

2026

Sharing the Joy

Mission Statement:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church celebrates with joy a life in Christ to be shared with others.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship

ELCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Pastor Sean Koos



PASTOR KOOS' REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

Pastor's Report February 2026

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

It's always exciting to start a new year...exciting and a little bit unnerving. We can leave the trials of last year and focus on the tribulations of the year ahead. Sure, there will be challenges that arise but they don't have to be stumbling blocks for us. We can adapt and grow along the way. You've heard me say it many times before but I firmly believe that God only expects one thing from us in this world—to grow. Grow in our relationships, grow in our self-awareness, and grow in our presence. God doesn't like stagnation and we can either grow ourselves or He'll grow us. I've found that if you wait for him to do it, then it'll invariably be uncomfortable growth. It's best to take the initiative on it.

There was a lot of growth for both Our Savior's and Concordia last year that I recalled in last month's newsletter. I think that was only the beginning of it though. I'd like to establish a visioning committee at Our Savior's much like the one established at Concordia a couple years ago. I'd like to explore new ways of doing ministry and new sources of income. I'd like to grow our outreach and youth ministries and perhaps establish a social justice ministry. Both our congregations need to expand our participation and outreach to the larger community of Superior. We don't know what the year has in store for us but I am confident that God will be with us. We need to try new things and stretch beyond our familiar models of ministry. God will strengthen us and protect us along the way. I'm excited and hope you are too!

Blessings,
Pastor Sean

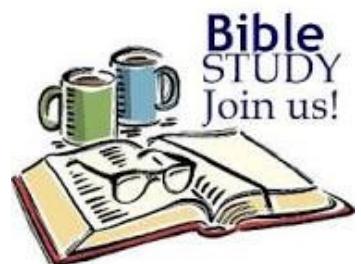


Bible Studies, February 2026
Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

Bible Study pg 1

02-04-26 John 4:46-54; 5:1-18

1. How does the official's faith in v 49 differ from his belief in v 53? Is there a difference between believing *about* Jesus and believing *in* Jesus?
2. What does it mean to "take Jesus at His Word" (v. 50), and how does this challenge the idea that seeing is believing?
3. What does this miracle reveal about Jesus' power over sickness, time, and distance?
4. Why does Jesus say, "Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe?"
5. How does this story show Jesus' concern for the individual?
6. What was the official's priority (his son's life), and how did it compare to Jesus' priority (deeper spiritual transformation)?
7. What did the official gain beyond the physical healing?
8. Why do you think Jesus asked the man at the pool, "Do you want to get well?"
9. What is the significance of the man carrying his mat (bed) on the Sabbath?
10. How can we fall into the trap of focusing on religious rules rather than the heart of God's love and mission?



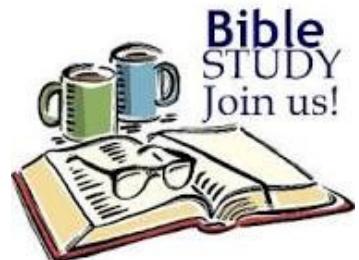


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Bible Study pg 2

02-11-26 *John 9:1-41*

1. How does Jesus' response to the disciples (v. 3) challenge common ideas about suffering and sin?
2. Why did Jesus use mud and spittle (v. 6), and what does this intimate interaction teach us about God's touch?
3. What does the man's lifelong blindness represent, and how is spiritual blindness (v. 41) a greater problem?
4. How does the story show Jesus seeing people others ignore (v. 2)?
5. What shows the man's trust in Jesus (v. 7)?
6. How does the healed man's journey of understanding Jesus' identity develop (vv. 11, 15, 25, 38)?
7. What does the expulsion from the synagogue (v. 34) teach about the cost of discipleship?
8. Why were the Pharisees so determined to deny the miracle (vv. 18, 22, 29)? What does their interrogation reveal about their hearts?
9. How does the man's parents' fear compare to our own willingness to stand for our faith?
10. What can we learn from the blind man's bold testimony ("One thing I know...") when facing critics?



