# A Little Bit of Senshine

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# LOOKING



Worship at Our Savior's

A reminder: <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 10</u>, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule:

8:30 AM – Worship Service 10:45 AM - Joyful Journey Worship Service We continue to livestream the 8:30 AM worship service, which you can access anytime via our website.

There will be no Wednesday Word Worship Service on September 13. We will resume on Wednesday, September 20 at <u>6:26</u> PM with Wednesday Supper at 5:16 PM!

TOWARD FALL



7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Orientation: Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 PM.

On Wednesday evening, September 13, we'd like to gather our seventh and eighth graders and their parents at 6:00 PM, where we'll share some particulars about the Confirmation year coming up. We'll go over some pertinent info for the year. The meeting should take about 40 minutes and we'll collect registration forms and fees (\$30.00 per student). We're looking forward to another great year of growth in Christian faith together!

# **Wednesday Evening High School Youth Group**



I want to welcome all senior high students to our Wednesday Evening Youth Group which meets at The Living Room (810 N. Yale) from 7:10 – 8:10 p.m. on Wednesday nights during the school year. On these gathering nights we have open discussions about Bible stories and relevant high

interest topics along with an opportunity to share the highs and lows of daily/weekly life. Along with monthly game nights and occasional events, we focus on using our time to explore and try to explain the way we see God working in our lives. It is a very informal and meaningful evening and bringing a friend or friends is always welcomed. Our first Wednesday Night Youth Group gathering will be on September 6 at 7:10 p.m. at The Living Room.

Our High School Youth are encouraged to sign-up for reminders by sending a text to: **text @oslcy to the number 81010 (This is the main way I will communicate with youth about upcoming events. Parents can sign up too.)** See Chris Blain with any questions.



Thus says the Lord: In this place of which you say, "It is a waste without human beings or animals," in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without inhabitants, human or animal, there shall once more be heard the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those

who sing, as they bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord: "Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Jeremiah 33:10-11)

Dear Friends.

It's good to be home. After a ten-week sabbatical (from mid-May to late July) which included learning and travel to places hither and yon, the rhythms of familiarity in work and home life are welcome. But I have to say... it hasn't been the easiest of homecomings. Over the course of the last four weeks since my return, our community of faith has suffered some pretty deep griefs at the deaths of Gavin, Lynnett, Dolly, Judy, Marilyn and Martha. The circumstances of each are unique... some the understandable conclusion of long, powerful lives well lived and peacefully ended, to the incomprehensible tragedies of vitality cut way too short. What they all bear in common is the grief they leave in their wake at the loss of what was and what might yet have been. One's personal landscape has a way of looking mighty desolate when death lays its hand upon it. Things can change in a heartbeat, and the ground beneath us shift.

The inexorable movement of time is ever before us. My social media feeds are full right now of "back to school" pictures... kids dressed up and ready to tackle a new grade and new challenges. It strikes me that it's been years now since my wife and I have taken such photographs. (Leith started his sophomore year at BHSU this last week, and he was, shall we say, less than receptive to the idea when I suggested a "first day of school" picture. He prefers the other side of the camera.) I always appreciate the side-by-side pics parents occasionally throw out there, the ones showing a first day of high-school, for example, next to their first day of kindergarten taken a decade ago. Kind of fun to see the changes, and yet kind of heartbreaking, too, right? Changes can break your heart in all sorts of ways.

These last weeks have seen communities throughout our country changed in dramatic, sometimes violent ways. From wildfires on Maui to mudslides in Southern California, and we haven't even gotten into hurricane season yet! Changes can break your heart, and your spirit, in all sorts of ways.

The Prophet Jeremiah wrote the words I quoted above to a people who were going through some pretty rough stuff, to say the least. They had been exiled from their land, their homes, their heritage. They looked around at their present and had a hard time seeing much reason for hope in a future. The changes, the losses, had stacked up against them in such a way as to lay them low. But then comes the promise that "the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness" would yet be heard among them. How?

Gladness and hope are restored as God gives it, yes. But how does God give it? Well, it doesn't just drop out of the sky or materialize out of nothing. God's spirit moves *someone* to help, *someone* to comfort, *someone* to clean up, *someone* to feed, *someone* to rebuild, *someone* to repair, *someone* to heal, *someone* to sit with the grieving until they're ready to stand again. God inspires and provides someone... someones. You, my dear church, are those someones... called into one body for the purpose of bringing Christ's healing to bear.

