

A Little Bit of Sonshine

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Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
(Mark 8:31-32)

Are you a financial investor? Probably, even if you don't think of yourself as such. You don't have to be an accounting wizard or some kind of fancy-pants billionaire. You just have to have resources of some kind that you'd like to put toward some vision of a future you imagine for yourself.

If you've ever bought into a whole or universal life insurance policy or put money into an HSA, IRA, 401k or 403b... if you have some small brokerage account or have put funds into a Money Market account, or even opened a simple savings account with the local bank... you're an investor. And when you opened up said investment account, you were no doubt provided with something called a "prospectus" that in the most complicated way imaginable tried to spell out the potential risks and benefits you may be subjecting yourself to by investing in that vehicle. A prospectus usually makes for the type of reading that could put an insomniac into a coma. (Not exactly scintillating stuff.)

However, the upshot of nearly every such prospectus is to make you, the potential investor, aware of the possibilities of what you could stand to lose, and the unguaranteed nature of what you stand to gain. This is so you can't sue the pants off the outfit that manages the fund if things don't work out as you planned. The higher the risk, the higher the potential gains (and the steeper the potential losses.)

But here's a funny thing about the human brain (and by human brain, I mean my brain): In the uncertainty of the prospectus, my hopeful, greedy little nature tends to glom on to the potential *upsides* of an investment while downplaying the potential losses. Even though the prospectus spells out in painfully boring but clear detail how past performance is no guarantee of future gains, I still tend to downplay the nightmarish risks for the happy daydreams of the potential reward. If you don't think the human brain works this way, I'd like to introduce you to a place called Deadwood... or Vegas. 😊

I've noticed a distinctly different dynamic at play, however, when the "prospectus," as it were, exchanges uncertainty for a pretty solid guarantee.

Case in point: Chapter 8 verse 31 from Mark's Gospel is commonly referred to among Biblical scholars as Jesus' first "passion prediction" in Mark's telling of the story. It's Jesus predicting

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what's going to become of him, and very soon, after he and his disciples leave the north country of Caesarea Philippi and start heading south towards Jerusalem: ***"the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."*** He's not saying it *could* happen, or *might* happen, but that it's happening.

And here's the thing: we almost always glom onto the *first* part and seem to ignore the second. The very fact that we call this a "Passion prediction..." a prediction of suffering and death, says a lot. That seems to be pretty much all Peter heard. After all, he rebuked Jesus for it! He, and often we, only see the *cost* in Jesus' certainty.

But maybe it's the second part we should be paying the most attention to: ***"and after three days rise again."*** As certain as Jesus sounds about the realities of what loving the way he loves will cost *him* (and *us*, should we choose to follow) he seems every bit as certain about the final payout. New life. Resurrection.

In every one of Jesus' "passion predictions" in Mark's Gospel (there are three of them... 8:31, 9:31 and 10:33-34) he ends by guaranteeing his resurrection. Perhaps these aren't nearly so much predictions of suffering as they are guarantees of the new life that awaits him and all who would allow brave, unselfish, unconditional love to have its way through them. He said:

*"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, **will save it.**"*

This is the prospectus he gives us and any who would like to consider investing themselves in his way of being in the world. And it's about as solid a deal as you're ever gonna find because, as we know... "Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!"

Pastor Stephan Sandness

The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar
for the month of March
will benefit World Hunger Appeal
January's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised
\$1,368.94 for Lutheran Social Services.



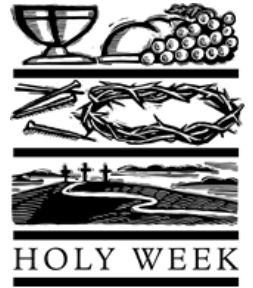
Daylight Saving Time
begins March 10!
Don't forget to set your
clocks ahead!

