# A Little Bit of Senshine

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"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my instruction within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or

say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more." Jeremiah 31:33-34

Dear Friends,

Many of you are familiar with my son Leith and his passion for wildlife photography. For the last five years, it's been fun to watch him progress from a kid with a cheap little point-and-shoot, snapping pics of whatever caught his eye, to an artist, ecologist and champion of all things wild and free... sharing a profound love for the natural world through photographs. (Some of you maybe have his annual calendars or cards in your homes... for which he thanks you for the college tuition help<sup>©</sup>) It's been particularly fun to read his little commentaries on the pictures he creates as he shares them on social media, trying to share with the viewer how his photos came to be, what exactly his subjects are and where he finds them. That being said, I couldn't help but laugh out loud at a couple of his latest photos shared on Facebook, his description simply reading: "Some sort of bug on some sort of flower." And then he went ahead and said the quiet part out loud in beautiful honesty: "I'm gonna have to take some entomology and botany classes in college." Good call<sup>©</sup>

Point being: When he started out over five years ago, like many adolescents, he really had no idea what he didn't know... about photography, about wildlife, about the natural world he so badly wanted to dive into. But in pursuing passionately his passions, he's coming to that most valuable of all learnings, that he has way more to *learn* than he already knows. To live authentically as a human being means to live with the humility of a student, a disciple, hungry to learn *more*.

I used to see a bumper sticker from time to time that read something like this: "The Bible says it... I believe it... That settles it." I've always been troubled by that sentiment. Would that the life of faith were that easy. Frankly, for most of us, the bumper sticker could read: "Jesus said it... I want to believe it... but it unsettles me to no end and opens up a whole new truckload of questions!" The truth of the matter is that life is not lived in the land of Biblical certainty. If it were so... that being a Christian consisted of simply learning a basic body of knowledge straight from Jesus' lips and then having our actions correspond with those teachings... then we would "not have to teach one another, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for we [would] all know Him, from the least to the greatest," as the prophet Jeremiah put it.

We haven't quite made it there yet. We experience faith the way we experience life, as an ever-challenging puzzle, with its highs and its lows, its moments of understanding and clarity and its moments of utter confusion and darkness. And yet, we wouldn't be anywhere but in faith, would we? There is a certainty, a solidity, to being a beloved child of God. There is that sturdy fact of our identity as forgiven sinners, living proof of God's patience.

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Being a disciple (a student) of Jesus now means something other than certainty. It means *learning*, new every day, to live our lives in trust, particularly trusting the last part of that covenant promise: "for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more." Learning is the thing. Growing is the thing. Cease to learn and grow and question, and we cease to be disciples.

God bless each of us as we learn to trust more deeply.

Pastor Stephan Sandness



On **Sunday, August 7,** we'll be MOVING our worship service from the friendly confines of 1020 State St. to the Spearfish City Park off of Canyon St. We'll gather at the big picnic

shelter near the band shell at 10:00 A.M. (note the time change from our normal 9:00 a.m. worship time)

Worship will be led by the Joyful Journey band, with Todd Tetreault sitting in on keyboards! (Yes, we're hauling him out of retirement for this one! ☺)

After worship, we'll share a pot-luck picnic together! (yum.)

Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. (We'll try to have a few chairs on hand for those who can't bring their own, but those will be limited.) Bring voices tuned for worship, food to share if you're able... and a few friends and relatives would be nice, too!

# Trea\$urer's Report As of June 30, 2022

 Year-to-date Offerings:
 \$263,919.27

 Year-to-date Expenses:
 \$260,593.56

 Year-to-date Budget:
 \$289,430.96

# This month's "Love Your Neighbor" Tar will benefit: Missionary Support

June's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,915.16 for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center and \$2,180.00 for St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche in their efforts to recover after the hailstorm in June.

### ~~THANK YOU!~~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The members of St. James Lutheran Church wish to thank the congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for your heartfelt donation to our church following the hailstorm in June. We are deeply touched over your concern for us!

Our church and parsonage, as well as virtually every building in Belle Fourche, received extensive damage from that storm. We need a new roof on both buildings, and 16 windows on the church plus a couple on the parsonage need to be replaced. However, the blessing is that we still have a building in which we can worship, and we know the damage could have been much worse.

We cherish the connection our churches have had over the years. We were grateful when Pastor Sandness served as our Vice Pastor as we began a search for our new pastor. We are very thankful for the love and encouragement you gave to Kari Webb as she completed her studies and became our pastor.

