



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

SEPTEMBER 2025

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

It's exciting to start another program year. God was good to us this summer and provided rich ministry and faithful giving. We had two good sermon series on the books of Jeremiah and Revelation. We had a fruitful vacation Bible school early in the summer alongside our fellow Superior Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian members. It was especially fun to have an Australian theme to the program. We've already begun planning for next summer's collaborative VBS, probably towards the end of June. More to come in the months ahead.

Jamie and I had a great time at horse camp in July. It was fun to gather with the other Lutheran churches of Superior in Billings Park last month. I even managed to get some vacationing in to see family and do some camping. All in all, a full and joyful summer!

But it'll be good to send the kids back to the classrooms and resume regular ministry around the church this month. We'll shift our worship readings from sermon series to more continuous readings beginning with the book of Genesis. Sunday school and choir rehearsals at Our Savior's will resume as well.

We are going to try some new changes to the Sunday school and confirmation programs. Rather than being held concurrently during Sunday worship, our Sunday school classes will take place immediately after the service. Hopefully this will allow our young families to join us in worship and stay for fellowship while the kids are in classes. Also, we decided to shift our confirmation classes from Wednesday afternoons to Sunday evenings. There will be a confirmation orientation on Oct. 1st at 5:30 pm, and classes will begin on Oct. 5th, 5-6pm. We can really dedicate Sundays to youth education. Exciting new developments!

If there are any interested youth from Concordia, please talk with me about participating. God continues to bless both our congregations with growing ministries. Let us give him our thanks. Thanks be to God!

Blessings
Pastor Sean



Bible Studies SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesdays at Our Savior's 10:30am-11:30am

USING Microsoft Team platform NOW, no longer using Zoom

<https://teams.live.com/join/9334200729711?p=zxEcV9Xuhb6H9Cf8Jf>

09-03-25 Genesis 1:1-2:4a

1. How does the structured, orderly process of creation reflect God's nature?
2. What does it mean that God created man in His image and likeness?
3. How does the creation account show God's power and creativity?
4. What can we learn about God's character from the phrase, "And God saw that it was good"?
5. Why is it significant that God rested on the seventh day?
6. How does the creation of humanity differ from the creation of other beings?
7. What does it mean to have dominion and stewardship over creation?
8. How does the creation account inform our understanding of work and rest?
9. How does the creation account shape our understanding of marriage and family?
10. How does the creation account point to God's sovereignty and authority?

09-10-25 Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

1. How does the passage emphasize God's faithfulness to His promises?
2. What does the name Isaac mean, and how is it relevant to the story?
3. How does the birth of Isaac contrast with the earlier events in Genesis?
4. Why do you think God tested Abraham in this way? What was the purpose of the test?
5. How did Abraham demonstrate his faith and obedience in response to God's command?
6. What do you think was going through Abraham's mind as he prepared to sacrifice Isaac?
7. What does Abraham's statement, "God will provide," reveal about his faith in God's provision?
8. How did Abraham's faith in God's promise affect his actions during the test?
9. What does the angel's intervention signify about God's relationship with Abraham and His ultimate plan?
10. How does the story of Abraham's test reflect on the nature of obedience and trust in God in our lives today?

09-17-25 Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

1. Why did Isaac choose to bless Esau despite knowing God's prophecy about Jacob receiving the blessing (Genesis 25:23)? Was his failing eyesight a factor, or was he simply biased towards Esau?
2. What drove Rebekah to deceive Isaac and manipulate Jacob into stealing the blessing? Was it her desire to fulfill God's prophecy, or was it simply favoritism towards Jacob?
3. Why did Jacob agree to deceive his father, even though he knew it was wrong? Was he motivated by a desire for the blessing, a fear of his brother, or a combination of both?
4. How does Jacob's reaction to Rebekah's plan (his initial hesitation, followed by his participation) reveal aspects of his character?
5. How does the theme of deception play out in this passage? Discuss the ethical implications of Rebekah and Jacob's actions.
6. What is the significance of the "blessing" in this context? How does it differ from a simple wish or prayer?
7. How does this episode illustrate the dynamics of favoritism within families and its potential consequences?
8. How does this dream relate to God's relationship with humanity?
9. Why do you think God chose to speak to Jacob through a dream?
10. How do God's promises to Jacob compare with the promises made to Abraham?

09-24-25 Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

1. Exodus 2:25 states that God "saw" and "knew" the Israelites' suffering. Does this mean God was previously unaware? Or does it highlight God's intimate, personal knowledge of their situation?
2. What does it mean that God "heard" the Israelites' groaning? Is this simply a passive hearing, or does it imply a deeper level of engagement and a call to action?
3. Why do you think God chose to appear to Moses in the form of a burning bush that wasn't consumed? What does this imagery suggest about God's nature and power?
4. What does God's declaration "I AM WHO I AM" reveal about His nature? How does this name connect with His previous actions and promises to the Israelites?
5. Why do you think Moses was hesitant to accept God's call, even after witnessing the burning bush and receiving God's assurance?
6. What can we learn from Moses's conversation with God about faith, doubt, and obedience?
7. What does God's revelation of His name, "I AM," mean for Moses and for us?
8. What does God's response reveal about his character and his plans for Moses?
9. How does God's assurance to Moses in verse 12 relate to 2 Corinthians 12:9-10?
10. How does God use imperfect people to accomplish His purposes?