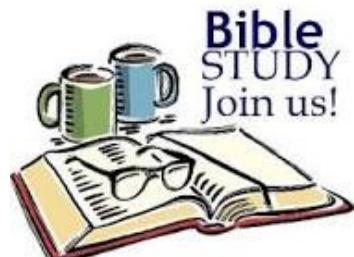


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Bible Study pg 3

02-18-26 John 11:1-44

1. Why did Jesus wait two days after hearing Lazarus was sick before going to Judea?
2. How did the disciples' fear of being stoned in Judea (v. 8) compare to Jesus' willingness to face death for God's glory?
3. What did Jesus mean by "this sickness will not end in death, but is for the glory of God" (v. 4)?
4. How did Martha's initial words (v. 21) show both faith and a lack of full understanding?
5. Compare Martha's and Mary's responses (vv. 20-22 vs. 32). Who did they blame?
6. When Jesus asked, "Do you believe this?" (v. 26), what was Martha truly being asked to believe beyond future resurrection?
7. What does Jesus' statement, "I am the resurrection and the life" (v. 25), reveal about his power over death?
8. Why did Jesus weep (vv. 33-35)?
9. How does this miracle serve as a sign pointing to Jesus as the Messiah?
10. How does believing Jesus is the "resurrection and the life" change our perspective?



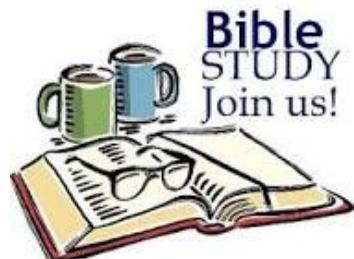


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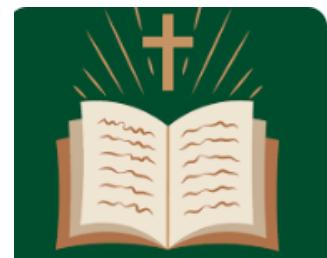
Bible Study pg 4

02-25-26 John 13:1-17

1. What knowledge did Jesus possess that enabled or complicated his humble act?
2. How does this act challenge our view of God's power and character?
3. What does Jesus's foreknowledge of betrayal reveal about his mission and love?
4. What does Jesus's act teach about authentic leadership and servanthood?
5. How easy or difficult is it for us to be served by others?
6. What does it mean to "wash feet" in our daily lives (home, work, church)?
7. How does this passage redefine love (emotional vs. action)?
8. What does Jesus mean, "you do not understand now, but you will understand later?"
9. How can we *practically* apply Jesus's new commandment to love as he loved us?
10. How does this passage challenge societal norms of status and power?



EDUCATION CORNER



The Sunday School project is from the lesson on “Jesus Feeds 5000.” Both teachers, Steph and Jeff helped them out.

The Confirmation class is going strong. Lincoln, Nelson, Trevor, Jamie and Pastor Koos.



Adult Education—Bible Study 10:30am on Wednesdays

PRAYER VIGIL WAS HELD JAN 26



You are invited to

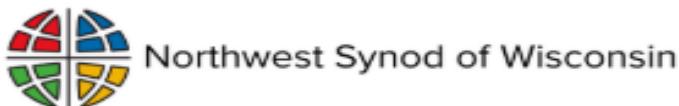
A Vigil of Prayer and Lament

In solidarity with our neighbors whose families and communities have been torn apart.

Monday,
January 26th
6:00

Center City Park
(By the library)
Superior, WI

Those interested in joining together for a Social Justice Committee, please let Pastor or Linda know. Would like a committee to approve what OSLC will post to Facebook and the Web.



