

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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January 2023

(Dear Friends, I wrote this reflection years ago, when my kids were still small. The sentiment remains as true now as then. Happy New Year! Pastor S.)



“But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.” Micah 5:2

An open letter to God at Christmas:

Dear God,

I'm writing to you this Christmas in hopes that this letter won't end up in the same place that most of the letters to Santa end up in the post office. It's not that I'm a skeptic... or a Scrooge... but maybe just a little jaded, and tired, and in need of a little more faith. I guess I'm writing to you rather than to Santa mainly because this, after all, was your holiday, your **holy day**, first... before Santa and his elves and the mall ever got a hold of it!

The thing about Christmas, Lord, which really strikes me, is how big everything seems to become around Christmas. To hear Luke tell it in your Bible, Christmas is really about how you made great things small, so that we could comprehend them. Most of the time, for me, though, it's about how I make small things so big! I take this one day on the calendar and make it the largest event of the year! No other date on the calendar comes close, especially if you're a kid (or in retail).

My expectations always seem to grow to gargantuan proportions at Christmas. Remember when I was ten, and just had to have that microscope? Or when I was thirteen and my life would be complete if only I had that .22 rifle? Or when... well, you know the rest, all of those small things that I dreamed would make all the difference in the world if only I could have them. I suppose my expectations have changed regarding Christmas, but they haven't shrunk! I still expect more contentment, more satisfaction.

Maybe this Christmas my kids will be so overjoyed at the first present they open that they'll actually forget the other packages lying under the tree, and they won't throw it into the pile as they reach for the next one. Maybe if I buy this thing for this person, it'll make up for the way I treat them, or ignore them, or take them for granted the other 364 days of the year. Somehow, Lord, I manage to put an awful big weight on one small gift.

My expectations get so big at Christmas, Lord! I expect my kids to be especially well-behaved, my wife to be a mind reader and all things familial to be sweetness and light... as long as I don't have to change my behavior much. It's not just my expectations, or my Visa card balance that gets bigger at Christmas, and you know it. For some reason, Lord, this time of year always seems to tempt me into making huge the things that ought to be small in their proper perspective.

My anxieties grow larger, as I look at my kids and wonder if I'm being the kind of parent I need to be for them. (I forget, sometimes, that with the gift of these babies you also promised me the gifts to care for them.) In the dark of late December, Lord, I get to thinking about another year gone, and the fact that I'm already this old, and what have I done with these precious years and is this where I'd imagined I'd be at this age... and it's all going by so fast!

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My pains and my losses always seem more magnified this time of year, too. Lord, why is it that every loss, every failure, every shortcoming seems to grow in my consciousness at Christmas? My lost loved ones, my failed relationships, my propensity toward selfishness, my fear of weakness and old age, my lack of trust in you... I have a way of making them big to the point of overwhelming, when in fact they should be so small in light of what you've done for me and all you've given me.

I want to thank you, Lord, for Christmas and all that it means. My tendency to make small things huge isn't your fault, and all of that garbage would overwhelm me if not for the fact that you, in your infinite wisdom, decided to make great things small... for me.

You, the creator of all things, came into my world in the smallest of places, Bethlehem, a backwater wide-spot-in-the-road out in the middle of nowhere. You, the Ancient of Days, came to a working-man carpenter and his teenaged bride-to-be, people of no greater importance or stature than me. You showed yourself first to shepherds, men of no real social station, with the stink of the field on them. Most importantly, you wrapped your infinite self in the fragile, very mortal flesh of a baby. When you did that, coming to me in the smallest, most vulnerable form imaginable, you made it possible for me finally to receive you.

Christmas reminds me that in your coming first to the small places, there is now no place that is God-forsaken. As sure as you were found in a manger, you must also be in my kitchen, in my living room, in my office, in my car. Christmas reminds me that as sure as you came first to parents of no special station or ability, and you trusted them to raise you into adulthood, you must certainly entrust yourself to my care, too. If Joseph and Mary can bear you to the world, I must be able to do that as well.

