



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

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Pastor's report
July 2026

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

What an unsettling couple of months it has been for my family and I! If you haven't heard by now, we've been going through a divorce in our household. It hasn't been finalized but major changes have occurred. I've moved out of our home in Duluth and into a home here in Superior. A visitation schedule has gone into effect, and everyone is adapting. It's nice that the kids are on summer break and can adjust without the pressures of school. My wife and I are trying to make this whole process as non-disruptive on the kids' lives as possible. It was hard starting up a whole new home last month, but I was greatly helped by your generous gifts and support and for that I am deeply appreciative. Thank you!

A few months back I went to the bookstore and bought a handful of books on divorce as well as borrowed several more from the library. I wanted to prepare myself and learn from the amassed wisdom on the subject. What I found was that all marriages are rich and complex and not easily understood. Successful marriages involve more than patience or love or sacrifice or joy or attention or respect. Successful marriages are like any successful relationships. They involve two people willing to grow together, both separately and as one. When there is no growth then there is only death. God expects us to grow in this life and in this world. Sometimes stagnant relationships need to die for growth to happen again.

Do I still believe in the sanctity and gift of marriage? Of course I do. Marriages can allow for great growth and creativity. Marriages are truly gifts from God. I will always promote and encourage strong marriages. I am deeply saddened by the fate of my marriage, but I understand it. There was no growth for too long and God just couldn't allow it to go on anymore. I've been getting strong support and encouragement from family, friends, and a spiritual advisor for several months now and am hopeful for our family's future. Our God is a good God and has plans for even me, plans of a future and a hope. Please continue to hold my family in prayer.

Summer blessings,
Pastor Sean

Bible Studies July 2026

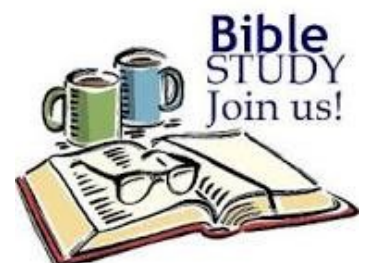
Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

07-01-26 *Esther 7:1-10; 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32*

1. Esther delayed her request for two separate banquets. How does her calculated approach reflect wisdom and patience rather than just fear or hesitation?
2. Why is it significant that she identifies her own life with the lives of her targeted people?
3. How does verse 7 highlight the unfolding of God's providence—where timing and royal temperaments align perfectly?
4. This chapter is a famous example of "poetic justice" (where the trap someone set for another catches them instead). Can you think of other biblical stories or real-life examples where justice is ultimately served in an ironic way?
5. How did Haman's own pride, arrogance, and lack of self-control ultimately pave the way for his rapid demise?
6. How did Haman's silence about Esther's identity and his own plotting lead to his destruction?
7. What warning does Haman's end serve regarding the dangers of bitterness and unchecked ambition?
8. (ch 9) Why is it so important to intentionally remember and celebrate God's past deliverance?
9. Why are both fasting and feasting necessary to a healthy spiritual life?
10. How did Esther and Mordecai use their positions of influence to protect, secure, and uplift their community?

07-08-26 *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

1. On what basis was Paul considered trustworthy and appointed to serve God?
2. Paul calls himself the "foremost" or chief of sinners, yet highlights God's extraordinary patience. How does remembering your own life before—or outside of—Christ cultivate a spirit of humility and gratitude?
3. How can sharing your own story of grace be a powerful tool in your community?
4. In what ways does Paul's testimony of God's mercy and patience encourage your faith in Christ?
5. What were you like before you came to Christ? How are you different now? How does this show God's mercy and grace?
6. Vs. 15 is a clear and concise statement of the gospel. How?
7. Consider Paul's ascription to God in vs. 17. How does each description help your prayers and praise to God?
8. How does Paul reconcile his past with the mercy he has received from the Lord?
9. How can our status as recipients of God's mercy help others who have yet to experience that mercy?
10. What is challenging for you about showing mercy to others?





