

# A Little Bit of Sunshine

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## A Christmas Parable

When Marian came to town, no one noticed her. She came quietly. She came unannounced. Marian went to work in the city library. Books and videos were her life. She catalogued them, dusted them, and organized them. She checked them in. She checked them out. They called her *Marian the Librarian* like the character Shirley Jones played in the *Music Man*.

Now in the beginning of it all, Marian was not well known nor well liked. She had moved from a distant state to this community, which was very provincial and quite unfriendly. She noticed, when she came to town, the iron fences between neighbors. Many owned Rottweiler attack dogs. No trespassing signs everywhere. Locks and double locks even though there was little crime. Lawsuits were common. Fistfights were frequent. Facebook spewed nasty messages.

Then Marian came. She was pretty, dark hair, sparkling eyes. At her work she was conscientious, meticulous and gracious. But about the second week at the library, Marian made a fundamental **MISTAKE!** She punched the wrong key on the computer and the cataloguing got all mixed up. So when Gil Gamble came to check out the book entitled, "How to sue Your Neighbor in Five Easy Steps" by U. R. Liable, Marian the Librarian innocently sent home Charles' Dickens *A Christmas Carol*, that classic published in 1843. When Hammer Johnson, the local grocer, came to check out the book *War Games*, Marian mistakenly sent home a copy of *The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*. And the mayor of Flatesville, who had perfected the art of belittling his council and general populace, she gave Emily Dickson's *Book of Poetry*.

For six months this went on. The citizens came to get books to reinforce their negative interests, but inadvertently got books far different than what they had intended. Same thing happened with videos. Instead of *Lethal Weapon* they got *Les Miserables*. Instead of *Horror at St. Elm's Street* they got *It's a Wonderful Life*. Interestingly, even though the citizens took the wrong books and videos, they read and watched them anyway.

Well, when the clerical error was discovered by the Library board, the City Commission fired Marian the Librarian. Marion left town. Quietly. As unnoticed as her arrival.

But about Christmas Time in the village, something had begun to happen. Strange. Like a Miracle. The people turned off their TV's. They began to read and to watch. They read the classics. They read through books and their Kindles poetry, philosophy, and religion. They read the Bible. They absorbed their minds in great and deep thoughts. Their hearts began to fill up with that which was high and noble, bright and forgiving.

And then it happened!! One by one the iron fences came down. Lawsuits were dropped. Attack dogs retired. Fisticuffs ended. And they stopped giving Christmas gifts to themselves and instead gave to others.

When the City Commission realized the **MISTAKE** at the library was no loss but a marvelous **gift**...they tried to find Marian the ex-librarian...she had vanished. Oh there were rumors of Marian sightings in other grumpy towns but she was not to be found. But the Gift, the Unlikely Gift she left at Flatesville stayed. It was a gift that forever changed their hearts and lives.

When Mary came to Bethlehem, she came quietly and unnoticed. She came bringing a Marvelous Gift to a sleepy little town and to a grumpy sinful world.

~ Pastor Arley Fadness

*Hello friends and members,*

It is a delight and a joy to greet you during these joyous 12 days of Christmas. It feels like I have come home to a place I love-namely Our Savior's Lutheran. As the Christmas Season winds down we begin to think of the New Year 2012. What will it bring? Whereas 2011 has given us both great happiness as well as some tough times, we trust the leading of the Spirit in the future. Then we look forward to January 6<sup>th</sup> – the Epiphany of our Lord. The Epiphany Season flows with abundant opportunities to suddenly “see” the presence and power of Christ in our lives. Like being in a rain storm with black clouds overhead suddenly a shaft of light breaks through and we discover a new insight, a new path, a new way.

May your life be filled with surprises of grace in coming weeks and months.

*~Pastor Arley Fadness*

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## *Visit from the Synod*

*Submitted by Pam Englund, Council Secretary*

Susan Marone, assistant to the Bishop, visited with about 50 members of the council and congregation Tuesday, December 20 in a Town Hall type meeting to address questions we may have concerning the call process for a new senior pastor. Susan reminded us that although this could be a tough time for our congregation, it is the members of a congregation that keep things going, not a senior pastor. It's up to us, as a congregation to continue our mission to serve. Council members will need to take the role of leaders, being available to answer questions and respond to concerns. An important message Susan shared with the group was, “We are ruled by the people who show up. So, show up, pay attention and respond in love.”

