



2025

Sharing the Joy

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA

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& your President's Message

PASTOR KOOS' REPORT

OCTOBER 2025

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Phew, what a month it was last month! Between the Sunday school and choir resuming at Our Savior's, gathering for a combined service led by the band, "Breaking Chains," hosting a rummage sale at Concordia, and preparing for the confirmation class to resume this month, we were definitely busy. And what a blessing it was to be busy! That means we're doing what God wants us to do: build a ministry and be the body of Christ in this world. I feel very privileged to be serving both our congregations and am excited for what awaits us in the year ahead. God continues to bless us with steady giving and participation, and I trust He will continue to do so. I'm glad our vision meetings have resumed at Concordia. They have sparked some great ministry ideas in the last year and a half. Things are happening at both congregations, slowly but surely. Hopefully the parking lot at Concordia will be paved over before the snow flies. Be sure to sign up for the "Leaf Bus Tour of the Northwoods" at Concordia on Oct. 5. As I mentioned earlier, confirmation classes will resume this month with an orientation on Oct. 1 and first class on Oct. 5. Be sure to get your kids enrolled asap. Also, Our Savior's will be holding a new member class before service on Oct. 5, and members will be inducted during service the following week. Reach out to me or Linda in the office if you're interested in becoming a new member. We'd gladly welcome you into our congregation! Whether you're able to make the leaf tour or not, I pray you'll revel in the beautiful fall colors this month. God is good and has created a beautiful world for us to behold. Thanks be to God!

Fall blessings,
Pastor Sean

From your President, Ben Gaard,

"Happy Fall OSLC friends! The start of the new program year has arrived and I want to thank everyone who has helped in planning, preparing, and executing a successful kickoff! As always, the boards have a lot of fun events planned for us over the year so if any of you are interested in helping please reach out! I hope everyone is soaking in this beautiful fall season and I look forward to seeing you all in church!"

Ben



Bible Studies October 2025
Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

10-01-25 Exodus 16:1-18

1. What were the specific complaints of the Israelites in Exodus 16, and why were they problematic?
2. What does their selective memory of their time in Egypt reveal about their hearts?
3. How did God provide for the Israelites' hunger, and what did He reveal about His nature?
4. What was the purpose of the instruction to gather only a day's portion of manna?
5. How does the principle of Sabbath rest apply to our fast-paced lives today?
6. What challenges does the need to gather daily bread (manna) present, and what do these challenges teach us about trusting God's provision?
7. In what ways might God be testing our obedience today?
8. How can we cultivate a spirit of contentment and avoid a complaining spirit?
9. What parallels can be drawn between the Israelites' spiritual journey in the desert and our own faith journeys?
10. What does it mean for Jesus to be the "Bread of Life," and how does that concept relate to manna and our daily needs?

10-08-25 1 Samuel 3:1-21

1. What personal distractions do we need to limit or eliminate to be more attentive to God's voice in our daily lives?
2. How did the spiritual atmosphere in the Temple (Eli's blindness, the dim lamp) set the stage for Samuel's experience? What can you learn from this about creating an environment where God's voice can be heard?
3. What does it mean that "the word of the LORD was rare in those days" (v. 1)?
4. How does Samuel's humble and obedient response to the voice of God demonstrate surrender to His will? How does this contrast with the response of Eli's sons?
5. What is the significance of God calling a young boy like Samuel to be his prophet?
6. What does it mean that God "let none of his words fall to the ground" (v. 19)?
7. What does this reveal about the nature of spiritual influence vs personal choice?
8. How does the certainty of God's judgment affect the way we approach living our lives?
9. How would we handle having to share unpleasant truths to someone we respect?
10. What can we learn about God's sovereignty and his faithfulness to His promises?

10-15-25 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

1. Why does God send Samuel to anoint a new king? How has Saul failed?
2. Samuel expresses fear about carrying out God's command. Is this a rational fear, and how does God address it?
3. Why was David not present for the initial inspection? What does this detail reveal about his position within his own family?
4. What does vs. 7 tell us about God's values?
5. Does vs 12 contradict God's earlier statement about not looking at outward appearance?

