

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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September 2026

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TOWARD FALL

Worship at Our Savior's

A reminder: **Sunday, September 13**, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule:

8:30 AM – Traditional Worship Service

10:45 AM - Joyful Journey-led Worship Service

We continue to livestream both worship services, which you can access anytime via our website.

We will resume **Wednesday Word on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:26 PM** with **Wednesday Supper at 5:16 PM!**

Confirmation



**7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation:
Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 PM.**

On Wednesday evening, September 16, we'd like to gather our seventh and eighth graders and their parents at 6:00 PM, where we'll share some particulars about the upcoming Confirmation year. We'll go over some pertinent info for the year, collect registration forms, and hopefully fill out the acolyte and meal schedule for the year. The meeting should take about 40 minutes.

We meet most Wednesday nights during the school year from 5:15pm - 7:00pm with a meal, large group lessons, and small group discussions followed by Wednesday Word worship. We use the Remind app for all needed communication and updates so parents 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.) Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/spearconf on a desktop

We're looking forward to another great year of growth in Christian faith together! ~ Chris Blain

Wednesday Evening High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group grades 9 - 12: During the school year we meet regularly on Wednesday night from 7:10 PM - 8:10 PM-ish usually at our off-campus ministry site called The Living Room up by BHSU (Corner of Jackson and Yale). Our gatherings are laid back with a short bible study/faith talk and discussion followed up with weekly check-ins centering around our highs and lows. It is set up to be an "attend when you can" kind of format. Our **first gathering** will be Wednesday Sept. 2 and friends are always welcome. I use the Remind app for all communication so please text @oslcyc to 81010 if you haven't already joined and enter your information and select "S" for students, and that will get you signed up for OSLC Youth 26/27. (Parents are encouraged to sign up also with the same code but select "P" for parent.) If the weather allows, sometimes we will meet at a different site and I will use Remind for those announcements.

~ Chris Blain, ckblain@gmail.com

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran,

We have been discussing liminal space here at Our Savior's over the last few weeks. Richard Rohr describes liminality as the space or time



“where we are betwixt and between, having left one room or stage of life but not yet entered the next. We usually enter liminal space when our former way of being is challenged or changed—perhaps when we lose a job or a loved one, during illness, at the birth of a child, or a major relocation. It is a graced time, but often does not feel “graced” in any way. In such space, we are not certain or in control.”

Susan Beaumont encourages people in liminal situations to embrace them as sacred and use the creative opportunity to do some experimenting. In the coming months, and maybe longer, we will embrace this opportunity to discover tweaks to our current practices, or try completely new ways of living out the congregation's God-given mission.

Here are two ways we will experiment this Fall:

1. October 12 is a planned lefse making day in preparation for Julefest. It is also a holiday with no school. Children, students and young adults, anyone of any age, are invited to come and learn how to make lefse and help make a favorite Scandinavian treat from 8:30 AM until noon-ish or that same evening for packaging.
2. Starting October 14 we will expand our confirmation teaching session once a month to include children, youth, parents and adults. We will eat dinner together, as we have in the past, and then instead of different age groups going to their own education time, we will all stay together, have a large group teaching session followed by multi-generational discussions around the tables. We are calling this Table Talk Night and the hope is that we will strengthen the connections between individuals and generations through faith conversations. We will have a Table Talk Night once a month during the school year.

We can't guarantee these two experiments will help us open our hearts to each other in faith, prayer, fellowship and service, but we are going to give it a shot and see how it goes. This is the freedom of liminal space; with God's blessing we get to try!

With thanks,
Pr. Jeremy



Parents - if you have a child attending a college/university there is a good chance that Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin) has a presence on their campus. As part of our ministry to your child, we would like to help make some connections between LuMin and your student. But, in order to do that, permission must be granted by the student before LuMin or any other ministry groups can reach out to them. Therefore, please reach out to us with your child's contact information and where they are attending and we will reach out to them to let them know what ELCA ministries are active on their campus. This information can be emailed to Pr. Jeremy at pastorjeremyoslc@gmail.com

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

Missionary Support

June's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,676.89 for Spearfish Clothe-a-Kid

July's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,580.07 for Lutheran Disaster Response.

