

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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Dear Our Savior's,

I love this encouragement from the writer of Proverbs:

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;" Proverbs 3:5-6 (The Message)



A few summers ago I planned to do some backpacking in the rugged Crazy Mountains in south-central Montana. I'd always wanted to explore this mountain range and my sabbatical was the perfect opportunity to check this off my bucket list. As I prepared to start my two-day solo hike, I stopped into a friend's place to catch up and let him know where I was going and when I planned to be back. I was already a bit nervous going into the unknown by myself, so you can imagine being unnerved when my friend said with a chuckle, "you wouldn't be the first person who died in those mountains!" Thanks a lot!

To my surprise, there was a 100-mile trail run taking place in the Crazies with 100+ runners, dozens of volunteers and multiple aid stations located along the course. There was a shift in my thinking and feeling once I realized there were other people with me in this remote place. They weren't right next to me, but simply because of their presence in the mountain range I no longer worried about bears, injury or death nearly as much as before. I wasn't alone and if I needed something or someone, eventually I could find someone or they would find me.

Recently I've been asking myself "What difference does it make knowing God is present and active in our lives and in the world?" The answers are similar to my experience in the mountains. As the writer of the proverb argues, we don't have to try and figure out everything on our own. God is active and present and we can trust God with everything from the bottom of our hearts! EVERYTHING!!!!!! We can also trust that God will provide what we need, and right now, I'm grateful that we are a "we." Through this congregation, God provides a loving group of people to live out God's purpose together.

What a gift: the freedom from fear when trusting God and our faith siblings are with us and actively loving us and this world, no matter how unknown, new, rugged, or "crazy" things may seem. As we continue to enter into a new season of ministry, as we vote on a budget with three new staff (Our semi-annual meeting is Nov 15), as we wonder how God desires for us to be remade and reformed (Oct 31 was Reformation Day), together let us trust God.

With thanks,
Pr. Jeremy

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Congregation & Friends:

Please join us as
Pastor Jonathan Vøhar
Associate to the Bishop,
SD Synod installs

Pastor Maddy Tyler

as Our Savior's Associate Pastor
on Sunday, November 8 at both
Worship Services.

Additionally, we invite you to join
Pastor Johnathan Vøhar,
Pastor Jeremy Duprey, and
Pastor Maddy Tyler
for coffee and fellowship
between services.

Pastor Jeremy has an intern!

Hello, my name is Lily Miles. You may have seen me at call committee events or working in the nursery on Sundays and Wednesdays. Why am I interning here at church? Last year, the state of South Dakota made a requirement that all high school seniors must complete a "capstone project." These projects are supposed to be an academic highlight for colleges, and one of the options includes an internship. When looking for a place to be an intern, I thought of our lovely church, and I sent a letter to Pastor Jeremy asking if I could. Thankfully, he accepted, and now I have the honor of learning more about our congregation! I will be interning with Pastor Jeremy until about December or January. If you have any questions or ideas about how I can help our church, come find me!



Greetings!

I am just over three weeks in and love showing up to work at OSLC every day! My priorities include learning the ropes of LuMin (Lutheran Campus Ministry) @ Black Hills State. Pastor Carla, who has been the interim for LuMin for the last two years, has been incredibly helpful in this transition. I am grateful for the intentional overlap we have to work together for these first couple months!

Our first Monday night together we had ten BH students gather, and we shared a meal and Bible study. We are working through the book of Matthew and wondering about how we can apply these parables to our current context. I started a yoga class for these students on Wednesday afternoons, and am enjoying connecting in this way. These students are very interested in considering healthy habits that help them care for their physical and spiritual needs.

I am also working through my first seminary class, Thinking Theologically and Confessing Publicly, through Luther Seminary. I am learning lots of niche theological vocabulary, and the readings give me a lot to think about! Being able to focus on seminary classwork and apply it immediately to this ministry position is incredibly motivating and encouraging. What a gift!

As a cherry on top, I have been helping lead music for Wednesday evening services. Music ministry is vital in a church community and my favorite way to worship!

Please come and say hi (and remind me of your names!) when you get a chance. I look forward to getting to know more of you in the coming months!