Education Corner:



Confirmation

There always seem to be conflicts between scheduling our activities with school activities. So for the 2025-26 /year, again we are going to try something new. Confirmation classes will be **on-Sunday evening at 5:00– 6:00 p.m.. This will start in October and then continue through all of May.** As always, your comments are appreciated

There will be an orientation for all parents and students on October 1st at 5:30 p.m.. The expectations and requirements for being confirmed will be discussed. Confirmation will then begin on October 5th at 5 p.m.

Sunday School

We are also making changes to the Sunday School schedule.. It will remain on Sunday morning but be held after the church service.. The students should attend the service with their families. Pastor will do a children's sermon, but the students should then return to their families .for the rest of the service.. After completion of the service (~10:30 a.m.) they should go to the fellowship hall for Sunday School.. We invite those who brought the children to remain upstairs for coffee and fellowship with other members of the church. Sunday School will then end about 11:15 a.m.

Adult Education

Bible Studies continue at 10:30am on Wednesdays.





So good to see Marcy back in church. She even came with Jim on August 20th to count money. THANK YOU BOTH for your commitment to OSLC and all your years of being the Financial Secretaries.

Service Attendants for SEPTEMBER

Steward: Kandee Rosburg

Deacon: Bonnie Wentzel

Altar Guild: Barb Danielson & Kim Erickson

Acolytes Confirmation starting in October

Choir will start on Sunday, September 7th at 8:45am.

First Wednesday rehearsal will be September 10th.

SEPTEMBER



ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis and Sharon Schultz 01-Sep

Gretchen Lisdahl	01-Sep
Dawn Wicklund	03-Sep
Nelson Netland	06-Sep
Ashlee Wicklund	07-Sep
David Carlson	08-Sep
Gene Rosburg	08-Sep
Henry Schultz,	08-Sep
Helen Ardell	09-Sep
Jan Hendrickson	11-Sep
Patricia Johnson	13-Sep
Cameran Carlson	13-Sep
Megan Westlund	13-Sep
Adam Young	14-Sep
Joseph Bowser	16-Sep
Megan Birk	16-Sep
Jim Rigstad	17-Sep
Karen Cirilli	17-Sep
Vivian Willoughby	19-Sep
Andrew Nelson	23-Sep
Richard Taber	23-Sep
Ed Willie	25-Sep
Joshua Tomczak	26-Sep
Rachel Tomczak	26-Sep
Pamela Oviatt	26-Sep
Leonard Wicklund	28-Sep
Christine Carlson	28-Sep

.....CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

AUGUST 17TH COMBINED SERVICE AT BILLINGS PARK

The combined service was great! THANKYOU to all who attended and brought food. The next combined service will be February 15th at Pilgrim, At that time we will be meeting Bishop Martin.





The group “**Breaking Chains**” will lead the service on September 21st. They provide music and ministry. This is the group that performed 2 years ago at Pilgrim. We hope to have a good turnout so we’ll see you there..





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.



Hospital or Shut-in

If you are going in the hospital, or know of someone in the hospital, please let the office know so Pastor can visit. The same would apply for any shut-in that we may not be aware of.



Sharing the Peace

It seems that no matter the season, CoVid and RSV viruses are always around. 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:

A HUGE THANKYOU TO THE QUILTERS....they were able to donate quilts to the International Students at UWS. Between all the congregations over 40 quilts were collected.

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.**

We can always use donated materials. WE COULD USE SOME **MILK CRATES** IF ANYONE HAS THEM LAYING AROUND. (For storing our yarn) 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 and Yarn. Thank you,





Mission and Outreach Donations

SEPTEMBER 2025

Salvation Army

Sept 7: Stuffing, Instant mashed potatoes, Scalloped potato mixes, canned sweet potatoes

Sept 14: Canned fruits and vegetables, Cranberry sauce

Sept 21: Pudding mix, Jello mix, Muffin mix, Cake mix and frosting.

Sept 28: Canned pumpkin, pumpkin spice, pie crust mix, evaporated milk





SCRIP CARDS

Think **FALL, BACK TO SCHOOL** and **HOLIDAYS!** Changing colors of the leaves and cooler weather. The **KIDS** get to go back to school **AND** before you know it Christmas will be here. Use gift cards for every day purchases, i.e., gas, groceries, back to school supplies. Think forward to the holidays where you can purchase holiday gifts with them or use the cards themselves as holiday gifts. Remember you help the church when you purchase Scrip cards.

NEXT Scrip order will go in on September 14th.

As of August 13th, the use of Scrip cards has raised \$1,125 for the church.

September 7th is the first Sunday of the month, **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.

110 items were given out in August. We only collect and distribute children's items, newborn to teen. They should be clean and in good condition. Contact Diane or Carol if you are willing to help.