Susan informed the group that the Call Process is just that, a process. It could, and should, take at least a year before we even consider calling a new senior pastor. The first step in the process is education, which was the purpose of her visit. The second step is to contract an interim pastor. Pastor Arley will be helping us out for a couple months, during that time, the Synod and Church Council will begin the search for an interim pastor. An interim pastor will have senior pastor experience, most have had special training in being an interim pastor. The Synod recommends a nine to twelve month contract with an interim pastor. This time should be used to prepare a



*Susan Marone and Janet Mattison*

Ministry Site Profile which will become an important aid in finding the right senior pastor for Our Savior's.

This will also be a time to question why we do things the way we do and maybe make some changes and try some new things. The next year will be all about change, one way or another, so we all need to prepare ourselves to accept those changes.

In closing, Susan reminded us all to appreciate our current staff. This is an exceptionally trying time for them as they fill the voids left in Pastor Kent's absence. We need to first and foremost pray, and know that God will take care of us, as he always has.

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 6, 2011 6:30pm

Submitted by Pam Englund, Council Secretary

Church Council met Tuesday, December 6 in the Fireside Room with 14 council members and ministerial staff in attendance. The main topic discussed at this month's was the 2012 budget. Even though the proposed budget was \$30,000 less than 2011's budget, we were still showing a \$19,000 deficit based on Stewardship pledges for 2012. After much debate and discussion and with help from Pastor Karen and Laura, Council was able to shave approximately \$10,000 off the proposed budget without having to cut staff wages, which was very important to all of us. Most budget cuts were made after taking into consideration what was spent in 2011 in each area of the budget. The council is hopeful actual offerings will exceed what has been pledged and we will be able channel additional funds to areas where cuts may have been made.

Susan Marone, assistant to the Bishop, will be in Spearfish Tuesday, December 20th to meet with the congregation to discuss the call process for a senior pastor. She will also discuss with us the benefits of having an interim pastor during this time of transition.

Beth Nielsen and Collin Cantalope will represent the council on the Nominating Committee to fill council seats that will become vacant in the spring. Three church members will be selected for this committee at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation on December 18.

Eric Skavang reported the Spearfish Food Pantry and the local Backpack for Kids Program will each receive \$1393 from monies collected at this year's Thanksgiving dinner along with funds carried over from last year's dinner. \$100 from the fundraiser will also help pay for carpet cleaning in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Karen reported to Council that November was a busy "people" month with lots of visits and phone calls to the church office. She met with the Worship Committee to plan Advent and Christmas worship services. Pastor Arley will preach at the two early services on Christmas Eve and Pastor Karen will lead the later services. There will only be one service at 10:00 am on Christmas day, followed by a brunch hosted by Pastor Karen and her husband, Trey.

Laura reminded the Council that OSLC will be serving at the Spearfish Food Pantry during the month of December. She also thanked Deb Martius and Larry Weiers for serving on the Food Pantry board on behalf of Our Savior's. Additional reminders included the Kids of the Kingdom Sunday School Program Sunday, December 11, continuing Adult Education classes and the Angel Tree ministry.

Beth Nielsen has offered to host the Council's Christmas/Epiphany Celebration Sunday January 22. After a very long night, the December Council meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 in the Conference Room.

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## Treasurer's Report

By Eric Skavang

As of December 27, 2011

Year-to-Date Budget:	\$452,698.00
Year-to-date Offerings:	\$436,558.56



*Join us Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM!*

- **Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart – Last session January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
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 - Continues January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
This group discussion is on a different topic each Sunday, so pop in when you can! Led by different group members each time.
- **Making Sense of Scripture Sundays, January 8 – February 19, 9:45 am Led by Pastor Karen in the Conference Room**  
More than a standard Bible study, *Making Sense of Scripture* is a dialogue around seven big questions that encourages participants to bring their questions or doubts to the table when reading Scripture. During this conversation, there are different opportunities for the us to interact with the Bible, ultimately leaving room for personal transformation of the heart and mind. This discussion is ideal for people new to Bible studies and those still seeking for a deeper understanding of the Bible.
- **Finding Your True Flair Sundays, January 8, 22; February 5, 19 at 12:00 pm following Joyful Journey Worship Led by Pastor Arley in the Conference Room (bring a brown-bag lunch if you wish)**

Annie Dillard in her story of the Weasel describes a person's calling. "The thing is to stalk your calling in certain skilled and supple way. To locate the most tender and live spot, and plug into that pulse." The latin "vocatio" means calling. God calls us through how God has created us, gifted us, and empowered us.