It is times like this that we see the outpouring of love from our neighbors, whether they be next door or from a distance. Thanks again for your generous donation. May God bless you!

Sincerely,

St. James Lutheran Church Belle Fourche

### Dear Friends,

Summertime is a season for gathering at Family Reunions, Class Reunions, etc. At those gatherings we have a chance to see the big picture beyond our immediate households and remind each other of our collective past, present, and future. We are grateful to be able to do the same thing in our family of faith! The mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish is strengthened by the connection we have with the wider church outside our walls.

There are countless ways to be involved in the larger church through our Bear Butte Conference, through the SD Synod ELCA, and through Churchwide ELCA by serving on committees, attending events, participating in mission projects, and broadening our awareness of mission and ministry of the whole church. Together our reach is far beyond our individual churches, impacting people in our neighborhoods and around the world.

A few months ago, I accepted the invitation to serve on the SD Synod Candidacy Committee to complete the term of a fellow deacon who was needed in another capacity. This committee accompanies and interviews candidates who are preparing for rostered service as Ministers of Word and Sacrament (pastors) and Ministers of Word and Service (deacons). The process is intense and thorough. Meeting these people who have heard and answered a call to serve is uplifting. They come from all walks of life and various age groups with particular gifts to share with the whole church. They are inspiring and enthusiastic in pursuit of their goal. Each one follows a path to ministry that is carefully prescribed to assure they are prepared and equipped to serve. They work their way through three steps of Entrance, Endorsement, and Approval. Be assured that your church, God's church, is alive and well and active, following God's mission to carry the gospel far and wide and to meet the needs of God's people at every juncture. I'm grateful to serve on this committee and thank you for allowing me to do so. We meet quarterly and are kept informed between meetings with information electronically and confidentially shared.

I encourage you to pay attention to the SD Synod website and Facebook page to envision how YOU might become personally involved in the wider church and serve in a way that uses your God-given gifts. Know that as a congregation we are always aware of our responsibility beyond the walls of this place to participate in God's mission.

~ Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

### Mark your calendar now for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 11!



Members and friends of Our Savior's Lutheran will have the opportunity to participate in a service activity that day. Watch upcoming worship bulletins and the September newsletter for specific information!

# Friendship Ministry Extending the love of Christ from Friend to Friend



Friendship Ministry involves one caring person confidentially coming alongside another person—being available to listen and support. They are present through visits, phone calls, conversations at church or at home. Relationships may only last a time or two or continue for weeks or months.

If you are looking for a friend who cares, a Friendship Minister will be there for you! Call Nancy Christopherson at 605-645-2723 or Deacon Laura at 605-642-3715 to request a visit or to get more information

# SPEARFISH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

July was OSLC month to serve as volunteers at the Spearfish Community Pantry. Andy Black and George Vansco, Pantry Board Members, want to thank the following volunteers for assisting with the distribution of food during the first two weeks of July; Myrna, Corrine, Janet, Cheryl, Del, Jen, Kyler, Lynn, John and Julia.

During our two weeks of service, our volunteers provided nutritional assistance to 164 families for a total of 411 people.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to those OSLC members who continue to donate food and funds to the Spearfish Community Pantry.

We also want to wish Andy Black safe travels in his move to Kentucky and welcome Corrine Muske as our new Spearfish Pantry board member.



### Food needs for August:

Saltine Crackers, Grape Jelly, All Cereals (much needed!), Canned Fruit, Au Gratin/Scalloped Potatoes, Cookies, Canned Vegetables



Festival in the Park has melted into history. Despite temps in the 90's I am happy with our efforts at the Park.

None of that success would be possible and thereby our giving

to various organizations possible without the assistance of our church family. It takes a congregation.

Kris and Scott Stewart and their outstanding "crew" put forth 107 pies Thursday at the church. WOW! I believe I heard Scott say "it was a lot of fun." My appreciation to all of them is without measure. THANK YOU.

Our circle of home bakers stepped up also. A total of 45 tins of deliciousness were delivered to the church or park. The pie booth wouldn't happen without you. THANK YOU.

I have to applaud all the men and women who helped serve at the park. It was HOT! One of my favorite parts of the pie booth is meeting new people. Some are new members of the church and others are members I haven't met or worked with yet. THANK YOU.

Last but not least are the Tuesday Fix It Guys who continue to make our ideas a reality. I LOVE the ice cream scoop holders and the second pie rack dolly. Those make us more efficient. They brought a ladder and their power tools to help us load up, set up and tear down, and store everything needed to create our pie booth. THANK YOU.