Holy Week at OSLC

We invite you to once again immerse yourself in the sacred drama of Christ's death and resurrection by joining us for worship during this holiest week of the year:

Thursday, March 28, 6:26 P.M. Maundy Thursday worship, during which we commemorate Jesus' last supper with his disciples, his betrayal and his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Friday, March 29, 6:26 P.M. Good Friday worship, during which we hear the story of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion, gathering around the cross in confession.



Sunday, March 31, 8:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Easter, celebrating our Lord's defeat of death in his resurrection, with celebration of Holy Communion and special music for the day. The 8:30 service will be live-streamed over the internet, as well.

Whether in person or online, we as a community of faith will worship the One who raises us up! Join us...



**Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 30
at Outlaw Ranch this
year!**

Lunch begins at noon, interactive Vigil service from 1-3 pm led by Pastor Jeremy Duprey and Pastor Laura Beall. Register in advance on the Outlaw Ranch website.

The Easter Vigil service is a celebration of Jesus' passage from death to life using deep symbols (new fire, spreading light, waters of baptism, etc.) and profound stories (creation, flood, dry bones, etc.) that proclaim God's salvation and love! We will explore these symbols and stories in creative ways at Outlaw Ranch. If the weather is nice we will be moving around the camp, so bring your outdoor shoes and walking sticks. This vigil will be an interactive experience for children/students and their families, and anyone else who joins us in the celebratory fun!

Contact Deacon Laura
(oslc1@rushmore.com) if you are interested in carpooling.

World Hunger Offerings

Many people in our neighborhoods, country, and world do not have the basic things or opportunities needed for life. Your contributions to ELCA World Hunger make a difference!



A **special offering** for World Hunger will be received in worship on **March 17** with an envelope available in your worship bulletin. Also, your contributions to the **Love Your Neighbor Jar** throughout the month of March will go to ELCA World Hunger.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

Community Lenten Lunches and Worship Wednesdays

Through – March 13

12 noon

**at United Methodist Church
845 N 5th St, Spearfish**

Proceeds benefit the Spearfish Ministerial Assistance Fund.



Dear friends,

You've heard me say before that sometimes I am surprised in the morning to find myself singing a song that comes to me unbidden...it's just there, taking me by surprise. Sometimes it is a hymn, sometimes an old pop song, or a commercial jingle, etc. Often the words or melody connect with something happening around me, or in me. But it takes a while to recognize it. So I was delighted to read the devotion from *Christ in Our Home* on Feb. 21, 2024, written by David L. Miller. Perhaps it caught your attention, too. He said, "...our songs transport us...into God's loving nearness."

Many weeks ago, a song came that I had to dig to find. It's a hymn, "I Wonder as I Wander" from the old blue *With One Voice* hymnal. And the song has stayed with me, particularly the idea of wandering. So much of life is a frantic pace from point A to point B to point C, and on and on. During this month of March as we continue in the season of Lent, we are called not to sprint with destinations in mind but to slow down and wander. We wander together as a community of faith, but this Lenten walk is also a solitary walk—introspective and expectant—paying attention to God-moments that we notice.

I invite you to join me this month...

- Centering Prayer on Tuesdays from 12:15 – 12:45 pm in the church sanctuary.
- Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30, at Outlaw Ranch.
- A silent walk along Spearfish Creek

God's peace be with you in your wandering ...
~ Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

Gather

Women's Evening

Bible Study

Scripture and nature:

Teachers of faith,

by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith

Continuing...

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Rivers: Springs of life and hope

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 -7:45 pm

Food: Daily bread for the health of the world

As a resource, we use the **Gather** magazine of the Women of the ELCA.

We meet at the church Fireside Room/Library.

RSVP to oslc1@rushmore.com or 605-642-3715



Centering Prayer



Tuesdays

March 5, 12, 19

Please join us during Lent on Tuesdays from 12:15 - 12:45 pm in the sanctuary at Our Savior's Lutheran.

Centering Prayer is a form of contemplative prayer—the opening of mind and heart—to God. Come relax and experience this 20-minute meditative prayer form. Questions? Contact Deacon Laura @ 642-3715 or oslc1@rushmore.com



Senior Ministry

Sunday Morning Transportation

Need a ride to church on Sunday mornings for the 8:30 AM Worship Service?