07-15-26 1 Timothy 6:6-19

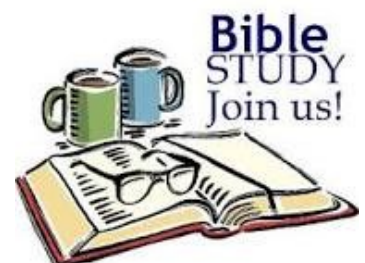
1. What are attributes of a person who teaches a different doctrine than the doctrine of Jesus Christ?
2. What did false teachers believe the end goal of the gospel to be?
3. What is the true gain believers have in living godly lives?
4. How does the desire to be rich by worldly standards differ from the desire to be rich by eternal standards?
5. How have you seen the love of money destroy the lives of those around you?
6. What does it mean to fight the good fight of faith?
7. What did Paul charge the people to keep in the presence of God and Jesus Christ and for what reason?
8. Is it sinful to accrue wealth in this life? Why or why not?
9. What are the rich to realize and remember about their riches and the source from which their riches come?
10. What was the “deposit” Timothy was instructed to guard?

07-22-26 2 Timothy 1:1-14

1. Paul recalls Timothy’s sincere faith. What makes a faith sincere?
2. What kind of spirit did Paul say God had given Timothy?
3. What emotion was Paul admonishing Timothy against?
4. What are some reasons why people can behave as though they are ashamed of the gospel?
5. Why must those that believe in Jesus not be ashamed?
6. How are people saved from the death and darkness of sin?
7. In what ways do people try to work for their salvation rather than rest on the grace of Christ?
8. What was happening amidst some of Paul’s relationships?
9. What does it mean to retain the standard of sound doctrine in our lives and in our church?
10. How does the profound conviction of vs. 12 anchor our own faith journeys?

07-29-26 2 Timothy 2:8-15

1. Why should we accept the resurrection as fact when there is scant historical or scientific evidence to verify it?
2. What are we told to do in vs 8? What are the specific things we are to bring to our minds?
3. What does the word ‘Christ’ mean? Why is it used here?
4. What encouragement can be found in the phrase “But the word of God is not bound!”? (vs 9)
5. Why does Paul endure suffering? Was he like this before he became a believer? Explain.
6. What can be learned about those who endure in their belief in Jesus?
7. Why is the salvation of others so important?
8. What makes a statement trustworthy? List three trustworthy statements
9. What does it mean to you personally to “die with Him” and “live with Him?”
10. How can we ensure we are 'rightly handling the word of truth' in our Bible discussions?





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: Sheryl Aamodt, Ralph Rolson, Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Steve Shaw,.

Family Member: Gary Wanek, Joe & Barb Gudowski, Dorothy Huffman, Mickie Cooke.

Friend/neighbor: Scott, George & Carole Schwantes, Tanner Thompson, Kathy Fields, 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.

SCRIPS CARDS

NEXT Scrips order will go in the middle of July.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“Exploring the Nature of God

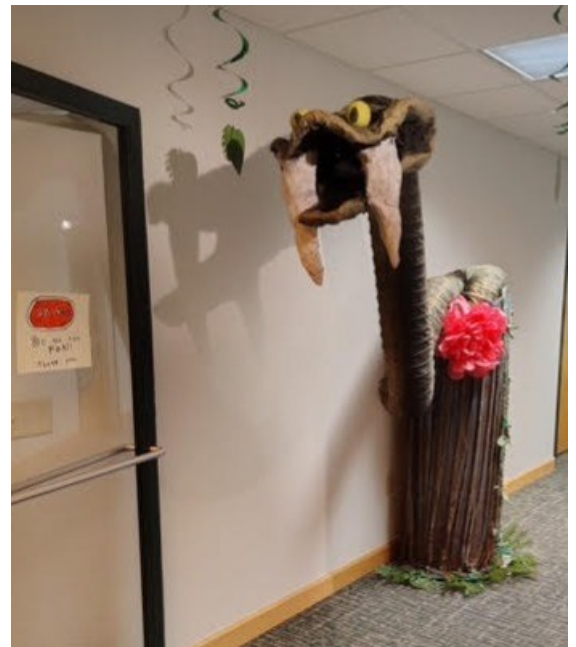
WAS HELD AT United Presbyterian Church last week and was a huge success. There were 20+ children that attended and 15 helpers. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help.