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

What we believe.....Their link is : <https://nswi.org/> for more information

- Our values are grounded in faith
- Forgiveness and reconciliation
- Dignity, compassion and justice
- Inclusion and diversity
- Courage and openness to change
- Faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts

Racial Justice & Equity Statement

The people and congregations of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin believe we are a stronger and better church and society when we walk together instead of separated by skin color or ethnicity. In response to the history of injustice and racism in America, the congregations of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin reject systemic racism as sin that must be addressed by our church and society.

THE NEW BOARD ROSTER FOR 2026

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
2026-2027			
BOARDS - 2 YR TERMS			
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Serve thru	PRESIDENT	1YR TERM
Linda Clark	2028	Donna Liebaert	
Alexis Hanson	2028	CO-PRESIDENT	(when Donna is out of term)
Stephanie Shaw	2028	Dawn Wicklund	
Julianne Koski	2028		
		VICE PRESIDENT	1 YR TERM
BOARD OF DEACONS		Gary Liupakka	
Bonnie Wentzel	2028		
Doris Roeber	2027	FINANCIAL TREASURERS	1 YR TERM
Len Wicklund	2027		
Deb Gilbertson	2028	Jim Rigstad	
BOARD OF MISSION AND OUTREACH		TREASURER	1 YR TERM
Dianne Tomczak	2028	Bonnie Wentzel	
Cheri Splinter	2028		
Barb Danielson	2028		
Carol Arthur	2028	COUNCIL SECRETARY	1 YR TERM
		Cheryl Braman	
BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP			
Suzanne Reidel	2027		
Kandee Rosburg	2028		
Sharon Kotter	2028	INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM
Sandy Steinberg	2028	Jack Arthur	Jan 2027
		Al Cirilli	2028
		Doris Roeber	2028
BOARD OF TRUSTEES			
Jim Splinter	2028		
Rick Gilbertson	2027		
Mike Dahl	2028		
Jim Erickson	2027		
(Council Rep - Rotating)			
NOMINATING COMMITTEE		1 YR TERM	
Carol Roberts	2026		
Gretchen Lisdahl	2026		
Linda Gran	2026		

Service Attendants for FEBRUARY

Steward:

Deacon:

Altar Guild: Barb Danielson, Cheryl Braman

Acolytes: Jamie K, Trevor D, Nelson N, Lincoln K

Narrative Lectionary for February

Feb 1: John 4:1-42 “Woman at the Well”

Feb 8: John 4:46-54 “Healing Stories”

Feb 15: John 2:13-25 “The Man Born Blind”

Feb 18: John 10:1-18 “The Good Shepherd” (Ash Wed)

Feb 22: John 11:1-44 “Jesus Raises Lazarus”

YOU CAN GIVE TO OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
by scanning either of the QR Codes below.

General Fund

QR Code for
GENERAL OPERATING



Building Fund

QR Code for
BUILDING FUND





February Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Del Kangas	02-Feb
Owen Wells	05-Feb
Kathy Nelson	08-Feb
Kerri Gordon	14-Feb
Carol Jenssen	14-Feb
Deb Gilbertson	15-Feb
Mari Perrault	16-Feb
Jim Splinter	17-Feb
Zach Magdzas	25-Feb
Archer Thompson	26-Feb
Marcy Rigstad	28-Feb

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & LuAnn Hoff	10-Feb
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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, Gary & Sandy Garlie

Family Member: Dorothy Huffman, Cathy Carlson, Mickie Cooke, Barb Gudowski, Dave Shaw, Darlene VanKouwenbergh

Friend/neighbor: Sue Weber, Bonnie Berchild, Ethan, Baby Reggie & his parents Daniell & Jared Bryant, Dick Stank

(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.



MISSION AND OUTREACH FOR FEBRUARY

“ZION FOOD PANTRY”

Feb 1: Applesauce, brown rice, canned foods, canned veggies, soups, stew or chili

Feb 8: Pasta, pasta sauces, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cereals, granola bars

Feb 15: Canned chicken, canned tuna, hamburger or tuna helper, instant potatoes, rice

Feb 22: Bar soap & body wash, dental floss, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste & toothbrushes, shampoo & conditioner

From your Stewardship Board

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the churches in Macedonia, he encouraged them with seven principles of stewardship, the last of which is COMMITMENT.

