipe cleaners, multi-colored

Elbow macaroni

August 11th:

Construction paper

Cardstock, both white and colored

Crayons

Crayola washable markers


August 18th:


Gallon and quart size zip lock bags

August 25th:

White lunch bags

Hand wipes— some suitable for washing children's hands and some for cleaning tables





Summertime is here!! Don't forget that Our Savior's still is grateful for your offering, even during the summer months when you 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!



A Sunday School teacher was discussing the ten commandments with her students. After discussing the commandment "Honor thy mother and father." She asked if there was a commandment on how to treat your brother or sister. Without missing a beat, a little boy answered "Thou shalt not kill".





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 , Dawn Wicklund

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 Jokela

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

Sue Ann, Bob & Renita Sutherland

Family of:





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





The Board of Trustees and Board of Education met in July because of their ongoing activities. There were no other board meetings nor a council meeting in July.

The next meetings will be August 13th for boards and August 20th for council.



Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

Francis of Assisi