



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

Pastor Sean Koos

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Pastor's Report September 2026

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Where, oh, where did the summer go?! Well, for me it went into moving, soccer practices/games, VBS, summer camp, helping quell a camp mutiny, "City on the Hill" music festival, a family death, and family visits. Oh, and ramped up discussions about the future of ministry in Superior. Certainly, enough to keep a pastor busy for 3 months! I'll be glad to resume somewhat regular ministry routines this month. Hopefully it'll be quieter around the church, but I doubt it will be. The hustle bustle of the program year brings its own degree of "noise." The confirmation and Sunday school classes and choir rehearsals/performance will resume and before long it'll be Advent and another Christmas season. It's in busy seasons like these that I am especially grateful for the Benedictine teachings and community that I belong to. For those of you unfamiliar with St. Benedict, please allow me to share a little bit about him.

1,000 years before Martin Luther came on the scene, there was a Christian man named Benedict of Nursia who set about establishing principles to guide monastic life. He compiled them in a book called the "Rule of St. Benedict" and the core themes of the principles range from prayer/work, balance/moderation, humility/obedience, stability, hospitality, and listening/silence. I stumbled on "The Rule" at a Benedictine monastery while serving in Nebraska and my life was forever changed. Benedict's wisdom deeply resonates with me and my faith life, in particular his teachings on balance, stability, and listening. I've connected with the community at St. Scholastica and regularly gather with other "oblates" to worship, share in fellowship, and reflect on the wisdom of Benedict's Rule. Maintaining a balanced, stable, and humble life is very important to me, and I pray that those around me get a sense of this. The busier our outer lives become should be balanced by a busier inner life. I am terribly grateful for the time that ministry gives me to nurture my inner life. God blesses each of us with busy seasons and not-so-busy seasons. I pray that each of us finds similar tools as Benedict's "Rule" to navigate the busy seasons. We each need God's generous gift of peace if we're going to live in this world somewhat sane. God is good and God's peace is especially good! Thanks be to God!

Fall blessings,
Pastor Sean



Bible Studies September 2026

Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

09-02-26 Exodus 20:17

1. Why does the text list specific items?
2. How does this commandment target internal thoughts?
3. In what ways does it protect community?
4. Where does healthy desire become sinful coveting?
5. How can we practice active contentment?
6. Does this rule expose our need for grace? How so?
7. What does the tenth commandment teach us about the other nine?
8. Why is willpower (self-control) needed to live holy in this fallen world? (Galatians 5:22-23)
9. Why do we need to be sanctified in the mind and affections?
10. How does the gospel of Jesus Christ apply to the mind, affections, and will?

09-09-26 Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

1. How does the total corruption in vs 5 show up in our modern world?
2. How can an all-knowing God experience grief or regret? What does this tell us about his personal, relational nature?
3. Why is a global flood a just response from a holy God, rather than an overreaction?
4. Why is the concept of favor crucial here before Noah's good deeds are even mentioned?
5. Genesis 6 shows that God takes sin seriously but always provides a way of rescue (the ark). Where do you see the gospel of Jesus reflected in this narrative?
6. Why do you think Noah sent out two completely different types of birds? What do their behaviors reveal about the state of the earth?
7. Noah waited another seven days after each bird was sent. What does this tell us about his reliance on God's timing versus his own sight?





09-09-26 Genesis (cont)

8. What does a covenant that includes nature teach us about God's heart for His creation?
9. Why does God frame the sign as a reminder for himself rather than just for humans?
10. Why would they need regular, physical assurance from God every time storm clouds gathered after surviving the global flood?

09-16-26 Genesis 12:1-9

1. God commands Abram to leave his country, his people, and his father's household. What makes this request uniquely difficult for someone in ancient culture compared to today?
2. Abram was told to go "to the land I will show you" (v. 1), meaning he did not know the final destination when he started walking. How do we handle seasons where God gives us a direction but no final destination?
3. Which of the promises (great nation, blessing, great name, being a blessing, protection, global impact) stands out to you the most and why?
4. God tells Abram, "you will be a blessing" and "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." How does this shape our understanding of why God blesses his people today?
5. Is blessing meant to stop with us?
6. What does obeying God tell us about Abram's character, despite his imperfections?
7. What was the significance of building physical altars in a land filled with Canaanites?
8. How can we build "altars" of worship and remembrance in our modern, secular environments?
9. What does Abram being 75 teach us about God's timing, age, and our usefulness in his kingdom?
10. What tangible proof exists for the promise of land to Abram and his descendants?