Thanks be to God!

Jamie

Growing Together in Mission: Our Proposed 2027 Budget

A message from the Church Council President

Mark your calendar: Our Savior's Lutheran Church will hold its semi-annual congregational meeting on November 15 between first and second services. During the meeting, the Church Council will present the proposed 2027 budget for congregational approval.

The proposed budget represents a 13.4% increase over last year, just over \$89,000 growth. That is a significant change, and the Council wants to share the reasons behind it clearly. More importantly, we believe this budget reflects an exciting season in the life of our growing, active congregation and the ministry we have intentionally chosen to support together. It is grounded in our mission: *"Inspired by God's grace, we open our hearts to all in faith, prayer, fellowship, and service through Jesus Christ."*

Investing in Leadership and Ministry

The largest portion of the increase supports our expanded leadership team: Senior Pastor Jeremy, Associate Pastor Maddy, and Seminarian in Residence Jamie. Through our call process, the congregation collectively recognized the need to expand from our previous two-person leadership team, Senior Pastor Stephen and Deacon Laura, to a three-person team. This expansion is both a responsibility and a joyful sign of a congregation with growing ministry opportunities. By investing in this team, we strengthen our shared life of faith, prayer, fellowship, and service.

We are especially excited that Jamie will also serve as the Black Hills State University Lutheran Campus Ministry Director. This helps fill a position that has remained open for more than two years and strengthens our connection with students and the wider community. BHSU Campus Ministry will also share in covering a portion of Jamie's compensation, reflecting our partnership in this important ministry. Together, we will open our hearts to students through welcome, fellowship, faith, and service.

Responding to Rising Benefit Costs

Health insurance costs have increased by at least 15% across the board, while leadership pension-plan contributions are increasing by approximately 8% to 10%. These increases affect congregations throughout the ELCA through Portico Benefits Services and are largely beyond our local control.

We are grateful that members of our new leadership team thoughtfully reviewed and adjusted their individual health insurance plans to help manage the overall increase wherever possible. Their care and cooperation reflect the spirit of shared service at the heart of our mission.

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Stewarding Our Church Home

The proposal also accounts for expected increases in essential operating expenses, including property insurance and services such as snow removal. These costs help us care responsibly for our facilities and keep them safe, welcoming, and ready for prayer, fellowship, and service, for all who enter our doors.

Moving Forward with Confidence

The Church Council approaches this proposed increase with confidence, not worry. Our congregation has consistently shown generosity, commitment, and a willingness to support our common mission. The 2027 budget is more than a collection of expenses; it is a ministry plan for sustaining strong leadership, expanding outreach, caring for our church home, and living out our calling to open our hearts to all through Jesus Christ.

We invite you to attend the semi-annual meeting on November 15, learn more, ask questions, and take part in this important decision. Inspired by God's grace, we can meet this challenge together and embrace the opportunities before us as a busy, growing congregation united in faith, prayer, fellowship, and service.

With faith and prayer,

Andy Binder

Church Council President



Comfort and Joy: Devotions for Advent & Christmas 2026-2027

Jesus is coming; Jesus comes to us at Christmas and in each day; and Jesus will come again. These are the "tidings of comfort and joy" ("God rest ye merry, gentlemen") that we proclaim throughout Advent and Christmas. Drawing on centuries of Christian tradition, Comfort and Joy draws attention to God's surprising presence and action as we prepare for Jesus' birth during Advent, rejoice at his arrival throughout the twelve days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany, and anticipate his future return. These devotions explore the first readings and gospel texts for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, as well as for the festival days of Christmas and Epiphany.

May Christ's presence and promise send us out to share the good news, bringing comfort and joy to all the world!

Look for these Advent devotional booklets to be available for pick-up on the Ushers' counter near the sanctuary doors at Our Savior's beginning November 18. We hope you'll grab one for your household!

*Semi-Annual Meeting
of the Congregation*
Sunday, November 15

9:45 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Come and be a part of the church's semi-annual meeting to approve the 2027 Budget and elect a new Nominating Committee. We look forward to the ministry year 2027. Booklets will be available on the counters in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 1.

