



This **newsletter** is
going to be sparse
due to Julianne still
being out of
commission.
Linda

2025

Sharing the Joy

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

No Sunday School during summer months

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA

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PASTOR'S REPORT JUNE 2025

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

The program year has come to an end, and we've shifted into summer mode around the church. But what does that mean? Our youth education ministries (confirmation/Sunday school) will recess for the three summer months but our adult education ministry (Bible study) will keep plugging away weekly. Our music ministry (choir) will take a break in June and July and resume in August. We have two sermon series we'll be focusing on in worship: a 6-week series on Jeremiah and a 7-week series on Revelation. Jeremiah was certainly a powerful yet underappreciated prophet in his time. Revelation is full of powerful imagery that should spark our imagination. Two great series to work through in the coming months! Our stewardship and outreach ministries will also continue through the summer. Which is all to say our collective MINISTRY will certainly be alive this summer! I know school break, sports, and vacations tend to take priority in these warm months but don't forget your church family. We need your faithful support throughout the whole year not just the program year.

Concordia will be hosting the community VBS this year from June 16-20. Be sure to sign your kids up sooner rather than later to help us adequately prepare. There is a flyer with a QR code that's linked to the registration form somewhere in this newsletter. Hopefully there will be a good turnout from the four ELCA Lutheran churches, the Methodist church, the Episcopalian church, and the Presbyterian church.

I have the privilege to coach my son's soccer team again this year so I, too, will be busy this month. But I hope to see you around the church!

Blessings,

Pastor Sean



Service Attendants for June

Steward: Suzanne Riedel

Deacon: Bonnie Wentzel

Altar Guild: Carol Roberts & Vivian Willoughby

Acolytes None in Summer Months

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

AND

ANNIVERSARIES

Rhodes, Willow L.	01-Jun
Skamser, Carol L.	03-Jun
Maki, Linda J.	03-Jun
Hanson, Leighton	06-Jun
Heytens, Zoey C.	10-Jun
Farrell, Jennifer L.	11-Jun
Carlson, Matthew T.	18-Jun
Morehouse, Joseph R.	20-Jun
Leland, Bonnie	23-Jun
Christian Murashie	23-Jun
Westlund, Katherine	25-Jun
Rivord, Ryan R.	28-Jun
Knase, Arlene	30-Jun
Thompson, Neil and Heather	05-Jun
Magdzas, Douglas and Darla	08-Jun
Liebaert, Jeffrey and Donna	09-Jun
Krob, Tom C. and Michelle L.	12-Jun
Morehouse, Robert and Connie	23-Jun





Bible Studies June 2025

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)

06-04-25 Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7

1. How did the disciples' lives change after receiving the Holy Spirit?
2. What does the gift of the Holy Spirit mean for believers today?
3. How can we be more open to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives?
4. Why is Pentecost considered the birthday of the church?
5. How does Gal 4:1-7 illustrate the transition from legalistic obedience to a relationship based on grace?
6. How does understanding our identity as children of God through Christ impact our daily lives and relationships?
7. How can we identify and avoid falling back into legalistic thinking or practices?
8. What does it mean to live as heirs of God's promises?
9. What repeated words and phrases do we notice in these verses? What does Paul seem to be emphasizing the most?
10. What is the tone or nature of this new relationship between father and child?

06-11-25 Jeremiah 1:1-10

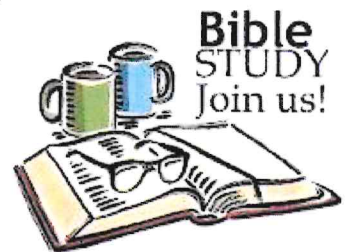
1. How does God's initiative in calling Jeremiah (v. 5) resonate with our own understanding of God's sovereignty?
2. How does the idea of Jeremiah being consecrated even before birth (v. 5) challenge our perspective on free will and destiny?
3. What aspects of Jeremiah's initial hesitation (v. 6-7) can we relate to, and what lessons can we learn from his eventual acceptance?
4. How does God's reassurance to Jeremiah (v. 8-10) inspire us to face our own fears and doubts, even when called to do difficult things?
5. How does the dual nature of Jeremiah's prophetic tasks (destruction and restoration, v. 10) inform our understanding of the prophet's role in society?
6. How does the passage reveal anything about Jeremiah's personality and how God used it?
7. How does Jeremiah's prophetic commission relate to our calling as Christians in the modern world?
8. How does Jeremiah's story encourage you to discern God's purpose for your life, even when it seems daunting?
9. How can God's words to Jeremiah about his protection inspire courage in facing personal trials?
10. What lessons can we learn from Jeremiah's long and often unrewarding ministry?