Christmas reminds me that as sure as you first revealed yourself to a bunch of scraggly shepherds, you most certainly will reveal yourself to me, even in all of my doubts and fears. Christmas reminds me that whenever I look into the face of a baby, whenever I change a diaper, change a 'jammy or heat up a bottle, the vulnerability I see there is a reflection of the way you became vulnerable that I might receive you.

Christmas reminds me that as once you made great things small, you aren't finished yet. You have taken the grave, that small hole in the ground that I make out to be the greatest of bottomless caverns, and you've made it nothing ... but a small gateway to a life that lasts forever.

So... Thank-you, Lord Jesus, for your birth, for Christmas. Help me now to receive it, and you, with the faith of Mary and Joseph, with the wonder of the shepherds and with all of the joy of the angels, and to carry that gift into the New Year. Amen.

Pastor Stephan Sandness

The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar for
the month of January

will benefit Lutheran Social Services

*November's Love Your Neighbor Jar
raised \$2,512.25 for the
Spearfish Community Food Pantry.*



January Needs List:

Saltines, Cheerios, Cookies, Box Potatoes,
Oatmeal, Diced Tomatoes, Grape Jelly,
Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce

Dear friends,

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." ~ Revelation 21:5

Only a week ago, we celebrated the birth of the King—Jesus Christ. And as we continue now through the season of Christmas in the church year, we do so still basking in the light of his birth. We hope to carry that light with us into the new year.

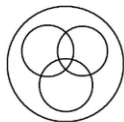
January has always felt to me like a "new start," a time of speculation and wonder about the year ahead. Some people make resolutions for the new year. I stopped doing that when I realized that my resolution had been the same for a few years in a row, "To live intentionally." But I do think January is a perfect time to make a fresh start, a chance to change things up and to affirm the priorities in my life. The only way that can happen is prayerfully. God alone knows what the new year will bring for me and for you. We can make changes and set priorities; but living prayerfully, we understand that we truly only see one step ahead on the path. Trusting in Jesus Christ, every day will require responsiveness to the mission he sets before us.

I encourage you to also prayerfully consider the year ahead. I'd love to listen and talk with you about finding your way in this body of Christ at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. What new thing will grow in your life? What new venture lies ahead? How can I help you make connections with others as you take the first step on the path of this new year?

Thank you for your generosity and support during this season and throughout the year.
Peace and light to you as we move into this new year together!

~ Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

Friendship Ministry
Extending the love of Christ
from Friend to Friend



Are you in need of:

- Someone who cares?
- Someone who supports?
- Someone who listens?
- Someone who keeps confidentiality?

A Friendship Minister will be there for you.
Call Nancy Christopherson at 605-645-2723.

***Do you sense a call to serve as a
Friendship Minister? Training is simple
and flexible; call Deacon Laura (605-642-
3715) for more information.***

✠ Pastoral Acts ✠

Baptisms

- November 27** Millie Roy Egerdahl, daughter of Christopher & Cali Egerdahl
- November 27** Griffin Bru & Lettie Shea Kemp, children of Matt & Marie Kemp
- December 11** Peyton Jean Marie Skavang, daughter of Shaun & Ashley Skavang
- December 21** Canon Bradley & Colton Barrett Braithwait, children of Tim & Nichole Braithwait
- December 24** Gracelynn Elissa Haugen, daughter of Madison Varner & Devon Haugen

Funeral

- December 22** Wayne D. Delzer, 81, Spearfish, SD

SonShine Squad:

You are invited to join the SonShine Squad as we meet on Monday, January 9, at 9:00 am in the Church library to make plans for visiting our OSLC home bound in the coming year. We meet once a month to make a small craft which our teams take to the folks when they visit them. Each team chooses a time that is the best for their visits. During our first few visits we have come to realize how much our visits mean to our home bound, some get very few visitors. Each of us on the SonShine Squad have enjoyed our visits, love the stories the folks tell, and come away with such positive feelings. Please consider joining us and become part of our special mission to show our home bound we care. If you are interested or have questions, please call or text Cheryl 605-673-1334



Thank you to all who participated in our 2022 year Angel Tree Ministry! Whether you purchased gifts, donated money, baked special treats, addressed Christmas cards, organized gifts for delivery or helped deliver gifts, your support and generosity brought smiles to the faces of many children and adults in our community.

