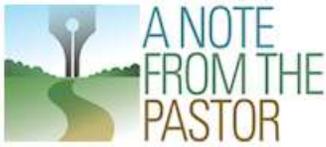


A Little Bit of Sunshine

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December 2022



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

Dear Friends,

It's been the pattern here, as in many congregations throughout the land, to take this time of year as an opportunity to talk about things financial, usually on the occasion of the dreaded "Stewardship" or "Consecration" Sunday. While well-intentioned, I've always felt a little hinky about the whole deal. Here's why:

"Stewardship" is often a dirty word among church folk. Upon hearing the word uttered, particularly if uttered by clergy or Council Presidents or Board Chairs, folks grab for their wallets and hold on tight. Maybe that's because "stewardship" has become synonymous with "fund drive" and making the budget. The very notion of Christian stewardship has become soaked with feelings of obligation at best and guilt at worst. I wonder if it can be reclaimed.

In the Biblical story, from the very beginning God creates human beings as stewards (caretakers) of the created realm. *"God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." (Genesis 1:28)* Having "dominion" implies responsibility and care for. That responsibility and care is born of the fact that God made it... it belongs to God... and has been placed into our hands as a trust. It's the basic understanding of the life we have, all of it. Life is a gift. The world is a gift. What we have in and of ourselves is all gift from God's creative and generous hands. Out of gratitude, we take care of it. *That's* stewardship.

How we care for our congregation, for our community and for the world is a response to God's grace, plain and simple. Out of thanks for such gifts, we care for them. Thankful hearts are caring and generous hearts.

Who are the most generous persons you know? Think about them... who they are and how they approach life. To a person, my role-models for generosity have one thing in common: they exude gratitude! They're thankful... thankful for life, for love, and for opportunities to share their own. They don't act out of obligation or guilt. They just sense blessing, and they want to share it.

Understanding that generosity is born of gratitude, I've been thinking that perhaps gratitude is where I should begin (as pastor), and where the elected leadership of this congregation ought to begin as we head into a new year soon.

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On Sunday, November 13, the Church Council put forward a Mission Plan (budget) for 2023 that is in the neighborhood of 10% over the previous year's plan. While that might appear aggressive on its face, the bulk of the increase is simply an acknowledgement of inflation and increased costs.

The plan was passed unanimously by the congregation present at that meeting. That's worth repeating: *The plan was passed unanimously by the congregation present at that meeting.*

And *that's* why we're not asking anyone to fill out an "Intent of Giving" Card for this next year.

It might sound counter-intuitive, but it's really quite simple: The spirit of this place, of you people, has historically been to rise to the challenges put before us. We don't need your signature on a card. We need your enthusiasm and openness for where God is leading us in the new year. For the gift that is you, and for the partnership that we share, I am grateful... our leadership is grateful. Thank-You for that gift!

The Apostle Paul, in his first letter to the Thessalonians, encourages Christians to **"give thanks in all circumstances."** Lord knows, it's easier to give thanks in some circumstances than in others. It's easier to be grateful when everything's going great in our lives. It's easier to be generous when we're feeling flush. And yet, we know Paul was on to something. Being surprised by gratitude for blessings found even in the midst of the mess of some awful experience, some challenging difficulty or while going through some painful thing... it's powerful when it happens, and amazing that it actually does happen. But that is precisely where we discover grace all over again, and we can't help but share it.

In Gratitude for you,

Pastor Stephan Sandness



Christmas Eve Music Wanted

To enhance our Christmas Eve worship services, we would love to have four pieces of Special Music (one offering and up to three communion) at *each* of our worship services (1:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM and 10:00 PM). Please call the church office to sign up for a service or stop by and sign up on the sign-up sheet in the church office.



Advent greetings,

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.” ~ Jeremiah 23:5

The four weeks of the season of Advent are among my favorite in the church year. This time of waiting and preparation for the Christ child’s birth lead us to the celebration at Christmas.