The third chapter of Lamentations reminds us: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!" Amidst all of the things that do change, God never stops loving. God's love will find its way to the broken, and the way runs directly through you.

As we are now about to leave the rhythms of summer behind and begin a new season of fall activities here at OSLC, my prayer is that through the helping, serving and learning ministries of this congregation you will find that unique place suited to you to let God's steadfast love flow to someone who needs it.

With hope for what is ahead,

Pastor Stephan Sandness

# Wednesday 5:16 PM Meals to resume on Sept. 20!



During most of the school year, we offer a Wednesday evening meal in conjunction with our Wednesday Word worship service (and Christian Education and choir practices). Our first meal will be served Wednesday, September 20, beginning at 5:16 pm and serving until about 6:10 pm.

The meals will be provided by Confirmation families and various Ministry Teams throughout the year, along with a few "pot-luck" nights thrown in for fun! There are a number of Wednesday evenings available for YOUR ministry group to provide a meal and perhaps raise visibility for your mission/group/ministry as well as a few dollars for a project of your choice. We encourage you to explore using a Thrivent Action Grant to help you raise more dollars for your project if possible. There are people who will help you apply. Just let the church office know if you're interested in providing a meal (605-642-3715) and if you need help.

# This month's "Love Your Neighbor" Jar will benefit:

LuMin:TheHills (Lutheran Campus Ministries @ BHSU)

June's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,988.96 for Lutheran Disaster Relief.
July's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$3,910.46 for the Spearfish Clothe-A-Kid for School Project.



A Grant Opportunity for Early Childhood Ministry

### Sprinkles of Grace!

Do you have an idea for early childhood faith formation for our church? Specifically for babies through toddlers and early childhood? Maybe you've wished for a "Mommy & Me" class built around faith? Maybe you'd like to understand how your baby learns so you can be creative on how to introduce faith to them? Maybe you want to get together as Dads of Newborns and to share and learn from one another?

The South Dakota Synod of the ELCA has a wonderful opportunity to help churches of all sizes, develop innovative faith formation ideas for the "youngest among us" and their families!

The "Sprinkles of Grace Grant" will help congregations in the South Dakota Synod to dream and scheme for creative ways to help young families. Much energy is found around a child's Baptism. What about from Baptism to entrance into formal faith formation classes? How do we creatively and intentionally serve these families?

The application will include a plan by the applying church and some indication of people from the church or community who will help dream and plan for young children and their families. Applications will be available at the end of August and due the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. See Miss Beth for all the details!

Dear friends in Christ ~

"and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God." ~ 1 Corinthians 3:23

As I write this note to you, it is the first day of school for many in our community—children, youth, teachers, support staff, etc. They are on my mind and in my heart and prayers. Each one steps into the door of a new year, for some a new place, and wonder where they belong—or maybe even if they belong. We know that feeling in the church, too.

Diana Butler Bass says there has been a change in the church. For many, belonging precedes belief. We may come because our friends, family, co-workers, or neighbors are here. Or perhaps we see something happening of which we want to be a part. Belonging is a desire for community that comes from God. We are made to be in community—in this body of Christ here at OSLC and out in the world. We seek belonging and in those communities where we find it, no matter how small or how large those communities are, we then grow and learn.

If we think of belonging only as membership..., we miss the point. Belonging is the risk to move beyond the world we know.... And it is the risk of being with companions on that journey, God, a spouse, friends, children, mentors, teachers, people who came from the same place we did, people who came from entirely different places, saints and sinners of all sorts, those known to us and those unknown, our secret longings, questions, and fears. ~ Diana Butler Bass

I hope you feel that you belong here at Our Savior's and that belonging will lead to deeper faith. If you are looking at new ways to connect, I would enjoy helping you explore those opportunities.

