



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's Report
April 2026

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

What a long, cold, snowy winter that was! I'd say we're back to a more traditional winter in the Northwoods. Ya can't say global warming has completely erased the traditional winters around here. Who knows what lies in store for us next winter but we'll "burn that bridge when we get to it," as I like to say. We've got enough on our plate in the meantime. Both Concordia and Our Savior's seem to be relatively stable after several years of financial and programmatic turmoil. I attribute this to strong, faithful leadership and their bold risk-taking. Oh, and the dedicated discipleship of both our congregations. But just because we're stable doesn't mean we are to stop growing. I've mentioned this before, but I'm pleased with the vision work that Concordia has done over these last couple of years. I think it directly contributed to giving us a sense of identity and direction. I'm glad that Our Savior's began its vision work last month and am hopeful that it will be equally fruitful. With that said, I want to plug a couple exciting new developments in both congregations. Concordia has decided to offer a contemporary service on the fourth Sunday of the month beginning next month (May 24). It will be more than a blended service. It will have minimal liturgy, plenty of contemporary music, reflective pieces, and possibly testimonial times. There will be more planning for it on April 19 at noon. Also, Our Savior's would like to continue its vision meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The fourth week of the month is becoming an exciting week indeed!

Otherwise, we'll be celebrating Easter early in the month this year. Please join us at any of the Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday (Our Savior's, 6:30 p.m.), Good Friday (United Presbyterian, 6:40 p.m.), Easter Vigil (Our Savior's, 6:30 p.m.), and Easter (Our Savior's, 9:30 a.m.; Concordia, 11:00 a.m.). And if you're feeling really zealous, join us out at Wisconsin Point for the ecumenical Easter sunrise service at 6:30 A.M.!! Thank you for supporting our rich ministry!

Easter blessings,

Pastor Sean



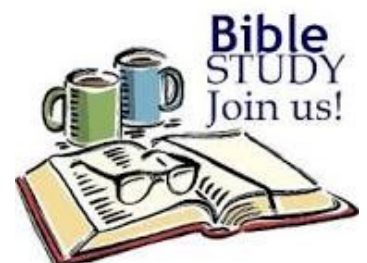
Bible Studies April 2026

Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

04-01-26 NO BIBLE STUDY

04-08-26 John 20:19-31

1. Why were the doors locked? What fears or "locked doors" (anxieties) keep us from fulfilling our mission today?
2. Jesus greets them with "Peace be with you" and shows his wounds. How does his peace address our personal fears?
3. How does Jesus' commission, "As the Father has sent me, so now I am sending you," apply to our daily lives and mission?
4. What does it mean that Jesus "breathed" on them? How does this relate to the Spirit's power and the resurrection?
5. What is the significance of Jesus giving authority to forgive or retain sins?
6. Why was Thomas not with the others? Are we sometimes absent when we need to be with the community of believers?
7. How did Jesus handle Thomas's doubt? What does this teach us about bringing our own doubts to him?
8. What's the difference between disciples who saw and those who believe without seeing?
9. John states he wrote this so "you may believe" and "have life." What does it mean for us to have "life in his name" today?
10. How does the transformation of the disciples from fear to courage inspire our faith?





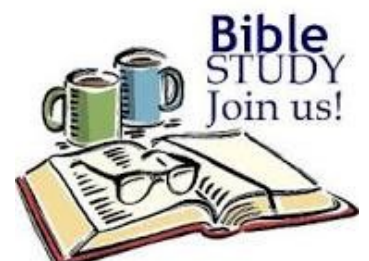
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04-15-26 Acts 9:1-19a

1. What does Saul's transformation from "breathing threats" to a disciple show us about the power of God's grace?
2. Why was Christianity called "The Way" in this passage, and what does this title suggest about the nature of early Christian life?
3. How can we ensure our own zeal for God is properly aligned with truth and not misguided?
4. Ananias was afraid to meet Saul due to his reputation. How can we trust God to guide us into "risky" or uncomfortable assignments?
5. Jesus asks, "Why do you persecute ME?" What does this show us about how Jesus views suffering done to his followers?
6. How did God use the trauma of blindness and three days of fasting to break down and reshape Saul's pride?
7. Saul started preaching almost immediately. What does this tell us about the nature of a true conversion?
8. How can we encourage the new spiritual growth of others?
9. How did Ananias act as a "brother" to Saul?
10. What does this teach us about receiving new believers into our community?