In our American culture, Christmas preparations are certainly common in these weeks; but waiting is definitely counter-cultural. Instant gratification is the reality of our daily life. So this time of waiting takes intention and adjustment. I’m thinking especially about music. In worship, we sing Advent hymns during these four weeks—not Christmas music that we hear on the street or may be listening to at home starting the day after Thanksgiving. Some of our familiar Advent hymns are *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* and *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*. In the last years, *Joy to the World* was thankfully added to the list! Other hymns not so familiar that you may want to check out are *Wait for the Lord* and *All Earth is Hopeful*.

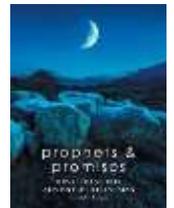
As Christians, during this season of Advent we also await Jesus’ coming again in majesty someday. The hymn *The King Shall Come* reflects that broad view. An edgier song that I particularly enjoy is *The Days Are Coming* by *Tangled Blue*. It reflects the prophetic verse from Jeremiah 23:5. Or listen to their version of an end-time Advent song which is also in our worship hymnal, *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending*. Both can be found on the Tangled Blue website.

<https://tangledblue.bandcamp.com/track/the-days-are-coming> and

<https://tangledblue.bandcamp.com/track/lo-he-comes-with-clouds-descending>



Be sure to pick up a copy of the Advent & Christmas devotional “*prophets & promises*” from the table in the Fellowship Hall for your family. Using this daily devotional provides our entire family of faith a chance to “gather together” in common Scripture and reflection each day. Read it as a family around an Advent wreath or in whatever setting that brings you together.



I wish you quiet reflection as well as moments of joy in your Advent waiting!

Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

Christmas Eve Ushers and Holy Communion Assistants



are needed for all four worship services: 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 10:00 pm. Please

sign up on the Faith & Care Board by the kitchen.

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)



Julefest

Scandinavian Christmas Festival & Bazaar

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- Fellowship Hall -

Saturday, December 3
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Public Invited!
Coffee & Pastries served all day!

Lefse, Smorgasbord, Yuletide Music, Homemade
Crafts & Baked Goods, Quilt Sales, Face Painting,
Antiques & Boutique, Silent Auction,
Local Artist Calendars,
Rosemåling Gift Booth
Scandinavian Gift Shop
by House of Scandinavia

*Public is encouraged to bring a can of
food for the Spearfish Food Pantry*



**Help provide a Christmas
gift for people in need.**

*Thank you for your support
of the annual OSLC Angel
Tree program since 1996!*

Gifts are needed this year for children in the Northern Hills, children and their mothers at the Artemis House shelter, Lutheran Campus Ministry at BHSU single moms and their children, and seniors in our church who may not have family nearby.

All Angel Tree gifts must be wrapped and returned to the church by 3 pm on December 12.

With grateful hearts ~ Mission Team

Music Ministry

Bell Choir Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

Senior Choir Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

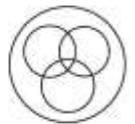
Interested in joining?

Please talk with Carissa Deming.

SonShine Squad

The SonShine Squad will be visiting our OSLC homebound in mid-December. We will bring them handmade cards, lap robes from the Yarn Ministry group and cookies from the Angel Tree. We invite you to join us in bringing some Christmas cheer to these special folks. If you are interested in please call or text Cheryl at 605-673-1334.

Friendship Ministry
Extending the love of Christ
from Friend to Friend



The Christmas holiday can be a bittersweet time for many due to loss of loved ones, financial worries, illness, broken or strained relationships, etc. It can also be a time of overwhelming expectations. Sometimes it helps to talk with someone. Friendship Ministers are members of our church who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people in our congregation and community. Please know that a Friendship Minister is available for you who will provide a listening ear with care that is confidential and free. To request a connection, please call Nancy Christopherson at 645-2723.

If you are interested in becoming a Friendship Minister, let us know! Training will be available in the new year.



