



## *Gloria and Kyries*

**Pastoral Update:** On Tuesday, November 15, Associate Pastor Karen, Lay Minister Laura, Council Members Pam Englund, Barb Hargis, Annette Johnson, and Lennis Larson met with Pastor Arley Fadness, Custer. Members of the congregation will remember him when he helped us when Pastor Randy Fett left. Our group began with a question... "What can you do for us at OSLC?" He turned the question around and asked us "What are Our Savior's needs?" So began the discussion.



*Pastor Arley Fadness*

Pastor Arley will begin supplying us with pastoral care starting in December and ending hopefully in February when an interim pastor could possibly begin. Pastor Arley will preach two Sundays a month. During the in-between weeks he will be in Spearfish on Wednesdays to do visitation and nursing home services plus other needs. He also offered: to lead an adult Bible class after the holidays, to visit patients at Rapid City Regional Hospital, and to help with the early Christmas eve services. Weather is a factor during these months so Council will need to discuss this concern at the December meeting along with a compensation package.

Our next step is to be in contact with Susan Marone of the SD Synod Office to work out plans for an interim pastor and consider our request to have one in place by Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Susan has been on assignment and out of the country.

Congregational members interested in being considered for the Call Committee should contact Barb Hargis, chair of Personnel Committee. If you have further questions, please contact any one of the Council members. As members, please know your input is valuable to us.

*Lennis Larson,  
Council President*



Sundays, December 4 and 11 at 9:45 am:

- **Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart – Conference Room**  
Come learn practical tips for relating to people who are suffering. This information is useful for all in daily living. Those who attend all sessions would have the foundational training to serve in the Friendship Ministry program if they wish. Led by Dianne Miller.
- **Red Jell-O Conversations – Fireside Room**  
This group discussion is on a different topic each Sunday, so pop in when you can! Led by different group members each time.



## Senior Ministry

### Monthly Communion Service

Thank you to those who helped with the November Monthly Communion service: Muriel Mjelstad, pianist; Dee Cox, hostess; Sara Miles, communion assistant; and Mary Goddard, transportation. There will be **no monthly communion service in December**. We encourage you to attend the 1:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion on December 24. Call the church office (642-3715) if you need transportation.

### Sunday Morning Transportation

Need a ride to church on Sunday mornings? Call the church office (642-3715) by 2 pm Friday afternoon to reserve a ride.

### Shopping for Christmas Gifts?

- Give Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, etc.
- Shop for unusual fair-trade gifts at:

[www.elca.org/giving](http://www.elca.org/giving)  
[www.lwr.org/handcraft](http://www.lwr.org/handcraft)



~~ Mission Committee

## Senior Ministry Christmas Party

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 2:30PM

OSLC Fellowship Hall

If you need a ride, please call  
642-3715.



Join us and bring a friend!  
Advent Rainbows

### *Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation*

**Sunday, December 18, 2011**

9:45 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Come and be a part of the church's semi-annual meeting and hear financial and ministry reports of the past year as we look forward to the ministry year 2012.



### **Christmas Eve Music Wanted**

To enhance our Christmas Eve worship services, we would love to have two pieces of Special Music at each of our 4 worship services: 1:30 pm; 4:30 pm; 6:30 pm and 10:30 pm. Please call the church office to sign up for a service.



### Christmas Eve Ushers are

needed for all four services 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 10:30 pm. Holy Communion Assistants are needed for the 1:30 pm and 10:30 pm services. Please sign up on the Faith & Care Board by the kitchen.

Our Savior's Rings the Bell  
for Salvation Army



Sign up on the form by the kitchen to ring a Salvation Army Bell (for ½ hour or more) at the southwest door at Safeway on Saturday, December 10, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. This is a great family activity during the Advent season.

*From the President, Anne Kirk*

Don't forget to come to our annual Julefest on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the church. It is a fun time for all and we have a great lunch menu, coffee and treats, crafts, Antique Boutique, special displays, lots of beautiful quilts and a variety of Christmas goodies!!

We have made lots of lefse and I want to thank all the faithful workers who came each week to help us--it is so appreciated and we have a great team of workers in our church!! Thanks too, for those ladies that helped make meatballs.

All women of the church will be making crafts and goodies--we can always use lots of baked goods! This is our big fundraiser which enables us to give to many missions of our church.

Have a blessed Christmas and remember "*Jesus is the reason for the Season!*".