Call Committee Update

Grace and peace to you!

We're excited to share an update with you in our search for a new Associate Pastor. After much prayer, thoughtful and faithful work the Call Committee and Church Council are pleased to present Pastor Madeleine "Maddy" Tyler as a candidate for Associate Pastor.

To give everyone a chance to meet Pastor Maddy and learn more about her ministry, we invited you to attend a Meet and Greet reception after service on Sunday, August 23.

A congregational vote will be held to call Pastor Maddy Tyler as our next Associate Pastor. The vote will take place on Sunday, August 30, at 10:00 a.m., following worship service.

All confirmed voting members are encouraged to attend and take part in this important moment in the life of our church. Please keep Pastor Maddy, our congregation, and this entire process in your prayers as we seek God's direction together.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the church office or a member of the Church Council.

We look forward to gathering together as a church family for both of these important events.

Additional Information, Full Bio Page, and other Resources can be found at:

<https://www.oslcspearfish.com/dive-deeper/associate-pastor-candidate/>



Pastor Maddy Short Bio

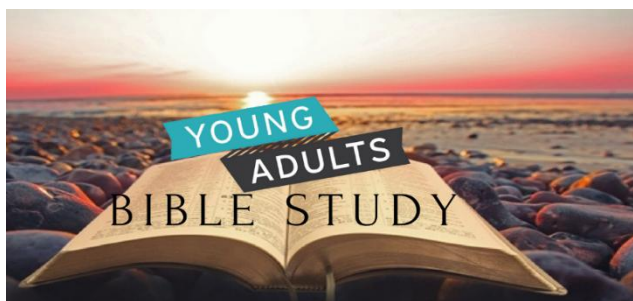
Pastor Madeleine "Maddy" Tyler brings warmth, curiosity, and a collaborative spirit to ministry. Rooted in God's grace and mercy, she is passionate about helping people of all ages experience belonging, grow in faith, discover their gifts, and participate in God's work of love, justice, and service in the world.

Born and raised in Chicago, Pastor Maddy was shaped by music, storytelling, and community, especially through her family's connection to the Old Town School of Folk Music. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Luther College and a Master of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary. Her formation included time studying in Norway and serving with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program in Cambodia, experiences that deepened her appreciation for the global church and leadership development.

Pastor Maddy recently completed a Pastor-in-Residency at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa, where she preached, led worship, offered pastoral care, taught Bible studies, supported youth and family ministries, worked with young adults, and mentored emerging leaders. She previously served as Transition Pastor at Spirit Alive! Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and completed her pastoral internship at Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford, Illinois.

Her ministry is marked by attentive listening, creative worship, thoughtful preaching, lifelong faith formation, and radical hospitality. She loves hearing people's stories, encouraging new leaders, crafting meaningful liturgy, and building communities where people can ask questions, serve neighbors, and encounter God's grace together.

Approachable, authentic, and hopeful, Pastor Maddy brings a love for the church, a love for music and story, and a deep commitment to walking with communities as they grow in faith, belonging, service, and shared leadership.



Young Adults Bible Study Group

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 PM

Come as you are for a night of fellowship and discussion of the Word. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 PM at OSLC and childcare can be provided with advanced notice. Reach out to Brady Harr if interested or with questions (605) 641-5949 or bwharr@gmail.com.

Wednesday 5:16 PM Meals to resume on Sept. 23



During most of the school year, we offer a Wednesday evening meal in conjunction with our Wednesday Word worship service (and Christian Education and choir practices). Our first meal will be served Wednesday, September 23, beginning at 5:16 pm and serving until about 6:10 pm.

The meals will be provided by Confirmation families and various Ministry Teams throughout the year, along with a few "pot-luck" nights thrown in for fun! There are a number of Wednesday evenings available for YOUR ministry group to provide a meal and perhaps raise visibility for your mission/group/ministry as well as a few dollars for a project of your choice. We encourage you to explore using a Thrivent Action Grant to help you raise more dollars for your project if possible. If your group is interested in providing a meal contact Pam Englund at (605-639-9988) or Julie in the church office (605-642-3715).



