

# A Little Bit of Sunshine

Email: [oslc@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc@rushmore.com)

WebSite: [www.oslcspearfish.com](http://www.oslcspearfish.com)

January 2022

***“As for mortals, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.” Psalm 103:15-16***



Tornado outbreaks ravaging the American heartland... in December. You can't make this stuff up. But what more fitting end to the year that was 2021? On Wednesday, December 15 after I got home from worship, I called my mom in Rochester, MN just to make sure she and the rest of the city were still there. Not a phone call I would have ever imagined having to make in what is supposed to be winter in the Midwest. Someone lost their life in that storm just a handful of miles from the town I'd lived in for over a decade, when our kids were small.

We've all seen the pictures of the devastation in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin, Kentucky and Indiana. Hundreds of lives lost, thousands of homes and businesses destroyed. When you see before-and-after pictures of some of those towns and neighborhoods, it looks like someone took a monstrous blade and just cut everything down to the ground in some of those places. Such is the power of winds, whether they blow straight or whether they twist.

And so it has been since time immemorial with regard to the wind's power. When the Psalmist imagines the fragility and the temporary nature of human existence, he imagines the wind blowing over us, like a hurricane or a tornado, leaving nothing... not even a memory. Pretty bleak stuff!

But that's not the whole, or even the greater part, of the Psalmist's witness. That song (Psalm 103) begins with a beautiful, powerful testimony: *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me! Bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits – who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good things as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's!”*

We certainly don't need to rehearse the catalog of destructive happenings that have besieged us over the last twelve months. We've lived them, whether in natural disaster, political and social division, disease and death. Reminders, all, of just how fragile our world and our bodies are, and how tenuous are the social contracts that hold us together as a community.

But we are not, nor have we ever been, abandoned by our Creator God.

Our unique role as Church in the midst of the winds is to point to and then embody the *blessings* of a God who loves this world and its people. We don't hide from the wind. We lash ourselves to one-another and anchor ourselves to the promises of a forgiving, sustaining God. We bless God by blessing one-another with our compassion... and by blessing our world with the care it deserves.

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul.”*

May 2022 be a year of blessing for you!

*Pastor Stephan Sandness*

Dear friends,

As we enter these last days of Christmas, we find ourselves moving toward the Light! I always think of January in this way. I usually leave the Christmas tree up until Epiphany on January 6. And I love to look at the night sky from a dark street or road on nights in January. Candles are a January necessity.

“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ~ John 9:5

As the body of Christ in this world, you and I are called to reflect that light into the world. Maybe January is a good time to think about how we do that as a congregation and as individuals. There are so many ways for you to use your gifts in this body of Christ—so many ways to connect with others and grow in faith—so many ways to be there for others. If you haven’t found your niche, I’m happy to help you look.

Truly, the light we reflect doesn’t come from what we do or don’t do. It comes from the one to whom we cling, in whom we abide—our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Recognizing his presence with us in our walk lights our way and shines on those in our path.

I invite you to join me for “Epiphany Worship” at Noon on Thursday, January 6, at The Living Room. It will be a live-streamed presentation by the ELCA Ministers of Word & Service ((Deacons) via Facebook. Let me know if you are interested in worship and lunch together that day! RSVP to [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com)

Thank you for your generosity and support during this season and throughout the year. Peace and light to you as we continue our journey into January together!

~ Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

## Lunch at The Living Room is back on!



On Thursdays at noon, every week (beginning on Thursday, January 13) I'll be hosting **Lunch at the Living Room**, a time of study in God's Word, during which you can eat your

lunch that you've brought with you. (If you think I'm cooking for you... think again☺) We'll meet at The Living Room, our Campus Ministry building on the corner of Jackson and Yale, and spend the noon hour taking a look at the appointed scriptures coming up in worship. The purpose is to think together about what God might be speaking to us, so we might speak “a word in due season” to one another.

We'd love to have you join us!

*Pastor Stephan Sandness*



## A Service of Prayer for Healing and Light

**Wednesday Word, January 19**

**6:26 – 6:55 pm**

Join us for this peaceful time of Scripture readings, Music, and Prayer. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in silent prayer and/or to receive healing prayers with another.



Bells are polished, gloves are washed, and all the music is filed.

Thank you for all the kind words and the monetary gift, on my last official day as Adult Music Director.