06-18-25 Jeremiah 18:1-11

1. How does the potter and clay analogy reveal God's sovereignty over his creation?
2. What does the passage say about the ability of individuals and nations to choose their own paths?
3. How does the concept of God relenting (verse 8) and reconsidering his plans (verse 10) relate to repentance and God's grace?
4. How can the consequences faced by Israel for their disobedience serve as a warning for modern society?
5. How can we reconcile God's sovereignty with human free will as presented in this chapter?
6. How can we strive to live in a way that is pleasing to God and shapes us into vessels of his purpose?
7. How can the potter and clay analogy be applied to personal lives and relationships?
8. What does the passage teach us about the importance of humility and a willingness to be molded by God?
9. How does the passage reveal God's love and his desire for his people to turn from their evil ways?
10. What does Jeremiah's role as a prophet reveal about God's communication with humanity?

06-25-25 Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31

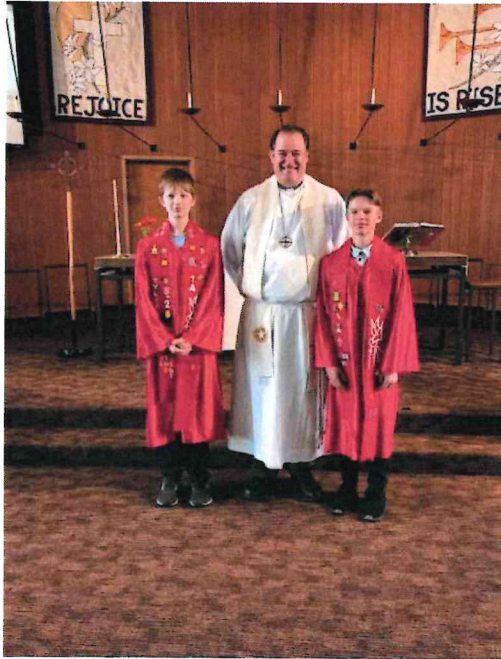
1. What was God's purpose in having Jeremiah write down his words?
2. Why did God want the message to be read publicly in the temple?
3. What does Jeremiah's confinement suggest about his position in the temple and with the authorities?
4. What is the significance of the people's response to the reading of the scroll?
5. How does this passage highlight the importance of God's word in the face of disobedience?
6. How does this passage speak to the relationship between repentance and divine forgiveness?
7. In what way does Jeremiah's obedience to God's command inspire us?
8. In what ways do people today try to "burn" or ignore God's word or warnings?
9. How can a heart be cultivated that is receptive to God's word, even when it challenges or confronts?
10. What does this passage teach about the importance of repentance and humility before God?



Education Corner

Confirmation

Two of our confirmands were confirmed on May 18th, Tyler Dahl and Darren Porter. Their Faith Statements are attached.



FAITH STATEMENTS

Tyler Dahl

1. What were the highlights of your confirmation experience?

The highlights of my confirmation class over the past two years was doing events (I sadly missed out on some). But the ones that I went to that I enjoyed were the corn maze and getting lost a bunch of times.

2. How did your faith in God grow over the 2-year program?

My faith in God over the past two years has grown a lot because I've learned more about God and also learned what has happened back then.

3. How do you plan on participating in the life of Our Savior's Lutheran Church after confirmation?

How I plan on participating with Our Savior's Lutheran Church when I'm done with confirmation is by helping the church with events in the future and come to church on Sundays and help with other things like sales in the future.

Confirmation verse

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Education Corner (cont.)