Hello Everyone,

I am so excited to begin another choir season and would love to invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us this year. Whether you're an experienced singer or simply love praising the Lord through music, we'd be happy to have you!

Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 9, and we will meet every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals typically last about one hour, and I do my best to keep us on schedule.

The choir sings two to three times each month, depending on the church's needs and schedule. On the Sundays we sing, we meet at 7:45 a.m. to prepare for the 8:30 a.m. service.

Choir is a wonderful way to get involved, grow in your faith, and enjoy Christian fellowship through music.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 605-641-3247.

I look forward to a wonderful year of praising the Lord together through song. I hope you'll join us!

Many blessings,

Deb Carr
Choir Director



Bell Choir Practice
Wednesdays
Beginning September 9
at 5:00 PM

If you would like to join,
please come to practice
and talk with Steve Aalbu

Sunday, September 27

God's work. Our hands.



Sunday, September 27 will include an opportunity to participate in **God's work. Our hands.** day of service.

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

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

Adult Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb, Shampoo, Bath-sized bars of soap (please, no liquid body wash), Dark Color Washcloth

Please drop off items by Friday, September 25.



The OSLC Adopt-A-Highway Fall Clean-Up event is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2026. Our

litter clean-up event will tackle I-90 eastbound from mile marker post 8 to McGuigan Road/Exit 8. We will meet at the church at 12:30 pm on September 20 to assign portions of the mile for clean-up. Please come prepared with sturdy shoes, long pants, and thick gloves; also a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen may be needed depending on weather. We only require eight (6-8) volunteers and anticipate about 1½ hours to clean up trash.

Trash bags, water and construction vests will be provided along with a special trash pick-up device that will alleviate bending over to remove trash. Interested volunteers can contact George and Julia Vansco at 605-645-6519 for more information.

SPEARFISH COMMUNITY Food Pantry

Needs for September:

Applesauce, Ramen Noodles, 2# Sugar, Cookies or Crackers, Canned Peas, Cream of Chicken or Mushroom Soup

Adult Enrichment: Opportunities for Fall 2026



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

- Thursday Bible Study at The Living Room
- Three Women's Circle Bible Studies--Ruth, Deborah, and Esther
- Men's Fellowship
- *Two on Tuesdays* Women's Bible Study
- *Marthas Gathering* Women's Evening Bible Study
- Young Adults Bible Study

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

Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study



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

Three sessions:

- Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 pm
– *"Encountering God in the wilderness"*
- Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 pm
– *"Choosing loyalty, finding love"*
- 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.



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

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



LEFSE MAKING TIME!! Save the Dates!!

We will be making lefse at the church for the Julefest next month and we need YOUR help!! Dates have been set for:

Monday, October 5, Thursday, October 8
Monday, October 12, and Thursday, October 15
beginning at 8:30 AM

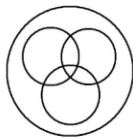
Sessions will be held in the church kitchen. *No experience necessary!* There are many different things to do - so we have a job for everyone! It is always a lot of fun.

We also need people to help fold and wrap the lefse on these same dates at 6:30 pm in the evening. This will also be on the sign-up sheets.

Please sign up on the sheets when they are posted in the Fellowship Hall.
Thanks so much!



Friendship Ministry
*Extending the Love of Christ
from Friend to Friend*



Are you looking for...

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

A Friendship Minister will be there for you.
Contact Nancy Christopherson at 605-645-2723
to request a visit or for more information.

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

The SonShine Squad

will meet on Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room. Our teams are currently visiting 21 homebound from OSLC. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our teams, please call or text Cheryl W at 605-673-1334.

**WELCA Fall Salad Luncheon
and General Meeting**

**Thursday, September 10 @
12:00 PM**



The 2026 Fall Salad Luncheon is approaching fast! Please mark your calendars and invite a friend to attend. The Luncheon is on Thursday September 10 at 12 Noon. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

The speaker for the program will be Matt Tramp, Director of Development and Engagement from Esther's Rising and his message will be one you do NOT want to miss.