All the children gathered together listening and learning.



Singing with enthusiasm !

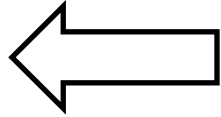
The nature snake



Bishop Halom performed the service on June 21



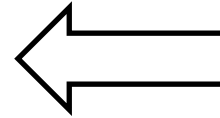
HARBORMASTER SINGERS sang for us on June 28th before the service. They were enjoyed by all.





Lincoln made 15 dozen cookies to raise money for camp.

Way to go Lincoln!



Service Attendants for JULY

Steward: Sharon Kotter

Deacon: Doris Roeber

Altar Guild: Kathy Nelson, Marcy Rigstad

Narrative Lectionary for JULY

Sun JULY 5: Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32
"From Sadness to Joy"

Sun JULY 12: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 "Have Confidence in the Gospel"

Sun JULY 19: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 "Take Hold of Eternal Life"

Sun JULY 26: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 "Rekindle the Gift of God"



JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mth-day</u>
<u>Sharon Nummi</u>	<u>01-Jul</u>
<u>Matthew Skudstad</u>	<u>04-Jul</u>
<u>Ruth Nystrom</u>	<u>05-Jul</u>
<u>Kevin Gregory</u>	<u>10-Jul</u>
<u>Suzanne Riedel</u>	<u>11-Jul</u>
<u>McKenna Skudstad</u>	<u>13-Jul</u>
<u>Tom Krob</u>	<u>20-Jul</u>
<u>Sandy Novak</u>	<u>20-Jul</u>
<u>Tami Susens</u>	<u>20-Jul</u>
<u>Kimberli Mead</u>	<u>25-Jul</u>
<u>Jeffrey Rosburg</u>	<u>27-Jul</u>
<u>Sharon Kotter</u>	<u>29-Jul</u>
<u>Lilly Lancour</u>	<u>29-Jul</u>

ANNIVERSARIES

	<u>Years</u>	<u>Married</u>
<u>Kimberly and Jamie Olson</u>	<u>17-Jul</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>Jim and Marcy Rigstad</u>	<u>17-Jul</u>	<u>49</u>
<u>Rick and Debra Gilbertson</u>	<u>19-Jul</u>	<u>39</u>
<u>Robbye and David Johnson</u>	<u>26-Jul</u>	<u>56</u>
<u>Diane and Danny O'Connell</u>	<u>27-Jul</u>	<u>12</u>