04-22-26 Acts 16:16-34

1. Why were Paul and Silas in prison, and did the punishment fit their "crime"?
2. Why did they wait until midnight to start praying and singing praises?
3. How can we worship God when we feel trapped or are facing "uncomfortable circumstances" like Paul and Silas?
4. How can singing praises to God in difficult times serve as a witness to others?
5. What does the earthquake reveal about God's presence when we are under pressure?
6. Why didn't Paul and Silas run away when they had the chance?
7. What was the jailer really asking when he said, "What must I do to be saved?"?
8. What is the significance of the message that he and his family needed to "Believe in the Lord Jesus?"
9. How did the jailer's life change from being "bound up" in fear to finding joy?
10. In what ways can we offer an alternative to the "enslavement" of modern worldly systems, similar to how Paul freed the slave girl?





Bible Studies, April 2026

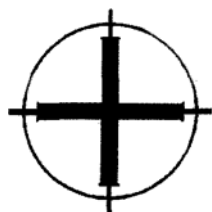
Bible Study pg 3

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04-29-26 Acts 17:16-31

1. What was it about Athens that "distressed" or "stirred" Paul?
2. How did Paul move from engaging people in the marketplace to speaking at the Areopagus?
3. How does our own "culture" make it easy or difficult for us to see God?
4. What "altars to unknown gods" or modern idols exist in our society today?
5. How does the modern, "rational" world try to tame or "limit" God?
6. In what ways can a modern church or individual inadvertently start worshipping idols?
7. How did Paul adapt his message for a Greek audience, compared to his sermons in Jewish synagogues?
8. What are the main attributes of God that Paul emphasizes in this passage?
9. How does the promise of resurrection change the way we look at our lives?
10. Why is the command to repent seen as a sign of God's kindness?





OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR HERITAGE

THIS JUNE IS OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

PLEASE LOOK FOR ANY PICTURES YOU MAY HAVE OF CHURCH FUNCTIONS OVER THE YEARS

(We can make copies, so you will get them back)

January 1951 Bethlehem Lutheran Church (formed in 1896, Swedish Evangelical, Pastor Arvid Hoorn) and Trinity Lutheran Church (formed in 1897 with eleven charter members, Pastor Os and Johnson) starting meeting to possibly merge congregations.

By early May 1951 each congregation had voted to effect the merger. **On June 11, 1951 a meeting was held** with the newly merged church to select a synodical affiliation. **By a two-thirds majority vote, members elected to affiliate with the Evangelical Lutheran Church and subsequently the new congregation was named OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

Rev. Vernon Anderson served as the first interim pastor followed by Dr. C.S. Thorpe and in **January 1952** we received our first regular pastor, **Rev. T.M. Nelson.**

The Education wing building project was completed in 1957 for our Sunday School. **Two hundred forty-five children attended.** Because there were so many children we had shifts for Sunday School.

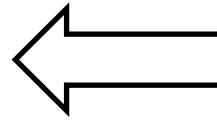
In 1963 the New Our Savior's Lutheran worship center was built. Pastor Obed Anderson was serving.

1988 the stained glass windows project was completed in the sanctuary.

St Paul Lutheran Church joined our congregation in 2001, bringing over 25 families. Pastor Robert Stoskopf was serving at the time.

In 2002 we started a capital campaign to upgrade the church with a covered entrance, elevator, restroom access, larger narthex, new nursery room and a St. Paul's room. During 2003 church services were held at the Billings Park Community Center. Pastor Todd Iverson was serving. **In 2004 the dedication** of the updated church was done.

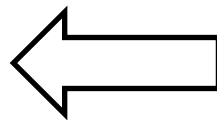
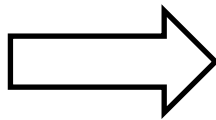
LENT SOUP SUPPERS



First soup supper provided by Barb Danielson, Bonnie Wentzel and Kande Rosburg

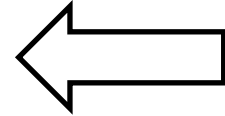


Second soup supper provided by Rick and Linda Gran and Cheryl Braman

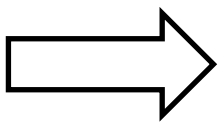


Third soup supper was provided by Steve and Steph Shaw.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS



**Forth soup supper (chili)
provided by Bev Donaldson,
Ann Novack and
Karen Kangas**



**Fifth soup supper provided
by Bonnie Wentzel, Marian
Simon, Carol Arthur and
Audrey Larson**



THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL YOU DO!!

EDUCATION CORNER



CONFIRMANDS are helping with the soup suppers to raise money for camp. Nelson and Trevor have both helped.



Avelyn Tanner and Tanner Dahl with their Sunday School Project.



Childrens Service with Avelyn, Audrey Larson's great granddaughter

Adult Education—Bible Study 10:30am on Wednesdays

EDUCATION CORNER



Confirmation Mentor Questions

For April 12 Mtg

APRIL Bible Mentor 5 Questions

1. How difficult is it for you to talk to others about Jesus? Why?
2. Why don't people want to believe in Jesus?
3. Why is Jesus so important for Christians?
4. What do you think when people say, "Jesus," or "Jesus Christ" when they are angry?
5. What goes through your mind when you see images of Jesus?
6. What would Jesus do if he were alive on Earth today?
7. Do you think it is okay to name your son Jesus? Why or why not?
8. Is there such thing as too much Jesus?
9. What would the world be like today if Jesus never existed?
10. How would the world be different today if God had a daughter instead of a son?
11. Do you think Jesus needs to come back to the world today?
12. What questions would you like to ask Jesus? What do you think his answers would be?
13. Why do you think there is little we know about Jesus' teenage years?
14. Why did Jesus have to be born the way he was?
15. Many people claim Jesus was only a great moral teacher. How would you respond?
16. Do you think following Jesus makes for an easier or harder life? Explain.
17. Why do you think it is important that Jesus is fully human and fully divine?
18. Do you think you can understand Jesus simply by his miracles/healings/teachings?
19. How can we fully understand who is?
20. Do you believe Jesus is alive today? Why or why not?

Service Attendants for APRIL

Steward: Sandy Steinberg

Deacon: Debi Gilbertson

Altar Guild: Cheri Splinter, Suzanne Riedel

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

Narrative Lectionary for April

Thur Apr 2: John 19:23-30 “Jesus’ Last Words

Sun Apr 5: John 20:1-18 “Resurrection”

Sun Apr 12: John 20:19-31 “Thomas”

Sun Apr 19: Acts 9:1-19a “Paul’s Conversion”

Sun Apr 26: Acts 16:16-34 “Paul and Silas”

**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





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Mth-day
Kim Erickson	02-Apr
Thomas Riedel	02-Apr
Coleton Rolson-Gran	02-Apr
David Steve Shaw	02-Apr
Caden Willie	02-Apr
Rose Reijo	04-Apr
Kandee Rosburg	04-Apr
Bill Braman	08-Apr
Talulah Netland	08-Apr
Deana Wells	12-Apr
Deanna Kolanczyk	14-Apr
Karen Kangas	16-Apr
Ben Rhodes	19-Apr
Keeley Morehouse.	21-Apr
Marian Simon	22-Apr
Doris Maki	24-Apr
Alan Cirilli	25-Apr
Kim Gralewski	25-Apr
Kathleen Murashie	26-Apr
Jason Westlund	26-Apr
Eileen Gilbertson	28-Apr
Lorena Wicklund	29-Apr

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Cheryl Braman

12-Apr



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: Norma Larson, Darlene VanKouwenbergh

Worship Support Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Steve & Amanda Shaw, Ralph Rolson.

Family Member: Donna Wicklund, Paula Pleski, Barb Gudowski, Dorothy Huffman, Mickie Cooke.

Friend/neighbor: Kathy Fields, Michelle Oman, Sue Weber, Baby Reggie & his parents Daniell & Jared Bryant.

(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.

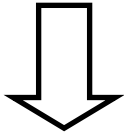
SCRIPS CARDS

NEXT Scrips order will go in on APRIL 24th.



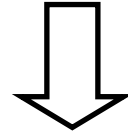
MAKING PROGRESS

ROSE REIJO was celebrated on Sunday, March 22. She served as the WELCA Treasurer for 40 years! How great is that?? Thank you ROSE!



JEFF was gracious to agree on giving the sermon when Pastor was on vacation the beginning of March. As always, he did a fantastic sermon. And he even matched the church colors!

Thank you JEFF!



MAKING PROGRESS

REMEMBER THAT WALL??



LOOK AT IT NOW!! Fantastic work Bill!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



PLUS .. Bill has been working on the windowsills and Cheryl, his wife, brought home the curtains to wash and rehang.

THANK YOU BOTH !!



MISSION AND OUTREACH FOR APRIL
“FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOOD SHELF ”

April 5 - canned fruits & veggies, canned & dried soups, peanut butter, granola bars, breakfast cereal

April 12 - canned tuna & chicken, refried, black, kidney & baked beans

April 19 - mac & cheese, hamburger helper, tuna helper, rice-a-roni, boxed potatoes

April 26 - pasta products, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thank you to all of you who have donated Thrivent Choice dollars to OSLC. Last year we received \$1237 through the program.

Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet

213 items were given out in APRIL

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, they would love the help.

FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Mealtime Prayers

I didn't have anyone share their mealtime prayer, but I found these online.

Source – Christianity.com

Traditional Grace:

"Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts,
which we are about to receive from thy bounty,
through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Children's Prayer:

"God is great, God is good,
let us thank Him for our food.
By His hands, we all are fed.
Give us, Lord, our daily bread. Amen."

Irish Blessing:

"Bless, O Lord, this food for our use and us for your service,
and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Short Dinner Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for this food. Amen."

Blessing:

Bless the food before us,
the family beside us,
and the love between us. Amen

Thank You for the Food:

"Heavenly Father,
thank You for this food and for the hands that prepared it.
May it nourish our bodies and strengthen our spirits. Amen."

Source – theholymess.com

Lord, We Thank You

Lord, we thank You
for the food before us,
the friends beside us,
the love between us;
And Your Presence among us.
Amen.

If anyone has an evening prayer they use, please share with me at ros-burg392@aol.com or give me a copy for the May newsletter.

"A BLAST FROM THE PAST"

This one was from Bev Donaldson's archives.

Spaghetti Sauce from Noble Meline (Nubs)

RECIPE FORM

Your Name Noble C. MELIN

NAME OF RECIPE: SPAGHETTI SAUCE

INGREDIENTS: 3 lbs Ground Beef 2 tsp black Pepper
6 lb 6 oz canned Tomatoes or Puree 2 tsp ground oregano
2 1/2 cups chopped celery 1/2 cup cooking oil
4 cups chopped onions
1/2 cup Chopped Green Pepper 1/2 tsp Parsley chives
3 - Tsp. Garlic salt Serve

DIRECTIONS:

Brown Ground beef in oil - drain and separate thoroughly.
Saute Celery, onions and green pepper until soft. If using
canned tomatoes, chop thoroughly. Mix garlic salt, pepper and
oregano in separate cup of tomato juice. Mix thoroughly all
ingredients - simmer 2 to 3 hours in large pot or crock pot. stirring often
if necessary, continue on back of sheet. (over)
if sauce is too thick, reduce with desired amount of
tomato juice. Serve with Italian style spaghetti.
Pack in covered plastic bowls or milk cartons and
place in freezer after reaching room temperature

If you have any old recipe's you would like to share, please bring to the office.
If you want a copy of this, which is easier to read, let Linda know.

Our Sale will be here before you know it.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

**Annual
Rummage
Sale**

Saturday, May 2nd

9 am – 4 pm

Cash only!



**Bake
Sale**

**Sloppy Joe
Lunch**

**Served
11am -
1:30pm**

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1924 Wyoming Avenue
(Billings Park)*

****Super Sale Times...**

- 1 pm ---25% OFF !
- 2 pm ---50% OFF !!
- 3 pm ---75% OFF !!!

Rummage Sale Reminders....

**Attention All You
Wonderful
Bakers:**



Please sign up to make goodies to sell at the Bake Sale for our Annual Rummage Sale that will be held May 2. Sign up sheet will be in St Paul's Room. Please bring your goodies to church on Friday, May 1 or by 8 am Saturday, May 2. Please "plate" to sell with name of baked goods. (And if it contains nuts or nut butters). The Bake Sale has always done well at this fundraiser. If you have any questions, please ask Dianne Tomczak. Thank you for considering.

WE WILL NEED HELPERS!

Please let Kandee or Linda know if you are willing to help at the rummage sale. We will need all the help we can get. There will be a sign-up sheet by the St. Paul's Room.

OSLC Council Meeting
March 17, 2026
5:15 P.M.

Present: Bonnie Wentzel, Kandee Rosburg, Stephanie Shaw, Barb Danielson, Linda Clark, Donna Liebaert, Dawn Wicklund, Cheryl Braman, Bill Braman, Sandy Steinberg, Alexis Hanson, Gary Liupakka, Jim Erickson, Carol Arthur, Pastor Sean Koos

The Board meeting was called to order by President Liebaert at 5:20 pm and opened with our Mission Statement and prayer.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: 2-17-26 as written. **(M/S/P).**

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$13,430.88; expenditures were \$15,692.79, for a loss of \$2,261.91. Scrips amount may be off; Utilities high; Rebate due to new outdoor lighting. Motion made to approve the treasurer's report **(M/S/P)**

Board Reports:

Board of Education

- *May be something other than camp to become the new standard
- *Confirmation kids pick their own mentors (make decision by September)

Deacons

- *Debi is March deacon. Set Readers & Communion Assistants
- *Discussed Holy Week (see upcoming events)

Mission and Outreach

- *106 items from Children's Clothes Closet in February
- *April collection with be FUMC food pantry

Stewardship

- *No one has shared family meal prayer with Kandee; do some research for next article
- *Checked hand sanitizer

Trustees – Report as written.

Old Business:

Daycare update – visited Bubbling Brook Child Care Center & their director also visited OSLC on 3-16-26

- *Computer update – Mike will work with Linda Gran on what's needed
- *Pastor cost sharing with Concordia – Diane will schedule meeting
- *Will not sign contract for snow removal at this time

New Business:

Bill Braman doing a great job with sheet rock repairs
Toilets & bathrooms off Fellowship Hall targeted for fall utilizing Jeff Liebaert expertise

M/S/P to accept the written and verbal board reports.

Pastors Report:

Vision Committee will meet next Tuesday, March 24 @ 5:15pm

Baptisms – April 5th Jace Pettingill; April 26th Caleb Johnson

Vision Victories:

Rebate due to new outdoor lighting

Daycare exploration

Johnson estate donation

New people at last week's service

Number of vendor's tables & a new vendor request for a table

Ongoing Business:

Jeff schedule a date for Social Justice Committee

New Business:

Tree of Life – Rick wants to move to St Paul (coffee) Room; Suggest \$100 per leaf

Rummage sale (May2) – looking for folks to be in charge of specific duties annually on an ongoing basis. Jim Erickson will do table set up.

Upcoming Events:

Maundy Thursday, April 2 – OSLC @ 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 3 – United Presbyterian Church @ 6:30pm (229 N. 28th St)

Easter Vigil, April 4 – OSLC @ 6:30pm (no Communion)

Easter Sunday, April 5 – OSLC @ 9:30am

Rummage Sale – May 2nd

Confirmation – May 16th

Graduation – 1st week June

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

All Boards – April 14

Council – April 21

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm (**M/S/P**), ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Braman

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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29 Palm Sunday 8:45am Choir Pract 9:30am Service 10:30am Sun Sch & Fellowship 5pm Confirmation (Easter Egg Hunt)	30 Pastor Vac 9am Quilting	31 Pastor Vac	1 Pastor Vac NO Bible Study NO Choir Practice	2 4:30 ChoirPr 6:30pm Maundy Thursday	3 Good Friday 6:30 Serv at United Pres Church 229N28thSt	4 6:30pm Easter Vigil
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