Most people assume that sex trafficking is something that only happens at large events, such as the annual Sturgis Rally or in a larger city area. Sadly, sexual trafficking occurs daily – even here in the Black Hills. Identifying there was a need for services in the Black Hills region, a nonprofit group Free23 was started in 2020. They identified the need for services for these victims of sexual trafficking. Free23 began offering group therapy, skills, classes, and support services. But these services did not meet all the complex needs of these girls! The girls often repeated the cycle of services- then they returned home where they were often revictimized, followed by the girls again being sexually trafficked.

After seeing this cycle repeat the Free23 group recognized that there was a need for additional support that could only be provided through residential services. Esther's Rising is working to develop this setting and provide a home for girls with no place to go. The Mission of Esther's Rising is, "to provide restorative care for adolescents who are at risk for or have experienced sexual exploitation of sex trafficking." Construction for this facility is underway as of December 2025.

Mr. Tramp will be providing us with information related to the current development and future needs of this facility.

OSLC Quilters

will be selling quilts at the Spearfish Harvest Fest, Sept 12 from 9-4 on Main Street. Please come visit us. You can get an early peak at all our quilts before Julefest!



SENIOR MINISTRY Fall Event:

When: Thursday, September 24
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM;
meet in the Fellowship Hall

What: Trip to Crook County
Museum & 1875 Art Gallery,
Sundance, WY

Suggested Donation: \$10 on the
day of event.

RSVP: call the Church Office at
605-642-3715 by noon on
September 21.

Transportation provided by Prairie
Hills Transit, *Limited Seats*

Crook County Museum, housed
in the historic Old Stoney building
in Sundance, Wyoming. Our
museum offers an immersive
experience with over 7,000
artifacts, showcasing the lives of
Native American tribes, early
pioneers, and legendary outlaws
like the Sundance Kid. Whether
you are a history buff or a curious
traveler, there is something for
everyone to explore!



Sunday Morning Transportation



Everyone is welcome to use
the free Sunday morning
transportation service. Our
friendly drivers will make your
trip to and from church a fun
part of your day! The service is
available for the 8:30 AM worship service.
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.

Yarn Ministry

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

The dates are set for Lefse making! There are
lots of different jobs in lefse making and we can use
you! See page 6 for more information.



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

-Julefest Committee

September 2026

Welcome to the busy fall season ahead! There is much to rejoice in! Pastor Jeremy has arrived!! And prior to the end of August – the congregation will be voting on the call of a potential Associate Pastor!

WELCA's mission statement is, "Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ." EVERY woman is a member of WELCA and I would like everyone to consider the following – **WELCA! Be Bold!** Boldness as a Christian is not about being louder than everyone, it's about being clear and unapologetic about what you believe. I invite you all to consider becoming more individually active in your faith journey through joining WELCA. WELCA provides an opportunity to connect with other women, to recognize and celebrate our individual and unique gifts, to build connections with each other, and worship and study scripture together. WELCA responds to the needs of our church, our community, and our world in a variety of ways. I recognize that many women have very busy lives, and I would welcome conversations with others to brainstorm ways in which we can grow these connections between the woman of our congregation!

This Fall there are upcoming ways in which ALL women of Our Savior's can celebrate together and build relationships with each other and our Lord. Coming up on Thursday, September 10 at 12:00 PM, Ruth Circle will be the host of the Fall Salad Luncheon -with the theme of, "His Eye on the Sparrow. I know he watches me." Matthew 6:26. Every Circle member should bring a salad to share, and Ruth Circle will provide the desserts. Current Circle meetings are Deborah: 2nd Monday of each month; Esther: 2nd Thursday of the month; and Ruth – 3rd Thursday of the month.

The speaker at the Fall Luncheon will be Matt Tramp, Director of Development and Engagement from Esther's Rising and his message will be one you do NOT want to miss. Most of us assume that sex trafficking is something that only occurs at the annual Sturgis Rally – or in a larger metro area. The reality is the sexual trafficking occurs daily – even here in the Black Hills. Esther's Rising is a non-profit residential facility that is currently under construction in the southern Black Hills. Come and hear about this facility – its goals, the individuals it will serve, and how can we support and assist this nonprofit. **Plan now to attend and bring a friend!**

The Fall Retreat will occur at Outlaw Ranch on September 11-12, 2026.