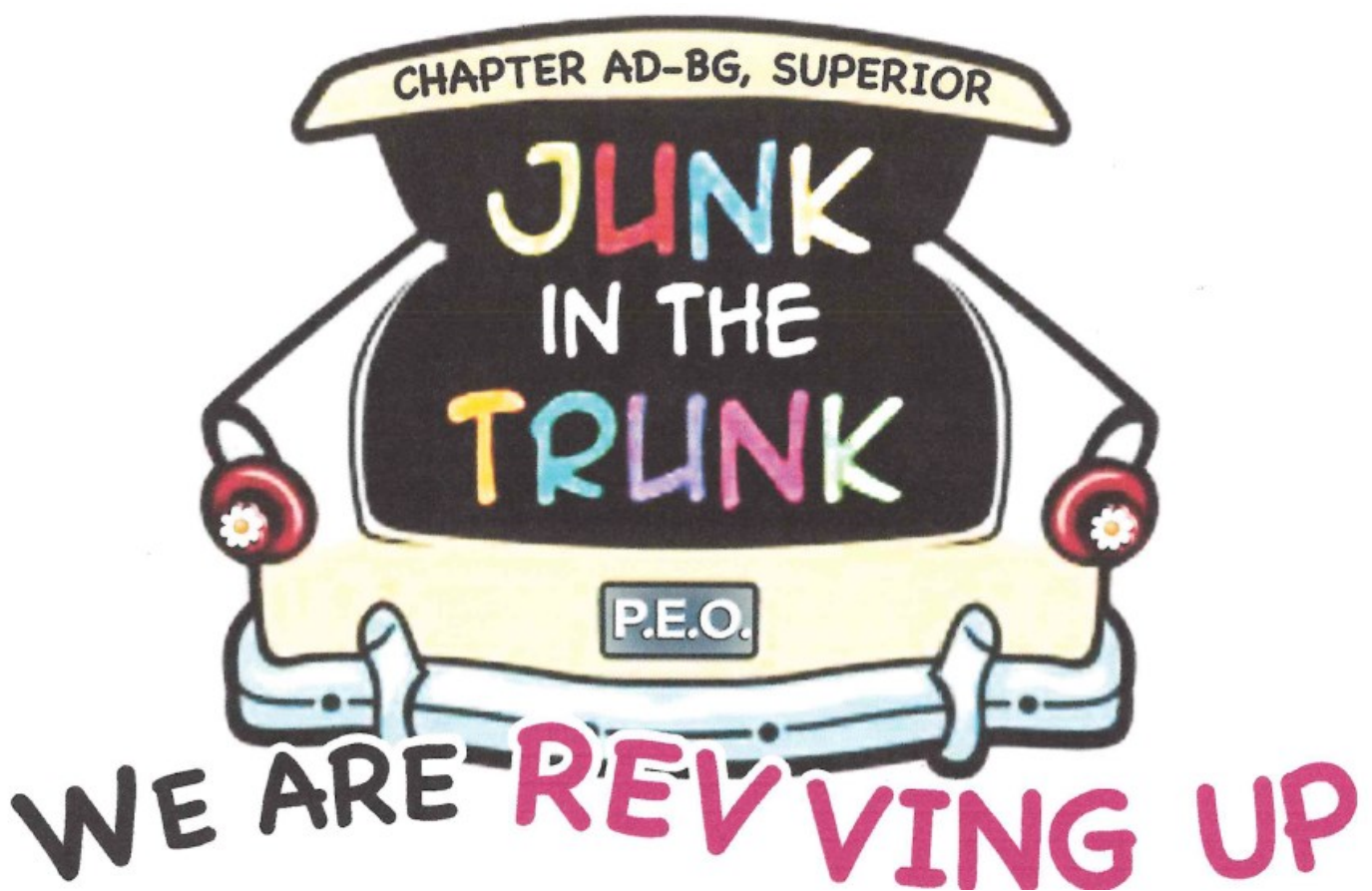
Junk in the Trunk

will be in our front parking lot during
Billings Park Days

Friday, Aug 7 and Saturday, Aug 8
9am—1pm

This is put on by members of Wisconsin P.E.O. Chapter AD-BG. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic education organization that provides scholarships and low interest loans for women attending college.

Come out for the deals while supporting a good cause.



Summer Recipes

EASY CUCUMBER Salad



COOL, CREAMY & SO REFRESHING!

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large cucumbers, sliced
- 1/2 small red onion, sliced
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tbsp vinegar
- 1 tsp sugar
- Salt & pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Slice cucumbers and onion.
- 2 In a bowl, mix sour cream, vinegar, sugar, salt & pepper.
- 3 Add cucumbers and onion and toss well.
- 4 Chill for 30 minutes before serving for best flavor.

TIP: Use English cucumbers if you can.



Perfect for cookouts, picnics & potlucks!

**July Collection for Mission and Outreach
Salvation Army Food Pantry**

Week July 5: Peanut Butter, Canned Vegetables/Fruit,
Canned Soups and Dried Soups

Week July 12: Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Any types of
Canned Beans, Protein Drinks

Week July 19: Meal Starters: Mac & Cheese, Hamburger
Helper, Rice-A-Roni, Boxed Potatoes, etc.

Week July 26: Pasta Products, Rice, Tomato Sauce, Diced
Tomatoes, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal

Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet

196 items were given out in JULY

Contact Dianne (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.

**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



**OSLC Council Meeting
June 16, 2026**

Present: Donna Liebaert, Bonnie Wentzel, Stephanie Shaw, Linda Clark, Dianne Tomczak, Cheryl Braman, Bill Braman, Gary Liupakka, Jim Erickson, Carol Arthur, Alexis Hanson, Sandy Steinberg, Pastor Sean Koos

The Board meeting was called to order by President Liebaert at 5:15pm and opened with our Mission Statement, devotion and prayer.