God's peace and blessings to you, Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

# Adult Education: Opportunities for Fall 2023



Many small group opportunities exist through OSLC for you to grow in God's Word and deepen your faith:

- Thursday Lunch at The Living Room
- Three Women's Circle Bible Studies--Ruth, Deborah, and Esther
- Men's Fellowship
- Two on Tuesdays Women's Bible Study
- Gather Women's Evening Bible Study
- Young Adults Bible Study at The Living Room
- Sunday morning opportunities beginning October 8

Please watch the church calendar for gathering dates/times/places!

If you would like to begin a new group, Deacon Laura will be happy to get you started. Contact her at oslc1@rushmore.com or 642-3715.



A group is forming to visit

Pathways Spiritual Sanctuary
in September
(date and time to be determined by the group)

This is a beautiful spot in the Black Hills off the Rochford road that is a hiking path with prayer stations at various intervals and a labyrinth (prayer path). The trip length will be less than 4 hours, and we will carpool from the church.

Please contact Deacon Laura (oslc1@rushmore.com or 642-3715) if you are interested.



Sunday, September 10

**Rally Sunday** will include opportunities to participate in **God's work. Our hands.** day of service.

 Again this year, we will assemble Hygiene Kits for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center's "Threshold Ministries." Tables will be set up with supplies for you and your family to assemble the kits between services.

If you would like to donate items for these hygiene kits, the following items are needed:

Adult Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb, Shampoo, Bath-sized bars of soap, Dark Color Washcloth

*Please drop off items by Friday, September 8.* 

• Adopt-a-Highway Fall Cleanup – meet at the church at 12:45 pm.

Gather
Women's Evening

Women's Evening
Bible Study

Holy Places by

Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

#### **Three sessions:**

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 pm ~ "Holy places: Home"

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 pm ~ "Holy places: Sanctuary"

Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 pm ~ "Holy places: Pilgrimage"

As a resource, we use the *Gather* magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Location - The Living Room at the corner of Jackson and Yale Streets.

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RSVP to Deacon Laura at <u>oslc1@rushmore.com</u> if you are interested in joining this small group.



The OSLC Adopt-A-Highway Fall Clean-Up event is scheduled for Sunday, September 10,

2023. Our litter clean-up event will tackle I-90 eastbound from mile marker post 8 to 9 (McGuigan Road/Exit 8). We will meet at the church at 12:45 pm on September 10 to assign portions of the mile for clean-up. Please come prepared with sturdy shoes, long pants, and thick gloves; also a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen may be needed depending on weather. We only require eight (8) volunteers and anticipate about 1½ hours to clean up trash.

Trash bags, water, and construction vests will be provided along with a special trash pick-up device that will alleviate bending over to remove trash. Interested volunteers can contact George and Julia Vansco at 605-642-2661 for more information.

# **Music Ministry**

Attention!! Thinking about joining either Senior Choir or Bell Choir? Now is the perfect time to join as we begin a new year after summer break! Whether you're a seasoned musician who can bring your expertise to practice or an aspiring musician who would like to learn in real time during rehearsals you're more than welcome, and we'd love to have you. Come meet everyone at the first rehearsal and see if it's a good fit for you! Even if you can't make every single rehearsal, you're welcome to join when you can! Senior and Bell choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6th. Bell choir will rehearse every Wednesday 5:15-6:00 pm. Senior Choir will rehearse every Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm. I'm so excited to spend another year making beautiful and worship-filled music with our members! See you soon!

> Rehearsals on Wednesdays: Bell Choir at 5:15 pm

Senior Choir at 7:00 pm Interested in joining? Please talk with Carissa Deming.



# Senior Ministry

## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR MINISTRY FALL SENIOR ADVENTURE TO...



Friday, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

We will meet at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 9:30 AM, and carpool from there. Lunch follows at the Pizza Ranch.

**COST: \$10 (includes lunch)** 

RSVP by Monday, September 18 to the church office, 642-3715

## **Sunday Morning Transportation**

Everyone is welcome to use the free Sunday morning transportation service. Our friendly drivers will make your trip to and from church a fun part of your day! The service is available for both 8:30 and 10:45 am worship. Simply call the church office at 605-642-3715 by 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon to arrange your ride. If you would like a standing order for rides every Sunday morning, let us know and we will have you on the schedule.

# SPEARFISH COMMUNITY Food Pantry Needs for September:

Box cereals, apple juice, Ramen noodles, pancake syrup, beef broth, chunky soups, pancake mix, grape jelly, canned peaches or fruit cocktail.