FAITH STATEMENTS

Darren Porter

1. What were the highlights of your confirmation experience?

The all-night church lock-in was very fun to play games and especially go on the bounce house. One other of my favorite experiences was going to the cabin with the old confirmation students. My favorite part of that night was when we walked to the beach in the dark and walked on the beach.

2. How did your faith in God grow over the 2-year program?

My faith grew by learning all the parts of the Bible and how it all plays a role in our life in and outside of the church. And to think over all these years there are still parts of the Bible not everyone agrees on.

3. How do you plan on participating in the life of Our Savior's Lutheran Church/Concordia after confirmation?

I plan to participate in the life of Our Savior's and Concordia by joining in church on Sundays, helping with Wednesdays of Lent to help serve food, and helping with what is needed when rummage sales happen.

Confirmation verse

Joshua 1:9

[Joshua said,] "This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



We also honored our Sunday School Teachers in May.

3yr olds to 4th grade:

Stephanie Shaw

Julianne Koski

5th & 6th graders: Jeff Skrenes

Julianne wasn't able to attend, she is recovering from foot surgery.



Baptism in May Lucas and Layla Morgan



Parents: Sarah and Kyle Morgan
Sponsors: Teri & Ryan Klok
Anna Morgan & Joe High



Adult Education:

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

Community VBS

June 16 to June 20 Community VBS. This year it is being held at Concordia. It will be from 8am to 12pm. Monday through Friday. Volunteers will be needed from each church. You can call OSLC at 715-394-3472 to register if you don't want to register online.

Sponsored by:
Concordia Lutheran
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Pilgrim Lutheran
Pioneer Parish
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Zion Lutheran

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June 16-20

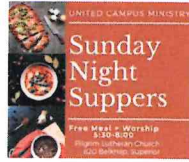
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

8:00 - Noon
Ages 4k thru 5th Grade
Open to the community
Snack & Lunch Provided!

Concordia Lutheran Church
1708 John Ave

REGISTER NOW!

Campus Ministry



The weekly meals had not been attracting students as had been hoped. The program for students have been discontinued for the present time. The United Campus Ministry will continue to look for ways to interact with and serve the students. The meals will continue as a place for members from all the churches to meet for fellowship and a meal. Watch for when it is our turn to host with Concordia.

Audiovisual assistants

Volunteers are still being sought to help run the audiovisual. This will mainly be for the church services, although help may be requested at other times. Contact Gene Rosburg or the office if you are interested. You will get training.

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

There is an increase again in CoVid and now RSV along with the viruses common in the fall and winter. These variants particularly affect small children and those over 65. We encourage congregants to do only as they feel comfortable for sharing the peace. Masks are optional but are available along with hand sanitizers at the church entrance and in the pews. You may hug, shake hands, touch elbows, wave or simply smile and say the words, as you feel comfortable. Be aware of the other person's preferences as well.

Quilting: No quilting on Monday May 26th—MEMORIAL DAY

The quilters continue to be busy. Anyone is welcome to join them on Mondays from 9 am to 11:30 am or so. Knitters and crocheters are also welcome. It is a great time to get out and socialize with others. During this time, we mainly tie the quilts. Most of the sewing is done at home. We welcome anyone to join us whenever they can.. Talk to Kandee. We will also provide you with donated materials we have. 40 quilts will be blessed on May 11th

We can always use donated materials. □ Our biggest need is always the back material for the quilt. Top sheets that are in good condition work great. □ Any cotton or cotton-blend fabric. □ We also will use polyester fabric. □ Other things that work and are in good condition include: drapes, table cloths, shower curtains, etc. We can also use □ Thread □ Yarn. Thank you,

Also thank Thrivent for their help. Through Thrivent Action Teams we purchase batting and fabric for quilt backs. If you have insurance or investments in Thrivent, you are usually eligible to write for grant moneys on each account . This money can be used to purchase materials. This can be worth two (action teams), worth \$250 each, to help pay for projects at church. Talk to Carol Roberts or Kandee Rosburg for more information.