Call the church office (605-642-3715) by 2 pm Friday afternoon to reserve a ride.

Worship DVD and Bulletin



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

Bear Butte Conference Assembly

Come reconnect with old friends and meet new friends at this annual gathering of our conference churches.

Sunday, March 17, 3:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Rapid City

Immediately following the assembly, we invite you to stay for:

Lutheran Campus Ministry Presents

Souper Chili Cookoff!



March 17 at 5pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
402 Kansas City St



Sign up to compete!



Confirmation

March Confirmation Calendar:

March 6: Session 18 (7th & 8th Grade)
13: No Confirmation ~ Spring Break
20: Session 19 (7th & 8th Grade)
27: No Confirmation ~ Holy Week

March Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Payton Maser, Addison Aalbu

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Taycee Ziegler

High School Youth Group

7:10 PM, Wednesday Evenings

The Living Room, 810 N. Yale.

For 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.

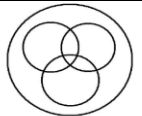
Our High School Youth are encouraged to sign-up for reminders by sending a text to:

text @oslcy to the number 81010

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

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.

If you are interested in becoming a Friendship Minister, please call the church office at 605-642-3715. Training is flexible and free.

Spearfish Community Food Pantry

Thank You OSLC Members and Volunteers

February was OSLC's month to serve as volunteers at the Spearfish Community Pantry. Corrine Muske and George Vansco, Pantry Board Members representing OSLC, want to thank the following volunteers for assisting with the distribution of food during the first two weeks of February: Del, Dave, Vern, Dyanne, Nancy, Arnie, Marcia, Myrna, and Julia.

During our two weeks of service, our volunteers provided nutritional assistance to 164 families for a total of 417 people of which 135 were children.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to those OSLC members who continue to donate food and funds to the Spearfish Community Pantry during these difficult times of increased food prices. Last year OSLC members donated 912 pounds of food to the pantry.



Pictured at the Spearfish Community Food Pantry, Julia, Corinne, and George.

Food Pantry needs for March:

Pork & Beans, Chili or Beef Stew, Cookies,
Peanut Butter, 2# Flour or Sugar,
Pancake Mix-sm. bags

SonShine Squad

The SonShine Squad will meet at 9:00 am on Monday, March 4. We would love to have you come check out this group as we make a small craft and discuss our visits to the home bound. Hope to see you there.



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



If you are interested in purchasing a new WELCA cookbook, please see Julie in the church office. These books make great gifts and sell for only \$20.00 each with all proceeds going to WELCA .

Time to sew School Bags

We will be filling School Bags in July - August, but this means that we need to make School bags!

In March on Mondays and/or Wednesdays we will be sewing School Bags at the Church. Please sign up for sewing or pressing. Barb and Roberta have already cut 90 kits for this project. Contact Barb Gauger 605-717-0788

March 2024

I am writing this newsletter for March on February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Valentine's Day. The Lenten season is about to begin. What a beautiful love story we are about hear– a love so deep that He died on the Cross so we could have eternal life. Before the end of this month – the last day to be exact we will shouting He is Risen – He is Risen Indeed!

As March approaches we know it is a sure sign that winter will soon be coming to an end and new life will start to spring forth. It is also a reminder that as we are entering into Lent it is a time of reflection for the unbelievable sacrifice that God made- giving his Son to die on the cross for our sins. We must never forget God's undying love for us.

March 1 is World Day of Prayer and St James in Belle Fourche is hosting a service and we are hoping to get a carpool of people who would like to attend. We will try to post updates if this works.

The noon Lenten lunches are being held at United Methodist this year. We host the noon Lenten services on February 28. Thanks to everyone who help in any way with the serving of meal. It is wonderful to have the different churches in Spearfish get together in observance of Lent.

The Bear Butte Spring Conference will be on April 20 at St James in Belle Fourche. There will be more details on this in the next Newsletter.