The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar for November will benefit the Spearfish Community Food Pantry.

September's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,652.58 for Missionary Support.



**NEW
Member
Class**

**New Members
to be received
November 22
at both worship services.**

If you are interested in membership, or have joined OSLC but did not get to attend the class for new members, please call the office at 605-642-3715. This new member class and dinner will be held in the conference room (upstairs room with the giant whiteboard) at 6pm November 19. New members will be received at November 22 worship services.

Shopping for Christmas Gifts?

❖ Shop for unique fair-trade gifts at:
<https://community.elca.org/ELCAGoodGifts>
<https://lwr.org/giving-category/gifts>
www.sharingthedream.org (online store)



Bradley Baker

Ryan Gran

Brayden Porsch

Congratulations to our Students who completed First Communion Instruction.

Shelby Sestak

Kylah Skavang



Looking for a special way for your family or group to share the love of Jesus this Christmas? Provide a gift for a Northern Hills foster child in need, for a senior citizen who might otherwise not be remembered, for a parent/child at Artemis house, and/or a gift card donation for children at Pine Ridge.

- ✓ **Provide a \$25 Donation for a gift card for a child in need at Pine Ridge.** We are again asking for your Christmas blessings for Pine Ridge children (\$25 donations suggested) which will be used to purchase Walmart gift cards, and given to the parents to purchase gifts for their children this holiday season. Our donation table will be available November 1, 4, 8, and 11. After we purchase the gift cards they will be delivered to Pastor Dan and his staff at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center to be distributed before the holidays. You can also send a donation for the Pine Ridge children to the church office other days, but **donations are needed no later than November 20.** Thank you!
- ✓ **Angel Tree** tags will be available on November 29, December 2 and 6, and if there are any left, they will be available on December 9. As usual, the Angel you pick will specify the gift to purchase, wrap, and return to the church for delivery to the recipient. **All cookies, gifts or cards need to be at the church by December 13** so we can deliver the gifts on December 15.

If you are attending church on-line and would like to make a donation to the children of Pine Ridge or for the Angel Tree you can mail your donation to the church. For any other questions contact Janice Koski: 605-641-7044 or janicekoski.1976@gmail.com; or Diane Wendt: 605-641-2887 or wendts@rushmore.com; Pam Englund, 605-639-9988 or penglund@rushmore.com.

Confirmation

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation:

November 4: Session 6
 11: Session 7 ~ Table Talk
 18: Session 8
 25: No Confirmation

November Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Ty Ewing, Eloise Haugland

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Parker Martin, Grady Martin

Parents - I use the Remind app for all needed communication and updates so please text @spearconf to 81010 (Students can sign up too but since it isn't affiliated with a school you have to be 13 years old or older to join.) ~ Chris Blain

High School Youth Group

7:10 PM, Wednesday Evenings

The Living Room, 810 N. Yale.

All freshmen through seniors.

On these gathering nights we discuss matters of faith, life and anything on your mind. It is a great hour of fellowship and faith formation. It is a very informal and meaningful evening and bringing a friend or friends is always welcomed.

Our High School Youth are encouraged to sign-up for reminders by sending a text to: **text @oslc to the number 81010**

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

✪ Pastoral Acts ✪

Baptism

October 25 Wade & Claire Hopkins, children of Thomas & Brooke Hopkins

Weddings

October 3 McKenzie Buckman & Brady Wegh

October 3 Holly Munsterman & Dawson Meyer

Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study



"Bold faith on an unexpected journey,"
 by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney

Last session:

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 pm

— "Proclaiming resurrection in hope"

As a resource, we use the **Gather** magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Location – at The Living Room, 810 N. Yale (corner of Jackson and Yale).

RSVP to Sara Miles, 605-642-4955, if you are interested in joining this small group or if you have any questions.

God's work. Our hands.