I would like to thank the members of Our Savior's for your continued support of Sharing the Dream in Guatemala. OSLC held three successful sales in October, selling over \$4,700 worth of crafts made by Guatemalan artisans. In addition to the sales, we collected over \$1,694 in the Love Your Neighbor Jar. These funds will allow us to continue sponsoring two elders in Guatemala and, once again, offer a scholarship to our junior high student, Marta. We've sponsored Marta for the past three years and hope to continue this support through to her graduation. This year, we will also be able to cover the cost of Marta's tutoring sessions. Below is an update on how she is doing.

"The school year in Guatemala is winding down, and Marta has done well in school this year. She has been working hard on her bookkeeping homework, and oftentimes brings it to her tutoring sessions. Guatemalan Independence Day is in September, and the schools have lots of activities to celebrate. During the Independence Day celebration at school, Marta won the award for Student of the Year. We are very proud of the effort that she is putting in to her studies."

Thank you to the Sharing the Dream team for all your hard work in setting up and selling the many beautiful items. Thank you to Pastor Stephan and Deacon Laura for your continued support of this nonprofit. I especially want to thank the parishioners of Our Savior's for your generosity. This support benefits families in so many ways in poverty stricken Guatemala.

God bless you all for blessing the people of Guatemala with your continued support.

Pam Englund
Sharing the Dream in Guatemala

HELPING HANDS

The Leaping Lutherans will be serving dinner before service on January 4.



We seem to have diminished in numbers so would greatly appreciate a few helping hands. We will need to do a little kitchen work plus set up for dinner service. I believe if we started at 3pm and are ready to serve by 5:26pm plus cleanup we would be good.

LEAPING LUTHERANS is the cancer group at church. All proceeds from the dinner go to The American Cancer Society. Thank you!

Please contact: Aly Scheurenbrand
aly9257@icloud.com or 605-630-0186

The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar for the month of December will benefit Pine Ridge Heating Assistance.

October's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,694.17 for Sharing the Dream in Guatemala.

Spearfish Community Food Pantry needs for December

Oatmeal, Cheerios, Apple Juice, Chunky soups, Pork & Beans, Canned Vegetables, Grape Jelly, Ramen Noodles, Canned Chicken

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

November 6 Ridley Allen Turbiville, son of Trent & Sydney Turbiville

November 6 Graylee Layne Turbiville, daughter of Trent & Sydney Turbiville

Weddings

October 29 Becky Rost & Nicholas Silvernail



Senior Ministry



Christmas Party

Thursday, December 8
11:00 AM
OSLC Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a soup lunch, treat, and Christmas Program.

Join us and bring a friend!

~ Sponsored by Senior Ministry



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. Simply call the church office at 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.

Worship DVD and Bulletin Delivery



If you are homebound on Sunday mornings and would like to have a DVD and bulletin of the 8:30 AM worship, please let us know at 642-3715.

Confirmation

December 7: Class
14: Class
21: No Confirmation
28: No Confirmation

December Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship
Kenadi Hayford

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.

Scriptures

Dec. 4 Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 11 Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 18 Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 25 Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

DECEMBER 2022

Most of us are busy crafting, baking or looking for things to bring to the antique boutique. I know most of you are getting tired hearing about the Julefest by now. This is the main thing the women put together to earn money for good causes. I hope you are able to come join us on December 3. Much thought and hard work has been by so many.

When I think of Thanksgiving next week, I remember how Blessed I am when so many have very little. I am Thankful for the food I eat, shelter, clothing to keep me warm, but most of all I am Thankful for family and church friends.

The church looks so beautiful with all the lovely quilts draped over the pews. We are so lucky to have so many talented quilters involved in their making. We take count each year of how many are made and where the are put to good use. Many are not aware that our quilters make more quilts to give than most churches in our Bear Butte Conference. Great work ladies.

Zonta's 31st Annual Festival of Trees, "A Sparkling Winter Fantasy" is Nov. 30 - Dec. 3. Zonta invites you to the Spearfish Park Pavilion to enjoy this year's festivities. Please stop by and see Our Savior's Lutheran's tree, decorated by Diana Rommen.