*God's Blessings,  
Anne Kirk*

## WELCA Calendar

2011

<b>December 3</b>	Julefest
<b>December 7</b>	WELCA Board Meeting
<b>January 4, 2012</b>	WELCA Board Meeting

## Circle Meetings

**Esther Circle**  
Dec. 8, 5:30 PM  
Hostess: Pam Englund  
Leader: Darlene Swartz

**Deborah Circle**  
Dec. 12, 11:30 AM  
Hostess: All  
Leader: All

**Ruth Circle**  
Dec. 15, 9:30 AM  
Hostess: Mary Ellen Lantis  
1255 Lantis Place  
Leader: Mary Ellen Lantis

**Mary Circle**  
Dec. 13, 11:30 AM  
Lunch at Perkins

### **LUTHERAN BRIDGE GROUP**

*The Lutheran Bridge Group will be held on **Monday, December 12, 2011, 1:00 pm** at the church. Please call Elaine Perry, 642-4213 or Ardie Koppelman, 722-7204 **if you plan to attend.***

### **Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar**

**December 3, 2011  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**



The **quilters** have been busy, so there will be lots of quilts for sale. Keep them in mind for your Christmas shopping list!

**Cash donations** toward expenses for recipe ingredients and supplies would be appreciated. Please make your check out to "**WELCA**", (not OSLC) and drop it off at the receptionist's desk.

**Donations of crafts, collectibles, antiques, baking goods, etc.** will be much appreciated. We are hoping to have lots of cookies and candy this year. People like to have us do their Christmas baking for them!

**We also need help on the day of the Julefest.** Cashiers, kitchen and serving help, set-up, clean-up, etc. *Anything you can do will be appreciated!*

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



**Public is encouraged to bring a can of food for the food pantry.**

*-Julefest Committee*

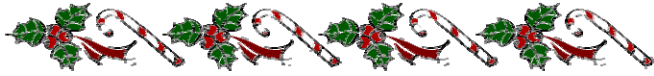


### **Scriptures**



December 4	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8
December 11	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:47-55 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
December 18	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1: 26-38
December 25	Isaiah 9:2-7, 62:6-12, 52:7-10 Psalm 96, 97, 98 Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7, 1:1-4 (5-12) Luke 2:1-14 (15-20), 2:(1-7) 8-20, John 1:1-14

## Kids of the Kingdom December 2011



Dear Church Family and Friends,  
You Are Cordially Invited To Attend The  
Kids of the Kingdom Christmas Program,  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.  
Please Join us If You Can!



We are having Christmas Program Practice during  
Sunday school on December 3rd and on Saturday  
December 10th from 1:00- 2:00. We will do our best to  
keep this practice to one hour but we will need your help  
to keep your children focused.

December 18<sup>th</sup>~we will be celebrating Christmas with a  
Birthday Party for Jesus during Sunday school. There  
will be snacks, crafts and lots of fun so plan now to join  
us!

We will not have Sunday school on December 25<sup>th</sup> or  
January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to our Sunday school  
teachers, helpers and Family  
Worship leaders for bringing the  
good news of Christ's love for us  
to our children each week.  
May God Bless You this Holiday  
Season and Always!  
Beth Nielsen, Sunday School  
Coordinator



As always if you know of anyone that  
would like to be a part of our Sunday  
school program, please let them know  
that they are ALWAYS WELCOME!  
Just let me know and we will get them

to the right class!



Thanks to the kids of the **R.O.C.K.**  
for re-stocking the Busy Bags for  
young children to use during church.  
Thanks also for your help assembling  
the Thanksgiving Chain and making  
the sign. You guys really do R.O.C.K.!!

**KID ZONE** ~ After-school Ministry is well  
underway on Wednesdays! If you would like your  
child to check out this fun program, please contact  
Shirley Harding at 645-9367.

# Confirmation



December 7: WNW

14: WNW

21: Servant Event-Christmas Visiting

28: No Confirmation-New Year's Break

## December Acolyte Schedule

**Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship**

Lindsey Skroch and Madison Varner

**Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship**

Amanda Larsen

## High School Youth Group

The Youth Group will be offering their services as  
"Slaves" for a fee to help raise money for the upcoming  
New Orleans trip. If you have a need for some help  
around the house, cleaning gutters, putting up  
Christmas lights/decorations, babysitting, or other small  
projects please call the office or Tacy Bressler (605)-  
390-2248 and we will find a Youth Group member or  
members to come and help you out!