This year we were able to purchase 100 \$25 Walmart Gift Cards for children at Pine Ridge. OSLC quilters also sent quilts to Pine Ridge. 22 children residing at the Artemis House each received gifts. 18 adults staying at the Artemis House received gift cards.

One single mom and her child and two young men in need were blessed with gifts. We also furnished diapers, pajamas, socks, undergarments and games for children living in foster care.

15 residents of Spearfish Canyon Health Care received one gift each. 26 OSLC "FRIENDS" who live in assisted living facilities or on their own but may not have family in the area, received a gift or a tray of baked goods.

God bless all who helped to make this possible!

Janice Clarkson and OSLC's Mission Team

Faithful Women: Book Discussion

Women of all ages!

Join us for a relaxing time of conversation and book discussion.

Five sessions between January 9 and February 10

Time, Location, and Book to be determined by registrants.

Childcare will be provided as needed.

Please let me know if you are interested by January 6!

Deacon Laura Lee Campbell
oslc1@rushmore.com or 642-3715



Senior Ministry

Sunday Morning Transportation

Need a ride to church on Sunday mornings for the 8:30 AM Worship Service?
Call the church office (642-3715) by 2 pm Friday afternoon to reserve a ride.

Worship DVD and Bulletin Delivery



If you are homebound on Sunday mornings and would like to have a DVD and bulletin of worship, please let us know at 642-3715.



Gather

Women's Evening Bible Study
The Ten Commandments,
by Rev. Christa von Zychlin

Four monthly sessions:

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Dancing the Decalogue

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Rhythms and respect

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Sanctity of life and love

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Guardrails for love of God and neighbor

As a resource, we use the **Gather** magazine of the Women of the ELCA. We meet at The Living Room (corner of Jackson and Yale Streets).
RSVP to oslc1@rushmore.com or 605-642-3715

Confirmation

January 4: Session 13
11: Session 14
18: Session 15
25: Session 16

January Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship
Abbey Hegge, Maggie Faulkner

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship
Abbie Keller, Jobie Manke

High School Youth Group

7:10 PM, Wednesday Evenings
Resuming January 4
The Living Room, 810 N. Yale.

All freshmen through seniors.

On these gathering nights we discuss matters of faith, life and anything on your mind. It is a great hour of fellowship and faith formation. It is a very informal and meaningful evening and bringing a friend or friends is always welcomed.

Our High School Youth are encouraged to sign-up for reminders by sending a text to: **text @oslc to the number 81010**

Questions? Please contact Chris Blain at ckblain@gmail.com.



Please remember your Secret Sister during the month of January by mailing a card and keeping her in prayer!

TreaSurer's Report

As of November 30, 2022

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$477,403.58
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$478,731.90
Year-to-date Budget	\$534,334.08

Scriptures

Jan. 1 Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7 OR Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 2:15-21

Jan. 8 Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Jan. 15 Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Jan. 22 Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Jan. 29 Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Recipe Corner



During the Senior Ministry Christmas Party, we had a lot of requests for this recipe.

Pam Tyma's Potato Chip Cookies

1 lb. butter
1 c sugar
3 c flour
2 cups crushed potato chip (not the ruffled ones)
1 c chopped pecans/walnuts
1 t vanilla
Powdered sugar

Preheat oven 325.
Cream butter and sugar for 5 minutes.
Add flour, then potato chips, then nuts, then vanilla.
Shape dough into small balls (1" balls)
Place on an ungreased cookie sheet.
Flatten with a fork dipped in water.
Bake for 20 minutes.
Cool pan on wire rack.
Sift powdered sugar on top of cookies.

Yield: 7 – 8 dozen cookies

January 2023

I hope many of you were in a safe warm home when the snow storm hit. I thought it was nice to stay home and get a few things done, on the other hand it put me further behind in other things. Go figure.