A Julefest Committee was formed to assist in the planning and organization of Julefest. (Saturday, December 5, 2026). Be looking for more information on how you can help! The dates for lefse making have been set. Please be watching in the fellowship hall for sign up. **Dates are Monday October 5, Thursday October 8, and Monday October 12, and Thursday October 15.**

Women of WELCA – let's all join together to act boldly in our faith!

Lori Laughlin
WELCA President

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle September 14, 10:30 AM Leader: Nina Nachtigall Hostess: Carlene Rosencranz
Esther Circle September 10, 1:00 PM Leader/Hostess: Kathy Helmer
Ruth Circle September 17, 10:00 AM Leader/Hostess: All

Baby Care Kits

are due October 15

Esther Circle encourages anyone to check out the Baby Care Kit Display in the fellowship hall and donate a kit or one (or more) articles towards a kit.



Please place items or complete kits in the basket near the receptionist desk in the Fellowship Hall.

Each kit should contain:

2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet), 1 hand towel, dark color recommended, 2 receiving blankets, 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts, 4 cloth diapers, 2 pairs of socks, 2 bath-size bars of gentle soap, in original wrapping, 2 diaper pins, 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap

*Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with the safety pins. Gently used, clean items can be substituted for new ones. **An entire kit gets kind of expensive, single items really help as well.** Do not enclose kit in plastic bags.*

Children's Ministries

The September Calendar is chock-full of events!!

September 13 – **RALLY DAY! Event at 9:45am!** (return to two worship services; 8:30 & 10:45am)

September 20 – **Sunday learning** begins at 9:45 downstairs in the Quad.

September 20 – **Third Grade Bibles** and **Preschool Bibles** during either worship service

**PreK Bibles are presented to children who are age three by September 1, 2026*

September 23 – **Wednesday learning** begins at 5:40pm; Supper at 5:16pm

September 27 – **Third Grade Bible Class** with Pastor Jeremy at 9:45 in the Quad downstairs

September 27 – **Preschool Bible Class** with Miss Beth at 10:00am in the Little Lambs room



Help Kids Grow in Faith as a Sunday or Wednesday Learning Team!

We delight in every opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God over a lifetime — and helping kids discover a life of faith is one of the most joyful ways to do it. **Join the OSLC Learning Team!** No special skills required, just a love for

helping kids grow in their faith:

Let's learn some new titles and opportunities!

Greeters: Welcome children and families into learning.

New this year! A wonderful intergenerational volunteer opportunity!

Storytellers/Teachers: Present Bible stories so children can encounter God. *Sunday & Wednesday availability!*

Classroom Co-Host/Helpers: Support storytellers/teachers by keeping the environment organized and encouraging creative responses that honor children's ideas. *Sunday & Wednesday availability!*

Substitutes: Fill in during illness, vacation, or other absences. *Sunday & Wednesday availability!*

When you're ready to say "YES" to helping kids grow in faith, please contact Beth at kidminoslc@gmail.com

Wednesday School – A Family Favorite!

Who Wednesday school is for:

- EVERYBODY!! Families have busy lives and are not always able to attend Sunday school. Wednesday school is Sunday school on...wait for it...Wednesday!

"I don't have child in confirmation; can we still attend Wednesday school?"

- YES!! Wednesday school is for everyone.

Why families enjoy it:

- It's one-stop faith formation. Enjoy a meal together (re: you don't have to cook), kids have their lessons, parents have fellowship or volunteer opportunities, and then families can go to worship together. The evening is over by 7:10'ish.

What is the structure:

- Meal – 5:16, Wednesday school – 5:40, Wednesday Worship – 6:26 – 7:10'ish

Wednesday school starts September 23, please come and check it out!



Choose Your Action Team!