The Youth Group is selling Christmas scented Yankee  
candles for \$26.00 each until the end of December.  
These will be sold between services through the month  
of December. The candles are here so you simply need  
to pick out your favorite scent and go home and enjoy  
the Holiday's. They make great gifts too!



Provide a gift for a local child whose parent is in  
prison, a senior citizen who might not otherwise  
be remembered, or a Pine Ridge child in need.  
Angel tags will be available after worship on  
December 4. Gifts (approx. value of \$20) should  
be placed under the tree by December 12.

~ Mission Team

If you can help with delivery on December 14,  
please call Abbey at 210-2858.

# "Notes from Seminary"

I have a lot of weighty material to read through this semester at Luther Seminary. I'm taking three classes online: Old Testament Prophets, Christian Education and Dismantling Racism, and Ethics: Christianity and Human Rights. It's a lot of great stuff to read and process together with my classmates, but I have to admit, my brain will be ready for a break come the end of the semester!

While my Prophets class has included a lot of heavy topics, I've really appreciated the chance to think about what those books mean for our lives today and what they tell us about who God is. It's challenging, but rewarding stuff. One of the things we learn from the prophets is that rather than being distant and aloof from the world, God is intimately connected to human events, even affected by them. The Jewish scholar Abraham Heschel called this "divine pathos": the truth that God is emotionally engaged with humans and even suffers when humans suffer or cause harm to one another.

If you're ever curious about what I'm studying at Luther, please don't hesitate to ask. And I'm always happy to talk about the distributed learning program at Luther and candidacy for ordained ministry. If you know of someone who is sensing the call to ministry, I would love to encourage him or her in that direction.

Grace and peace,  
*Erin Heidelberger*

*Luther Seminary Distributed Learning student.*

P.S.: I'm a member of the student blogging team at Luther Seminary, so I regularly post on their "Life at Luther" blog

(<https://www.luthersem.edu/lifeatluther>). If you're wondering what it's like to be a Luther student, check it out!

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Thanks to John Sanders  
PASTOR JONES COULD SENSE THE CLOSE PRESENCE OF CHRISTMAS AS HE SLOWLY MADE HIS WAY THROUGH THE JUNGLE OF POINSETTIAS 12-20-2006

# *Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!*

Thanks for giving your time and resources to the Thanksgiving meal at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. If you assisted with planning, preparing, or serving the meal, cleaning up afterwards, or donating food or grocery money, you helped feed almost 250 community people with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Our preparations at the church began Wednesday afternoon and included setting 30 tables; roasting eleven turkeys and four hams; peeling, cooking and mashing 90 pounds of potatoes and 10 pounds of yams; and turning 22 loaves of bread into the most delicious dressing! And if you prepared hot vegetables, salads, or pies for the dinner, we want you to know that we could not have done this without you. Finally, if you help support the ministry or the facilities at Our Savior's in any way, you supported this meal, and we thank you.

Each year, we set out baskets for people who eat with us and wish to make a Thanksgiving donation. Using money collected both last year and this year, we will be supporting the Spearfish Food Pantry and the School Back-Pack Food Program, as well as helping to clean the carpet in the Fellowship Hall. So the giving comes full circle back to you, the wonderful congregation at Our Savior's. We give you our thanks!

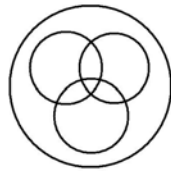
## **December is Our Savior's Month to Serve the *Food Pantry***



Please **sign-up now** in the Fellowship Hall to work at the Food Pantry on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning (9-Noon). It is our responsibility to distribute food this month! You will be shown what to do when you arrive at the pantry.

Your contributions of food throughout the year are greatly appreciated, and you are encouraged to increase your contributions in our service month. We are one of the eleven churches who participate in helping those in need in this community. Your food donations are an integral part of this organization as well as your monetary donations that enable the purchase of meat, eggs, frozen juice, margarine, and other items needing refrigeration. Remember the Food Pantry when you do your grocery shopping this month!

Friendship Ministry  
Extending the Love of Christ from  
Friend to Friend



We are all called to care! At Our Savior's we have a Friendship Ministry program where lay ministers extend the love of Christ to so many through visits and connections! **Right now we need to pull together as a church family and help out our Staff at Our Savior's during this transitional time in our pastoral staff.** If you hear a calling and want to become a Friendship Minister please call Dianne Miller at 642-5212. A training is currently happening on Sunday mornings, *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. Another training will be scheduled for February. For further information, call or contact Laura Campbell 642-3715 or Dianne 642-5212. God Bless you all!