OSLC's Mission Team would like to thank all who helped with this year's "God's work. Our hands." project. On September 27, with funds from a Thrivent Action Team Grant and donations of hygiene products from members of the congregation, we were able to assemble 100 personal hygiene kits for the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

"The Mission Team serves to increase the congregation's awareness of God's calling to us to be a servant community by identifying needs which exist within our congregation, community and world, and to provide opportunities to address those needs." This is our team's Mission Statement. We are so blessed to be a part of a congregation that supports our projects, allowing us to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

God bless you all!
 OSLC's Mission Team



Senior Ministry



Save the date:

**The Senior Ministry Team
is hosting our annual
Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 10
11:00 AM
Lunch with a program**

**Watch for more information
in the
December Newsletter.**

All are welcome, bring a friend!

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! 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.

*Need a
Ride?*



SPECIAL REQUEST – JULEFEST

We are so thankful Sheila Kinghorn has made the delicious Turkey Noodle Soup for Julefest for years. She does need your leftover turkey carcass for the soup – nine needed. Please bag it (as soon as possible), freeze it and deliver it to the church no later than Monday, November 30. Please call Sheila at 605-580-9949 if you can provide one. Thank you!!

SonShine Squad

The SonShine Squad was formed in early Fall of 2022 for the purpose of visiting the home bound in assisted living, nursing homes, or in their own homes. We generally visit in teams of 2, sometimes bringing a small gift item or a treat. We hope we also bring with us some cheer and love to those folks we visit. Each of us on the SonShine Squad have found our own joy as we visit our folks and share God's love with them. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our teams, please call or text Barb Bjornberg. at 605-280-0512. Our next meeting is on Monday, November 2 at 9:00 in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to come see what we are all about, we would love to see you.

Stocking Caps: Again, this year, Deborah Circle is distributing hand knitted stocking caps made by those incarcerated at the SD State Penitentiary as a ministry of St Dysmas, located at East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. This fall we have distributed over 300 Stocking Caps to: the Belle Fourche Clinic, families in Buffalo SD, the Veterans Transitioning Program for the homeless, LuMin at SD School of Mines, the ARISE program in Rapid City, *Anpo Wicahpi- Morning Star* Pine Ridge All Girls School in Porcupine, the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, CASA, YFS and Foster Care. The need is great. If you wish to help distribute caps or you can transport more from Sioux Falls (the St Dysmas ministry at East Side Lutheran Church) please contact Helen Merriman for logistics. 605-347-1497.

2026-27 Church Council:

President: Andy Binder
Vice President: Deming Haugland
Treasurer: David Pummel
Secretary: Dudley Feige

Denise Bakke, Laura Bosworth, Brady Harr, Reed Haug, Colleen Kelly, Jane Klug, Lana Main, Lillian Miles, Elijah Overby, Pam Tyma, Deana Wiese

Julefest



Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar
December 5, 2026
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Craft, Bake, Donate! Craft! Keep going on those craft items! Knit, crochet, quilt, make Christmas decorations to sell from our tree, or whatever your creativity inspires! **Bake!** Dig out your favorite recipes! Scandinavian, German, 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 looking for new homes for your treasures that you no longer have space for. **Donations of collectibles and antiques** may be brought to the church beginning Tuesday, December 2. **Crafts and baked goods donations** should be brought to the church on Friday, December 5. Your donations will be much appreciated.

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

Get your voice in shape! If you like to sing, and would like to learn a few Scandinavian words, then join our **TROLDHAUGEN CHOIR**. The practice will be in the church sanctuary on Tuesdays, **November 10, 17, 24, and December 1 at 6:30 PM**. The performance will be at Julefest at noon on December 5. **We need you!!**



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 church office.

Make plans now to get involved! Proceeds go toward many worthy missions locally, nationally, and abroad. We need help on the day of the Julefest.

Cashiers, kitchen and serving help, set-up, clean up, etc. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon near the kitchen for help at the Julefest. *Anything you can do will be appreciated!*

Listed below are some of the dates and times we could use your help! Come and join us for some fun and fellowship and a little work!

Most importantly, be sure to attend the festivities for a wonderful experience and taste of our Scandinavian Heritage!