I am going to borrow a message that one of you wrote to me in my card to express my gratitude for the years you all have put up with me and shared your talents with the congregation of OSLC. "Making music with you is such a joy." Not sure who wrote this, I couldn't read the signature. Hope you don't mind. ☺

I will miss the rehearsals, the Sunday mornings, and the times together, but it is time to let someone new come in and take over.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you all have a new year filled with good health and happiness.

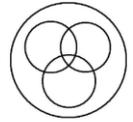
I am going to include one last video for you. The link is below my name. It is the Mormon Tabernacle Choir singing an amazing arrangement of my favorite Christmas carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful".

Peace to you all,

Steve

<https://youtu.be/z51apErmAuw>

Friendship Ministry  
Extending the love of Christ  
from Friend to Friend



Are you in need of:

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

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

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

---

**Faithful Women: Book Discussion**

***Women of all ages!***

***We invite you to join us for a relaxing time of conversation and book discussion.***

**Thursdays, January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10  
6:30 – 7:45 pm at The Living Room (corner of  
Jackson & Yale Streets)**

Cindy Koppinger will lead us in a book discussion about *Spiritual Longing in a Woman's World*, by Lisa Lewton.

Please contact the church at [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) or 642-3715 by January 7 to register.

*The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar*  
*for the month of January*  
will benefit Lutheran Social Services  
*November's Love Your Neighbor Jar*  
*raised \$1,982.76 for the*  
*Spearfish Community Food Pantry.*



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

This year we were able to purchase 104 \$20 Walmart Gift Cards for children at Pine Ridge. OSLC quilters also sent 15 quilts to Pine Ridge. A special thank you Tom Baloun for delivering those items to Pine Ridge!

As part of our partnership with Prison Fellowship, 16 children from the Northern Hills who have an incarcerated parent, received 2 gifts each, along with a Christmas storybook. Each of the 7 families also received a popcorn tin. The caregivers for these children received a Christmas card and an angel ornament.

31 children residing at the Artemis House each received two gifts. 23 adults staying at the Artemis House received a Christmas card and a gift of cash. Two single mothers from BHSU, each with one child, received gifts for themselves and their children. With funds from Thrivent, we were also able to furnish gifts for a few children living in foster care.

16 residents of Spearfish Canyon Health Care received one gift each. 24 OSLC "FRIENDS" who live in assisted living facilities or on their own but may not have family in the area, received a gift or a tray of baked goods.

In total we were able to bring Christmas cheer to over 175 children and adults! God bless all who helped to make this possible!

We'd like to thank the following:

For guidance: Laura, Lisa, and Julie.  
Pam and the Mission Team  
Delivery team: Karleen, Heidi, Beth, Leesa, Eric, and Shad.  
OSLC Quilters  
OSLC Congregation

We are truly blessed by your generosity!

*Janice Clarkson and OSLC's Mission Team*

## Todd Tetreault Send-Off!



Todd has been the "point-man" and lead pianist for our Joyful Journey Worship Team (10:45 service) for over nine years, and will now be moving on from that position. His soulful style and enthusiastic musicianship have been a blessing to the Team and to our whole congregation! His "grand finale" with the group will be Sunday, January 9 at the 10:45 service. We invite cards of appreciation for his years of music ministry among us, and we hope you can join us that morning as we send him off with our love and gratitude!

---

## Gather: Women's Evening Bible Study



Theme – *The Kingdom/Kin-dom of God*, by Rev. Mark Allan Powell

Four monthly sessions:

Tuesday, January 18, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

*Beautiful feet: Announcing the Reign of God*

Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

*Mysteries of the Kingdom: Parables, banquets & children*

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

*Eternal Life in the Gospel of John*

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 -7:45 pm

*Looking to the future: Life forever with God*

As a resource, we use the *Gather* magazine of the Women of the ELCA. We meet at The Living Room (corner of Jackson and Yale Streets).

RSVP to [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) or 605-642-3715



## Support the Artemis House Non-Profit Shelter

The House is in need of the following NEW (no used) items. There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall after January 1, 2022 for you to place your purchases. Please know how much they appreciate the generosity the congregation of OSLC gives them.

- Ladies Sports Bras, S-M-L-XL-XXL
- Ages 1-10 Toys or games with NO small pieces
- Tweens/Teens – Card games, decks of cards



# Senior Ministry

## 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.

## Worship DVD and Bulletin Delivery



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

*Mark Your Calendars*

 **Shrove Tuesday**

**Senior Ministry Party**

**Tuesday, March 1**  
**11:00 AM**

Watch the newsletter, bulletins,  
and website for more information!