Please remember your Secret Sister and we hope to see many of you December 3 at Julefest.

I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you 3 John 1:2

Next meeting: December 7
Kitchen Duty: Deborah Circle

Blessings

Mary Goddard, President

WELCA Calendar

Dec. Kitchen Duty	Deborah Circle
December 3	Julefest
Dec. 7 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting

Circle Meetings

<p><u>Deborah Circle</u> December 12, 11:00 AM Lunch @ Lucky 13's</p>
<p><u>Esther Circle</u> December 8, 1:00 PM Will meet right after the Senior Ministry Party</p>
<p><u>Ruth Circle</u> December 15, 10:00 AM Leader: Mary Ellen Lantis Hostess: Mary Ellen Lantis @ Church</p>



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



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!



New Members
**At Our Savior's
Lutheran Church**

CHUCK & BARB AMAN
1409 Gateway Court
Spearfish, SD 57783

KEVIN & ALEX BOY AND FAMILY
1118 Black Hills Lane
Spearfish, SD 57783

TOM & BECKY DESMARAIS AND FAMILY
20417 Canyon Springs Ln.
Whitewood, SD 57793

SHAWN & KATIE DONAHEY AND FAMILY
18496 Knutson Road
Newell, SD 57760

BONNIE GEIER
11480 Fogelsong Road
St. Onge, SD 57779

KERRI KINZELL
1497 Otter Road
Sturgis, SD 57785

ANNE & ISAIAH MILLER AND FAMILY
110 Vermont Street, Spearfish, SD 57783

DAN & DONNA MORGAN
1106 N. 10th St., Apt. 14
Spearfish, SD 57783

CLARK & AUDREY MORTENSEN
8106 Luke Ct.
Spearfish, SD 57783

DON & MARSHA RUSCH
19269 Hat Ranch Drive
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

SHAUN & ASHLEY SKAVANG AND FAMILY
1917 Branding Iron Drive
Spearfish, SD 57783

TYLER (ZOOM) ZIMMERMAN
P.O. Box 1333
Spearfish, SD 57783

Crispy Roasted Rosemary Sweet Potatoes



Ingredients

- 3 Tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed dried rosemary, or 1/2 tsp. fresh
- 3 lbs. 3-4 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced thinly
- 1 shallot, peeled and sliced thinly
- Kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper, to taste

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Combine melted butter, oil and crushed rosemary in a small bowl. Pour 2 tablespoons of butter-oil mixture in the bottom of a 2-quart baking dish. Arrange potato slices vertically in the dish. Add a sliver of shallot between every few slices of potato. Brush top with remaining butter-oil mixture. Season generously with salt and pepper.
3. Cover dish with foil and roast for 1 hour, covered, until potatoes are tender (If your potato slices are thicker, you may need to increase cooking time). Increase oven heat to 450 degrees F. Remove foil and roast another 10-15 minutes, until tops of potatoes are browned and crisp.
4. Enjoy!

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, AT 10:45

We cordially invite everyone to enjoy the Children's Christmas Program. Our kids and teachers have been practicing the program over the last few weeks and are excited to present for you!

Please come and let them share the story of Jesus' birth as only children can do!



SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 18 PROGRAM NEWS FOR FAMILIES

Practice Times: SUNDAY Dec 4 & Dec 11—during Sunday school.

SATURDAY DEC 17 AT 1:00P.M. – In the sanctuary.

I will work hard to keep it as close to 90 minutes as possible!

Sunday December 18 during the 10:45 worship service. Please be here by 9:30. Go right downstairs to get your costumes on. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 SHARP for a quick run through.

MILESTONE MINISTRIES



FIRST GRADE MILESTONE: *Sunday December 4*

The First Grade class will receive a "The Birth of Jesus" story cube as a gift from our Senior Choir during either worship service.

KIDZONE NEWS

KidZone Kids are up & running and learning about "Helping Hungry People"! Each month the kids will learn different ways we can all help those in need to be FED in our local community, state, country and around the world! **OFFERING REMINDER:** Please bring a *small monetary offering* for the offering on December 7. We will send it to Lutheran World Relief to help hungry people around the world.