November 4

12:00 PM Ruth Circle makes Meatballs

November 6

9:00 AM Esther Circle makes Sloppy Joes

December 3 & 4

Esther Circle makes Danish pastries

**Everyone is Welcome
to help with...**

Tuesday, November 17

7:00 PM ~ Cookie Baking

Friday, November 20

8:30 AM Rosette Making



November 2026

I wanted to express my personal thank you to all the lefse making volunteers! We came, we rolled, we cooked, we cooled, we wrapped, and THAN we froze! (274 bags/6 lefse per bag were packaged in the freezer for Julefest). This takes a lot of hands to see this job done from start to finish. Another THANK YOU to Lanna Christensen. Lanna has been making the dough for lefse for 28 years! One of our days to make lefse fell on a holiday and some of our high school students as well as children/grandchildren came to assist. We had a wonderful time together and this new tradition will continue in the future. THANK YOU

This year Julefest will celebrate its 30th year – what a thing to celebrate! It would be wonderful to use this opportunity to celebrate our past and present during this time together. I am requesting that individual members share some photos with me. A group of us are working to try and assemble a slide show of past Julefest celebrations. Time is moving quickly! We need to get YOUR photos as soon as possible. The photos will be scanned and returned to you as quickly as possible. If you have the ability to scan photos at home – please do that and email me at llaughlin@gmail.com – SEND PRIOR TO November 15, 2026! OR drop your photo off at the church office ASAP!

There will be multiple opportunities to provide YOUR help later in the month of November. Here are several dates – please join us – no experience necessary! Scandinavian Cookie baking at 7:00 pm on Tuesday November 17th. Rosette making at 8:30 am on Friday November 20th. Please monitor the poster that will be located outside of the sanctuary door as sign-up for these activities as well as all the jobs associated with Julefest (i.e. cashiers for the baked goods and for the smorgasbord, greeters....)

Most of the main food prep is done in early November and the dates are scheduled by the circle leader. Be sure to find out about these dates and put them on your calendars! All hands are welcomed and needed!

Also - please remember the Antique Boutique as well as the Silent Auction for any contributions.

Be watching and reading the church bulletin for any updates or additions!

The most important thing to remember is what happens as a RESULT of Julefest. The money raised is then contributed back into community non-profits, campus ministries across the state, church activities, and other ministerial programs. The last 20 years of donations totals \$199,000!

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year. Let us all slow down, be open to expressing our thankfulness to the Lord for faith, family, church, and the many blessings in our lives.

“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1

Lori Laughlin
605-645-1493
WELCA President

WELCA Calendar

Nov. Kitchen Duty	Esther Circle
Nov. 4 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
November 22	Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday
Dec. 2 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
Dec. 5 ~ 8:00 AM	Julefest

Circle Meetings

<p><u>Deborah Circle</u> November 9, 10:30 AM Leader: Corrine Muske Hostess: Karlene Dagit</p>
<p><u>Esther Circle</u> November 12, 1:00 PM Leader: Laura Fiege Hostess: Elaine Ohnstad-Eide</p>
<p><u>Ruth Circle</u> November 19, 10:00 AM Leader: All Hostess: Loretta Greni</p>



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

Children's Ministries

SUNDAY & WENDESDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS

Speaking Parts:

Speaking parts for the Christmas program will be assigned during Sunday school on November 1st. A limited number of parts will be available for children in grades 2–6. Children who receive a speaking part should practice their lines and memorize them if possible. *If your child would like a speaking part, please check their activity schedule to ensure they are available to attend most practices.* If you typically attend Wednesday school, please know you are welcome to come to the practices and join us for the program.

Rehearsal Schedule

- November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 9:45am (no practice November 29th, making luminaries that morning)
- Sunday, December 6 at 9:45
- Saturday, December 12, at 1:00 p.m.

Program Day

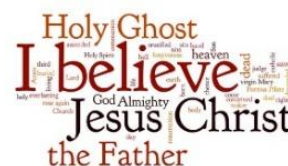
The Christmas program will be presented on **Sunday, December 13**, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. A quick run-through will begin at 9:45 a.m.