## **Treasurer's Report** *As of November 30, 2021*

<b>Year-to-date Offerings:</b>	<b>\$454,582.00</b>
<b>Year-to-date Expenses:</b>	<b>\$563,470.74</b>
<b>Year-to-date Budget</b>	<b>\$515,415.84</b>

# Confirmation

**January 5: Session 12**  
**12: Session 13**  
**19: Session 14**  
**26: Session Fellowship/Servant Night**

## **January Acolyte Schedule**

**Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship**  
Maggie Faulkner, Chase Schenk

**Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship**  
Madelyn Binder, Jayden Werlinger

High School Youth Group  
**7:10 PM, Wednesday Evenings**  
 The Living Room, 810 N. Yale.

**For all freshmen through seniors.**

Join us each Wednesday evening at The Living Room at 7:10 pm as we discuss matters of faith, life and anything on your mind. It is a great hour of fellowship and faith formation. It is pretty laid back and welcomes all. Bring a friend or two if you like. Hope to see you then.

## **Scriptures**

**Jan. 2** Jeremiah 31:7-14 OR Sirach 24:1-12  
 Psalm 147:12-20  
 OR Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21  
 Ephesians 1:3-14  
 John 1:[1-9] 10-18

**Jan. 9** Isaiah 43:1-7  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 8:14-17  
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Jan. 16** Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Psalm 36:5-10  
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 John 2:1-11

**Jan. 23** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
 Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
 Luke 4:14-21

**Jan. 30** Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Psalm 71:1-6  
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
 Luke 4:21-30

January 2022

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

To all the wonderful people of Our Savior’s congregation who helped with Julefest. All your hard work was not in vain. The fellowship hall looked beautiful, the fireside room was so inviting, the sanctuary so colorful with the quilts, and the smells from the kitchen where amazing . We were a little worried that people would not come. This was another lesson learned, when people come together for the work of our Lord and giving in his name he will be at our side. Thank you Lynn and AJ for leading and organizing the Julefest again this year. I know the money we will be able to donate this year will help so many.

This is an invite to ALL women of our church family. Please mark your calendars for January 29. Calvary Lutheran, in Rapid City, will host our Bear Butte Conference Gathering. We will meet from 10:00 – 2:00. Registration is \$10.00. Please come join in the fun and get a chance to see and meet new and old friends. Always nice to see and hear new ideas that they may be doing in their groups.

As I look at my calendar and see another year is about to close and another about to begin, I can’t help but wonder what tomorrow may bring. Then my mind turns to Mary riding a long distance on the back of a donkey pregnant with child. Not knowing what the future would be. I know I must put my FAITH to work and know GOD is by my side today and everyday.

Our next board meeting will be Jan 5.

Our General Meeting will be January 6 at 10:00 AM. Deborah Circle is hosting and our guest speaker will be Cami Dohman, from Edgewood Vista. Hope you can join us!

May your BLESSINGS be many, look forward to “2022”.

Mary Goddard

## Circle Meetings

<p><b>Circle Study Leaders</b> January 4 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Deborah Circle</b> January 10, 11:00 AM Leader: Karleen Dagit Hostess: Marilyn Ham</p>
<p><b>Esther Circle</b> January 13, 1:00 PM Leader: Lila Bliss Hostess: Anda Johnson</p>	<p><b>Ruth Circle</b> January 20, 10:00 AM Leader: All Hostess: Doris Anderson</p>

## WELCA Calendar

Jan. Kitchen Duty January 5 ~ 9:30 AM January 6 ~10:00 AM	Esther Circle WELCA Board Meeting WELCA General Meeting
---	---



**WELCA General Meeting**  
*January 6 @ 10:00 AM*

*Hosted by Deborah Circle*  
*Speaker: Cami Dohman,*  
*from Edgewood Vista*

***We hope you can join us!***

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Bear Butte Conference WELCA**  
**Winter Gathering**  
Saturday, January 29, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Calvary Lutheran Church, Rapid City



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

## Personal Care Kit

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



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

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

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

All items should be new and in good condition.

## *Recipe Corner*



From Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Cook Book  
~2002~

### HEAVENLY HOT FUDGE SAUCE

Melt 1/2 c. **butter** and 4 oz. **unsweetened chocolate square**. Add 3 **cups sugar**, a little at a time. Mix well after each addition, mixture will get thick and dry. Add 1/2  **tsp. salt**. Stir in **one can evaporated milk** very slowly and 1  **tsp. vanilla**. Heat to a boil. Serve hot or cold on ice cream.