In 2 Corinthians 8:5, he wrote, "And this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and by the will of God to us."

Threads of Hope Children’s Clothes Closet

Thank you to all of you that help with keeping it organized and to all that donate clothing. Thank you to the congregation for their large number of donations. Also thanks to Thrivent for their donations.

211 items were given out in JANUARY

Contact Diane (715-817-8180) or Carol (218-940-0073) if you are willing to help them. Even if you can only give a few hours, we would love the help.



Rummage Sale is! May 2nd, 2026

As you are cleaning or downsizing and need to get rid of items, the church will happily take those items off your hands. Put items downstairs in the unfinished addition, behind the blue tarps. We ask that you please do the following:

- **Put items in a box for easier stacking.**
- **No clothing**
- We only want things **that work**.
 - **Don't give us things** that we would have to **PAY** to get rid of. That includes analog TVs, microwaves, computer printers, mattresses, etc. *The only exception is if you talk to me and I give you the okay.*
 - If something has an **operator's instruction book** please include if you have it.
- If you have something in pieces, have it **put together** or give use the **instructions** on how to put it together (*We are pretty good at putting common things together, but sometimes we don't even know what it is.*).

Thanks

Kandee Rosburg

SCRIPTS CARDS

**NEXT Scrips order will go in on
FEBRUARY 20th.**



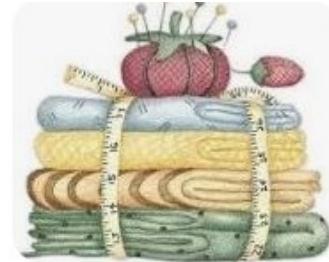
Thank you to everyone who purchases gift cards.

DISCOUNTS ON NEW KWIK TRIP GAS AND GROCERY CARDS UNTIL FEB 20TH.

Use gift cards for every day purchases. The small percentage that the church receives adds up; Kwik Trip gas & grocery cards, Walmart, Walgreens, Dominos, Ace Hardware, Marcus Theater, Superior Meats, etc.

From the Quilters

They are busy making more quilts. They would love to have anyone who crochets or knits join them.



For 2025 year: 124 QUILTS

45 YOUTH BLANKETS and

24 TODDLER BLANKETS

Donated to:

Ruth House &

Faith United Methodist Church

High School Grads

USW International Students &

Women's Program

UPDATES

Shoe Drive Update

From Colleen Elonen, Pilgrim Church Monday, Jan 26



Happy to report that we sent in 2010lbs of shoes! While it was not the goal of at least 2500lbs so we could get free shipping, we did net \$679.00 (0.40\$ per pound, minus 125\$ shipping).

Thank you everyone who helped. It was (pretty) fun, and I certainly met a lot of nice folks!

Luther Point Bible Camp

Applications for 2026 staff for summer camp is currently open for those that want to apply. [Go to lutherpoint.campbrainstaff.com..](http://lutherpoint.campbrainstaff.com..)

ALSO.. Confirmands need to think about going to camp. Registration is at www.LutherPoint.org. Talk to Pastor for more information.

OSLC Council Meeting
January 20, 2026
5:15 P.M.

Present: Stephanie Shaw, Steve Shaw, Bonnie Wentzel, Kandee Rosburg, Linda Clark, Carol Arthur, Jim Erickson, Jeff Skrenes, Ben Gaard, Cheryl Braman, Bill Braman, Gary, Dawn Wicklund, Pastor Sean Koos

The Board meeting started at 5:20 and opened with our Mission Statement and prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$12,940.15 and expenditure were \$13,715.30, for a loss of \$775.15 in December and a total shortage of \$11,188.12 for 2025. On a good note, we were \$32,483.88 under the projected budget. Motion made to approve the treasurer's report (M/S/P)

Board Reports:

Board of Education

The Christmas program went well for those who could attend. Sunday School attendance is down overall due to illness.