Mission and Outreach Donations

JUNE 2025 SEAFARERS

June 1: Bar soap, deodorant, men's socks

June 8: Disposable razors, shaving cream

June 15: Toothpaste, toothbrushes

June 22: Small note pads, pens, playing cards

June 29: Word searches, small puzzles



Anniversary Chicken II

Chicken breasts browned and baked with soy, Parmesan cheese and a bacon/onion mixture. Simply delicious!

Prep Time: 15 mins **Cook Time:** 30 mins **Total Time:** 45 mins **Servings:** 6

Ingredients

- 1 pound thick cut bacon
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- ½ cup stir-fry sauce
- 1 cup Ranch-style salad dressing
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Heat a large skillet to medium heat and fry bacon until crisp. Drain and pat dry with paper towels; set aside. In the same skillet, saute onion in bacon fat until tender. Add to bacon and set aside.
3. In a separate large skillet, heat oil over medium high heat and brown chicken breasts. Place browned chicken in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish; pour stir-fry sauce over chicken, then spoon salad dressing onto each breast. Sprinkle with cheese, and top with the bacon mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and juices run clear.

Nutrition Facts

Calories 795

Total Fat 64g	Vitamin C 3mg
Saturated Fat 18g	Calcium 181mg
Cholesterol 143mg	Iron 2mg
Sodium 1478mg	Potassium 521mg
Total Carbohydrate 9g	Protein 42g
Dietary Fiber 0g	
Total Sugars 5g	





Script Cards

Think Spring! Are you planning some spring projects? Maybe some fixer upper jobs? Use gift cards from Menards, Lowes and Home Depot for those projects. You help the church while getting a jump on those projects. Feels really good!

As of MAY 22, the use of Scrip cards has raised \$693.69 for the church.

NEXT NEW CARD ORDER WILL go in Sunday June 2nd.

June 1st is the first Sunday of the month...which is **Mission Sunday!** Be generous with your Mission Sunday donations in the basket in the Narthex. All the money collected stays right in our community !!!

Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet

Thank you Diane Tomczak & Carol Arthur for continuing to maintain the closet. It is definitely being used by the community.

160 items were given out in APRIL. We only collect and distribute children's items. They should be clean and in good condition. The items will soon be switched over to spring and summer.

Contact Diane or Carol if you are willing to help.



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, Steve & Pat & Amanda Shaw, Roger Prescott, Lynne Hoff, Ralph Rolson, Jan Hendrickson, Meri Will, Clancy Johanneson, Chris Nelson, Barb Danielson & family (death of her brother), Julianne Koski.

Family Member: Mickie, Paulette Jokela, Dorothy Huffman, Beth Koos, Cathy Gibson Carlson, Jay Stromback

Friend/neighbor: Caleb Nelson, Sue Weber, Tanner T., Tim Meal

(Keeping Names on for 3 months. Let the office know if you want them put back on.)

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





OSLC Council Meeting May 20, 2025

Present: Steve Shaw, Bonnie Wentzel, Kandee Rosburg, Stephanie Shaw, Linda Clark, Dianne Tomczak, Dawn Wicklund, Ben Gaard, Pastor Sean Koos

The Board meeting started at 5:20 and opened with our Mission Statement, a devotion from Acts 16 and prayer.

Secretary's Report: as written in the board reports with the addition of the secretary being present at the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes, second and passed (M/S/P).

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported the income for April was \$15,185.17. Our expenses were \$16,069.24 for a loss of \$884.07 for the month. M/S/P

Board Reports:

Board of Education

The board did not meet due to illness.

Sunday School and Confirmation are done for the year.

Five 3rd and 4th graders getting bibles that were blessed on May 18th.

Two confirmands were confirmed on May 18th.

Graduation is on June 6th.

Community VBS will be June 16-20 with the theme "Epic Australian Adventure". VBS will include Pilgrim Lutheran, OSLC, Concordia Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, United Presbyterian, Faith Methodist and St. Albans Episcopal.

Deacons

Discussion of Easter services.

Discussion of the Third Grade Bibles embossed with the student's names, confirmands Tyler Dahl and Darren Porter and honoring of the Sunday School teachers for May 18th.