Byrdi Naasz

### RHUBARB PUNCH

3 qts. <b>diced fresh or frozen rhubarb</b>	4 1/2 c. <b>sugar (I use 2-2 1/2 c.)</b>
1/2 <b> tsp. orange rind, grated</b>	1/2 <b> tsp. lemon rind, grated</b>
3 qts. <b>water</b>	1 <b> can (6 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed</b>
3 <b>Tbsp. lemon juice</b>	
<b>Lemon-lime soda</b>	

In a heavy large kettle, bring rhubarb, sugar, water, orange and lemon peel to a boil. Boil for 15 minutes; cool and strain. Stir in orange and lemon juices. Refrigerate until well chilled. To serve, combine 1/2 cup rhubarb syrup to 1 cup soda, over ice in glass. Yield: 24 servings (12 ozs. each). The rhubarb sauce is delicious too.

Beverly Perry

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

**November 28** **Isla Mae Haugland and Charlotte Deming Haugland**, daughters of Deming & Syndey Haugland

**December 5** **Aida Jaymes McNeese**, daughter of Meg & Quillan McNeese

### Funerals

**November 30** **Hugo "Junior" Schloe**, 86, Spearfish

**December 20** **Ruth "Elaine" Perry**, 83, Spearfish

### *Office Notes:*

Our Savior's Church will be closed Monday, January 3 for New Year's Day. The Good Shepherd Clinic be closed Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King, Dr. Day.

*Scan this code to give online*



The deadline for submission of items for the February newsletter is **Friday, January 21**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at [oslc4@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc4@rushmore.com)

**Did you know...** Our website contains the weekly worship bulletins, monthly newsletter, monthly calendar and much more...Check it out at: [www.oslcspearfish.com](http://www.oslcspearfish.com).

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

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



### Spearfish Community Food Pantry

#### January Needs List:

Ramen noodles, pork and beans, cereals, apple juice (64 oz), applesauce jars, hamburger-tuna-chicken helpers.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We will welcome our teachers and students back to Sunday school on January 9, 2022. We will start the



year with singing, celebrating birthdays and prayers at 9:45 in the Sanctuary.

**WEDNESDAY SCHOOL**

will begin on Wednesday, January 12 at 5:40pm after supper at 5:15.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

OSLC has an Education Committee that meets monthly to talk about Christian Education classes, activities and needs in our church. The folks on this committee have an interest in the education of young children, elementary, middle & high school students, college kids, young adults, newly married, young families, adults, seniors, and all the rest! If you share any of these interests, please join our group! We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 here at the church or on Zoom. We would love to have some new ideas and input for future classes and programing! Just let Beth or Laura know about your interest so we can provide more information!



**MILESTONE MINISTRY**

- Thank you to our Senior Choir members for presenting the first graders with the “Story of Jesus’ Birth” story cubes. The kids really enjoy the cubes!
- Our next Milestone is new to us starting this year. The students in the second grade class will learn The Lord’s Prayer and the basic meaning behind it. Then during Lent, they will help Pastor Sandness by leading the congregation in this prayer during worship. Look for more information coming in the February Newsletter.

**CAMP NEWS**

Registration is now open! Early registration rates have changed this year; only one level of discount until April 15.

- Register after April 16, the regular rate applies. Please go to [www.losd.org](http://www.losd.org) to check out the camp dates available OSLC will need a copy of your registration confirmation email so we know to send your child’s campership to Lutherans Outdoors.

Where does a snowman keep his money?



In a snow bank!

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- January 4 Education Committee Meeting
- January 9 Sunday school resumes
- January 12 Wednesday school resumes



For more information on Children’s Ministry Programs or to volunteer, please contact me! Beth Nielsen, Director of Children’s Ministry, [oslc youth@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc youth@rushmore.com) or call/text to 605-381-8695