Parents need to come into the church to pick up their Sunday School children to prevent any issues.

The confirmand mentoring program met for the second time last Sunday.

The raffled basket raised \$100. It was suggested to give the money to a local charity. Motion made to give the money to Second Harvest food shelf. (M/S/P)

Help is needed for the Superbowl Chili Feed, including chili cooks, servers, and crews for set up and clean up. We also need volunteers to make desserts (cookies, bars, etc.) and corn bread. Linda will send out notices and there is a sign-up sheet on the table in front of the St. Paul's room.

You will be able to purchase Chili to take home or eat in.

Suggest all boards/committees give Pastor Koos current information to update the Church webpage.

Deacons

Len took down the Christmas tree.

Discussed Lent services (Ash Wednesday on Feb. 18th)

Talked about Soup supper sign-up.

Prayed for the members of our congregation.

Mission and Outreach

Reviewed their updated job description and approved the minor changes.

The board is unsure about where the expense reported in the annual report came from. The board has a zero budget, so it is unclear where they spent the \$76.75 listed. Dianne will talk to Linda about it.

The Children's Clothes Closet gave out 109 items in December.

Cheri will deliver collected items for Highland Wellness and Restoration.

In February we will be collecting for the Zion Food shelf. (Reminder – this is a contest between the ELCA Lutheran Churches in Superior and we would like to hold the trophy for 2026.)

Waiting until next month to decide where to make monetary donations from the first Sunday collections.

Stewardship

Met, completed our annual report.

Prepared the giving statements for 2025.

Filled hand sanitizer bottles and replaces bottles. Need to order more hand sanitizer and Velcro.

Trustees – Report as written.

Old Business:

The December treasurer's report was reviewed.

Approved the 2026 Draft Budget. It will include a 3% salary increase.

The budget increased 1.7% over 2025 actual expenses.

New Business:

Computer Update (office) from Windows 10 to Windows 11 concern. Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 10 this and our office computer needs to be updated. The committee suggested a new office computer is needed along with a review of data storage backup.

Audit Committee Review of the 2025 Financial Documents was scheduled for January 16th.

The Trustees annual report was reviewed and approved.

M/S/P to accept the board reports.

Pastors Report:

The ELCA churches are getting together for a joint worship on February 15th at 10am. Bishop Martin Halom will be attending. Potluck information will be coming out soon.

Pastor moved his vacation to February 27th – March 2nd.

Vision Victories:

Holiday services.

Giving stayed consistent.

Lighting was great for the Christmas Eve service.

Ongoing Business:

The board is unsure about where the expense reported in the annual report Discussion about the bathrooms in the fellowship hall. We need to get quotes for new toilets so we can plan to replace them. Tabled for next month for Donna to review.

Discussion held with the unrest with ICE in Minneapolis. Jeff discussed several stories he heard.

There is a pastor who is an ICE agent. Protesters went into a church to protest and disrupt the service.

There are reports of ICE going into churches and arresting people.

He attended a church where anti-trans messages from the pulpit.

He has talked to friends that state they do not go to church because they do not feel safe due to their sexual orientation.

This raises the question of what type of message should we have as a church?

We as a church need to be more conscious and generate more dialog about social justice issues. Think about how to have dialog about these types of issues.

There are some statements on our ELCA website for those interested in diving more into social justice issues.

Upcoming Events:

Annual meeting – Sunday, January 25. Election

New Board Instillation – February 1st.

Super Bowl Chili Bowl Fundraiser – February 8th.

ELCA Joint Service and Potluck - February 15th at 1000.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

All Boards Meeting – February 10th

Church Council Meeting – February 17th

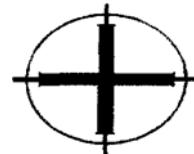
The meeting adjourned at 6:35 (M/S/P), ending with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Wicklund

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