09-23-26 Genesis 39:1-23

1. How does Joseph maintain his integrity when tempted by Potiphar's wife?
2. What does Joseph's refusal reveal about his view of sin and his relationship with God?
3. Why do you think Joseph fled the room instead of staying to argue his case?
4. How can we practically flee temptation in our modern lives?
5. In what ways did Joseph show trust in God while wrongly imprisoned?
6. How can we maintain a positive attitude and work ethic when life feels unfair?
7. How did Joseph's presence bring blessing to unbelievers like Potiphar and the prison warden?
8. Does God being "with us" mean we will be spared from suffering? Why or why not?
9. Why do you think Joseph did not defend himself against Potiphar's wife's lies?
10. How does Joseph's suffering foreshadow the unjust suffering of Jesus?

09-30-26 Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

1. Why is it our natural reaction to want to return to familiar bondage when new challenges arise?
2. What does it mean practically to "be still" when you are facing a crisis?
3. How does Moses respond to the people's complaints?
4. What does this teach us about godly leadership during a crisis?
5. How do we understand God's sovereignty versus human free will in regard to Pharaoh's hardened heart?
6. In what ways have we experienced God acting as a hidden shield or barrier in our lives?
7. According to vs 31, what was the ultimate result of the miracle on the hearts of the Israelites?



09-30-26 Exodus (cont)

8. Why does God tell them to move forward before the sea is actually parted?

9. What "walls of water" are we currently walking through, trusting God to keep from collapsing?

10. What lessons can we learn from this event, crossing the Red Sea?



Worship Support Congregation Members: Sheryl Aamodt, Julianne Koski, Ralph Rolson, Jim & Marcy Rigstad, Steve Shaw, Amanda Shaw, Carol Jenssen

Family Member: Family of Bruce Rene, (Pastor's father-in-law), Gary Koos, Casey Bachand, Joe & Barb Gudowski, Dorothy Huffman, Mickie Cooke

Friend/neighbor: Mary & Terry Hendrickson, Debbie Kressin, Sue Weber, Mike Fields, Tracy Heines

(Keeping Names on for 3 months. 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.

FAITH

*does not make things easy,
it makes them possible*

SCRIPTS CARDS

NEXT Scripts order will go in the middle to end of SEPTEMBER, depending on the specials.
As of 8/28/26 we have made \$1,073 on scrips.



Remember—Scripts cards can be used for everyday items you normally purchase. Gas, Groceries, Pizza, Drugs at Walgreens, Walmart or CVS, Movies, and gifts to college kids, grand children. The list goes on and on, and it benefits our church. Ask a member about them if you would like to learn more.

Service Attendants for SEPTEMBER

Steward: Sandy Steinberg

Deacon: Len Wicklund

Altar Guild: Barb Danielson, Kim Erickson

EXECUTIVE BOARD of OSLC

PRESIDENT: Donna Liebaert / Dawn Wicklund (when Donna out of town)
(dliebs56@yahoo.com) (dawnwicklund@gmail.com)

VICE PRESIDENT: Gary Liupakka (no email)

COUNCIL SECRETARY: Cheryl Braman (Cheryl.jones65@yahoo.com)

TREASURER: Bonnie Wentzel (bwentzel72@gmail.com)

PASTOR: Sean Koos 715-394-3472 or 218-206-0859

OFFICE: Linda Gran 715-394-3472

CAMP this year for a confirmation student



Lincoln excited of his catch at camp..

The other two boys, Trevor & Nelson, attended "City on the Hill" with Pastor Koos and Mike

Jeff Skrenes led the service on August 23rd in Pastor's absence.

THANK YOU JEFF! It was a great message.



If you know anyone who might live near the camp, please let them know.

Luther Point Bible Camp

Part-Time Maintenance Caretaker
9-Month Opportunity to Serve Luther Point Bible Camp

Luther Point Bible Camp is seeking a dependable, skilled individual to serve as a part-time Maintenance Caretaker for a nine-month term. Working under the guidance of the Property Committee, this individual will help maintain the camp's buildings, grounds, and facilities during an important season of transition.