MILESTONE MINISTRY

FOURTH GRADE: "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

All **fourth graders and at least one parent or guardian** are invited to join Chris Blain on **November 8 at 9:45am** for a brief study of the Apostles' Creed. On **Sunday, November 22**, the fourth graders will lead the congregation in reciting the Creed during the 8:30 a.m. worship service.



CAMP NEWS



Registration for *Summer Camp 2026* with Lutherans Outdoors opens **November 16, 2026!!** Children can begin attending camp the summer after third grade and continue all the way through until the summer after their senior year of high school. Family camp is available for families of all ages and stages. www.losd.org

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

Luminaries For Christmas Eve

Join the whole church family on **Sunday, November 29** during the fellowship hour! We are bringing **all generations together** to craft the luminaries that will light our paths on Christmas Eve.



IMPORTANT DATES

November 8 – Fourth grade milestone class at 9:45

November 22 – Fourth graders lead the Apostles' Creed at both worship services.

November 29 – During the education/fellowship hour, making luminaries

Happy Thanksgiving, OSLC Families!

As we gather with our families for Thanksgiving, I want to share how incredibly grateful I am for each and every one of our children and volunteers. You bring so much life, laughter, and joy to our church family! The Apostle Paul wrote a verse that captures how I feel about our ministry:

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." (Philippians 1:3).

Wishing you and your kiddos a wonderful holiday weekend filled with love, laughter, delicious treats, and plenty of moments to count your many blessings. ~Miss Beth



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: OSLC Conference Room

Devotions: Pastor Jeremy Duprey

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- Meeting called to order by Andy Binder. In attendance were Pastor Jeremy, Andy Binder, Laura Bosworth, David Pummel, Lana Main, Brady Harr, Deana Wiese, Colleen Kelly, Dudley Feige and Jane Klug.
2. Devotions – Pastor asked council members present to break into small groups and have a discussion on core values of our church. Council members discussed what it was that appealed to them personally about OSLC and provided thoughts to Pastor Jeremy. A lengthy discussion took place and some common OSLC values council members recognized included: Generosity/Service, Grace (lack of judgement), Community, Hospitality, Openness/Growing, Supportive, and Inclusivity.
3. Action Item – Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Lana. Second, by Deana. Motion carried.
4. Action Item – August Council Minutes: Motion to approve by David. Second, by Jane. Motion carried.
5. Action Item – August Treasurer's Reports: The council reviewed the August Treasurer's report. August Income: \$63,733.27. August Expenses: \$41,307.46. YTD Income: \$390,439.47. YTD Expenses: \$366,720.83. Motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report made by Brady. Second, by Deana. Motion carried.
6. Ministerial Staff Reports – Pastor Jeremy continues to meet with groups; and since the last council meeting in August: has met with the Altar Guild, attended Campus Ministry at The Living Room, participated in Youth Group at Chris Blain's property, had pizza with kindergarten families, conversations with call committee and Pastor Maddy, continuing review of job descriptions with staff members, visits and conversations with people involved in challenging medical situations, and Pastor Jeremy has completed 'Stepping Up To Supervision', a 12- hour continuing education class.
7. Committee Updates:
 - Mission Committee (Colleen & Deana): Wednesday night meals, school and worship begin on September 23rd. Hygiene kits for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Centers Threshold Ministries are being collected until September 25th; and assembled on September 27th.
 - Lutheran Campus Ministry (Brady)- College students are back. Brady started the process on various grants. Young Adult Bible Study meets at the church starting next week, September 15th and meets on Tuesdays.
 - Property Committee: The new OSLC sign was put in today (10/8/2026) and is now working. The software for the sign needs to be updated. The sign will be operational from 8am- 8pm so as not to disturb neighbors at night. The two diseased trees on OSLC property have been removed. Tree replacement will be considered in the Spring. Approval of the council was sought to fix heating and air conditioning at The Living Room. Mini-splits are planned: and a heating system is needed for colder days in which mini-splits could not keep up. The cost estimated is roughly \$32,000 for replacement of the old systems. Motion to approve bids for installation of a new heating and cooling system for The Living Room made by Dave. Second, by Colleen. Motion carried.
8. Info Item – Associate Pastor Update: Pastor Maddy Tyler has accepted the call from OSLC and has found living quarters in Spearfish. A planned start date of October 1, 2026, is set.
9. Info Item – Joint OSLC & Lutheran Campus Ministry Update: Jamie Duprey is interested in the OSLC Campus Ministry position.
10. Info Item – The Living Room Parking: Quote on parking has not been given yet. The parking lot project will not commence until spring. There may be more grant money for improvements at The Living Room at that time.
11. The council adjourned.