Baptism on the past Sunday and our first "on-line" sponsors for a baptism. Pastor and Jamie Koos will be attending camp this year.

Mission and Outreach

This month's donations will go to the Human Development Center, Project Reach Out for Youth.

There were 160 items given out from the clothes closet in April.

June's collections will be either for the Seafarers or CASDA. Cheri will give the list of items to be collected to Linda or Julianne to be posted in weekly announcements and the newsletter.

Stewardship

Discussed fall pledge drive. The Synod Theme is "God's Work, Our Hands".

Carol has another Thrivent grant for \$250 to go towards a new fundraiser.

We need an idea and a group willing to take it on.

Memorial gift from Carol can go towards the parking lot lights.

Trustees – Report as written.

Old Business:

Seeking a SWPL grant to help cover the parking lot lights and electrical upgrade.

The three spruce trees on the Wyoming side of the church have been trimmed up.

New Business:

Willet Stained Glass Studios proposed a complimentary stain glass inspection with no obligations. Approved by the Trustees.

Discussed the need to upgrade the existing phone system. Tabled the Spectrum VoIP option for further review and discussion.

Discussed computer and internet service needs.

Trustees to prepare a CLM Park Foundation grant application to help fund the phone, computer, internet service, parking lot lighting and floor replacement in the Christopher Lounge. (Request will be for \$10,000)

Council Added Business:

Trustees to discuss the re-keying or addition of a card reader to the door by the office at the next meeting.

M/S/P to accept the board reports.

Pastors Report:

Summer camp is the third week of July at Luther Point in Grantsburg.

Cookie fundraiser this month, planning another one in June.

Kwik Trip Car Wash cards fundraiser - will ask help from the Women cover the upfront cost for 25 cards. (\$15 for each card sold goes to the kids.)

Summer joint worship is usually in August. Breaking Chains is available to be here on September 21st but not August. Ask other Superior churches, Peace Lutheran (Popular), United Presbyterian and Faith Methodist to join in.

Concordia is working on getting the daycare into their building, but the daycare decided not to go forward (Shells Daycare). Is this something we are interested in looking into? Additional information on building and insurance needs to house a daycare at OSLC is needed. The council will think about the possibility and table the discussion until the next meeting.

Pastor got a YMCA membership, is it a possibility we can split the cost with Concordia? Look into insurance reimbursement as well.

M/S/P to accept the Pastors report.

Vision Victories:

Two kids confirmed.
Good rummage sale.
Sunday School year.
Quilts donated.

Ongoing Business:

Toilet (downstairs), parking lot lights, keys for door by office and daycare discussion.

New Business:

Use of parking lot on August 1-2 for the PEO group.

Use of building basement on November 18th, PEO group to make items to sell (porch pots).

M/S/P for approval for use of the facilities.

Motion to put a sign up that says Service Dogs are Allowed in the building. M/
S/P

Upcoming Events:

Graduate Sunday – June 8th.

Harbormasters are singing on July 13th at OSLC.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

All boards – June 10th.

Council – June 17th

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 (M/S/P), ended with the Lord's Prayer.



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 9:30am CHURCH SERVICE	<i>2</i> 9am QUILTING	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 9am NP Service 10:30am Bible Study 1:30pm Harmony Serv	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8 HONORING GRADUATES</i> 9:30am CHURCH SERVICE 10:30am Stewardship Mtg	<i>9</i> 9am QUILTING	<i>10</i> 4:30pm TRUSTEES 5:15pm ALL BOARDS	<i>11</i> 9am NP Service	<i>12</i> 10:30am Bible Study at Concordia	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15 Father's Day</i> 9:30am CHURCH SERVICE	<i>16</i> 8am –12 noon VBS STARTS at Concordia 9am QUILTING	<i>17</i> 8am –12 noon VBS at Concordia 5:15pm COUNCIL	<i>18</i> 8am –12 noon VBS at Concordia 9am NP Service 10:30am Bible Study 4:30pm CHOIR PRAC.	<i>19</i> 8am –12 noon VBS at Concordia	<i>20</i> 8am –12 noon VBS at Concordia	<i>21</i>
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