BIBLE STUDY CONT.

6. What does the arrival of the Holy Spirit signify for David and his future kingship?
7. David is anointed king while Saul is still on the throne. What does this reveal about God's timing versus human timing?
8. How does God's choice of the youngest and seemingly least significant son align with other instances in the Bible where God elevates the humble?
9. In what ways are we tempted to judge people based on first impressions?
10. How can we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us so that we develop a heart that is pleasing to God?

10-22-25 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

1. How does Solomon's reasoning for building the temple reflect his understanding of God's covenant with David?
2. How did God's granting Solomon rest from his enemies enable him to undertake this significant building project?
3. What does Solomon's respectful and strategic interaction with King Hiram teach us about effective communication and diplomacy?
4. How does this show the principle of mutual benefit and peaceful cooperation?
5. In what way did David's inability to build the temple (v. 3) and Solomon's building of it (v. 5) demonstrate God's faithfulness and fulfillment of His word?
6. How did King Hiram's response serve as an unexpected testimony to the power of God?
7. How does Solomon exercise wisdom in preparing for a large project?
8. What can we learn from Solomon's thorough preparation in our own lives?
9. In what ways can we take advantage of seasons of peace to build God's kingdom?
10. How does Solomon's desire to build a house for God's name inspire us to undertake great things for God's honor in our own lives?

10-29-25 1 Kings 19:1-18

1. How does Elijah's reaction to Jezebel's threat, including his desire to die, reveal his fear, exhaustion, and despair after his victory on Mount Carmel?
2. What does the angel's help for Elijah teach us about God's concern for his people?
3. God asks Elijah, "What are you doing here?" twice. How does this question reveal God's continued engagement and presence with Elijah, even in his despondent state?
4. How can we seek God's refreshing presence during our own times of intense fear?
5. Why do you think God chose the subtle method of a whisper to reveal Himself?
6. What is the significance of God asking Elijah, "What are you doing here?," on Mt. Horeb?
7. How does the revelation of God in the whisper contrast with the way Elijah might have expected to hear from God?
8. What does God's revelation of 7,000 faithful prophets tell us about his perspective?
9. How did God recommission Elijah and give him a new assignment?
10. What do we learn about obedience and following God's call through Elijah's encounter with Elisha?



****TRYING SOMETHING
NEW THIS YEAR****

EDUCATION CORNER



Confirmation

Orientation for all parents and students is on Wednesday, 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

Sunday School remains on Sunday mornings, however, it's now after the 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 (around 10:30 a.m.) they should go to the fellowship hall downstairs 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.



PASTOR KOOS' FALL VISITATION

SCHEDULE Oct-Nov 2025

Oct 1-5

OSLC: George & Letha Bennis, Rose Reijo, Meri Will
CLC: Gloria Sloan

Oct 6-12

OSLC: Jan Henrickson, Barb Danielson, Tom & Marian Simon
CLC: Ed Lindegren

Oct 13-19

OSLC: Bea Erickson, Jack & Carol Arthur, Al & Arlene Knase
CLC: Shirley Brandser

Oct 20-26

OSLC: Sheryl Aamodt, Dave Kringle, Renada Fall
CLC: Patsy Luder

Oct 27-Nov 2

OSLC: Dean Wilner, Julianne Koski, Audrey Larson
CLC: -----

Nov 3-9

OSLC: Richard & Linda Taber, Rusty Carlson, Eileen Gilbertson
CLC: -----

Service Attendants for OCTOBER

Steward: Carol Roberts/Kandee Rosburg

Deacon: Len Wicklund

Altar Guild: Dave Kringle & Rose Reijo

Acolytes Confirmation starts October 5th

Stewardship Pledge Drive for 2026

*The Pledge Drive will begin October 19th and end November 16th. Out theme this year is **"Sharing our faith. Securing our future."** We will be giving out the letter at church on Oct. 19th to save money on postage. Those that aren't in attendance will get their letter in the mail.*

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED.....