Have you always wanted to volunteer but couldn't make a long-term commitment? ACTION TEAMS are perfect for you! Just pick one project, complete it, and you're done. Contact Beth at kidminoslc@gmail.com

Sunday School & Kids

- **The Christmas Program Crew**
 - *What:* Organize costumes, prompt lines, or help herd angels and shepherds.
 - *When:* **November – December only**
- **Substitute Teacher Pool**
 - *What:* Get on a text list to fill in for a teacher 1 or 2 times this year.
 - *When:* **On-call (as needed)**

Family & Intergenerational

- **Trunk-or-Treat Festival Team**
 - *What:* Coordinate parking lot spacing, music, and hot cocoa for the community.
 - *When:* **October only, event date Sunday October 25 2-4pm in the church parking lot**
 - *Who:* Intergenerational friendly competition – who can have the most creative trunk? The funniest? The church friendly scariest? All ages and stages are welcome – Families, Teens, Grandparents, Young Adults, Fix-It Guys, Yarn Ministry, choirs, etc....



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Location:
OSLC Conference Room

Devotions:
Colleen Kelly

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: Pastor Jeremy, Denise Bakke, Deana Wiese, Reed Haug, Dudley Feige, Pam Tyma, Deming Haugland, Eli Overby, Laura Bosworth and Brady Harr.
2. Devotions – Colleen was unable to attend; but provided a prayer card named Time to Pray. The council read aloud Time to Pray.
3. Action Item – Approve Agenda. Motion to approve by Pam, seconded by Deming.
4. Action Item – June Council Minutes. Motion to approve by Pam, seconded by Denise.
5. Action Item – The council reviewed June Treasurer's Reports. June Income: \$39,892.38. June Expenses: \$42,562.79. YTD Income: \$286,128.09. YTD Expenses: \$269,412.05. Motion carried to approve the June Treasurer report.
6. Ministerial Staff Reports – Pastor Jeremy really appreciated the smooth transition in his move to OSLC. Pastor Randy's time at OSLC and help in the transition has been a gift for Pastor Jeremy. Going forward, Pastor Jeremy would like clarity on various roles within the church. Pastor Jeremy really enjoys the worship services; and that is what he personally excels at. Pastor Jeremy will be gone from the 27th of July to the 7th of August for a wedding in France that he had committed to prior to his coming to OSLC.
7. Committee Updates:
Education Committee (Deming): Discussed a vision of the Education Committee for the youth of the church, in conjunction with Pastor Jeremy.
Senior Ministry Committee (Pam): Talked about the church picnic at the park; and the success of the picnic in the past. It is hoped we have great weather for the picnic this year. Additionally, on Sept 24, seniors will be taking a trip to a museum in Sundance, Wyoming.
Mission Committee (Deana): The Mission Committee is working with Pam Englund on God's work. Our hands. weekend in September; and is meeting on August 11th.
8. Action Item – Council Appointment of Jane Klug, who is willing to step into the OSLC council position and finish Karson Klein's council term. Karson asked to be withdrawn from completing his term to focus on family and Jane Klug was the remaining person that had stated interest in serving during the last council elections. Motion to approve by Deming and seconded by Brady. Motion carried.
9. Action Item – Tree Removal: Two large spruce trees on the church property are infected by a fungus. An arborist inspected the Colorado Blue Spruce trees and said the trees cannot be saved. The council regrets the removal of the trees, but no other options are available. The expense for the removal of the trees will be determined soon. Motion by Pam, seconded by Denise to remove the trees. Motion carried.
10. Info Item – The Living Room Parking: It has recently been learned that the City made Jackson Blvd a no park zone in October 2025, due to a bicycle lane on both sides of Jackson. Complaints have been received by the city that people are parking in the no-park zone in front of The Living Room. The Council discussed ways to alleviate a lack of parking space for The Living Room. It is felt OSLC's property beside the alley is probably the best spot to place parking spaces. Proceeding forward, costs associated with construction of spaces (anticipated to be 8-10 parking spots) will be determined before the Council moves forward with creation of additional parking for The Living Room.
11. The Council adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dudley Feige
Council Secretary



Support Fair Trade and the people of Guatemala!

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

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

Sunday, October 18 (9:30 am – Noon)
Wednesday, October 21 (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
Sunday, October 25 (9:30 am – Noon)
Wednesday, October 28 (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

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

Thank you for your heart for mission!