Our Board meeting was held on December 7. Another year has gone by ever so quickly. Most of our meeting was discussing the things that went good or things we need to change with Julefest next year. Not many changes will have to be made as AJ and Lynn have it pretty well in order. Thank you all for helping make this another great event for OSLC. Thank you men, women and young adults, all from start to finish even with so many other events going on in town on the same week end people were here as soon as the doors were unlocked. Warms my heart to see so many of you willing to help make this event a success.

Anne Kirk gave her report on 2023 Devotions for WELCA will be on the Commandments, sounds like a fun and interesting study.

Time was spent on updating our Women of the ELCA booklet, so information could be turned over to Julie. She works very hard to keep names and phone numbers updated each year. Look for your new booklet at your January circle meeting.

We also discussed the nine-year-old commercial refrigerator in the church kitchen that needs repair (\$2,200) or replacing (\$4,127). It was decided and recommend to go with the repair.

I do hope many of you took time to go check out the OSLC Christmas tree this year, located at the Festival of Trees. Dianna did an awesome job again. Our tree auctioned off at \$1100.00 this year and the money will help many needy children in our community. Thank you for your hard work.

By the time this mailing will come out it will be a New Year. Wherever you go-Blessings, Wherever you are Peace. Keep Jesus in your Heart.

Next Board Meeting-Jan 4
Kitchen Duty Deborah Circle

Mary Goddard

Circle Meetings

<u>Circle Study Leaders</u> TBD	<u>Deborah Circle</u> January 9, 10:30 AM Leader: Karleen Dagit Hostess: Marilyn Ham
<u>Esther Circle</u> January 12, 1:00 PM Leader: Anda Johnson Hostess: Anne Kirk	<u>Ruth Circle</u> January 19, 10:00 AM Leader: All Hostess: All

WELCA Calendar

Jan. Kitchen Duty	Deborah Circle
January 4 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
January 5 ~10:00 AM	WELCA General Meeting



Personal Care Kit

Deborah Circle would like to encourage anyone to donate articles or a kit and put in the basket in the Fellowship Hall. Personal Care Kits are **due Feb. 15**



Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- ❖ One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- ❖ Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- ❖ One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- ❖ One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ❖ One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

**Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.*

All items should be new and in good condition.

OSLC QUILTING SUMMARY – 2022

The dedicated, hard-working quilters finished 657 quilts in 2022. We couldn't have done it without generous donations of fabric, sheets, blankets and cash. Help from the Fix-It Crew, quilt sellers, and quilt purchasers made Julefest quilt sales a success.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

OSLC Quilters donated 431 Quilts

220 Lutheran World Relief
40 Artemis House
21 Pine Ridge
20 Realtors for Kids
18 OSLC Baptisms
15 Lutheran Social Services-Canyon Hills
14 OSLC High School Seniors
12 Red Cross
12 Spearfish Schools
11 Navajo Lutheran Mission
10 SD Veterans Home-Hot Springs
10 Spearfish Police Department
10 CASA-Northern Hills
6 Hospital Nursery (Baby Quilts)
4 Salvation Army
3 Northern Hills Training Center
2 Sheila Baker
2 Izzy and Janet Zephlen (Quilt Tops)
1 School Raffle for Aide

OSLC Quilters made cash donations of \$16,200

\$2,000 Spearfish Community Food Pantry
\$1,500 Spearfish Nutrition Site (Meals on Wheels)
\$1,500 Twin City Clothing-Lead (Free Store)
\$1,500 Good Shepherd Clinic
\$1,000 Spearfish School District Backpack Program
\$1,000 Pine Ridge Reconciliation Ctr-Energy Assistance
\$1,000 Spearfish Hospice
\$1,000 OSLC Elevator Fund
\$ 800 Cornerstone Mission-Rapid City
\$ 700 Northern Hills Training Center
\$ 700 Artemis House
\$ 500 Lutheran Campus Ministries-Moms Camperships
\$ 500 BHSU Student Emergency Fund
\$ 500 Spearfish Ministerial Association
\$ 350 Spearfish CASA
\$ 350 Spearfish Foundation for Public Education
\$ 350 Julie Lee (Gift)
\$ 350 Lisa Williams (Gift)
\$ 200 Bella Pregnancy Center-Spearfish
\$ 200 RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)
\$ 200 Red Cross