Sewing Kits

Women of the ELCA sewing kits are **due December 15<sup>th</sup>**.



**Each sewing kit should contain:**

- 3 yards of 45" or 4 yards of 36" cotton or cotton blends solid or print material (no knits or polyester)
- 1 package of needles, 1 spool of matching thread
- 1 card of buttons (6 or more about 1/2 - 5/8" all matching).

*Wrap all sewing notions inside the fabric and tie with a string, yarn, or strip of fabric.*

**Do not enclose kit in plastic bags.**



Dear OSLC Family,

I would like to express my heartfelt and sincere appreciation for all the prayers, cards and words of encouragement from our congregation throughout my father's illness and death. My father led a life filled with many blessings from God, many of which he passed on to me. I hope my life will be a true reflection of his faith and leadership.

While my family resides in Minnesota, I know I have another family here in Spearfish. I consider myself to be fortunate as I am surrounded by such a loving and supportive faith community. Thank you so much. May God bless you and yours this holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Jane Klug and family

Dear OSLC members,

The message on my blue colon cancer wrist band says: "No one fights alone". The creator of that message must have known this wonderful congregation! I cannot say thank you enough for all of the prayers, hugs, and cards along with the unbelievable generosity that was shown at the Breakfast Benefit/Auction on November 13! My family loved meeting all of you. A special thank you goes to the planning crew. You did a marvelous job!

*F.R.O.G. I Fully Rely On God and Praise Him for the ever faithful friends that surround me.*

*God Bless You,  
AJ (Annette Johnson)*



P.S. The prognosis is good. I don't have to see my oncologist until after the Holidays!



**GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC**  
presents the *2nd Annual Holiday Jam Concert with the Hegg Brothers!* Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Spearfish High School

Auditorium. Tickets are on sale and are \$20 each and are available at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Perkins in Spearfish; First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche and Howlin Hawg Diner in Deadwood. *All proceeds benefit the ministry of the Good Shepherd Clinic.*

Please remember those in need this holiday season. Non-perishable food items will be accepted at the concert for donation to the Spearfish Food Pantry.

Please contact Sue Konstant at [susankonstant@gmail.com](mailto:susankonstant@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering for set-up/tear-down, pre-meal items, ushering, ticket takers or the GSC welcome table.

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

November 8, 2011 6:30pm

Submitted by Pam Englund, Council Secretary

The Church Council met Tuesday, November 8 at The Living Room. Treasurer's report showed offerings were up a little in October. Spending is down right now, but treasurer Eric Skavang reminded the Council, insurance is coming due so that will put spending back on track with the budget. Council thanked the Quilters for their donation of \$3000 to be used for utilities.

Lennis Larson and Pastor Karen shared information on how the call process for a senior pastor works. It was suggested this information and an update of where the Personnel Committee is in the process, be shared with the congregation on a regular basis. At this time we still need to meet with someone from the Synod before we can move forward. It is the hope of Council to get an interim pastor while we continue the search for a new senior pastor.

Both Pastor Karen and Laura have been keeping busy taking on additional duties. Pastor Karen is working with Howard Perry, Julie Lee and a group of volunteers on Stewardship. This year they are using the Quill program which focuses on giving as a human need rather than giving to fulfill a church budget. The congregation is encouraged to give \$1 a week for every \$1000 of yearly income. The stewardship program ends the end of November. Along with the stewardship drive, Pastor Karen is gearing up for Advent and Christmas. She will meet soon with the Worship Committee to make plans for worship during that time.

Lay Minister, Laura Campbell, has taken on the task of Bible Camp promotion and registration. She has already reserved spots at Outlaw Ranch for the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders and will work with the education leaders to promote Bible camp. She is still trying to recruit team members to help lead The R.O.C.K. on Sunday mornings. In addition to Bible study, she is working with that group of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders on a puppet ministry.

Other items discussed at this month's council meeting included signage at The Living Room, updating the church directory, getting a separate phone number for the Good Shepherd Clinic and robes for the choir. The congregation is encouraged to visit with council members on any of these topics, along with questions or concerns they may have during this time of transition.

The November council meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is set for Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 in the church conference room.