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

FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

I feel I need to apologize to all the wonderful home bakers. I usually like to send a personal thank you to all who baked, made pies at church and worked the pie booth. For some unknown reason I threw the list of home bakers away! My apologies.

As I don't have the list I can't send you a thank you card. Please know how much I appreciate you and especially turning your oven on this year in our record heat!! You are the Best!

Aly Scheurenbrand

Trea\$urer's Report

As of July 31, 2026

Year-to-date Offerings: \$326,601.33
Year-to-date Expenses: \$325,413.37
Year-to-date Budget: \$379,558.20

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!**

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.

Ruth Circle is so thankful to the congregation. We filled 117 School Bags! This is wonderful and way over our planned 90 bags! Thanks again.



Scriptures



- Sept. 6 Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20
- Sept. 13 Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35
- Sept. 20 Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 20:1-16
- Sept. 27 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Friends,

We want to make you aware of a scam that is currently targeting members of our congregation.

Several church members have reported receiving emails claiming to be **from Pastor Jeremy Duprey** asking them to contact him regarding an urgent matter or requesting assistance with a special need. These messages are **fraudulent** and are **not being sent by Pastor Jeremy or Our Savior's Lutheran Church**.

Unfortunately, scammers often impersonate pastors, church staff, and other trusted individuals in an attempt to gain personal information, money, gift cards, or other forms of assistance from unsuspecting recipients.

What You Should Do

If you receive an email, text message, or phone call that appears to be from Pastor Jeremy or another church leader and:

- Requests money, gift cards, or financial assistance
- Asks you to keep the request confidential
- Seeks personal or financial information
- Creates a sense of urgency or pressure to act immediately
- Comes from an unfamiliar email address or phone number

Please do not respond, click any links, or provide any information.

Instead:

1. Verify the request by contacting the church office or Pastor Jeremy directly using known contact information. (Office Phone: 605-642-3715)
2. Delete the message or mark it as spam/phishing.
3. If you are unsure whether a message is legitimate, contact the church office before taking any action.

A Few General Safety Tips

- Always check the sender's email address carefully, not just the display name.
- Be cautious of unexpected requests, even if they appear to come from someone you know.
- Never purchase gift cards or send money in response to an email request without independently verifying its authenticity.
- When in doubt, contact the church office directly.

We appreciate those who have reported these fraudulent messages. Your vigilance helps protect our church family and others in the community.

If you have received one of these emails or have questions about any suspicious communication, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your attention and for helping keep our congregation safe.

In Faith Fellowship, and Service,

Andy Binder
Council President



**Don't forget...
OSLC is on
Facebook!**

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

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

www.facebook.com/oslcspearfish

Not on facebook...?



Sign up for
text alerts.

**Opt in to OSLC instant text
messaging!**

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

Thanks for helping us all stay connected!

Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Free Clinic will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

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The deadline for submission of items for the October newsletter is **Wednesday, September 23**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at [oslc4@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc4@rushmore.com)

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Ways to give electronically:

Scan this
code to
give online



Scan the code or go to our website, click on the Online Giving button:

Clicking on that button will take you to a secure page on which you can donate to the vital ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church directly from a checking or savings account, or using a credit or debit card.

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**Check out our website** for the monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more... [www.oslcspearfish.com](http://www.oslcspearfish.com).

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Has your address or phone number changed? Please let us know at 605-642-3715 or e-mail Julie at oslc@rushmore.com

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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 us at 605-642-3715. Thank you!