THE WEEDS ARE GONE IN THE THIRD ROCK ISLAND IN THE PARKING LOT.

Coleton Gran had to have some community service hours for graduation so came and pulled weeds.

HOPEFULLY NEXT YEAR WE CAN TACKLE IN THE SPRING.

**HEY STUDENTS—
REMEMBER YOUR
CHURCH WHEN YOU
NEED COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS.**

THE WALLS IN THE DOWNSTAIRS FELLOWSHIP HALL NO LONGER HAVE THE WATER STAINS ON THEM.

RICK HAS BEEN BUSY SCRAPING, PREPPING AND PAINTING THEM. THEY LOOK MUCH BETTER!

OCTOBER



ANNIVERSARIES

Chantelle Gregory	01-Oct
Tara Carlson	02-Oct
Kerri Nelson	03-Oct
Colton Roeber	04-Oct
Eric Skudstad	06-Oct
Norma Larson	07-Oct
Nathan Young (Nate)	10-Oct
Linda Taber	11-Oct
Bonnie Wentzel	14-Oct
Dianne Tomczak	15-Oct
Meri Will	16-Oct
Jeff Liebaert	17-Oct
Kim Lozon	19-Oct
Taylor Gaard	22-Oct
Ben Gaard	26-Oct
Maggie Nelson	26-Oct
Lorie Skudstad	27-Oct
Dale Nummi	29-Oct

Alan and Karen Cirilli	13-Oct
Tim and Kerri Nelson	13-Oct
Jim and Kim Erickson	15-Oct
Dale and Sharon Nummi	23-Oct

The group “**Breaking Chains**” led the service on September 21st. They provided music (a little bit loud) and ministry.



We had a great turn-out, total of 85 came and listened and around 55-60 went down for food. **Between the two churches, Ben Gaard, our President, and others that donated, we were able to raise \$750 for the group. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!!**



AUDIOVISUAL ASSISTANTS

WOULD LOVE A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS to help out Gene 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.



Mission and Outreach Donations

OCTOBER 2025

Salvation Army

Oct 5: Cream of mushroom or other cream soups, gravy, french fried onions

Oct 12: Scalloped potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes

Oct 19: Turkey gravy mix, jars of gravy, french fried onions

Oct 26: Canned vegetables, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, cake mixes and ready to spread frosting

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE

DAY CARE COMMITTEE

The Trustees have tabled the decision to move forward with a Day Care until we look into everything before making a decision.

Please consider helping out. Let the office know if you are interested.



OSLC Fall Pie Fundraiser



PICK 'EM UP
Saturday
November 15th
4 O'Clock ~ ish

**Pre-Order Encouraged*



\$18 per PIE

~ or ~

2 for \$35!!



Fresh Baked and Frozen
♦ **Apple**

2nd Annual Pie Sale is scheduled for Nov 14 & 15

Mark your calendars! Save the dates!

*****BUT WE NEED YOU BEFORE NOV 14 & 15*****

OCTOBER 11th from 9-1pm we will be peeling, slicing and freezing apples for the pies. Bring your peelers!!

Bonnie Wentzel will be there to direct the work.

WE NEED PRE-SALES OF THE PIES

Apple / Dutch Apple / Pumpkin

\$18 per pie or two for \$35 (large pies)

NEED VOLUNTEERS

- Friday, Nov 14, 9-3pm: Making 100 double crust apple pies
- Saturday, Nov 15, 9-3pm: Rolling our more crusts, mixing pumpkin pies and baking them.



QUILTING:

The quilters have been busy again this summer! **WE BLESSED 40 MORE QUILTS** on Sunday, September 28. **THANK YOU QUILTERS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!** These will be going to Faith United Methodist and Ruth House.