The Spring Brunch and General meeting is scheduled for April 18. Esther Circle will be hosting this and I will have more on this in the next newsletter as well.

Several projects head by our different circles are in full swing. The Personal Care kits were completed by Deborah Circle on February 23 and they will be sent to Lutheran World Relief, who distributes them worldwide to those in need. Women of Ruth Circle are going to sew school bags in March and will fill them with supplies in July/August. The Baby Kits will now be due October 15 and that collection is led by Esther Circle. Thanks to all of you who donate to these items that are sent to Lutheran World Relief.

I would like to close this article with a special Prayer for Lent.

Creator of my Life,
renew me: bring me to new life in you.
Touch me and make me feel whole again.
Help me to see your love
in the passion, death and resurrection of your son.
Help me to observe Lent
in a way that allows me to celebrate that love.
Prepare me for these weeks of Lent
as I feel both deep sorrow for my sins
and your undying love for me. Amen.

Loretta Greni, Vice President WELCA
- *Mary will be back next month.*

WELCA Calendar

March Kitchen Duty	Esther Circle
March 6 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
April 3 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting

Circle Meetings

Circle Study Leaders

March 4, 10:30 AM

Deborah Circle

March 11, 10:30 AM

Leader: Diane Bryan

Hostess: Marilyn Hamm

Esther Circle

March 14, 1:00 PM

Leader: Elaine Ohnstad-Eide

Hostess: Bonnie Kirk

Ruth Circle

March 14, 10:00 AM

Leader: All

Hostesses: Barb Gauger & Roberta Koehler

Children's Ministry News

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Sunday & Wednesday School

During Lent, we turn our focus to the weeks leading up to Holy Week and Easter. Upcoming Bible lessons include Abraham and Sarah's Visitors, The Ten Commandments, The Light of the World and Serve & Follow.

Kids Sing! Our kids are learning NEW songs to share on **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Please have your kids join us at 9:45am in the sanctuary each Sunday so they can be part of the FUN!

MILESTONE MINISTRY

THE LORDS PRAYER – Second Grade

On Sunday **March 3**, second grade students will come forward to help Pastor Stephan lead the Lord's Prayer during communion. There will be a small token of remembrance given to each student as well.



Summer camp is available for all students that have completed grades three through twelfth grade. Family camp is also available. All camps fill up fast, some dates are already unavailable! Families are urged to register as soon as possible and BEFORE April



Look at dates, camps available, and register here: www.losd.org

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 costs, regardless of need! Additional scholarships may be available through Lutheran's Outdoors. Applications for scholarships are available on their website.

KIDZONE!

KidZone meets on Wednesday, March 6 from 1:00 to 5:00pm at the church. We will continue to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit!

Volunteers

The Volunteers are amazing and generous in sharing their gifts of teaching with your kids! Please take a moment to thank them for the impact they are having on the faith development of your children!

Sunday school

Little Lambs

Abi Case & Elaina Nielsen

PreK & Kindergarten

Anne Miller & Kenadi Hayford

First & Second Grade

Sydney Haugland & Ella Lickei

Third & Fourth Grade

Barb Baker & Amber Schweigert

Fifth & Sixth Grade

*Christina Miles, Britney Routh,
Amanda Moser, & Jamie Heubrock*

Wednesday School

All Kids

Claire Nida & Maria Eisenbraun

Fifth & Sixth Grade

Ashley Ziegler

Music

Connie Feekes

Mr. Doug the Guitar Guy Deppe

Busy Bags

Amanda Hayford

***And a special thanks to our
Nursery Staff too!***

You do great work

Alexis Hayford & Madelyn Binder



The Living Room Refresh about to Commence!

The Living Room, our building on the corner of Yale and Jackson Streets, is about to get a face-lift. As of this writing, the \$39,000 re-siding project is about to get under way and will probably take at least a couple of weeks to complete. Exciting!!