# September 2026

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Mon                                                                                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                          | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fri                                                                                                                                                                | Sat                                                                                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                     | 1<br>8:30 AM Fix-it Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>5:30 PM Education Comm.                                                                                                                     | 2<br>9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg.<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3<br>12:00 PM Hike with Pastor<br>Jeremy meet at OSLC                                                                                                                                   | 4<br>6:00 AM Christian Business<br>Men's Group at TLR<br><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>                                                                               | 5                                                                                         |
| 6<br>9:00 AM Blended Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship<br><br><i>Last Summer Worship Schedule</i>                                                                                                                                                | 7<br><br><i>Office Closed<br/>Good Shepherd Free Clinic Closed</i> | 8<br>8:30 AM Fix-It Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>1:00 PM SonShine Squad Conference Room<br>6:00 PM Finance Comm.<br>6:30 PM Church Council<br>6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study               | 9<br>5:00 PM Bell Choir<br>7:00 PM Senior Choir<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10<br>12:00 AM WELCA General Meeting & Salad Luncheon<br>12:00 PM Hike with Pastor<br>Jeremy meet at OSLC<br>12:00 PM Bible Study @ The Living Room<br>1:00 PM Esther Circle            | 11<br>6:00 AM Christian Business<br>Men's Group at TLR<br><div>WELCA Bear Butte Conference<br/>Women's Fall Retreat, Outlaw Ranch</div><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i> | 12<br>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship                                                            |
| 13<br>8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service<br><br><i>Rally Sunday</i>                                                                                                                | 14<br>10:30 AM Deborah Circle<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Free Clinic                                                         | 15<br>8:30 AM Fix-it Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study<br>6:30 PM Marthas Gathering<br>Women's Evening Bible Study<br>6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study | 16<br>10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Worship Service<br>5:00 PM Bell Choir<br>6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation<br>7:00 PM Senior Choir<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR                                                                                             | 17<br>10:00 AM Ruth Circle<br>12:00 PM Hike with Pastor<br>Jeremy meet at OSLC<br>12:00 PM Bible Study @ TLR                                                                            | 18<br>6:00 AM Christian Business<br>Men's Group at TLR<br><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>                                                                              | 19<br> |
| 20<br>8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service<br>12:30 PM Adopt-a-Highway Fall Clean-up<br><br><i>Presentation of 3-Year-Old and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles</i>                        | 21<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Free Clinic<br><br><i>Autumnal Equinox</i>                                                     | 22<br>8:30 AM Fix-It Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study                                                                                                           | 23<br>10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service<br>5:00 PM Bell Choir<br>5:15 PM Confirmation<br>5:16 PM Wednesday Supper<br>5:40 PM Wednesday School<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:00 PM Senior Choir<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR<br><br><i>Newsletter Items Due</i> | 24<br>8:00 AM Senior Ministry Committee<br>9:00 AM Senior Ministry Fall Outing to Crook County Museum<br>12:00 PM Hike with Pastor<br>Jeremy meet at OSLC<br>12:00 PM Bible Study @ TLR | 25<br>6:00 AM Christian Business<br>Men's Group at TLR<br>7:00 AM GSFC Board Mtg.<br><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>                                                   | 26<br>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship                                                            |
| 27<br>8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>9:45 AM Third Grade Bible Class with Pastor Jeremy<br>10:00 AM Pre-K Bible Class with Miss Beth<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service<br><br><i>"God's work. Our hands."</i> | 28<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Free Clinic                                                                                    | 29<br>8:30 AM Fix-It Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>6:30 PM Friendship Ministry<br>6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study                                                                            | 30<br>5:00 PM Bell Choir<br>5:15 PM Confirmation<br>5:16 PM Wednesday Supper<br>5:40 PM Wednesday School<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:00 PM Senior Choir<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                               |                                                                                           |

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Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday thru Friday

**Website:** [www.oslcspearfish.com](http://www.oslcspearfish.com)

**E-mail:** [oslc@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc@rushmore.com)



### Worship:

**Sundays** 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
9:45 AM Education Hour  
10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service  
*Live stream either service or watch later! Connect through our web site.*

**Wednesdays** 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper (*resumes Sept. 23*)  
6:26 PM Wednesday Word (*resumes Sept. 23*)

**Staff:** Jeremy Duprey, Senior Pastor  
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries  
Chris Blain, Confirmation/Youth Ministry  
Julie Lee, Office Manager  
Lisa Williams, Receptionist

### Church Council:

Andy Binder, *President*; Deming Haugland, *Vice-President*; David Pummel, *Treasurer*;  
Dudley Feige, *Secretary*; Denise Bakke, Laura Bosworth, Brady Harr, Reed Haug, Colleen Kelly,  
Jane Klug, Lana Main, Lillian Miles, Elijah Overby, Pam Tyma, Deana Wiese

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