Additions to the agenda – Donna has announcement under New Business

Secretary's Report: 5-19-26 as written. **(M/S/P).**

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$16,936.95; expenditures were \$16,382.36, for a gain of \$554.59. Discussion of Scrips; suggest that Cheri present info on how it works so folks more likely to use – Bonnie will mention it to her. Motion to approve the report **(M/S/P)**

Board Reports:

Board of Education

- *Kwik Trip is increasing price of car wash cards end of July – should we buy more now?
- *City on the Hill music festival, which day? – Pastor Sean says Friday
- *How do we approach people to teach Sunday School?
- *Possible rotation list to take kids down for snack or other activity after children's sermon
- *Motion to close Youth Group checking account (approx \$3000) & buy 50 Kwik Trip car wash cards, set aside \$1000 for other building projects (downstairs bathrooms, etc), spend remainder on variety of gift cards. **(M/S/P)**

Deacons

- *Bishop Martin will lead worship June 21 @ 10am, with potluck to follow
- *Vacation Bible School at United Presbyterian Church from 4:45-7pm on June 22-26
- *Cookies will be sold to raise money for Lincoln Koos & Pastor Sean to attend Bible Camp July 12-17th
- *National Night Out Tuesday August 4th, 5-7pm

Mission and Outreach

- *Staff Support meeting with Johanna Halonen on June 7. A raise was agreed upon & will be voted on at Council meeting June 16.
- *Collecting for Seafarers through June
- *Threads of Hope Closet provided 235 items in May – thanked Barb for gift card

Stewardship

- *Pledge Drive – “Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God”
- *Suzanne will work on Pledge Drive letter for August meeting. Pledge Drive begins

October 11.

- *Mortgage Drive – In August newsletter give congregation info about the mortgage & need to raise money before the refinancing date. The goal is to raise at least \$25,000

to add to the \$75,000 from the Memorial fund to put toward mortgage principle. Jim will draft something that we can use.

Trustees

Old Business:

*Daycare update – meeting July 1 to discuss a scaled down version (infants)

New Business:

*DBS will provide a repair estimate on June 23 for south side cement leak

*Approved renting Fellowship Hall to Life Line Screening on Sept 23 for \$200 donation

*Approved paying Bonnie Wentzel \$15 per hour to cover for Linda Gran for 2 weeks

Vision Committee – No report

Social Justice Committee – No report

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

Pastors Report:

Luther Point – New director; fundraising has improved finances

Summer Camp – Lincoln Koos & Pastor Sean, July 12-17 – Sell cookies to raise \$\$\$

VBS next week – Pastor Sean will check with United Presbyterian to confirm; Pastor Brett Foote will be leaving next month

Vision Victories:

Finances are good

Congratulations graduates!

Ongoing Business: None

New Business:

Donna read email from Pastor Sara (Zion) regarding CHIMS; OSLC needs someone to be our representative going forward; Donna unable to commit to that role

Donna will not be at the August, September & November Council meetings

Jim Erickson will look at financials from all four churches & create a spreadsheet

Upcoming Events:

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 4, 5-7pm

Junk in the Trunk – August 7 & 8, 8am-Noon @ OSLC parking lot

Combined service – August 16, 10am @ Barkers Island

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

All Boards – August 11

Council – August 18

The meeting adjourned at 6:37pm (**M/S/P**), ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Braman

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Jun	Jun	Jun	July			
28 9:30am Service	29 9am Quilting	30	1 9am NP Service 10am DayCare Mtg 10:30am Bible Sty 1:30pm HarmonyHs	2	3	4 
5 9:30am Service	6 9am Quilting	7	8 9am NP Service 10:30am Bible Sty	9	10	11
12 9:30am Service Pastor leaves for Camp	13 9am Quilting Pastor at Camp	14 No Board Meetings in July Pastor/Camp	15 10:30am Bible Sty Led by Carol R Pastor/Camp	16 Pastor/Camp	17	18
19 9:30am Service	20 9am Quilting	21 No Council Mtg	22 9am NP Service 10:30am Bible Sty	23	24	25
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