Come and help us.

Anyone is welcome to join them on **Mondays from 9 am to 11:30/12** or so. **Knitters and crocheters are also welcome.** It is a great time to get out and socialize with others. During this time they tie the quilts. Come for the fellowship!

Sewing at home.

The sewing is done at home and they welcome anyone who wants to sew quilt tops at home (talk to Kandee about that). They will provide you with donated materials.

Donated materials Quilters can Always use.

- Their 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.
- They also will use polyester fabric.
- Drapes, table cloths, shower curtains that are in good condition also work well.
- Thread
- Yarn

Thank you Thrivent!!!

Through **Thrivent Action Teams** the quilters are able to purchase batting and fabric for quilt backs. **If you have insurance or investments in Thrivent, you are most likely eligible to write for moneys on each account that can be used to purchase materials, which can be worth two (action teams). Each worth \$250!** This would help pay for projects at church. Talk to Carol Roberts or Kandee Rosburg about this.

SCRIP CARDS

Think **FALL** and **HOLIDAYS!** Changing colors of the leaves and cooler weather. Before you know it Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here. Use gift cards for every day purchases, i.e., gas, groceries, and for holiday gifts. Remember you help the church when you purchase Scrip cards.

NEXT Scrip order will go in on October 26th.

As of September 30th, the use of Scrip cards has raised \$1,511 for the church.

Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet

Diane Tomczak & Carol Arthur continue to maintain the closet. It is definitely being used by the community.

152 items were given out in SEPTEMBER. 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 them. Even if you can only give a few hours, we would love the help.

FROM STEWARDSHIP: FOURTH PRINCIPAL

*When Apostle Paul wrote to the churches in Macedonia, he encouraged them with seven principles of Stewardship that still apply for us. **The fourth is Give Freely.** In 2 Corinthians 8:3, Paul wrote "For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means". God loves a cheerful giver. We should happily give our offerings and gifts to enable our church to function and be able to help and encourage those in need. Our donations to local food shelves, community organizations, and children's clothes closet are some of the ways we Give Freely.*



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 & Amanda Shaw, Ralph Rolson

Family Member: Dorothy Huffman, Beth Koos, Cathy Carlson, Jay Stromback, Tori K, Bill Janovick, Mickie Cooke

Friend/neighbor: Jamie B, Chris Nelson, Tanner Thompson, Sue Weber, Tim Meal, David Olson, John Manion, Lillian Lisak, James Wermter, Jane Farmer, Pastor Schwantes

(Keeping Names on for 4 weeks. 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.



**TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT OUR
FESTIVE CREATIONS VENDOR
FAIR on December 6th**

Ideas for the Themed Baskets Raffle.

.....BAKE IT.....

Pizza Cupcakes

1 can Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
½ cup pizza sauce
¼ cup mini pepperoni slices
¼ pound mild Italian sausage, cooked and drained
½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
Optional: Your favorite pizza toppings

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray 8 regular size muffin cups with cooking spray. Unroll dough; separate into 8 triangles. Press into muffin cups.

In small bowl, mix sauce, pepperoni, sausage, your favorite pizza toppings and ¼ cup of the cheese. Spoon about 2 tablespoons mixture into each dough-lined cup; sprinkle each with about 1 teaspoon additional cheese.

Bake 16 to 18 minutes or until lightly browned. Immediately remove from cups and serve.

Rhubarb Dessert

Cook 4 cups diced rhubarb and while hot add 2 cups sugar and 1 pkg of strawberry jello. Stir. Add 32 sm marshmallows and stir until melted. Cool. Add 1 pint of cream (whipped). Put in a graham cracker crust in 9x13 pan and sprinkle with toasted coconut on top.