Friendship Ministry Extending the love of Christ from Friend to Friend



Are you looking for...

Someone who cares? Someone who supports? Someone who listens confidentially?

A Friendship Minister will be there for you. Contact Nancy Christopherson at 645-2723 to request a visit or for more information.

Our Savior's Lutheran is always looking for more folks who have a heart for this visitation ministry! Please let us know if you are interested in training to serve as a Friendship Minister.



Please remember your Secret Sister in September by mailing a card and keeping her in prayer!

# **68** Pastoral Acts 80

**Baptisms** 

July 28 Jackson Crew Langone, son of Cassie &

Jeff Langone

**Weddings** 

July 22 Gabe Knudson & Samantha Walters

August 19 Nathan Stacey & Bailey Morris

<u>Funerals</u>

July 31 Gavin Feeser, Spearfish, SDAugust 3 Judy Larson, Spearfish, SD

August 14 Lynnett Rotert, Spearfish, SD

August 24 Marilyn Shipley, Spearfish, SD



# **Yarn Ministry**

Do you like to knit and/or crochet and enjoy great fellowship? If so, we would love to welcome you to our Yarn Ministry group. We meet in the Fireside Room each Monday from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. If you would like we will furnish all supplies to make prayer shawls, which will be blessed and given to anyone in need of one. Or, if you prefer, please feel free to bring your own project.

# Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar December 2, 2023 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Julefest will be here before you know it and this is an event the entire congregation can participate in and your help is certainly needed to make this yet another successful and fun Julefest!

**Crafts!** We need lots of craft items! Knit, crochet, quilt, make Christmas decorations or whatever your creativity inspires! New ideas are always good!

**Bake!** Dig out your favorite recipes! Scandinavian, German, Swedish, or whatever, people love our baked goods. Lots of people let us do their Christmas baking for them, especially cookies and candies. Pastries and pies go great, too. Homemade pickles, jellies and jams are also a big hit!

**Remember the Antique Boutique** when you are cleaning out your attic, closets or basement.

The **Silent Auction** Committee will be looking for items.

**Get your voice in shape** and brush up on your Norwegian to sing in the Scandinavian choir.

Watch the website and bulletins for information on Lefse making. There are lots of different jobs in lefse making and we can use you!



Make plans now to get involved! Proceeds go toward many worthy causes locally, nationally and abroad.

- Julefest Committee

# **SonShine Squad**

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the SonShine Squad will meet on Tues., Sept 5 at 1:00 in the Fireside Room. We will make a simple craft to take to our home bound. We would love to have you join us as we begin our 2nd year of this important ministry. If you would like more information, please call or text Cheryl W. at 605-673-1334.



### September 2023

WOW summer is almost behind us and I am not sure where it went. Funny how living in this area we old timers space the start of summer and the end by what is taking place in town. School is out family vacations, 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, Festival in the Park PIES, Corvette Rally, Motorcycle Rally, and back to school. Guess it's true. Time flies when we are having fun.

The rain has been wonderful for the gardens and vegetation. We have been so fortunate while others have not. Let's take time to reflect on how Blessed we are to live where we do.

Ladies, our next general meeting is September 7 at 12 noon with a salad luncheon. Esther Circle will be the host, Kaija Swisher will be the speaker. There will also be the election of officers. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming Vice President, please join us.

The Bear Butte Conference Fall Retreat will be October 6-7 at Outlaw Ranch. This year "The Spiritual Way" will be the theme. The ladies of Woyaton Lutheran Church from Rapid City will be hosting and sound very promising a very good time. There will be a reminder in the next newsletter in case you forget.

I would like to thank everyone who sent in and shared a favorite recipe for the upcoming cookbook. The girls said they had a very good response from so many in the congregation. Everyone I have spoken to are very excited to get a copy. I know the committee have been putting some time on this and also a huge thank you goes to Julie, in the office, for her hard work as well.

I know this sounds like "REALLY?" but be thinking of what you would like to do for Julefest.. Told you, that is how Old minds work in the town. HA. HA.