A personal note - I made it through the weekend without heat exhaustion with a little help from my friends that kept a close eye on me. THANK YOU!

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." Marcel Proust, REMEMBERANCE OF THINGS PAST

~ Aly Scheurenbrand



# 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.

### **DVDs of Worship Available**



Sunday morning worship service is available on DVD. If you would like a DVD and worship bulletin delivered to you occasionally or on a weekly basis, please call the church office at 642-3715.



If you registered, you should have recently received the information about your new Secret Sister in the mail! Please remember your Secret Sister daily in prayer, and send her a note or a card in August!



#### Come BE PART of all the FUN!!!

High School Youth 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> graders - our primary way of communicating is through the Remind App. If you haven't already joined text @oslcy to the number 81010 Then starting in September you will begin to receive messages about our weekly gatherings and the events we do throughout the year.

### New small group ...

Introducing the SonShine Squad at OSLC. The purpose of this group will be to make little crafts, goodies, cards, etc. and deliver them to our homebound folks at nursing homes, assisted living, and home. Remember the isolation and loneliness we felt during the Covid months when we were shut in? Let's spread a little of his sunshine and blessings to these folks and show them we are thinking of them, care for them, and perhaps even ease a little of their loneliness.

Join us for the *SonShine Squad* meeting on Monday, August 15, at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room. Please call the church office in advance at 605-642-3715 if you plan to come!

A BIG thank you to Lorene Cavigielli and the Son Shine Squad of First United Methodist Church in Huron, SD for sharing their idea and their name with us.

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#### **Baptisms**

June 26 Iver Thomas Murphy, son of Alison Murphy & Steven Henderson

July 12 Brady Nelson Pierce, son of Melvin & Connie Pierce

**July 17 Wesley Jayde Zimmerman**, daughter of Tyler and Kari Zimmerman

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# Women ELCA



### **WELCA Calendar**

Aug. Kitchen Duty Esther Circle
Aug. 3, 9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting
Sept. 7, 9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting
Sept. 8, 12:00 PM Salad Luncheon w/General

Meeting and Election of Officers

Sept. 9 & 10 WELCA Fall Retreat @ Outlaw Ranch

# Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle

No Meeting until September

**Esther Circle** 

No Meeting until September

**Ruth Circle** 

August 18, 10:00 AM

Leader: Lori Deibert

Hostesses: Barb Gauger & Roberta Koehler

### RUTH CIRCLE INVITES YOU TO:

- 1. Check out a "backpack" in the Fellowship Hall.
- 2. Fill a "backpack" with school supplies listed on it.
- 3. Check in the returned "backpack" by **Aug. 15** at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

Lutheran World Relief school bags are sent where the need is the greatest all over the world. In some places children must have supplies to attend school.



#### The backpacks should include:

4 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (8" x 10 ½", no loose-leaf paper); 1 blunt scissors; 1, 12-inch/metric ruler (30 centimeters on one side &

inches on other); 1 pencil sharpener; 5 unsharpened pencils with erasers (#2);

5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band; 1 2 ½ inch eraser;

1 box of crayons (16 or 24 crayons)

Place all items in "backpack". All bags should be returned no later than **August 15.** 

### Children & Family Ministries for August 2022

# KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE Wednesday, August 17 at 5:45 pm at the church, in the lower level.

For many children, kindergarten is the first time they are away from their parents or a special caregiver all day. Come help us mark this Milestone with a special Pizza Party before school starts. We share a meal, create a craft, and learn some special ways to connect with each other at the end of our separate days.





#### **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**

Celebrate the start of an amazing school year by receiving a special back-to-school blessing! We invite all students, preschool thru twelfth grade, to bring their backpack or school bag to worship on **Sunday August 21**, at 9:00 am. We will bless our students and have blessing tags for everyone!

#### **IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER**

September 11, RALLY DAY for Sunday school! September 14, RALLY DAY for Wednesday school! September 18—First day of Sunday school

September 21—First day of Wednesday school

#### **MILESTONE MINISTRIES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**

We celebrate these important faith markers with children and their families each season. Here is a great definition of Milestone Ministry: "Milestones Ministry provides a faith milestone as a marker along life's journey that says, "This is something important, and God is here, too." It is a faith formation practice for both home and congregation that helps all generations recognize God's presence in everyday life". (https://milestonesministry.org/milestones/) Families should receive an email, letter or postcard with more details provided.