A generous matching gift of \$18,000 has already been given to kick-start the project, and almost \$3500 has already come in via special gifts. Your OSLC Endowment Team has elected to direct \$5000 toward the project, recognizing the importance of The Living Room as a tool for outreach through our youth and Campus Ministries. This means we're already \$26,500 down the road. Wow!

We invite you to be a part of completing this important project at any level you can. No gift is insignificant, and every gift given is an investment in the future of our work to and with young people. Checks or cash may be earmarked for *"The Living Room Refresh"*, dropped in the plate at worship or in the church office. Electronic givers can go to our giving portal through the website and look for "The Living Room Refresh" dedicated account to contribute that way.

Sometime in April, we'll be hosting an event at The Living Room to show off the renovations and celebrate its future. Stay tuned!



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 13, 2024 - 6:30 PM

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Andy Binder at 6:30pm. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Mike Steffen, Nichole Braithwait, Sherry Kloeckl, David Pummel, Christina Miles, Deming Haugland and Brady Harr.
2. **Devotions:** Brady talked about the Lenten season and Ash Wednesday and what this time of year means to him. His year has been a whirl wind and he has had a personal journey looking for ways to be involved with the church and has found a way through young adult bible study. He explained to the council that through his journey he often felt an "internal reverent humming" this energy that we can often feel as we pause and listen for God. That hum is an eternal gift. From ashes we are born and to ashes we will return. How are you using the life you were given? Are you listening to the hum? How will you allow yourself to grow through Him?
3. **Approve Agenda:** Deming Haugland made a motion to approve the agenda. Brady Harr seconded; motion carried.
4. **Approval of the January Council Minutes:** Christina Miles moved to approve the meeting minutes. Mike Steffen seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the January Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel reported that year to date, we are starting out just fine. We finished the month at \$43,000 compared to \$54,000 last year. Noted that last year, January had five Sundays. This year we anticipate making that up in March, with five Sundays. Additionally, there was a double payment on Pastor Stephan's HSA that will even out by March. Also noted was the emergency \$3,000 that was donated to Woyatan to help with expenses of their outreach bus during the frigid temps we had in January. Finally, noted were routine expenses for the fire extinguishers and hood vent in the kitchen. Sherry Kloeckl moved to approve the January treasurer's report; Nichole Braithwait seconded; motion carried.
6. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura passed on that Friendship Ministers enjoyed a speaker at their January meeting. Brianne Edwards spoke about her book, A Thousand Pounds. She told her story of grief at the death of a child and what she learned about accompanying those who grieve. A copy of her book will be placed in the church library. Two new Friendship Ministers are in the process of training. Centering Prayer will begin on Tuesday, February 27, 12:15-12:45pm in the church sanctuary. This is an ecumenical group open to all. It will continue March 5, 12, and 19. Two of our members will travel to Guatemala with "Sharing the Dream" on Sunday, February 18. Please keep them in prayer! Thank you to Council members for handling the responsibility for Sunday offerings following each worship service.

Pastor Stephan passed on that Lent starts on Wednesday, February 14 with two services that are historically both very well attended. There are going to be Lenten Lunches available to attend on Wednesdays at the United Methodist Church in Spearfish at noon. Soup and sandwiches are available along with a 28-minute devotional. Additionally, he passed on short notes from his time at Outlaw Ranch for the Bear Butte Conference and Retreat mentioning that there have been many transitions and changes with colleagues and the churches they are serving. Discussion returned to Lent, and he asked us all to ponder our own "wilderness." Jesus was tested in the wilderness, led there by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. Jesus refused temptation and Satan was defeated. This time of year, is our waiting space for what is new, and we are encouraged to reflect on our current "wilderness." Finally, he passed on that he is thankful for the slow down with funerals and is happy to report that he has booked his first wedding of the year.
7. **Committee Reports:** Campus Ministry updated the group that they now have two boards and the BHSU ministry board is looking for board members. Please pass any names to Brady Harr or Pastor Stephan. They will be meeting Thursday, February 22 at 6:00pm at The Living Room. Stewardship will be working with Pastor Stephan on a get together event for the congregation at The Living Room soon.