FROM STEWARDSHIP: THIRD PRINCIPAL

*When Apostle Paul wrote to the churches in Macedonia, he encouraged them with seven principles of Stewardship that still apply for us. The third is **ABUNDANT JOY**.* Even in extreme poverty the Macedonian church had an overflow of joy. This inward happiness and serenity comes from living close to God, letting the eternal spirit of the Father dwell in our souls and bodies filling every corner of our hearts with light, grace and good courage. As we share this spirit with others, we reinforce our own joy while giving God thanks for all things.



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.

Family of: Pat Shaw

Worship Support Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Steve & Amanda Shaw, Jan Hendrickson, Meri Will, Ralph Rolson

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

Friend/neighbor: Jamie B, Chris Nelson, Tanner Thompson, Sue Weber, Tim Meal, David Olson, Arlene, John Manion

(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 AUGUST 16, 2025

OSLC Council minutes August 19, 2025

Meeting opened at 5:18 by President Ben.

Recited mission statement.

Devotions: Revelation 8. God is in the midst of our suffering.

No additions to the agenda.

Reviewed the minutes from the June meeting. MSA

Treasurers report:

June receipts 20,038.83, expenses 11,509.37 Net income 8,529.46

This includes 10,000 grant money.

July receipts 14,050.55, expenses 12,571.79 Net income 1,478.79

MSA

Board reports:

Education: Sunday School will be after worship on Sunday, 10:30. Begins Sept. 7th.

Confirmation will be at 5:00 on Sundays, beginning the end of October thru May.

Hoping to encourage parents to stay for coffee hour to wait for children.

Deacons: No meeting in August.

Mission and Outreach: National night out went well. Collections for September and October will be for the Salvation and Army. Thank you's received from Salvation Army and CASDA. Committee Suggested a 300.00 donation to Second Harvest food bank.

Stewardship: Sharing our faith, securing our future is the theme the stewardship drive.



OSLC Council Meeting AUGUST 19, 2025

OSLC Council minutes August 19, 2025 (cont)

Trustees: Lock up schedule in place. Stained glass window inspection was done. No further action to be taken at this time. New phone service is being looked into. Parking lot lighting and repairs, and clean and paint steel supports at the entrance. Supplies estimated at 6,000. Work will be completed by trustees. Funds from grant will be used for these projects.

New Business: Daycare. Much discussion about creating a space for a daycare. Trustees asking for helpful suggestions, etc. to move forward with this. We are waiting for a few insurance quotes before deciding to continue with our present provider or go with a new one.

Approval of Board Reports: MSA

Pastor's report: Pat Shaw's funeral Saturday August 23rd. Synod fall Pastors retreat will be in Hudson, WI August 24 - 26th.

Vision Victories: Liv's baptism, National night Out, finances look good for summer months.

Ongoing business: Only service dogs allowed in the building.

New Business: Staff support needs to meet before the end of the year. Ben and committee will see that it gets done.

Credit card for office staff. Motion made and approved. Looking for a co-chair for the pie sale to be held Nov. 8th or 15th.

Upcoming events: Breaking Chains will lead worship on Sept. 21st. The start of confirmation and Sunday School.

Upcoming meetings: All boards Sept. 9th, council Sept. 16th.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer 6:40.

Respectfully submitted

Bonnie

UPCOMING EVENTS — OTHER CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH—Ham and Meatloaf Dinner at St. William Catholic Church. 11:30am to 4pm. Adults \$15, Children under 12 \$5, Preschoolers free. 1 mile west of Hwy 35 (Pattison Park) on County Rd B .. South of Superior.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH—Harvest dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lake Nebagamon. Silent Auction for Quilts. Roast Beef Dinner. 4pm to 6:30pm. Adults \$16, Age 6-12 \$8, Age 5 and under free. 11416 E 1st Street North, Lake Nebagamon.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH—Craft and Vendor Show, 9am to 3pm, Food will be served. 4916 S. State Rd 35, Superior.

September

2025

OSLC- Superior, WI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day Office closed		9am NP SERVICE 10:30am BIBLE STUDY 1:30pm HARMONY Bible.Study			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45am CHOIR 9:30am CHURCH SERVICE 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL	9am QUILTING	4:30pm TRUSTEES 5:15pm ALL BOARDS	9am NP SERVICE 10:30am BIBLE STUDY 4:30pm CHOIR			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am CHOIR 9:30 CHURCH SERVICE 10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL	9am QUILTING	5:15pm COUNCIL	9am NP SERVICE 10:30am BIBLE STUDY 4:30pm CHOIR 5:30pm MUSIC COMMITTEE			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am CHURCH SERVICE- BREAKING CHAINS Outdoor Service weather permitting. Bring a dish - Potluck to Follow	9am QUILTING		9am NP SERVICE 10:30am BIBLE STUDY 1:30pm HARMONY SERV 4:30pm CHOIR			
28	29	30	1st of OCTOBER			
8:45am CHOIR 9:30am CHURCH SERVICE 10:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL	9am QUILTING		4:30pm CHOIR 5:30pm CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION			