



# 2026

## Sharing the Joy

**RUMMAGE SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 2**

### 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's Report**  
**May 2026**

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

The season of Spring is always a joyful season, and not just because of our Easter resurrection and MY birthday. No, the season is particularly joyful because of all the new life in the air. We've been cooped up inside for several months waiting out the cold, snowy winter. And this winter was especially cold and snowy! But good ole Mother Nature is faithful and the warmer temps slowly return, bringing new life and new growth yet again. I like the month of May because it's a nice calm before the feverish months of summer. The kids haven't been released from school, and our daily schedules are somewhat regular. Once the kids are released, we spend three months chasing after them and getting in all our annual vacations. Let us enjoy this month of peace!

By the end of the month, we'll have shifted to our summer modes. The choir rehearsals, Sunday school, and confirmation classes will be on hold until the fall. Keep in mind the community Vacation Bible School being held at United Presbyterian Church on June 22-26 from 4:45-7:00 p.m. Be sure to enroll your kids using the QR code on the flyer in this newsletter. I'll be taking Lincoln to summer camp at Luther Point on July 12-17 and all three confirmation boys to the "City on the Hill" Christian music festival on Aug 7 or 8. We'll continue our weekly Bible studies through the summer. In our worship services, we will be switching from the narrative structure to a sermon-series structure. This summer we will have three sermon series on Ruth & Esther, 1 & 2 Timothy, and the Ten Commandments. We'll begin our first series on the last Sunday of this month. I'm excited to reflect on all three series.

God continues to bless both our congregations with new members, new baptisms, new renters, new ministry opportunities, and new hope. Let us give thanks!

May blessings,  
Pastor Sean

**FROM YOUR  
PRESIDENT  
Donna Liebaert**

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to warmer weather and sunny skies let's remember that OSLC is here to serve and minister to our congregation and community.

I invite you all to become aware and involved in our ministry. We are thinking of new ways to continue and grow our church so that we will be a solid part of our community. As your new Council President I'm excited about this new year. Stay tuned!

Blessings,

Donna Liebaert



## **SCRIPTS CARDS**

**NEXT Scripts order will go in around MAY 28th.**

**Bible Studies May 2026**  
**Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am**

**05-06-26 Philippians 1:1-18a**

1. Paul and Timothy identify themselves as "servants" (or bondservants) of Christ Jesus. What does this title reveal about their identity and their relationship with Jesus?
2. Paul refers to their "partnership in the gospel" (v. 5). What does it look like to be a "partner" in ministry rather than just a spectator?
3. Verse 6 is a famous promise that God will complete the good work He began. How does this give us confidence during seasons when we feel spiritually "stuck" or unfinished?
4. Paul prays that their love would abound more and more "in knowledge and depth of insight" (v. 9). Why is it important for Christian love to be guided by knowledge rather than just emotion?
5. The goal of this growth is to "discern what is best" (v. 10). In our daily lives, how do we distinguish between what is "good" and what is actually "best" for God's kingdom?
6. What are the "fruits of righteousness" Paul mentions in verse 11, and how are they produced in a believer's life?
7. Paul says his imprisonment actually "served to advance the gospel" (v. 12). Can you share a time when a negative or difficult circumstance in your life ended up having a positive spiritual outcome?
8. Seeing Paul's chains made other believers more "courageous and fearless" (v. 14). Whose example of faith in suffering has encouraged you to be bolder in your own witness?
9. Paul notes that some preach Christ out of "envy and rivalry" (v. 15). Why was Paul able to rejoice even when the motives of other preachers were selfish or insincere?
10. In verse 18, Paul concludes that "the important thing is that in every way... Christ is preached." How can we develop a similar mindset that prioritizes God's glory over our personal comfort or reputation?





### **05-13-26 Philippians 2:1-13**

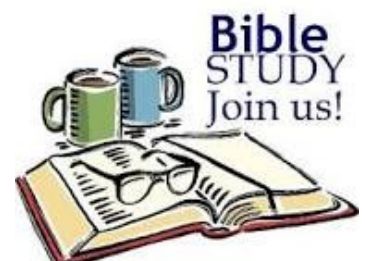
1. Paul lists encouragement, comfort, fellowship, and compassion as foundational for unity. Which of these do you feel is currently strongest and weakest in our group?
2. How does Philippians 2:1-4 challenge the modern cultural focus on individualism and self-promotion?
3. What does it mean that Jesus, while being "in very nature God," did not use this to his advantage?
4. How does the "downward path" of Jesus (from heaven to a cross) challenge our definition of power and success?
5. How does the pattern of Christ's life—humility followed by exaltation—serve as an example for how we should live?
6. How can we honor Jesus as "Lord" in our daily actions, not just our words?
7. What does it mean to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling" while also recognizing that "God is at work in you"?
8. How does the promise that God provides both the desire and capacity to act encourage us in our spiritual growth?
9. In what ways can we actively build bridges to people in our community while maintaining the integrity of the Gospel?
10. What does it practically mean to "value others above yourself" in a competitive workplace or a busy household?





**05-20-26 Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7**

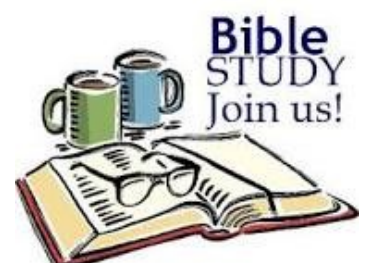
1. What specific actions did the followers do before the Holy Spirit was poured out?
2. What do we imagine it was like to experience the "mighty rushing wind/tongues of fire"?
3. Why was it significant that everyone in the crowd heard the message in their language?
4. How did the crowd's reaction range from "amazement" to "sneering"?
5. What does this teach us about how people respond to move of God?
6. What does it mean, "rejoice in the Lord always," even when circumstances are difficult?
7. Why is it important that the joy is "in the Lord" rather than in our situation?
8. How does letting our "reasonableness" or "gentleness" be known to everyone serve as a testimony?
9. Why is "Be anxious for nothing" a difficult command to follow?
10. How does shifting our focus from worry to prayer and thanksgiving help us practically?





### **5-27-26 Ruth 1:1-22**

1. In verse 1, Elimelech takes his family to Moab during a famine. What does this suggest about his trust in God at the time?
2. Is it wrong to be angry at God during tragedy, or is this a faithful form of lament?
3. What inspired Ruth to make such a drastic, potentially humiliating choice?
4. In verses 16-17, Ruth says, "Your God [will be] my God." What does this tell us about her faith and how she adopted a new identity?
5. Naomi returns empty, but returns with Ruth. How does she fail to see God's grace in her life at this moment?
6. How does the arrival in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest (v. 22) signify God's subtle provision even when circumstances feel hopeless?
7. When trials come into our lives, we have a choice to make: we can either receive them or run from them. Which did Elimelech choose?
8. Fear is the opposite of faith. We either have one or the other. What do 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Hebrews 11:1 say about faith?
9. What was wrong with Naomi's decision to go back to Bethlehem? How do Isaiah 40:31 and Psalm 145:15 encourage us to become better?
10. Why do we think Ruth was so determined to go with Naomi? What did she say in



# EDUCATION CORNER

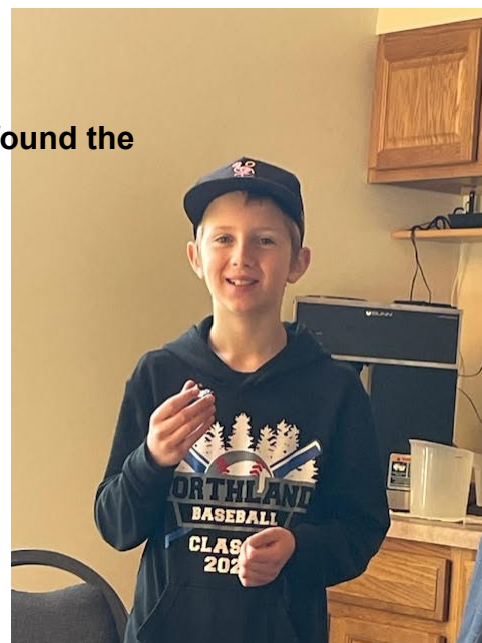


**CONFIRMANDS and their MENTORS at their April 19th Meeting. Looks like a happy group!**



**Trevor Dahl and his mentor, Len Wicklund.**

**Someone found the treats...**



**Jacob, a new Sunday School Student, with his project.**



**Adult Education—Bible Study  
10:30am on Wednesdays**

## EDUCATION CORNER



# Confirmation Mentor Questions

For May 3 Mtg

### Bible Mentor 7 Questions

1. Why are people so afraid of dying?
2. Why do people want to believe in the resurrection?
3. Is it easy or hard to believe in the resurrection? Why?
4. Why is it important to believe in the resurrection?
5. What are some implications raised by the resurrection?
6. Which do you think is easier to believe: virgin birth or resurrection? Explain.
7. What do you think about the gift of speaking in tongues? Do you think it's a gift? Why or why not?
8. Do you think we need the Spirit?
9. Why is the work of the Spirit so difficult to understand?
10. How would you have reacted to the first Pentecost?
11. What is your opinion on martyrdom? Do you think it's a good thing? Necessary?
12. Can you imagine dying for a cause? Are there any causes worth dying for?
13. Have you ever had a conversion like Saul's? If not, would you want a similar conversion?
14. Do you think all Christians should be required to have a conversion like Saul's?
15. Do you have any interest in traveling around the world preaching the gospel?
16. How do you think Paul was able to travel to so many unknown places?
17. Do you prefer to write your thoughts and feelings or say them aloud to others?
18. Why do you think writing letters to early congregations was an effective tool for Paul?
19. If you were a church leader, would you consider a letter from Paul just as satisfactory as if he were to come in person to resolve issues?
20. Do you find it easier to talk about Jesus to friends/family or strangers?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
"Exploring the Nature of God"  
WILL BE HELD AT: United Presbyterian Church

A free community Vacation Bible School brought to you by:  
Concordia Lutheran Church, Our Savior's Lutheran Church,  
Pilgrim Lutheran Church and United Presbyterian Church!



# RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

June 22-26

For kids going into K-5<sup>th</sup> grade!

4:45-7p

Dinner is from 4:45-5:30p.

United Presbyterian Church

229 N. 28<sup>th</sup> St. in Superior

Use the QR code or the link to register!

<https://forms.gle/T697LykTbhaurVTJ9>



Our goal is to make VBS a truly inclusive experience. There is space on the



## **Service Attendants for MAY**

Steward: Suzanne Riedel

Deacon: Doris Roeber

Altar Guild: Dianne Tomczak, Steve Shaw

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

## **Narrative Lectionary for MAY**

**Sun May 3:** Acts 17:16-31 “Paul’s Sermon at Athens”

**Sun May 10:** Philippians 1:1-18a “Partnership in the Gospel”

**Sun May 17:** Philippians 2:1-13 “The Christ Hymn”

**Sun May 24:** Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7 “Pentecost;  
Rejoice in the Lord”

**Sun May 31:** Ruth 1:1-22 “Loss and Loyalty”

**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





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Mth-day</b>
Bradley Hanson	02-May
David Oviatt	04-May
Wyatt Wells	06-May
Jackson Mueller	08-May
Reid Haglin	11-May
Bev Donaldson	15-May
Audrey Larson	19-May
Melissa Miller	20-May
Lindsey Netland	20-May
Larry Hoff	21-May
Katelyn Gralewski	23-May
Jim Erickson	25-May
Robbye Johnson	26-May
Connie Morehouse	26-May
Skudstad, Carter R.	26-May
Julianne Koski	30-May
Linda Gran	31-May

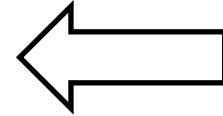
## ANNIVERSARIES

Years  
Married

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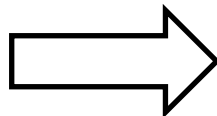
Tom and Jen Wicklund	26-May	42
Tom and Marian Simon	28-May	66
Rick and Linda Gran	31-May	51

## 2 BAPTISMS IN APRIL



**We welcomed Jace Allen Pettingill into the Christian Faith on April 5th. Parents are Joel and Kaelynn Pettingill.**

**Sponsors are Brent & Anna Palmer.**



**We also welcomed Caleb Michael Johnson into the Christian Faith on April 26th.**

**Parents are Eagan & Shaye Johnson.**

**Sponsors are Angela Miller & Masen Meyers.**



## Thankyou for recent Baptism

April 26, 2026 Baptism

Inbox from Tammy Trendera

Hi Linda

I just wanted to say "THANK YOU!"

...to You, Pastor Koos, and to the person who made the beautiful baby afghan...and to all others who were involved with my grandson Caleb Johnson's Baptism Day!..

It was a very happy beautiful day!..

... And answered prayer.

...His father Eagan was also baptized there when he was a baby... we were told.

Everyone was so nice and hospitable...

and I especially liked meeting and chatting with you as we seemed to have lots in

common...so that was fun. 😊

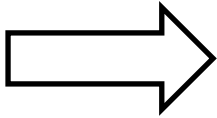
Thanks again!

And ...Have a Happy Spring! 🌸

*Tammy Trendera*

# HAPPENINGS

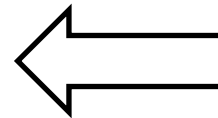
**Good Friday Service at United Presbyterian Church. Our Choir joined with other Church choir members.**



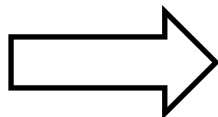
03 April 2026. United Presbyterian Church. Superior, WI. Good Friday Service



2026. United Presbyterian Church. Superior, WI. Good Friday Service



**Good Friday Service. All four Pastors from the 4 different churches that participated.**



**Cheryl & Bill Braman make a great team. With the water stains fixed and now the drapes washed and rehung. The room is looking excellent. THANK YOU BOTH, FOR ALL YOU DO!**



## Blast from the past



**CHOIR from when Pastor Hermonson was here.**



**This is the CHOIR from a much earlier date. Gladys and Mildred and Lillian are in this picture.**

# Blast from the past



Confirmation from when Pastor Lee was with us.



## **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:** Ralph Rolson, Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Steve Shaw,.

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

**Friend/neighbor:** Tanner Thompson, Kathy Fields, Michelle Oman, Sue Weber.

(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 MAY**  
**“RUTH HOUSE ”**

**May 3 - 13-gallon trash bags, paper plates, paper towels**

**May 10 - dish soap, disinfectant wipes & spray, Fabuloso floor cleaner**

**May 17 - AA, AAA, 9V batteries, plastic silverware**

**May 24 - Over-the-counter pain and allergy medicine, hand soap**

**May 31 - toilet cleaner, sponges & steel wool, shaving cream**

**Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet**

**237 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.

## **OSLC Council Meeting**

**April 21, 2026**

**5:15 P.M.**

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

The Board meeting was called to order by President Liebaert at 5:17 pm and opened with our Mission Statement and prayer.

Additions to the agenda – Add Vision Committee & Social Justice Committee to reports. Under new business discuss “Junk in the Trunk” **(M/S/P)**

**Secretary’s Report:** 3-17-26 as written. **(M/S/P).**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Income was \$17,191.14; expenditures were \$16,982.77, for a gain of \$208.37. Motion made to approve the treasurer’s report **(M/S/P)**

### **Board Reports:**

#### **Board of Education**

- \*Confirmation – Jamie Koos
- \*Graduation Sunday May 31 – Jayce Rue, Austin Edwards, Kate Porter, Brendan Farrell, Colton Gran
- \*Two of three boys unable to attend camp; they will go to music festival at Bayfront August 7 & 8. They have funds from helping with Lenten soup suppers
- \*Sunday School numbers are down
- \*Lengthy discussion re: how to increase membership, especially young families. Will continue to brainstorm

#### **Deacons**

- \*Good Friday service at United Presbyterian Church was wonderful & well attended
- \*Easter service had 120 in attendance with two stations for communion
- \*Baptism April 26 – Caleb Johnson

#### **Mission and Outreach**

- \*287 items given from Children's Clothes Closet for March
- \*Barb Danielson delivered items to FUMC. They were excited to receive. May collection will be for Ruth House
- \*Dianne registered us for National Night Out in August
- \*Cheri will check with Linda about 3 donations to help a hospital & 2 doctors through Samaritan Purse. Check our balance before another donation

**Stewardship** – Our report was not included in packet

**Trustees** – Report as written.

#### **Old Business:**

- \*Computer update
- \*Daycare update – expected rent revenues (8% of total revenue); Cost of improvements necessary will be significant (could be up to \$100,000; Impact of Child Care on facility usage & activities; Should we continue feasibility study?
- \*Pastor cost sharing with Concordia – have had meetings re: long term

arrangement that works; Synod is involved & we will continue discussions  
\* Bill Braman continues to repair drywall damage

**New Business:**

\*Mortgage renewal 10-1-26. Current interest rate 3.875% will increase to 6.75%  
Balance will be approximately \$400,000 at time of renewal with maturity date  
of 3-1-35. Monthly payment would increase from \$4,976 to \$5,199.  
Recommend transfer some Memorial Trust funds to pay down mortgage  
principal to reduce payments to \$4,225, but continue paying \$4,976 to help  
further reduce our debt balance.  
\*Discuss the mortgage situation with the congregation this summer.

“Transfer \$75,000 from the Memorial Trust Fund to the Building Fund to pay  
down the mortgage principal prior to the 10-1-26 renewal” **(M/S/P)**

**Vision Committee**

\*Pastor & Gary reported that three things were discussed. Could only remember  
two – Alternate sources of revenue & How to increase membership  
\*Next meeting April 28, 3pm

**Social Justice Committee**

\* Jeff needs more time to bring this together

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

**Pastors Report:**

4-25-26 Pastor at Synod assembly all day  
Music on the Hill as discussed earlier August 7 & 8

**Vision Victories:**

120 Easter attendance  
Baptisms

**Ongoing Business:**

Rummage Sale

**New Business:**

Request to use our parking lot for “Junk in the Trunk” – July 31 & August 1, 8am – Noon  
**(M/S/P)**

**Upcoming Events:**

Rummage Sale – May 2  
New member class – May 3  
Confirmation – May 17  
New members installed – May 17  
Graduation Sunday – May 31

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

All Boards – May 12  
Council – May 19

The meeting adjourned at 6:38pm **(M/S/P)**, ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Braman

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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## MAY 2026

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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<b>3</b> 9:30am Service 10:30 NEW MEMBER Class 10:30am Sun Sch & Fellowship 12:30pm Confirmation 1:30pm Mentor Mtg	<b>4</b> 9am Pack up Rummage Sale	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9am NP Service 10:30am Bible Sty 1:30pm HarmonyHs 4:30pm Choir Pract	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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