Next Board Meeting is September 6. Kitchen Duty: Deborah Circle

Blessings ,

Mary Goddard, WELCA President

# **WELCA Calendar**

Sept. 6: 9:30 AM Sept. 7: 12:00 PM WELCA Board Meeting Salad Luncheon w/General Meeting and Election of Officers

December 3

Julefest

# Circle Meetings

## **Circle Study Leaders**

September 5 (Tuesday) @ 10:30 AM

### **Deborah Circle**

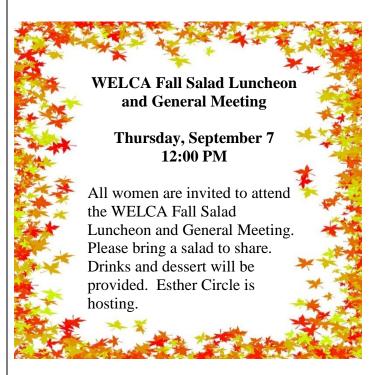
September 11, 10:30 AM Leader: Arlene Hindbjorgen Hostess: Carlene Rosencranz

#### **Esther Circle**

September 14, 1:00 PM Leader: Lynn Pohlman Hostess: Janet Baker

### **Ruth Circle**

September 21, 10:00 AM Leader: Kris Stewart Hostess: Roberta Koehler & Barb Gauger



Ruth Circle thanks all of you for your generous donations of time in making, purchasing, and filling the school bags for Lutheran World Relief. We were able to fill 98 school bags, exceeding our expectations for the year! THANK YOU!!

### Children's Ministries

September 2023

#### September 10

Back to School & Sunday school Blessings AND Rally Day!



## Join us this morning as we "RALLY" to kick off a GREAT YEAR of Children's Ministries!

All students, preschool – college & technical school, AND those that work in education, are asked to bring their backpack, work bag, or name lanyard to worship on Sunday September 10. We will bless our students educators, staff, and have special blessings for everyone!

Sunday Volunteers

Little Lambs Abi Case & Elaina Nielsen

PreK & Kindergarten Anne Miller & Kenadi Hayford First & Second Grade Sydney Haugland & Ella Lickei Third & Fourth Grade Barb Baker & Ashley Ziegler

Fifth & Sixth Grade Volunteers are needed!

Wednesday Volunteers

Kindergarten – Fourth Grade Claire Nida & Maria Eisenbraun

Fifth & Sixth Grade Ashley Ziegler
Busy Bag Coordinator Amanda Hayford

Thank you Volunteers!!

#### **MILESTONE MINISTRIES**

The beginning of the school year is a busy time for Milestone Ministries!

Sunday September 17—during either worship service

- Three-year-olds, will receive their very own Spark Story Bible.
- Third Graders will receive their "Connect" Confirmation Bible.
- Faith Building, informative meeting for Parents of all kids in Sunday school at 10:00am downstairs.

  Sunday September 24
- 9:50am—Pastor Stephan will meet with third graders and their parents for a special "Walk Thru the Bible" class.
- 10:00am Deacon Laura will meet with the Little Lambs Sunday school class and their parents for a special Bible Class just for them!



#### **KidZone After School Ministry Program!**

KidZone returns this fall for all elementary kids Kindergarten through Fifth grade. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, when the Spearfish School District has early release for teacher in-service. The first KidZone will be on October 4, from 1:00 to 5:00pm. Sign up online at www.oslcspearfish.com/dive-deeper/learning-together/

#### \*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*

#### \*\*Important Milestone Ministry Dates\*\*

Age or Grade	Milestone	Family Event	Worship Event	
3-year-olds	Receive Story book Bible	Sunday September 24	September 17	
Kindergarten	Beginning School	Wednesday August 16	September 10	
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Learning about Advent	Sunday November 19	Sunday December 3	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	The Lord's Prayer	Sunday February 11	Sunday March 3	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Receive Connect Bible	Sunday September 24	September 17	
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	The Apostles Creed	Sunday November 5	November 19	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	First Communion	Sunday Oct 15 & 22 at 1:00	October 29	
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Moving into Confirmation	Sunday April 28	Sunday April 28	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Affirmation of Baptism	Wednesday May 1	Sunday May 5	
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Celebration of Graduation	Sunday May 12	Sunday May 12	

Please note: all worship events will be celebrated at both Sunday morning services, unless otherwise noted. Wednesday school children and families are invited and encouraged to join us for these Milestone events.





# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 15, 2023 - 6:30 PM; the Conference Room

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 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Mike Steffen, Brady Harr, Nichole Braithwait, Linda Easthouse, Deming Haugland, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Christina Miles, and David Pummel
- 2. **Devotions:** Deming Haugland read a devotion called "It's never as bad as it seems." From Psalm 27:4-5. One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. We are pilgrims in this dangerous world, which will wound us at times so badly it will seem unbearable yet we have this promise from God, "in the time of trouble He will hide me". Our true life for us as believers is hidden in Him. So when the world approaches us with a smoking gun, ready to put us out of our misery, perhaps we can find a supernatural strength, and simply say, "I never felt better!"
- 3. **Approve Agenda:** Pastor Stephan asked to add topic #9, The Living Room action item. Sherry Kloeckl moved to approve the amended agenda; Mike Steffen seconded; motion carried.
- 4. **Approval of the June Council Minutes:** Nichole Braithwait was out for a family event during the June meeting. Andy Binder and Sherry Kloeckl took notes and meeting minutes will be drafted and made available at the September meeting for approval.
- 5. **Approval of the June and July Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel reported that June was a normal month. July revenue was \$42,586 as compared to last year at \$39,117. We are up \$19,000 YTD. The "Put Winter Away" special stewardship brought in \$16,147. Overall, we are negative \$7,732 as compared to \$5,528 this time last year. Linda Easthouse moved to approve the June and July treasurer's report; Christina Miles seconded; motion carried.
- 6. Ministerial Staff Reports: Deacon Laura passed on her thanks for all the support while Pastor was out for sabbatical. Our guest pastors felt welcomed and pleased to be with us. She has been very busy with visitations helping our members through grief and illness. She passed on her thanks for the Friendship Ministers for all their work. Wednesday Word Walking has been very successful, and the Secret Sisters group has had many new signups. The Raise the Roof campaign collected \$2,123.59 for Cameroon. The recent Love Your Neighbor jar dedicated to helping the people on Maui raised \$900 for Lutheran Disaster Relief. Pastor Stephan began by thanking everyone for the 10-week sabbatical "gift to him" and said that it was much needed time. He passed his thanks to Laura, Beth, Chris, Lisa, Julie and Derek stating that he didn't worry about things at all and knew all was ok and that working with such capable people is such a gift. He discussed that with his sabbatical, his goal was to "be gone." He attended a preaching conference which he very much enjoyed, read a lot of great theological/bible stuff, reconnected with people in his life such as old friends and old mentors. There were family reunions and lots of fun. Getting back, he is reminded of why he does what he does. There have been several funerals and he is grateful to walk with people through life until death. We have a busy fall coming up with confirmation, Sunday and Wednesday school starting and he is ready for it. It was "great to be gone, better to be back." Final words were just a reminder that budget time for 2024 is coming up fast and we should be prepared with updates by the end of September.
- 7. **Committee Reports:** The property team requested \$4,150 to recoat the parking lots that were not completed last year. David Pummel motioned to approve; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried. There was lengthy discussion about upgrading the HVAC system. To replace the controller to a digital version would cost \$10,000, to upgrade to an electronic system would cost \$45,000. The council discussed a need for a couple more bids to compare costs. The finance committee recommended to hold off on this expense for now and there were further discussions about holding a capital campaign

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in the future for a new HVAC system. The landscaping around the sign out front is in progress with rock and brick updates. We discussed a new sign for the church and Andy Binder mentioned a church member who has experience that he will ask to offer some ideas. The property team is also looking to replace the drinking fountain with a bottle filler which average \$1,300-\$1,500 per unit.