Office Notes:

Our Savior's Church will be closed Monday, January 2 for New Year's Day. The Good Shepherd Clinic be closed Monday, January 2 for New Year's Day and January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The deadline for submission of items for the February newsletter is **Friday, January 20**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com

Ways to give electronically:

Scan this code to give online



Scan the code or go to our website, click on the Online Giving button:

Clicking on that button will take you to a secure page on which you can donate to the vital ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church directly from a checking or savings account, or using a credit or debit card.

Did you know...Our website contains the monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more...Check it out at: www.oslcspearfish.com.

Has your address or phone number changed? Please let us know at 642-3715 or e-mail Julie at oslc@rushmore.com

Prefer not to receive a paper copy of our newsletter? Let us send you an email with a link to our newsletter when it's posted to our website. If you are interested, please send your email address to Julie at oslc@rushmore.com or call us at 642-3715. Thank you!

Children's Ministry News

January 2023

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Sunday & Wednesday School

The New Year is a great time to start coming to Sunday school, so why not “RESOLVE” to make it your goal this January! Please feel free to invite your friends to join us anytime; we would love to have them!

After Christmas break, we will welcome our teachers and students back to SUNDAY SCHOOL on January 8, 2023. WEDNESDAY SCHOOL will begin on Wednesday January 11th at 5:40pm after supper at 5:15.

Milestone Ministry

Thank you to our Senior Choir members for presenting the first graders with the “Story of Jesus’ Birth” story cubes. The kids really enjoy the cubes!

Upcoming Milestone Ministry Events

- January 22 Preschool “My Church” 9:45-10:30am
- February 12 Second Grade “The Lord’s Prayer” 9:45 – 10:30am

Parents & Guardians, we will send out a letter for each of these events.



Parents & Guardians Please Consider Joining!

The OSLC **Education Committee** meets monthly to talk about Sunday & Wednesday School, Milestone Ministries, Adult education, Confirmation & Youth group and much more! If you share any of these interests, please join our group! We meet the **first Tuesday of the month at 5:30** here at the church or on Zoom. We would love to have some new ideas and input for future classes and programming! Just let Beth or Laura know about your interest so we can provide more information!

Lutheran Outdoors Summer Camp News

Registration is now open for all students that have completed third through twelfth grades. Early registration rates have changed this year; *only one level of discount until April 15th*; after April 16th, the regular rate applies. Please go to www.losd.org to check out the camp dates available. OSLC will need a copy of your registration confirmation email so we know to send your child’s campership to Lutherans Outdoors.

Please don’t let cost be the reason your child doesn’t go to camp! OSLC provides scholarships to *each camper* that attends camp to help with camp costs, *regardless of need!*



Family Game Night!



Join us for a FUN evening of games, food, and laughs on Family Game Night! More info coming soon! What is your families FAVORITE game to play?!

Gods Work. Our Hands.

In January, we will be placing an order for “Gods Work. Our Hands.” T-shirts, in an effort to be better prepared and ready to go for *any* service event we do, but most especially for GWOH’s Sunday on the second Sunday of September each year. We want to be a visible presence in our community and the world doing God’s Work with Our Hands. Please stay tuned for more information about ordering but also about service projects that will be coming soon!