We will seek and discover our **TF** (True Flair) (skills, talents, traits, passion, bliss) through a reflection and search into our **PLS** (Positive Life Stories). A **PLS**, Positive Life Story is a personal happening/event of a pleasing accomplishment in work, play, church, leisure or hobby in one's lifetime. Together we here at Our Saviors will explore "something you feel you did well, enjoyed doing and are proud of."

*Sign up and receive your pre-work packet, "Everybody Has Something To Offer". The Pre-work Packet is to be filled out prior to the first session.*



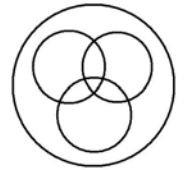
### Music Ministry

**Bell Choir & Senior Choir** resumes practice on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

**Joyful Journey Worship Team**  
~ needs voices & instruments!  
If you are interested contact Damian or Brittany after the 10:45 AM service

### 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 Dianne Miller at 642-5212.

***Want to know more about Friendship Ministry? Training for new Friendship Ministers is scheduled for February 25, 8:30 a.m. – Noon. Call the church office at 642-3715 to register.***



### *Cradle Roll*

Cradle Roll is a ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran designed to welcome new babies into the congregation. Connections and resources are provided to help parents introduce Jesus' love to their child from birth to age 3 when the child is ready to enter Sunday School. The Cradle Roll Team is made up of adults who enjoy making connections with young families and their infants and toddlers. If this describes YOU, **please join our team!** Call Carlene Rosencranz (642-3133) or Vivian Jacobs (722-5176).



# Senior Ministry

## Monthly Communion Service

Thursday, January 12, 2:30 p.m.  
Transportation provided (call the church at 642-3715)

### *“WARM FUZZY SUNDAY”*

*January 22, 2012*  
at Our Savior’s



Would you like to brighten someone’s day?

After worship, members of the Senior Ministry Committee will be in the Fellowship Hall distributing names along with ideas (for example: a visit, a phone call, a fruit plate or cookies, a ride to church, etc.). This is an opportunity to get to know another family in the church!

## **Prayer Ministry Training** **Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 pm**

Interested in serving as a prayer minister during communion in worship? Please register for the informal training session by calling the church office at 642-3715 or emailing Laura at [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com).

High School Peer Ministers invite you to knitting lessons. January 8th and 22nd, 4-5:30pm at The Living Room. Our Savior's knitters will be giving lessons, and all community youth and any one else are encouraged to come to learn and/or chill with us. Supplies and food provided. Coming soon...crocheting, sewing and maybe woodworking.

## **LUTHERAN BRIDGE GROUP**

*The Lutheran Bridge Group will be held on **Monday, January 9, 2012, 1:00 pm** at the church. Please call Elaine Perry, 642-4213 or Ardie Koppelman, 722-7204 **if you plan to attend.***



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Ministry this year! Over one hundred and one (101) gifts were delivered. YOU made it happen—God bless you.

--Abbey Helmer and the Mission Committee

## **Personal Care Kit**

We would like to encourage anyone to donate articles or a kit and put in the basket near the receptionist’s desk in the fellowship hall. Personal Care Kits are **due Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:**

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



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

***Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.*** All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

*From the President, Anne Kirk*

We had another successful “Julefest” this year! Thanks so much to everyone who helped make it a success. It was amazing to me that we sold so many goodies and crafts and our lunch was great! The Antique Boutique brought in a big amount and the Silent Auction had some beautiful items donated by various members. Thank you again for all your hard work! We have a great team of workers here at Our Savior’s and I am proud to be a part of that team!

Our next General Meeting of the Women of the ELCA will be held at 10:00 am on January 12, 2012. We invite all the women of Our Savior’s to attend for fellowship, fun and food! Note the time on this event. Hope to see you all there!

We will be hosting the Bear Butte Conference Spring Gathering on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the church and hope you will attend this fun day.

Thanks again for everyone’s help this past year and we look forward to 2012, thankful to God for all our wonderful blessings!