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Conference Room and ZOOM

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Rod Custer at 6:32 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Andy Binder, Rod Custer, Christopher Egerdahl, Dillon Haug, Deb Kimbell, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Helen Merriman, Christina Miles, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
2. **“What’s on Top”** The information shared this month mostly concerned Christmas. Some are having family and friends visit; some are visiting family and friends, and some have plans for a “destination Christmas.” A few dedicated souls are focused on their work at this moment, and a few are grieving the deaths of family members or friends. We were reminded that not all people will be having the same Christmas experience.
3. **Devotions:** David Pummel shared a devotion based on Mark 12:28-31. When Jesus is asked, “what is the greatest commandment,” he replies that you should love the Lord your God with all your heart, and soul, and mind. Jesus then adds that you should love your neighbor as yourself.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Sherry Kloeckl moved to approve the agenda; David Pummel seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the November Council Minutes:** Helen Merriman moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting; Chris Egerdahl seconded; motion carried.
6. **Approval of the November Treasurer’s Report:** David Pummel reported that the income was down a bit for the month at \$7,775.69 and our income less expense is down \$8,873.39 year to date. We had a few large, one-time expenditures this month: property insurance, a computer laptop, and office supplies. On the income side, the quilters made some money. Pam Tyma moved to approve the November treasurer’s report; Dillon Haug seconded; motion carried.
7. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura Campbell reported that Faith and Care signups using the SignUpGenius is working well. They are also working to build up a sub list for times when those who signed up can’t be there. Friendship ministers are able to do more visitations than previously. Christmas can be a sad time for some people, and Friendship ministers can be there to “walk beside” those who need them. She asked the council to think of the Perry family and keep them in prayer.  
Pastor Stephan Sandness shared that Ella Schloe is in a low place right now since the death of Hugo “Junior” Schloe, and he asks for prayers for her also. He mentioned that he loves the season of Advent, “light into darkness.” He enjoys doing the Advent devotionals online. The Christmas Eve service at 3:30 or 5:30 will be streamed and available at a later date as well. Pastor Stephan reported on the progress of the stewardship information for next year. About seventeen percent of the congregation has responded by filling out the green cards, and so far, \$223,174 has been pledged, which is about forty percent of next year’s budget. Besides using the cards for offering pledges, the church would like to update addresses and phone numbers.
8. **Replacing the Music Director:** Pastor Stephan’s ministerial report continued into the need to replace our Music Director. This Sunday, December 19, will be Steve Aalbu’s last day as director, and as we celebrate his retirement, we need to look forward to his replacement. This position requires more than a knowledge of music; the music in our church also carries the message of the day or of the season. A job description will be put together, and we will begin the process of hiring. As a gift for his years of service, Helen Merriman moved that OSLC Church Council authorize a gift of \$500; David Pummel seconded; motion carried.
9. **Committee Updates**  
**Education:** The committee didn’t meet, but the major focus right now is on the Christmas program for December 19.  
**Senior Ministry** hosted the Christmas party on December 9. It was a lot of fun.  
**Mission Team** Angel Tree gifts were packed up on December 14 and will be delivered on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Mission Team will be giving the 23 adults at Artemis House a gift of \$20 each.  
**Property:** The concrete in the front of the church will be fixed in the spring. Two trees on the south side of the church have died and need to be removed. A few Council members volunteered to do so on a nice day. A retaining wall at the back of the church needs to have something done with it.
10. **Designation of Mission Funds for 2021:** Mission Funds are budgeted to be given away at the end of the year. We have \$8,400 to help specific local organizations in a significant way. After discussion, the Council chose to donate \$4,200 to Lutherans Outdoors “Keep the Campfires Burning Campaign,” \$2,100 to Artemis House, and \$2,100 to an organization that works with foster kids. We do not have a specific name for that organization at this time, but Pastor Stephan will talk to congregation members who would have the information we need to make that donation.
11. **Adjourn:** Rod Custer adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the home of David Pummel.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Koppinger

## Great Kindness Challenge 2022: Week of January 24-28

During the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Great Kindness Challenge, over 16 million students around the world will join together to uplift their schools, communities, and world, through acts of kindness, including our students in the Spearfish School District. We'd like to invite all members of the community to participate in this challenge. Below is a "Kindness Checklist for Adults". We believe that when kindness becomes a habit, peace becomes possible, making our schools, community, and world a kinder, more compassionate place for all. We hope that you will join our students in this challenge. KINDNESS MATTERS!



We challenge you to use this checklist for a week to cultivate kindness in your home, at work and in your community. Choose at least 3 items from each list and **have fun!**

Please help inspire others to do something nice by sending us photos of what you did or emailing a note to [lisa@ripplekindness.org](mailto:lisa@ripplekindness.org).