We will not have Sunday school on December 25 and January 1. Sunday school will resume on January 8.

We will not have Wednesday school on December 21, 28, and January 4. Wednesday school will resume on January 11.

*Merry Christmas wishes to you all, dear church family!
Thank you so much for your continued prayers, well wishes, and donations for the Children Ministries programs.*

HOPE, JOY & PEACE,
~Miss Beth

Romans 15:13 NIV

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit



Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, November 13, 2022 – 9:45 AM

Meeting Location: Fellowship Hall

**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:** The meeting was called to order by Andy Binder at 9:50 AM. Eighty-five OSLC members were in attendance.
2. **Devotions:** Pastor Stephan opened the meeting with a prayer fitting to our times.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 18, 2022, Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** Mike Overby moved to approve the minutes; Marc Stacey seconded; motion carried.
4. **Endowment Committee Report:** Lennis Larson shared information about the Endowment Fund, which was established to enhance the work of Our Savior's by funding challenges and opportunities not covered by the annual budget. As of September 30, 2022, Our Savior's has endowments with: ELCA Pooled Investment - \$100,521.30, Thrivent's InFaith - \$75,815.42, and Endowment Scholarship Fund Savings Account at First Interstate Bank - \$18,471.22. The Endowment Fund provides OSLC students who attend Lutheran colleges with a scholarship. Gabe Knudson and Amelia Klug each received a \$1,000 scholarship to attend Augustana this year. Lennis reminded the congregation, they should consider the OSLC Endowment Fund in their special gift giving.
5. **Updated Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel reported that we have not reached our Annual Budget goal of \$578,862 this year, but our actual income has been more than our actual expenses to put us \$1,628 ahead to date, so we are in a good position going into the final two months of the year. We have assets of \$80,657.31 in a CD, and we have a healthy Endowment Fund.
6. **Vote on the Proposed 2023 Budget:** David Pummel showed the congregation the history of the budgets for OSLC, and each budget increase had aligned with the inflation percentage of that year. Following that historical view, the budget for 2023 was created at a 10.36% increase. Notable changes from the 2022 budget to the 2023 budget are an 8% increase in all staff compensation, benefits added to Office Assistant's compensation, the hiring of Nursery Attendants during services, and a 30% increase in snow removal costs. The Council felt that since we have a good financial situation, this is a good budget proposal. Helen Merriman moved to approve the 2023 budget proposal; Mike Konstant seconded; motion carried.
7. **Election of Nominating Committee:** Three people from the congregation volunteered to be on the nominating committee: Mike Overby, Pam Englund, and Sara Miles. Two people from the Church Council will complete the nominating committee following the December Council Meeting.
8. **Property Improvement Updates:** Pastor Stephan shared updates that are completed or ongoing. The new AC unit for the sanctuary was installed in the Spring. The Fix-It group worked outside the building to remove overgrown plants and will continue with landscaping in 2023. The Living Room will need improvements in the future.
9. **Adjourn and Closing Prayer:** Andy Binder adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM, and Pastor Stephan closed the meeting with a prayer expressing the idea that "We should not be weary in doing what is right" and asked that God be with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Koppinger

Office Notes:

Our Savior's Church Office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Mondays, December 26 and January 2 for the holidays.

The deadline for submission of items for the January newsletter is **Tuesday, December 20**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com

Did you know... Our website contains the weekly worship bulletins, monthly newsletter, monthly calendar and much more... Check it out at: www.oslcspearfish.com.