Grantsburg, WI, 715-689-2347, www.lutherpoint.org

Narrative Lectionary for SEPTEMBER

Sun SEPT 6: Exodus 20:17 “Do Not Covet”

Sun SEPT 13: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17
“Flood and Promise”

Sun SEPT 20: Genesis 12:1-9 “Call of Abraham”

Sun SEPT 27: Genesis 39:1-23 “Joseph in Prison”

SEPTEMBER Collection Mission and Outreach

Northwest Community Action

Sept 6: Flour, Sugar, Powdered & Brown Sugar, Baking Soda, Baking Powder, Salt, Pepper

Sept 13: Canned Vegetables/Fruit, Canned and Dried Soups, Canned Meats

Sept 20: Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni, etc., Cereal, Granola Bars

Sept 27: Pasta, Rice, Beans, Tomato Sauce, Diced Tomato, Spaghetti Sauce, or any non-perishable food

August 16 Service at Barkers Island Combined Lutheran Churches



Pastor Doug Paulson giving the sermon



Quite a few people attended, even though it was windy.



Pastor Sarah giving the Childrens' Sermon

"NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"



Dianne, Barb, Cheri & Carol with the Firemen.



Firemen lifting the ladder, and Bonnie with her adorable new puppy. Our cook, Len who is always smiling.



Foster Care had a table with information



Foster Care came to hand out pamphlets.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

We have great news! Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on September 23rd.

Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. They are extending a discounted offer to all members which will identify your risk level for the diseases listed in their flyer below.

Normally the cost for the vascular package is \$159. People calling the number below, using the listed code, will pay \$129 for the package.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458**
and use code: **HABC001**



September 23rd, 9am-4:30pm
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1924 Wyoming Ave, Superior





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Name

Gretchen Lisdahl	01-Sep
Dawn Wicklund	03-Sep
Nelson Netland	06-Sep
Gene Rosburg	08-Sep
Teresa Streu	08-Sep
David Carlson	08-Sep
Henry Schultz,	08-Sep
Helen Ardell	09-Sep
Patricia Johnson	13-Sep
Megan Westlund	13-Sep
Cameran Carlson	13-Sep
Megan Birk	16-Sep
Joseph Bowser	16-Sep
Karen Cirilli	17-Sep
Jim Rigstad	17-Sep
Vivian Willoughby	19-Sep
Richard Taber	23-Sep
Andrew Nelson	23-Sep
Ed Willie	25-Sep
Pamela Oviatt	26-Sep
Joshua Tomczak	26-Sep
Rachel Tomczak	26-Sep
Christine Carlson	28-Sep
Leonard Wicklund	28-Sep
Lu Ann Hoff	29-Sep

Dennis and Sharon Gail Schultz
Linda Maki and John

01-Sep
09-Sep

Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet
216 items were given out in AUGUST thru the 27th

60 items Infants - 5yrs Rm

156 items 6yrs - Teen Rm

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.

**NOT LUCK.
Just
GOD**

**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



OTHER CHURCHES

**CONCORDIA IS HAVING A RUMMAGE SALE ON SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26TH FROM 9-3pm.**

1708 John Avenue

**NORTHBAY COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

**GOLDEN
HEIRS**

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

Brought to you by North Bay Community Church | 1316 East 5th St. Superior, WI

**two
harbors
ukulele
group**

Two Harbors Ukulele Group will be
coming to North Bay on
Saturday, September 19th at 3 PM

Light refreshments will be served and a
free will offering will be received.

Visit: twoharborsukulelegroup.com

Soul Care Seminar (Anxiety: A Biblical
Perspective) will be presented by Erica
Gagnon, MAC, BA RN on
Saturday, October 24th at 10 AM

Luncheon will be served and a free will
offering will be received.

**soul
care
seminar**

OSLC Council Meeting August 18, 2026

Present: Donna Liebaert, Bonnie Wentzel, Stephanie Shaw, Linda Clark, Dianne Tomczak, Cheryl Braman, Gary Liupakka, Jim Erickson, Alexis Hanson, Kandee Rosberg, Sandy Steinberg, Dawn Wicklund, Pastor Sean Koos, Summer Nitsch (Consultant)

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

Additions to the agenda will be under new business.