God's work.
Our hands.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Pastor Stephan Sandness at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Nichole Braithwait, Deming Haugland, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Mat Ornelas, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
2. **Devotions:** Nichole Braithwait started her devotion by saying that her children would be baptized during Wednesday Word on December 21. She shared how difficult it was to explain God to two young children. She shared a message from 1 Peter 1:8-9, "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls."
3. **Approve Agenda:** David Pummel moved to approve the agenda; Nichole Braithwait seconded; motion carried.
4. **Approval of the November Council Minutes:** Linda Easthouse moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the November Treasurer's Reports:** David Pummel shared the Statement of Income and Expenses with the Council. November's income was \$40,135 and the actual year-to-date income was at \$477,472. Our monthly expenditures for November were \$43,023, and our actual year-to-date expenditures were at \$478,732. Last year for November, we were showing a loss of \$10,943.83 and a year-to-date loss of \$8,873.39. The difference to this year for the month and year to date is that the property insurance was paid in November last year and will be paid in December this year because we changed companies, so once we subtract out the insurance, we are where we were last year.
6. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura Campbell said the New Member Orientation and Dinner went well, with 10 of the 12 new member families attending. She's grateful for the team who organizes the dinner and for people who agreed to sponsor these families. Many volunteers are providing visitation or sending cards to members of our congregation: Friendship Ministers, SonShine Squad, Communion Distribution folks, Card Ministry leaders, and more. The holidays can be a difficult time for caregivers, lonely, or grieving people. Laura and a group of five are reading the book Grateful by Diana Butler Bass, and they will get together next week and again in January to discuss it. Laura has had positive comments about receiving the Advent Devotional again. Members of the congregation appreciate everything about it: size, readings, reflections, artwork, and the fact that we all are reading the devotions together.

Pastor Stephan agreed with Laura that the New Members Orientation and Dinner was great, the best since post-Covid. In the previous months, he's officiated over six baptisms and will have two more next week; he has one funeral coming up on the Thursday before Christmas. Advent is going well, and the first unit of confirmation is finished. As usual, there will be four Christmas Eve services, and because Christmas Day is on Sunday, one service will be at 9:00 AM. New Year's Day is also on Sunday and will have a 9:00 AM service as well.
7. **Committee Reports**
Education: Due to weather conditions, the Education Committee did not meet, but the focus right now is on the Christmas Program on Sunday the 17th at the second service.
Mission Team: Due to weather conditions, not all the Mission Team members met, but Pam Englund and Janice Clarkson planned to go to the church on Tuesday morning to get the gifts ready for distribution, and they asked via email for any who could safely help to join them. Mission Team will meet again in January and share a report on Angel Tree 2022.
Senior Ministry had their Christmas party on December 8. It was well attended with many stories told and lots of good cheer for the holidays.
Property: The members of the Property Team set up the Christmas trees in the sanctuary and helped get things ready for the Christmas season and Julefest. Pastor Stephan praised their service to OSLC.
8. **Designation of Mission Funds 2022:** One of our yearly expenses is for Mission Support. We support these entities during the year, but at the end of the year we select those who could use our extra support. The budget has \$8,652 that will go toward the selected groups. Half (\$4,326) will be given to Artemis House, a fourth (\$2,163) will be given to Lutherans Outdoors, and the last fourth (\$2,163) will be given to the ministries at Pine Ridge. Pam Tyma moved that the Mission Support funds be divided in this way to the three entities; Linda Easthouse seconded; motion carried.
9. **Adjourn:** Before we adjourned, Pastor Stephan told us that the compressor in the big refrigerator in the kitchen was going out. To fix it would cost \$2,200 and to replace it would cost \$4,400. Since the refrigerator is good in every other way, fixing it seemed to be the logical choice. Decisions about how to pay for it will be discussed with WELCA. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM, ending with the Lord's Prayer. The next Church Council meeting will be January 6, 2023, for a potluck at the home of David and Kellie Pummel at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger

January Faith & Care Group (#10)

Our group needs a SignUp Leader! Let Deacon Laura know if you can serve.

Ryan & MacKenzie Aalbu
Steve & Jane Aalbu
Chuck & Barb Aman
Reece & Hazel Beck
Kevin & Alex Boy
Larry & Nancy Christopherson
Kim Davis
Tom & Becky DesMarais
Ron & Ronnie Evenson
Nate & Jayna Frederickson
Janet Gordon
Dan & Karol Green

Corinne Hansen
Arnie & Nancy Harstad
Reed & Beth Haug
Carol Hilgemann
Sharon Hoggatt
& Craig Mickelson
Ken & Sheila Kinghorn
Mike & Danita Klinkel
Jason & Becky Knudson
Jill & Steve Olson
Mathew & Stephanie Ornelas

Jodi Pickett
Kyle & Joanna Prewitt
Mike & Wendy Roberts
Russ Roots
Stephan & Laura Sandness
Kelly & Stacy Singer
Mike & Peggy Steffen
Jeff & Becky Sukstorf
Anna Sukstorf-Ford
Steve & Barb Verhulst
Judy Woodworth



This group will receive an email link to SignUp Genius where you can volunteer for the days and times that work best for you to serve as Welcome Center Host, Usher, Communion Assistant, Snack Provider, and Coffee Server.