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## Treasurer's Report

*By Eric Skavang*

*As of November 28 , 2011*

<b>Year-to-Date Budget:</b>	<b>\$417,875.04</b>
<b>Year-to-date Offerings:</b>	<b>\$391,826.71</b>
	(94% of Budget)

**Faith & Care Signup for December 2011**  
**Traditional Worship Service ~ 8:30 AM**

Position	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25 (10:00 AM Service)
Welcome Center Hosts (2)	Junior & Ella Schloe	Junior & Ella Schloe	Junior & Ella Schloe	---x---
Ushers (4)		Lonnie & Leesa Haugland		---x---
Lector (1)	Lonnie Haugland	Sandi Nauman	Ed Erickson	Suzanne Alger
HC Assistants (2 or 3)	Lonnie & Leesa Haugland	---x---	1. 2. 3.	---x---
Prayer Minister	Linda Williams	---x---	Helen Merriman	---x---
HC Prep/Cleanup	Char & Richard Krogstad	---x---	Char & Richard Krogstad	---x---
Cookies (4) (6 dozen each)	Junior & Ella Schloe Tom & Nona Rath	Junior & Ella Schloe	Junior & Ella Schloe	---x---
Coffee Servers & Cleanup (2)	Junior & Ella Schloe	Junior & Ella Schloe	Junior & Ella Schloe	---x---
Nursery	Tracy Johnson	Diane Krogstad	Mandi Lyons	No Staffed Nursery

**Joyful Journey Worship Service ~ 10:45 AM**

Position	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25 (10:00 AM Service)
Welcome Center Hosts (2)				
Ushers (4)				
HC Assistants (2)				
Prayer Minister	Evonne Welsh	Mike Overby	Diane Wendt	Denise Bakke
HC Prep/Cleanup	Mission Team	Mission Team	Mission Team	Mission Team

**December Faith & Care Group Members who have not signed up, please call Konnie Grass (645-0513).** Darleen Baird, Thomas & Staci Baloun, Tessa (Krog) Braddy, Janice Clarkson, Don & Ruth Doyen, Justin & Kristen Feeser, John & Paulette Frederickson, Steve & Konnie Grass, Bruce & Jeanne Hanson, Lonnie & Leesa Haugland, Kevin Krog, Lennis & Judy Larson, Rick & Lori Little, Lori McCarty, Lorraine Minow, Bev Perry, Fran Phillips, Ross & Sandi Rabenberg, Tom & Nona Rath, Junior & Ella Schloe, Pam Schroeder, Aaron & Mandy Sestak, Ralph & Joann Soelzer, Evelyn Tegeler, Mike & Jill Tiffany, Steve & Anne Vosler, Kip & Kristi Wagner

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## **LCM serves Dinner Belle**



Black Hills State University Lutheran Campus Ministry serves Santa's helper Kenny Coyle at the Nov. 21 annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at St. James Lutheran Church, Belle Fourche. Erina Winterfeld, left, is from Fremont, Neb., and Kris Garlick is the Lutheran Campus Ministry Director. The group came to Belle Fourche to help at the dinner as part of the community service outreach. *Photo by Milo Dailey/Butte County Post*

## **Souper Study set Dec. 6**

Lutheran Campus Ministry will once again partner with United Campus Ministries to offer Black Hills State University students and staff a warm lunch just prior to finals week. Here's the soup, I mean scoop ... we need to provide four large crocks of soup to the event at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Club Buzz, lower level of the BHSU Student Union.

Last year, the Souper Study Session was such a success – 14 crocks of soup were gone within a two-hour period. Cooks interested in providing a pot of soup, please contact LCM Director Kris Garlick at 605.695.4074.

## **LCM hosts 842nd families**

To kick off the 842<sup>nd</sup> Gift Box Drive this fall, LCM.BHSU invited family members of the local National Guard unit to join the TGI Thursday group for dinner and conversation about their loved ones. LCM's goal is to send 160 gift boxes, one for each soldier, to Afghanistan. Thanks to everyone who are supporting this project.

## **BHSU Student Moms group renews**

This fall, six BHSU student moms were paired with local community volunteers to lighten their load as acting mom, student, head of household, etc. – a program LCM calls the Adopt-A-Mom program. With a very successful first semester to report, a second offering will be held January 2012. Referrals can be made and interested moms can contact LCM Director Kris Garlick for more information.