*God’s Blessings,  
Anne Kirk*

## Calendar

### 2012

<b>Jan. Kitchen Duty</b>	<b>Mary Circle</b>
<b>January 5 – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>WELCA Board Meeting</b>
<b>January 12 – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>WELCA General Meeting</b>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>World Day of Prayer</b>

## Circle Meetings

### Esther Circle

Jan. 12, 5:30 PM

Hostess: Janet Mattison  
Leader:

### Deborah Circle

Jan. 9, 11:30 AM

Hostess: All  
Leader: All

### Ruth Circle

Jan. 19, 9:30 AM

Hostess: Norma Merkel  
Leader: Ann Sogge

### Mary Circle

Jan. 17, 1:30 PM

Hostess: Carlene Rosencranz  
Leader: Carlene Rosencranz

## *~~Julefest Thank You~~*



Thank you so much to everyone who helped with our Julefest 2011 to make it a great success! We had such a good selection of homemade goodies and lots of lovely handmade crafts. Our silent auction items were wonderful and the donations to the Antique Boutique were certainly appreciated!

A special thanks to the “Fix-It Group” who helped with the set-up! We couldn’t do it without you!

To everyone who worked so hard before, during and after the event, we appreciate you more than you know. We had a great team of workers this year and all did a fabulous job! This is our big money raiser for the year enabling us to donate to various missions!

Our Women of the ELCA General Meeting is January 12, 2012 at 10 am at the church.



Thanks again!

*~The Julefest Committee*



## Scriptures



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| January 1  | Numbers 6:22-27<br>Psalm 8<br>Galatians 4:4-7/<br>Philippians 2:5-11<br>Luke 2:15-21       |
| January 8  | Genesis 1:1-5<br>Psalm 29<br>Acts 19:1-7<br>Mark 1:4-11                                    |
| January 15 | 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)<br>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18<br>1 Corinthians 16:12-20<br>John 1:43-51 |
| January 22 | Jonah 3:1-5, 10<br>Psalm 62:5-12<br>1 Corinthians 7:29-31<br>Mark 1:14-20                  |
| January 29 | Deuteronomy 18:15-20<br>Psalm 111<br>1 Corinthians 8:1-13<br>Mark 1:21-28                  |



**Kids of the Kingdom  
News You Can Use!**

January 2012

Dear Church Family,

I hope you all enjoyed a warm and blessed holiday season with family and friends! We had a great time presenting our Kids of the Kingdom Christmas Program. I would personally like to thank Jane Klug and Kelly Kirk for writing and organizing everything that went into the program. Thanks to Barb Niemi, Doug & Barb Deppe and Brittany More for helping with music and the technical support. A special thanks to John Glover for doing such a great job being Santa's helper. And of course thanks to all of the Sunday school teachers and parents that helped "shepherd" all of the shepherds, angels, wise men and other performers too. We were so pleased that the R.O.C.K. kids volunteered to help us out by ushering and performing; thanks to Laura Campbell for organizing and helping them out.

Kids of the Kingdom Sunday school and the R.O.C.K. classes will resume **Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Unfortunately, our attendance drops off in the winter and spring months. We would like to encourage you to bring your children to Sunday school each Sunday so they can continue to learn and grow in Christ. Maybe this can be a "Family New Year's Resolution" for your home.

We will be planning our annual Camping Event, look for the date and information coming soon!

After a lot of feed-back, we will not be listing Sunday school helpers in the bulletin anymore. So please remember to check in with your child's teacher to see if they need help when you are available.

Blessings,  
*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!

**Kid Zone starts up again on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>  
after school.**



- January 4:** WNW - #8
- 11:** Fellowship Event
- 18:** WNW - #9
- 25:** HUDDLE for Guides (5:30 PM)

**January Acolyte Schedule**

**Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship**  
Spencer Pankonin

**Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship**  
Owen Servaty and Jesse Wager

**High School Youth Group**

Just a reminder to all high school students: the Youth Group meets at The Living Room on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. All high school youth are welcome! If any of you are planning on going to New Orleans we need to get you registered ASAP! Contact Tacy Bressler at 390-2248 for more information.

Thank you to all of you who have supported the Youth Group Fundraisers so far. We appreciate your support! Get ready for the next MOPED giveaway coming up soon!



**God Get's It** is the Lutherans Outdoors' theme for Bible Camp this summer. **NOW** is the time to plan your summer schedule and

get registered for camp. We have reserved ten spots for Grades 3-4/5-6 at Outlaw Ranch for June 17-22. Dates throughout the summer for all ages are also available at AMR Fort Courage, Klein, and Family Camp at Outlaw. Take a look at the website [www.losd.org](http://www.losd.org) and talk with Laura

([oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) or 642-3715).  
Scholarships will be available. Also, families going to camp will host a soup supper fundraiser on Ash Wednesday with proceeds going to camp scholarships for those who work/provide.