Has your address or phone number changed? Please let us know at 642-3715 or e-mail Julie 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's posted to our website. If you are interested, please send your email address to Julie at oslc@rushmore.com or call her at 642-3715. Thank you!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

November 10, 2021 6:30pm ~ Conference Room

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Andy Binder at 6:38 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Andy Binder, Nichole Braithwait, Christopher Egerdahl, Deming Haugland, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Christina Miles, Mat Ornelas, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
- 2. Devotions:** Deming Haugland shared a devotion based on gratitude. He asked us to think about how often we ask "please" in our prayers compared to how often we say "thank you." He said we could often flip our view around. Instead of asking God to "please" help us, we could say "thank you" to God for the value of the problems we face.
- 3. Approve Agenda:** Christina Miles moved to approve the agenda; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
- 4. Approval of the October Council Minutes:** David Pummel moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting; Nichole Braithwait seconded; motion carried.
- 5. Approval of the October Treasurer's Reports:** David Pummel said OSLC is \$2,200 ahead of where we were last year at this time. He also stated that our expenses are somewhat ahead, but we are still in a good spot going forward to the end of the year. Pastor Stephan shared that Lisa needs a new computer, and rather than wait until next year, we could use the Thrivent Choice Dollars we have to buy it. The Council agreed to order the computer now. Mat Ornelas moved to approve the October treasurer's report; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
- 6. Ministerial Staff Reports:**

Pastor Stephan Sandness served as Chaplin for a First Call Retreat for pastors who are in their first three years of service. About two dozen pastors and the bishop were there. He also talked about the Listen/Learn/Care discussion at the South Canyon Church. Participants learned about the work of the Synod: how the leaders listened and then developed the path forward, naming it Journeying Together in Christ. Wedding season has ended for 2022. He shared that OSLC had more baptisms than funerals this year. The last two months of the year will be very busy for the church staff with special events and high holy days. Advent devotionals have been ordered.

Deacon Laura Campbell reflected on how November leads her to feel so grateful. Her book study group is reading Grateful by Diana Butler Bass and discussing the topic together. Twelve new families will be received in worship services on November 13 after sharing a meal together as a group with their sponsors on the evening of November 10. The prayer and healing service on October 26 was well attended. Nick and Abi Case sang the names of the countries of the world, with the congregational

response "Peace be yours" after each grouping. The effect was humbling and beautiful. The Gather Women's Evening Bible Study and three WELCA groups are finishing up "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith" three-lesson study.

7. Committee Reports:

Education: Halloween Trunk or Treat had 13 trunks and about 100 kids. Sunday and Wednesday school are preparing the Christmas program "Heaven and Nature Sing" on December 18 at the 10:45 service. Cradle Roll has added two families to the expecting list. KidZone has 24 kids registered. The 4th Graders will lead the Apostles' Creed on November 20, and the 1st Graders will make Advent wreaths and receive Bible cubes. Adult education has several groups for discussion and fellowship. Confirmation has 35 students and 4 leaders.

Mission Team will be supporting two missionaries in 2023: one in Cameroon and one in Nicaragua. Our Wednesday Meal raised \$156, which will go toward some Spearfish school children's lunch accounts if they have fallen behind. The Angel Tree collections will begin with gift cards for Pine Ridge children. Donations for the gift cards will be collected on November 13 and 20th. Any amount can be donated, but the cards will be purchased as \$25 gift cards. The Angel Tree itself will have its angels available on November 27 and December 4.

Senior Ministry is planning a Christmas party for December 8.

Property: The overgrown bushes in front of the church have been pulled out, thanks to Jim Benning. The Fix-It group, an energetic group who meet on Tuesday mornings to look for things that need to be done; they find problems that need to be fixed before anyone else knows there's a problem. Pastor Stephan praised their service to OSLC.

8. 2023 Financial Budget: The budget has been approved by the council and be presented to the congregation at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation on November 13 for their approval.