Next Council Meeting Date: October 13, 2026

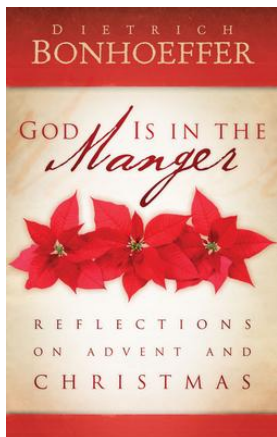
Devotions: Pastor Jeremy

Treats: Deana Wiese

Trea\$urer's Report

As of September 30, 2026

Year-to-date Offerings: \$437,953.99
Year-to-date Expenses: \$413,352.42
Year-to-date Budget: \$493,425.66



Advent and Christmas with Bonhoeffer

A daily devotional for you and a neighbor or a small group with worship resources offered by the South Dakota Synod, Rural Ministries.

The center piece of this faith practice is the book "God is

in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The book is available for purchase through Amazon or any number of used book sites on-line. In addition to a short daily reading in the book from November 29, 2026 (First Sunday of Advent) through January 6, 2027 (Feast of the Epiphany) a daily question for discussion and a prayer to share with your neighbor will be delivered to your e-mail inbox.

To sign-up for this series, please follow this link to subscribe:

https://mailchi.mp/sdsynod.org/advent-and-christmas-with-dietrich-bonhoeffer?mc_cid=27af42c499

FAITH & CARE

Serving in Worship and Fellowship

Every household is encouraged to sign up to serve in various ways on Sunday mornings at **any time throughout the year!**

Welcome Center Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Assistants are scheduled quarterly. Please check the schedule posted on the board near the kitchen for openings. To be added to this list for future scheduling, please contact Sommerlyn Clausen at 605-381-5422.

Fellowship Time: Servers are needed as Snack providers and Coffee Servers. The sign-up sheet for these two positions is posted outside the Kitchen door. Questions? Contact Pam Englund at 605-639-9988.

Scriptures

Nov. 1 Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:103
Matthew 5:1-12

OR Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Nov. 8 Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 15 Zephaniah 1:7,-12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 22 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Nov. 29 Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM PACT Class 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	2 9:00 AM SonShine Squad 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Free Clinic	3 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Education Comm. 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	4 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 12:00 PM Meatballs Making in the Kitchen 5:00 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation ~ Fellowship 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i>	5 12:00 PM The Living Room Bible Study 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice	6 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 9:00 AM Sloppy Joe Making in the Kitchen <i>Pastor Jeremy's Day Off</i> <i>Pastor Maddy's Day Off</i>	7 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
8 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM 4 th Grade Milestone Class "Apostles' Creed" 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service Installation of Pastor Maddy <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i>	9 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Free Clinic	10 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Mission Comm. 6:30 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 6:00 PM Finance Comm. 6:30 PM Church Council 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	11 5:00 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation ~ Table Talk 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i>	12 12:00 PM The Living Room Bible Study 1:00 PM Esther Circle 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice	13 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Pastor Jeremy's Day Off</i> <i>Pastor Maddy's Day Off</i>	14
15 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM PACT Class 9:45 AM Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service	16 10:30 AM Senior Ministry 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Free Clinic	17 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 6:30 PM Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Cookie Baking for Julefest	18 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Worship Service 5:00 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR <i>Newsletter Due</i>	19 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Rosette Batter making in the kitchen 12:00 PM The Living Room Bible Study 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice 6:00 PM New Member Orientation and Dinner	20 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg. 8:30 AM Rosette Making in the Kitchen <i>Pastor Jeremy's Day Off</i> <i>Pastor Maddy's Day Off</i>	21 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
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