## ~ Lines from Laura ~

Along with you, I enter this new year with a sense of HOPE that can come only from God. The prophet Jeremiah's word to the people from God was: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29: 11-13)

Please know that you are welcome to enter into any of the small group opportunities of Our Savior's Lutheran. If you aren't sure which one, I will be happy to help you. Pray about becoming a Friendship Minister or a Prayer Minister—training opportunities are available. If you would like to facilitate a new group, we will be happy to get you started.

As you plan your calendar for 2012, please consider joining me for these events:

April 20-22, 2012: Women's Retreat at Outlaw Ranch

"Living God's Calling in Our World," led by Dr. Laurie Jungling, an ELCA pastor and Assistant Professor of Religion and Ethics at Augustana College. This will be a relaxing, enjoyable getaway!

June 22-23, 2012: Glocal Mission Gathering, Sioux Falls, SD

This will be a day and a half of worship, workshops and sharing about local and global mission of the ELCA.

Lay Minister Laura Campbell,  
oslc1@rushmore.com

### Pastoral Acts

#### Funerals

December 1 Alfred "Fritz" Heggem, 93,  
Spearfish



*Thank you for your continued prayers and contributions to the mission of Sharing the Dream in Guatemala. Your involvement provides:*

- Sustainability in the lives of Guatemalan artisans and their families
- Healthcare at Casa Guatemala (orphanage) and 14 nearby rural villages
- Scholarships and learning assistance for students
- Food, kindness and warmth to elders at the Elder Center in Santiago
- And many other projects you can learn about at [www.sharingthedream.org](http://www.sharingthedream.org).

## Faith & Care



Do you know that every member family is a part of a Faith & Care group? Your group serves once every 13 months. If you served last year in January, your group is serving this year in February. Sign-ups for various duties go on the board in the Fellowship Hall one month before your serving month. Job descriptions are available there, too. Help your chairperson by checking the board and signing up early!

Leadership opportunities are available to work with this ministry—please talk with Lay Minister Laura Campbell (642-3715) for more information. The 26 chairpersons will gather for their annual meeting on February 21 at 6:30 pm.

Thank YOU!

I'd like to thank all of you for your cards, emails, phone calls, visits, hugs and especially prayers during my chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma cancer. I have been overwhelmed and blessed. I recently had the good news of a scan that showed no evidence of cancer cells. Thank the Lord for healing and for my church family.

God Bless ~ LaVae Gilbertson



**Diocese of Rapid City,  
Family Life Ministries**

...sponsors three support groups, one for the bereaved and two levels of support for the separated and divorced. These groups are valuable resources for anyone dealing with grief following a significant loss, whether the loss is due to the death of a loved one or the loss of a marriage.

**Beginning Experience ~**

**Separated & Divorced Support Groups:**

Level 1: "Encountering Life Alone", is non-denominational and open to any Christian adult who is hurting following a separation, divorce, or death of a spouse. The next ten-week support group begins Thursday, March 15, 2012 at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 532 Adams Street, Rapid City, SD.

Level 2: "Happiness is an Inside Job", is non-denominational and open to any Christian adult. The eight-week support group uses John Powell's book by the same name to help participants deepen their healing experience following a significant loss. The next group begins at 7:00 PM, Thursday January 5, 2012 at St. Therese the Little Flower Church, 532 Adams Street, Rapid City, SD.

**"Heal Your Grief" Bereavement Support Group**, is non-denominational and open to any Christian adult who is mourning the death of a loved one. The group meets for eight weeks starting Monday, January 30, 2012 at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, SD.

If you have questions, or would like more information, please call 605-343-3541.

Dear Our Saviors Lutheran Church,

I wish to extend my gratitude for the generosity you have shown the residents, without families at Dorsett Healthcare Center, with the Angel Tree gifts. Your kindness will fill many hearts with joy on Christmas morning.  
May you all have a blessed Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Colleen Luhmann, Activity Director  
Dorsett Healthcare Center



*Thank You from Dr. Forrest Brady*

Thank you to those who attended this year's Holiday Jam jazz concert in support of the Good Shepherd Clinic, Inc.! I'd like to take this opportunity to convey the significance of the GSC, Inc. mission. The GSC allows for the Northern Hills uninsured residents to have access to quality healthcare and as economic difficulties persist, our financially qualified population is expanding.