The mission team met and celebrated the \$8,960.40 that was raised for the Clothe-a-Kid event. 150 children were provided new school clothes and there were 21 more on a waiting list that were to receive this gift as well due to the record amount raised this year. There are initial plans and discussion to hold a blood drive sometime this fall/winter with more details to follow. Wednesday meals will begin the middle of September. The church council will be hosting a meal on Wednesday, 4 Oct with more details to follow for the group. Nichole Braithwait will lead coordination efforts. The homecoming parade is happening on Friday, 22 September and all will be invited to participate in decorating the float and/or donating candy and riding during the parade. Tim and Nichole Braithwait along with leadership from Beth will coordinate this event. The education committee passed on that they had a kindergarten milestone event coming up with dinner and fun for our new kindergarteners and their families. Senior ministry has an outing planned for September 22 at the High Plains Heritage Center and Pizza Ranch.

8. The Living Room: Pastor Stephan asked the council to consider a benefactor that has come forward to provide new siding and windows for The Living Room. The total cost is \$36,000 and the anonymous benefactor has offered to cover \$18,000 of the project. The council discussed and all agreed that we as a congregation can raise the other half of the project and ensure that this wonderful facility continues to bless those who use it for campus ministry, bible study and other various gatherings. The council will look to host an open house, and all will be invited to stop by and see the progress that has been made and what these new updates will encompass. Mike Steffen motioned to accept the bid; Christina Miles seconded: motion carried.

9. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned with a motion by Christina Miles and a second by David Pummel at 7:45 PM followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Sherry Kloeckl will lead devotions.

Respectfully Submitted, Nichole Braithwait

# TreaSurer's Report As of July 31, 2023

Year-to-date Offerings: \$338,210.34 Year-to-date Expenses: \$346,052.68 Year-to-date Budget: \$380,879.02



Support Fair Trade and the people of Guatemala!

Sharing the Dream in Guatemala is a non-profit organization that promotes fair trade with cooperatives and small businesses in Guatemala. Craft products are handmade by Mayan artisans, and the profits go to support community development projects.

**Mark your calendar** to browse the sale at the back of the Fellowship Hall next month on:

Sunday, October 8 (9:30 am – Noon) Wednesday, October 11 (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) Sunday, October 15 (9:30 am – Noon)

Communities of hardworking, faithful families in Guatemala directly benefit from these sales in great and wondrous ways.

Thank you for your heart for mission!

Visit the website <u>www.sharingthedream.org</u> to learn more about the mission and to shop the online store!



# Clothe-a-Kid 2023

This year with the generosity of our community, Clothe-a-Kid Spearfish was able to assist 175

Spearfish Spartan students purchase new clothes. Students and their families were able to shop at Walmart and choose clothes that fit their style or needs. Clothe-a-Kid raised nearly \$30,000 to spend on clothing purchases. Black Hills Community Bank, through their efforts and their employees, donated \$4,000 worth of school supplies for the kids in the program. Without the donations from community members, churches, and businesses in Spearfish, this would not be possible!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church raised \$8,960.46 through donations and the Love Your Neighbor Jar. The Mission Team cannot thank you enough for your help and generosity which makes Clothea-Kid such a positive influence for those 175 students in Spearfish.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Mission Team



#### **Outlaw Ranch Volksmarch**

Outlaw Ranch, along with the Black Hills Volkssport Club, is sponsoring a volksmarch at Outlaw Ranch near Custer on Saturday, September 2. Start time is from 8:30 until 11:30 and you must finish by 2:30. The cost to do the walk is \$3 for all participants. You will have the option to do a 5k (3 mile) or 10k (6 mile) hike. This is an opportunity to walk on the new trail system that has been developed on Outlaw's property and goes through parts of the property that is very seldom seen. For more information you can contact Pastor Duane Neugebauer at 303-489-9313 or donman1948@gmail.com.



# Don't forget... OSLC is on

## Facebook!

There are times when we need to get out information quicker than the weekly bulletins or the monthly newsletter will allow. If we have a sudden cancellation of an event or building closure (think snow day), we will post it on our Facebook page, as well as on our webpage.

To get the very latest information "like" our facebook page.

www.facebook.com/oslcspearfish

# Not on facebook...?



Opt in to OSLC instant text messaging!

As a reminder, OSLC has an instant text messaging system. It allows us to communicate time-sensitive information, such as event updates, emergency closures, schedule changes, etc. If you've signed up in the past, you don't have to do anything. If you haven't signed up, or if your email or phone number has changed, please contact the church office at 605-642-3715 or oslc@rushmore.com with up-to-date email addresses and phone numbers. Thanks for helping us all stay connected!