OSLC Council Meeting SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Present: Steve Shaw, Stephanie Shaw, Linda Clark, Bonnie Wentzel, Jeff Skrenes, Kandee Rosburg, Dianne Tomczak, Carol Authur, Ben Gaard, Jim Erickson, Dawn Wicklund, Pastor Sean Koos

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

Secretary's Report: Approved as written in the board reports. Motion to approve the minutes, second and passed (M/S/P).

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie reported an income of \$ 7,853.36 and expenses of \$11,040.37 for a loss of \$3,187.01 for the month.

Board Reports:

Board of Education

Reviewed expectations for the Confirmation Students, including acolyte duties, Reading the first Sunday of the month and Bible Camp.

Fund raisers for youth camp. Discussed a number of possibilities including spaghetti dinner, car wash cards, and pizza sales.

Discussed a chili fundraiser the Sunday before the Super Bowl
Sunday School is going well so far, it is starting after the service is finished.
The front middle, unbolted door is left open and will be locked by the last teacher to leave.

Deacons

Len is the Deacon for October.

The Sunday Breaking Chains service will be inside because of unpredictable weather.

Mission and Outreach –

Barb delivered items collected for Faith United Methodist Food Pantry in August. We are collecting for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Baskets in September and October.

We received a Thrivent card from one of our members and Thrivent to help with items for the Threads of Hope Clothes Closet and were able to purchase 74 items for boys and 25 items for girls. We are currently switching from Spring/Summer items to Fall/Winter items. The reorganization should be completed in October.

The Threads of Hope Clothes Closet provided 99 items in August to our clothes closet visitors.

Threads of Hope business cards were recently discovered. Dianne and Carol will post them on bulletin boards around Superior.

Stewardship is down to 3 members.

Created the pledge drive letters. Kandee will get the Pledge Drive cards ready.

Creating a list of things that can be done around the church. Will make sign up sheets for each of the items so our church family can sign up for things they are interested in.

Checking other options for receiving offerings through text, Vanco, etc.

Trustees – Report as written.

Old Business:

Insurance is due again. Costs have increased significantly due to the increase of claims. Switching from Acuity to Fremont. Our deductible will go up significantly for some items.

Stain glass repair and cleaning – proposals from \$12,000 - \$20,561. Decision not to proceed with the repairs at this time due to budget constraints.

Parking lot light repair and upgrade – the light fixtures are here and will be installed in the next 2 weeks.

Phone system was discussed and tabled.

New Business:

An interested party approached the church to lease space for a day care. The trustees discussed a wide range of concern including rent revenues, increased utility expenses, space requirements, fence needs, capitol improvements, impact on insurance or tax-exempt status, etc. Also discussed how bringing young families to the church for daycare may lead to new members. The trustees recommend the Council set up a committee to study the feasibility of renting space to a day care provider.

We have used Badger for snow plowing for years. They have sold the business. Rick is reviewing our options. We will add Concordia to the plowing discussion.

M/S/P to accept the board reports.

Pastors Report:

We will be setting up for the Breaking Chains service on Saturday. It was switched from a barbeque to hot dishes because of weather unpredictability.

Each church will give \$100.00. Ben and Taylor will donate the rest.

A new member class will be held on October 5th after the service with new members being inducted the following Sunday.

M/S/P

Vision Victories:

The coffee hour after service was well attended.
First week of Sunday School.

Ongoing Business: None

Upcoming Events:

Breaking Chains at Sunday Service (9/21/25). Food will be set up downstairs in the kitchen.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

All Boards on 10/14/25
Council on 10/21/25

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 (M/S/P), ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Dawn Wicklund

October

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2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			9am NP SERVICE 10:30am BIBLE STUDY 1:30pm HARMONY HS 4:30pm CHOIR 5:30pm CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30am NEW MEMBER MTG 8:45am CHOIR 9:30am SERVICE 10:30am SUNDAY SCH & FELLOWSHIP 5:30am CONFIRMATION	9am QUILTING		9am NP SERVICE 10:30am BIBLE STUDY 4:30pm CHOIR			9-1pm APPLE PEELING DAY AT CHURCH
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