# Be sure to check future newsletters, our website, and the Faith Builders @ OSLC Facebook group page for more info!

Age or Grade	Milestone	Family Event	Worship Event Date	
Anytime	Baptism	Meet with Pastor	Selected with Pastor	
Newborn—3 yr. old	Cradle Roll	Monthly "SPLASH" newsletter	Mailed to home	
3 Years old		Sun. 8/28/2 <mark>2 @ 1</mark> 0:15am	September 18, 2022	
(by Sept 1)	Beginning Sunday school	"Sunday Sch <mark>ool is</mark> Cool!"	Spark Story Bible	
Kindergarten	Fata da a Maria de la constanta de la constant	Wed. 8/17/22 @ 5:45pm	8/21/22-Back to School	
	Entering Kindergarten	Pizza party/Backpack Clip	Blessing (all grades)	
First Grade	Advent	Sun. 11/13/22 @ 1:00	December 4, 2022	
		Advent Wreath Building		
Second Grade	The Lord's Prayer	Sun. 2/12/23 @ 9:45	March 5, 2023	
		"Teach Me to Pray"		
Third Grade	Connect Bible	Sun. 9/18/22 @ 9:45 w/P. Stephan	September 18, 2022	
		Walk thru the Bible Class	Blessing our Bibles	
Fourth Grade	Apostles' Creed	Sun. 11/6/22 @ 9:45	November 13, 2022	
		Intro to the Creed		
Fifth Grade	First Communion	Sun. 9/18/22 @ 1:00pm &	October 9, 2022	
		Sun. 9/25/22 @ 1:00pm		
Sixth Grade	Moving into	Sun. 4/30/22 @ 9:45am	April 20, 2022	
	Confirmation	Celebration Sunday	April 30, 2023	
Eighth Grade	Affirmation of Baptism	Sun. 5/7/23	May 7, 2023	
		Cross Pen <mark>dent</mark>		
Twelfth Grade	Conduction	Sun. 5/14 <mark>/23</mark>	May 14, 2023	
	Graduation	Quilt & Towel		

# High School Youth Group Sky Ranch, Colorado































John and Karleen
Dagit are celebrating
their 50th wedding
anniversary. The
couple met on a blind
date in 1969 and
were engaged less
than 2 years later.
They were married
August 19, 1972 at

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Slater, IA.

Celebrate with the couple at an open house in their honor on Sunday, August 14, 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish. No gifts please; your presence is enough.

Cards may be mailed to 20571 Maitland, Lead, SD 57754.



#### **Outlaw Ranch Volksmarch**

Outlaw Ranch, along with the Black Hills Volkssport Club, is sponsoring a volksmarch at Outlaw Ranch east of Custer on Saturday, September 3. Start time will be from 8:30 until 11:30 with finish by 2:30. There are two distances of 5k (3.1 miles) and 10k (6.2 miles). All walkers will be required to pay a \$3 registration fee. The new trails have been improved over the last year and this walk gives walkers a chance to see more of Outlaw's property. For more information you can contact Pastor Duane Neugebauer at 303-489-9313 or donman1948@gmail.com.

### Yarn Ministry Meets every Monday 1 – 3PM



Everyone is welcome!



Aug. 7 Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Aug. 14 Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29--12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Aug. 21 Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

Aug. 28 Proverbs 25:6-7 or Sirach 10:12-18 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Office Notes:

The Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed August 1 and 8.

\*\* The deadline for submission of items for the September newsletter is *Tuesday*, *August 23.* Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com.\*\* Our website contains the monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more...Check it out at:

www.oslcspearfish.com.

Has your address or phone number changed? Please let Julie know at 642-3715 or e-mail us at 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 is posted to our website. If you are interested, please send your email address to Julie at <a href="mailto:oslc@rushmore.com">oslc@rushmore.com</a> or call us at 642-3715. Thank you!

August 2022

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Joyful Journey Worship Team Practice prior to service 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Picnic Potluck at the Park	10:30 AM Senior Ministry 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry Good Shepherd Clinic – Closed 6:00 pm GSC Training	8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesdays 5:30 PM Mission Team	6:26 PM Wednesday Word	11 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilting	6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
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1020 State Street Spearfish, SD 57783

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Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries

Julie Lee, Office Manager Lisa Williams, Receptionist

Worship: Summer schedule

Sundays 9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

Live stream at 9:00 AM or watch later! Connect through our web site.

Wednesdays 6:26 pm Wednesday Word - Resumes August 10

Church Office located at 1020 State Street Church Phone Number: 605-642-3715

Kitchen/Quilting Phone Number: 605-722-0660

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

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