My family and I thank the Fix-It group for planting the tree in the church yard in memory of Duane Boy. Blessed be his memory.

Rita Boy, Daniel & Sheri Boy, Beth (Boy) & John Bowman, Christian Boy, Kevin & Alex Boy, Sandra Boy, Michelle & Nick Shryock



THANK YOU - YOU ARE AWESOME!!

To all who supported the Pie Booth

~ Aly Scheurenbrand



# **Animal Care Center** of Spearfish

The staff at the Animal Care Center would like to give your vacation bible schoolers and staff a huge, huge thank you for the bags that they delivered to us. Wow, what an awesome surprise and much appreciated bag of treats. Our practice is honored that we were thought of in your VBS's ministry. We definitely had a better week because of the kindness shown to us and I hope we passed that overflow of kindness on to the patients and clients we worked with.

Thanks again and God's Peace,

Diane Olstad Office Manager

Dr Whalen, Dr Olson, Dr Czerny, Mica, Sarah, Chloe, Racheal, Anna, Lisa, and Kelsey



Sept. 3 Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

Sept. 10 Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 17 Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 24 Jonah 3:10--4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

## Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

The deadline for submission of items for the October newsletter is Thursday, **September 21**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com

Ways to give electronically:







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.

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 <a href="mailto:oslc@rushmore.com">oslc@rushmore.com</a> or call us at 605-642-3715. Thank you!

## September Faith & Care Group (#5)

Jim & Beth Benning
Jim & Kathy Benson
Nick & Abi Case
Joan DeWall
Barb Donat
Dale & Janene Donat
David Donat
Sara Freng
Noel & Heather Glasford
Gary & Mary Goddard

Scott & Merrijane Gray

Janelle Gusso
Becky Hansen
Eric & Sherry Hanson
Dillon Haug
Arnie & Susan Hemmingson
Cathy Rezek Hoschied
Dallas & Roberta Johnson
Lyle & Anda Johnson
Tony & Heidi Johnson
Anne Kirk

Brad & Sherry Klinkel

Ryan & Heather Koerner
Bob & Janice Koski
Lana Main
Nick & Karen Marchiando
Jane Mattson
George & Heidi Nash
Stephanie Pribilske
Greg & Renee Skroch
Jess Studt
Bob Sutfin & Diane McGuire
Zach & Samantha Wager



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 <a href="mailto:sommerlyn.mortensen@gmail.com">sommerlyn.mortensen@gmail.com</a> you want to receive the link or receive a tutorial on how to use it.

#### 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.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	4:00 PM Wedding Shelbee Kinghorn & Tanner Nuss @ Besler's Cadillac Ranch
9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	HAPPY LABOR DAY TO DAY	8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:00 PM SonShine Squad 5:30 PM Education Comm. 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room	9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	7 12:00 PM WELCA General Meeting & Salad Luncheon 1:00 PM Quilters	6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service 12:45 PM Adopt-a-Highway Fall Clean-up  Rally Sunday "God's work. Our hands." Back to School & Sunday	Closed  11  10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic	8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 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	10:00 AM Senior Ministry Committee 5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation No Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle 1:00 PM Quilters	Deacon's Day Off  15 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	16
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and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles  24 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM Third Grade Bible Class with Pastor Stephan 10:00 AM 3-year-old Bible Class with Deacon Laura 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service	1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic	20	10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School	Autumnal Equinox	Deacon's Day Off  29 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  Deacon's Day Off	30

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Staff: Stephan Sandness, Senior Pastor

Laura Campbell, Deacon

Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries

Julie Lee, Office Manager Lisa Williams, Receptionist

**Worship:** Summer schedule through September 3:

Sundays 9:00 AM Worship Service Wednesdays 6:26 PM Wednesday Word

Regular schedule resumes Sunday, September 10

Sundays 8:30 AM Worship Service

Live stream at 8:30 AM or watch later! Connect through our web site.

9:45 AM Education Hour

10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service

Wednesdays 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper (resumes Sept. 20)

6:26 PM Wednesday Word

Church Office located at 1020 State Street Church Phone Number: 605-642-3715

Kitchen/Quilting Phone Number: 605-722-0660

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