Secretary's Report: 6-16-26 as written. **(M/S/P).**

Treasurer's Report: Income was June \$12,856.31, July \$20,158.60, YTD \$108,305.13; expenditures were June \$15,303.12, July \$20,760.75, YTD \$116,740.14; for a **loss** of June **\$2,446.81**, July **\$602.15**, YTD **\$8435.01**. Motion to approve the report **(M/S/P)**

Board Reports:

Board of Education

- *Pastor & Mike Dahl took Trevor & Nelson to City on the Hill music festival
- *Pastor & Lincoln went to camp July 20-24
- *Confirmation orientation is Sept 9 @ 5pm; confirmation start following Sunday; 6th grader & 8th grader request confirmation plus 4 others
- *First Communion class Sept 13 @ 4pm
- *Sundays – First Communion will be @ 5pm; Confirmation will be @ 6pm
- *Rally Sunday is Sept 13

Deacons

- *VBS went well
- *Lincoln went to camp, caught the biggest fish
- *National Night Out was well attended
- *Len offered to purchase new hymnals

Mission and Outreach

- *Planned National Night Out & it was a success; expressed disappointment that there was no police presence as the purpose is to bring community & first responders together; the fire department did send their rig & four firefighters
- *Collecting for St Vincent de Paul
- *Faith United Methodist no longer running weekly food shelf. List of food we can donate
- *Threads of Hope Clothes Closet provided 196 items in June & 521 items in July

Stewardship

*Pledge letter & mailing preparation; Gary will give a Temple Talk on Oct 4, letters will be mailed on Oct 5, Drive officially starts Oct 11; theme is “**Racing**”

*Memorial Envelopes – place in pews to allow members to contribute to building fund, mortgage fund, general fund or other funds in memory of loved ones.

Trustees

Old Business:

*Daycare update – decision not to move forward as expenses would be too high

*Mortgage renewal – transfer funds from Memorial Trust Fund to pay down & continue with plans to request donations to further reduce mortgage before interest rate renewal

New Business:

*Fellowship Hall water leak (south side) – Jim will work with DBS. We received a grant for \$8,500 & made a deposit to DBS for \$4,205

*St Paul room leak – bricks & mortar were sealed

*Jim put together a spreadsheet with 2025 financial comparisons for the 4 churches

*Insurance renews in Sept, rate increase 9.2% or \$670

*Home page in need to update, Mike will work with Linda

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

Pastors Report:

Should we have a committee for when we have joint services? Or just remember to sign up to help?

CHIMS notes should be distributed to the congregation

Discussed First Communion & Confirmation classes and times

Discussed Sunday School times; need a teacher

Vision Victories:

National Night Out

Joint Service

Clothes Closet

\$5000 already received toward mortgage payment

Ongoing Business: None

August Council Mtg continued pg3

New Business:

M/S/P approve pay raise for pianist Johanna

Pastoral Partners – have a quarterly report of who has been visited & given communion

Consultant Summer Nitsch

*Evaluate financial aspects of the four churches

*Meet one-on-one with each congregation president – each congregation is different

*Create a survey from the first draft

*What does our congregation think about all this? Is everyone on the same page about what the future looks like?

*Encourage folks to attend CHIMS meetings

Stewardship

Upcoming Events:

CHIMS meeting – August 27, 5pm @ Zion

Confirmation orientation – Sunday, September 9 @ 5pm

Rally Sunday – Sept 13

First Communion class – Sunday, Sept 13 @ 4pm

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

All Boards – Sept 8

Council – Sept 15

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm **(M/S/P)**, ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Braman

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30-Aug 9:30am Service	31-Aug 9am Quilting	1 	2 10:30am Bible Sty	3 	4 	5
6 9:30am Service	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 4pm Trustees 5:15pm All Boards Meet	9 10:30am Bible Sty 1:30pm HarmonyHs	10 	11 	12
13 RALLY SUNDAY 9:30am Service 9:45am Sunday Sch 5pm First Communion Class 6pm Confirmation Class	14 9am Quilting	15 5:15pm Council Mtg	16 10:30am Bible Sty	17 	18 	19
20 9:30am Service 9:45am Sunday Sch 5pm First Communion Class 6pm Confirmation Class	21 9am Quilting	22 	23 9-4pm Life Line Screening will be here performing Stroke & Cardiovascular disease risk screenings. 10:30am Bible Sty	24 	25 	26
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