### Kindness to others

- ♥ Compliment someone
- ♥ Hug someone
- ♥ Give blood or become an organ donor
- ♥ Donate unwanted goods to charity
- ♥ Put a nice note in someone's lunch box
- ♥ Help an elderly neighbour with their chores
- ♥ Babysit for someone or give a carer a break
- ♥ Return someone's shopping trolley/cart
- ♥ Thank someone for their service
- ♥ Surprise someone by mowing their lawn
- ♥ Call someone you haven't spoken to in a while
- ♥ Clean your partner or parent's car
- ♥ Wave a car into the traffic

### Low cost kindness

- ♥ Give a treat to the cashier
- ♥ Buy coffee for the next person in line
- ♥ Make a care pack for a homeless person
- ♥ Pay for someone's bus or train ticket
- ♥ Put money on a school or work lunch account
- ♥ Leave a coin in a lolly/candy machine
- ♥ Sneak a lotto ticket in someone's bag
- ♥ Drop some coins in the park for kids to find
- ♥ Feed an expired parking meter
- ♥ Leave a treat on a colleague's desk
- ♥ Buy a homeless person a meal
- ♥ Leave money and popcorn on a movie machine
- ♥ Pay for someone who's short at the checkout

### Kindness to yourself

- ♥ Take a yoga class
- ♥ Go for a walk
- ♥ Get out in the garden
- ♥ Do something you've been putting off
- ♥ Have a soak in the tub
- ♥ Make a list of all your positive attributes
- ♥ Drink extra water
- ♥ Catch up with a friend for a chat
- ♥ Forgive someone who's hurt you
- ♥ Go to bed early with a good book
- ♥ Start a gratitude journal
- ♥ Get a massage, manicure or pedicure
- ♥ Take up meditation or mindfulness

### Kindness with Kids

- ♥ Read a book together
- ♥ Bake a cake for someone and take it over
- ♥ Hand out flowers or leave on windscreens
- ♥ Walk the dog together
- ♥ Pick up rubbish/litter in a park
- ♥ Skype someone you miss who's far away
- ♥ Visit someone in a nursing home
- ♥ Make a thank you card for your teacher
- ♥ Feed an expired parking meter
- ♥ Invite friends for dinner and make it together
- ♥ Decorate stones with positive messages
- ♥ Try a mindfulness activity
- ♥ Wash someone's car together

© 2017 Ripple Kindness Project

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						 <b>New Year's Day</b>
2 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service	3 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <b>Office closed Pastor's Day Off</b>	4 8:30 AM Fix-it Crew 9:00 AM Quilting 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 5:30 PM Education Comm.	5 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 5:16 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @TLR	6 10:00 AM WELCA General Meeting 12:00 PM Epiphany Worship @ TLR  <b>Epiphany</b>	7 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 6:30 PM Church Council @ Pummel's Home  <b>Deacon's Day Off</b>	8 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
9 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service  <b>Guest: Jessica Lillebo Lutheran Social Services</b>	10 11:00 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	11 8:30 AM Fix-it Crew 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study	12 5:16 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @TLR	13 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle 6:30 PM Faithful Women Group @TLR	14 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <b>Deacon's Day Off</b>	15 
16 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service	17 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry <b>Good Shepherd Clinic Closed</b>  <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Pastor's Day Off</b>	18 8:30 AM Fix-it Crew 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Gather Group	19 5:16 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word ~ Healing Service 7:10 PM HS Youth @TLR	20 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 6:30 PM Faithful Women Group @TLR	21 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <b>Newsletter Items Due Deacon's Day Off</b>	22 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship 8:00 AM Delta Kappa
23 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service	24 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 1:30 PM Sandstone Bible Study 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	25 8:30 AM Fix-it Crew 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Worship & Arts 6:30 PM Friendship Ministry	26 5:16 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @TLR	27 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 6:30 PM Faithful Women Group @TLR	28 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg.  <b>Deacon's Day Off</b>	29 9:00 AM American Legion Auxiliary 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM WELCA Bear Butte Conference Winter Gathering @ Calvary Lutheran, Rapid City
30 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service	31 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>					

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1020 State Street  
Spearfish, SD 57783

Nonprofit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Spearfish, SD  
Permit No. 78

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1020 State Street  
Spearfish, SD 57783

**Staff:** Stephan Sandness, Senior Pastor  
Laura Campbell, Deacon  
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries  
Julie Lee, Office Manager  
Lisa Williams, Receptionist

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

Church Office located at 1020 State Street  
Church Phone Number: 642-3715  
Kitchen/Quilting Phone Number: 722-0660

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

**WEB site:** [www.oslcspearfish.com](http://www.oslcspearfish.com)  
**E-mail:** [oslc@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc@rushmore.com)



---

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