Anyone (outside of this group) is also welcome to sign up if you wish! Email sommerlyn.mortensen@gmail.com that you want to receive the link.

Welcome Center Hosts (2):

Arrive 30 minutes before the service begins. Stand by the Welcome Centers (one on each side). Warmly greet each group as they arrive.

Ushers (2):

Arrive 30 minutes before the service begins. Stand by counters by the glass doors of the Sanctuary (one on each side). Welcome each family group or individual as they enter, hand them a bulletin, and assist them to find a seat if necessary. Count all heads in the room and record the number on the chart at the counter. At the time of communion, begin at the **front** and release one row at a time. If there are people in the Southeast section, start them first. Be the last to go up for communion.

Communion assistants (2):

During the Offering, go to the Sacristy behind the altar and wash your hands with soap and water. Pick up a cup for wine. Then come out and stand by the bell cabinet during the Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer. Pastor will serve you communion. He will then give you a tray of bread (wafers). There are also gluten free wafers in small containers on the rail. Follow the pastor's lead to move to the front of the rail. As each person comes to you, place a wafer on their open hand (without touching the person) saying, "The body of Christ, given for you." If the person asks for gluten free, give them one of the bread containers from the rail. Upon finishing, hand the tray back to the pastor.





Snack providers (4):

Bring 6 dozen cookies or bars to the church kitchen by 8 am on Sunday morning (or on Friday by 3 pm prior to your Sunday).

Coffee Servers (2):

Check in with the Kitchen Coordinator (Pam England) by 8:15 am to familiarize yourself with the kitchen and to get instructions. She will have coffee and lemonade prepared. Keep the cookie trays in the kitchen until right before serving. Return to the kitchen after communion. Put cookie trays and coffee urns on the serving table. Be ready to serve at 9:30 am. Serve coffee as people come through the line. Near the end of coffee hour, assist the Kitchen Coordinator with cleanup as instructed—putting things away, washing dishes, wiping down tables/chairs.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Worship Service  New Year's Day	2 Good Shepherd Clinic Closed Office closed Pastor's Day Off	3 8:30 AM Fix-it Crew 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm.	4 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @TLR	5 10:00 AM WELCA General Meeting 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Cradle Roll	6 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 6:30 PM Church Council @ Pummel's Home Epiphany Deacon's Day Off	7 
8 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service	9 9:00 AM SonShine Squad 10:30 AM Senior Ministry 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	10 8:30 AM Fix-it Crew 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Mission Committee	11 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:16 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @TLR	12 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle	13 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	14 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
15 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service	16 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry Good Shepherd Clinic Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Pastor's Day Off	17 8:30 AM Fix-it Crew 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Gather Group	18 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:16 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @TLR	19 9:30 AM Burrs HC 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR	20 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Newsletter Items Due Deacon's Day Off	21 PEO Founders Day Meeting
22 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour Preschool Milestone event "My Church" 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service	23 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	24 8:30 AM Fix-it Crew 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study	25 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:16 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @TLR	26 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR	27 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg. Deacon's Day Off	28 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
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Laura Campbell, Deacon
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries
Julie Lee, Office Manager
Lisa Williams, Receptionist

Worship: Sundays 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
10:45 am Joyful Journey-led Worship Service
Live stream at 8:30 AM or watch later! Connect through our web site.
Wednesday 5:16 pm Wednesday Supper
6:26 pm Wednesday Word

Church Office located at 1020 State Street
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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

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Mission Statement: Inspired by God's grace, we open our hearts to all in faith,
prayer, fellowship and service through Jesus Christ.