9. Adjourn: Before the meeting was adjourned, the council members shared "What's on Top." Most shared about themselves/children/grandchildren in sports, getting engaged, getting jobs, starting a business, being grateful, and travels. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM, ending with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be December 13, 2022, and Nichole Braithwait will share devotions.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Koppinger

Treasurer's Report

As of October 31, 2022

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$437,282.98
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$436,708.51
Year-to-date Budget	489,806.24

December Faith & Care Group (#9)

David & Kay Arnio
Wes & Cathy Buckmaster
Clarence Eisenbeisz
Neil & Lori Engle
T.J. & Julie Ewing
Dan & Laura Fuxa
Troy & Jacque Hight
Peg Holmquest
Gary Hunt
Shad & Danielle Hunt
John & Kate Kelley

Karson & Ellie Klein
Barb Manke
Joel & Tammi Martin
Raenae & Josh Martin
Doris Martinson
Paul & Barb Mayer
Clint & Deb Meyer
Ila Miller
Corrine Muske
Greg & Kim Olien
Chris & Lindsay Olson

Leroy Pawlowski, Jr.
Chad & Alicia Porsch
Nancy Prasek
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Cheryl & Bob Shinabarger
Matt & Deb Simpson
Pam & Tom Tyma
Jason & Renae Tysdal
Dave & Del Wientjes
Linda Williams



This group will receive an email link to SignUp Genius where you can volunteer for the days and times that work best for you to serve as Welcome Center Host, Usher, Communion Assistant, Snack Provider, and Coffee Server.

Anyone (outside of this group) is also welcome to sign up if you wish! Email sommerlyn.mortensen@gmail.com that you want to receive the link.

Welcome Center Hosts (2):

Arrive 30 minutes before the service begins. Stand by the Welcome Centers (one on each side). Warmly greet each group as they arrive.

Ushers (2):

Arrive 30 minutes before the service begins. Stand by counters by the glass doors of the Sanctuary (one on each side). Welcome each family group or individual as they enter, hand them a bulletin, and assist them to find a seat if necessary. Count all heads in the room and record the number on the chart at the counter. At the time of communion, begin at the **front** and release one row at a time. If there are people in the Southeast section, start them first. Be the last to go up for communion.

Communion assistants (2):

During the Offering, go to the Sacristy behind the altar and wash your hands with soap and water. Pick up a cup for wine. Then come out and stand by the bell cabinet during the Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer. Pastor will serve you communion. He will then give you a tray of bread (wafers). There are also gluten free wafers in small containers on the rail. Follow the pastor's lead to move to the front of the rail. As each person comes to you, place a wafer on their open hand (without touching the person) saying, "The body of Christ, given for you." If the person asks for gluten free, give them one of the bread containers from the rail. Upon finishing, hand the tray back to the pastor.

Snack providers (4):

Bring 6 dozen cookies or bars to the church kitchen by 8 am on Sunday morning (or on Friday by 3 pm prior to your Sunday).

Coffee Servers (2):

Check in with the Kitchen Coordinator (Pam Englund) by 8:15 am to familiarize yourself with the kitchen and to get instructions. She will have coffee and lemonade prepared. Keep the cookie trays in the kitchen until right before serving. Return to the kitchen after communion. Put cookie trays and coffee urns on the serving table. Be ready to serve at 9:30 am. Serve coffee as people come through the line. Near the end of coffee hour, assist the Kitchen Coordinator with cleanup as instructed—putting things away, washing dishes, wiping down tables/chairs.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice	6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	8:00 AM Men's Fellowship 
8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service	1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic	8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm	9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 1:00 PM KidZone 5:15 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	11:00 AM Senior Ministry Christmas Party 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle	6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	
1st Grade Bible Cubes Angel Tree Tags	Pastor's Day Off				Deacon's Day Off	
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	Angel Tree Gifts Due Pastor's Day Off		Angel Tree Gift Delivery		Deacon's Day Off Newsletter Items Due	
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	Pastor's Day Off				Deacon's Day Off	
9:00 AM Worship Service A Service of Lesson & Carols  Merry Christmas!	Office Closed Good Shepherd Clinic Closed	8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study	10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service No Wednesday Evening Activities		6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	
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Worship: Sundays 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
10:45 am Joyful Journey Worship Service
Live stream at 8:30 am or watch later! Connect through our web site.
Wednesday 5:16 pm Wednesday Supper
6:26 pm Wednesday Word

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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.*