Our patients are so grateful for the care and treatment provided through GSC and they often express that they can now live with some hope and ambition; no longer in darkness and despair. The real advantage for our patients is the totality of the experience GSC offers through medical and non-medical assistance.

We do treat patients with the usual colds and common illnesses, but we also very regularly see significant diseases, diseases that disrupt people's lives, risks death or permanently disable them. One particular patient was diagnosed with kidney failure and was quite promptly put on dialysis. This patient was a little difficult to find for immediate treatment due to work commitments. It was determined that another patient was diagnosed with an odd type of fungal pneumonia that we just don't see here, but was in need for a year's worth of treatment and periodic re-evaluations. Another case involved a patient who had difficulty swallowing and our evaluation discovered esophageal cancer. The GSC allows us to identify conditions and respond with compassion while alleviating the financial concerns since our patients are already bearing the burden of illness and its associated worries.

We have been blessed with wonderful Northern Hills' communities, those of you who support the GSC, a board of directors that manages the clinic's activities and well over a hundred volunteers that every week allow us to impact people at possibly their most difficult times, emotionally and physically. We have also been blessed with vital mission partners and community hospital systems (Spearfish Regional and Regional Health) which as nonprofit organizations, have taken seriously their great responsibility to provide care for its community members.

We are blessed with many caring people. Our patients, our volunteers, our organization still need your help and support. At this season and throughout the year, please keep us and especially, our patients in your prayers. And even for those less inclined to pray, we can use your help too. Donations are always welcome; help us continue this very important mission. Thank you for this wonderful mission opportunity!

Dr. Forrest Brady, GSC Medical Director  
Spearfish Regional Health

December 2011



## 842<sup>nd</sup> collection a success



Members of Lutheran Campus Ministry, in conjunction with Kappa Delta Pi and the 842<sup>nd</sup> Family Readiness Group, assembled 204 boxes to ship goods collected in the "care package drive" for members South Dakota National Guard's 842nd Engineer Co. who are deployed to Afghanistan. "We appreciate what the soldiers and their families are giving up for us," said Kris Garlick, director of LCM.BHSU. "It's our way of giving back."



## Christmas Service offers calm before finals

More than 40 people attended the Special Christmas Service at The Living Room Dec. 3. The sermon was presented by Erin Heidelberger and the group feasted on the best of potluck items. Attending, at left, included Adopt-A-Mom participants, LCM students, LCM volunteers and LCM Board members. A big thank you is extended to everyone who has offered their time, talents and donations to support this ministry.



## Faith & Care Sign-up for January 2012

### *Traditional Worship Service ~ 8:30 AM*

Position	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
<b>Welcome Center Hosts (2)</b>	Delmer & Grace Hemeyer		Delmer & Grace Hemeyer		
<b>Ushers (4)</b>	Howard & Vivian Jacobs				Howard & Vivian Jacobs
<b>Lector (1)</b>	Larry Weiers	Rich Krogstad	Lonnie Haugland	Karen Otterberg	Tacy Bressler
<b>HC Assistants (2 or 3)</b>	1. Gary & Mary Goddard	---x---	1. Howard & Vivian Jacobs 2.	---x---	---x---
<b>Prayer Minister</b>		---x---		---x---	
<b>HC Prep/Cleanup</b>	Suzanne Alger	---x---	Suzanne Alger	---x---	---x---
<b>Cookies (4) (6 dozen each)</b>	Mary Goddard, Evonne Welsh	Jackie Rans, Norma Job	Jackie Rans, Evonne Welsh	Koehler's, Helmer's, Biehl's	
<b>Coffee Servers &amp; Cleanup (2)</b>	Evonne Welsh	Helen & Roger Merriman	Larry & Nancy Christopherson		Larry & Nancy Christopherson

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

Position	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
<b>Welcome Center Hosts (2)</b>				Roberta & Jerry Koehler	
<b>Ushers (4)</b>	Mike & Candy Overby	Dennis & Renae Servaty	Steve & Tammy Silvernagel	Ray & Cheryl Leahy	Bruce & Jeanne Hanson
<b>HC Assistants (2)</b>					
<b>Prayer Minister</b>					
<b>HC Prep/Cleanup</b>	Mission Team	Mission Team	Mission Team	Mission Team	Mission Team

**January Faith & Care Group Members *who have not signed up, please call Evonne Welsh (645-7802)***

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