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Education passed on that they recently had the 2nd grader milestone with The Lord's Prayer and on February 28 the 6th graders will transition to Confirmation. May 5 is Confirmation! High School Senior recognition is scheduled for May 12. Summer camp registration will be open soon. The property team passed on that they have been identifying areas of the sidewalk around the building that will need to be fixed this Spring and will solicit bids soon.

Info Item: The work on residing The Living Room will be starting soon,

Info Item: The 2024 Lenten Schedule is available.

Action Item: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, April 21 between Services starting at approximately 9:45am.

- 8. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned with a motion by Nichole Braithwait and a second by Andy Binder at 7:30pm followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nichole Braithwait



- March 3** Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22
- March 10** Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21
- March 17** Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33
- March 24** Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1--15:47
or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]
- March 31** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Or Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18

Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, 2024

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$43,112.32
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$56,005.32
Year-to-date Budget	\$50,606.52

Office Notes:

The deadline for submission of items for the April newsletter is **Thursday, March 21**. 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 605-642-3715 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 605-642-3715. Thank you!

March Faith & Care Group (#11)

Brad & Sherry Anderson
Marlene Bechtold
Roger & Karen Buchholz
Laura Campbell
Amy Cermak
Jeff & Christina Christians
Shawn & Katie Donahey
Doug & Jill Drolc
Dennis & Jan Forgey
Marty & Julie Goetsch
Cody & Moon Hemeyer

Rob & Amanda Johnson
Susan Johnson
Kerri Kinzell
Duane & Bonnie Kirk
Kelly Kirk
Carl & Janet Mattison
Steve & April Meeker
Linda Meyer
Justin & Amanda Moser
Scott & Beth Nielsen
Brian & Tracey Paulsen

Troy & Dianna Rommen
Vic & Myrna Schamber
Lee & Virginia Schmunk
Andrew & Katie Stacey
Marc & Rita Stacey
Dave & Vicki Undlin
Joe & Mandy Verhulst
Randy & Laura Wendland
Kari Wheeler
Alison Yackley



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 4 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 Englund) 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.

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	*Lenten Lunch Wednesdays @ 12:00 Noon United Methodist Church				1 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	2
3 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 2nd Grade Milestone Lord's Prayer	4 9:00 AM SonShine Squad 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	5 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 12:15 PM Centering Prayer 5:30 PM Education Comm. 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room	6 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch 1:00 PM KidZone 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Lenten Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	7 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilting 1:00 PM Cradle Roll	8 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	9 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship 
10 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service Daylight Saving Time Begins	11 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	12 8:00 Spearfish Ministerial 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 12:15 PM Centering Prayer 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Mission Comm. 6:00 PM Finance Comm. 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room	13 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch 5:15 PM Bell Choir NO Confirmation 5:16 PM Lenten Supper NO Wednesday School 6:26 PM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Senior Choir NO HS Youth	14 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilting 1:00 PM Esther Circle	15 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	16
17 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 3:00 PM Bear Butte Conference Assembly @ Trinity Lutheran Church Rapid City World Hunger Special Offering St. Patrick's Day	18 10:00 AM Senior Ministry 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	19 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 12:15 PM Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Gather Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room First Day of Spring	20 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Lenten Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Lenten Worship 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	21 11:00 AM Funeral ~ Lillian Roark 1:00 PM Quilting Newsletter Items Due	22 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg. Deacon's Day Off	23 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
24 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service Palm Sunday	25 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	26 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Friendship Ministry 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room	27 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir No Confirmation, No Wednesday Supper, No Wednesday School, No Wednesday Word No High School Youth Group 7:00 PM Senior Choir	28 1:00 PM Quilting 6:26 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service Maundy Thursday	29 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 6:26 PM Good Friday Worship Service Good Friday Deacon's Day Off	30 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Easter Vigil @ Outlaw Ranch
31 8:30 AM Easter Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Easter Worship Service Easter						

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Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service
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Wednesday 6:26 PM Wednesday Word

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prayer, fellowship and service through Jesus Christ.