

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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December 2023



Dear Friends,

Welcome to December, and the season of Advent! We observe the season during these four weeks leading up to Christmas as a time to consider what waiting looks like, feels like, aims toward. It's a pretty counter-cultural discipline, as the rest of the culture has already jumped headlong into something called the "Christmas Season." Advent encourages us to wait in contemplation and prayer for something to appear, for God's love to be made manifest in a world that most certainly needs it. A post-Thanksgiving "Christmas Season" is more of a count-down furtively rushing for a terminus... for something to be over and put out on the curb or returned to the store come December 26.

Don't get me wrong... I really do love so much of December's Christmas vibe. There's nothing wrong with spending some energy celebrating friends and family, thinking about the wants and needs of others, scheming surprises and bringing some light into the darkest time of the year.

But... but... there's also something to be said for honestly accepting the darkness as a present reality (and by darkness, I don't simply mean the shortness of sunshine.) Such honesty can build a real anticipation and hunger for that which truly brings light and a warming.

We sang a hymn here at OSLC in worship on the first Sunday of Advent this year called "Lost in the Night." It's a very minor key Advent-y hymn that we haven't sung much before here at Our Savior's. I've always liked it for its intense honesty:

"Lost in the night do the people yet languish; longing for morning, the darkness to vanquish; plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish; will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?"

It's based on an old Finnish tune (we have plenty of old Finns around here☺) but the words were translated into English by a Norwegian named Olav Lee.

Now here's an interesting aside about Olav Lee: He emigrated to the U.S. in 1876, enrolled at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1878, graduating from there in 1883 (103 years before I did the same.) He went to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota (where I studied), graduating from there and becoming an ordained Lutheran pastor in 1886 (104 years before I did the same.) And get this... he served Trinity Lutheran Church in Hayfield, Minnesota about 85 years before I did the same. Crazy!

He went on to be a professor at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, while I went on to serve Our Savior's Lutheran in Spearfish. I think I got the better deal, there:-)

"Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow? Shall those who have light, no light let us borrow, giving no heed to our burden of sorrow. Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?"

Anyway, Olav Lee translated this hymn at the request of F. Melius Christiansen, the choir director at St. Olaf College at the time. Weston Noble, who was Director of the Luther College Nordic Choir for over fifty years, used Christiansen's arrangement often, and I first heard it while I was a student at Luther. It's a hauntingly beautiful hymn expressing that Advent longing for God's revealing in the midst of a troubled world.

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"Sorrowing wand'rers, in darkness yet dwelling, dawned has the day of a radiance excelling, death's deepest shadows forever dispelling. Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!"

I guess what strikes me is not only how Olav Lee's journey foreshadowed so much of my own, but really how over the last century this hymn expresses a longing that has not abated one single bit. In other words... ain't nothin' changed. We know in our gut and in our soul that there's yet plenty of lostness and darkness surrounding our sojourn through this life. Though so much of the modern world would be unrecognizable and incomprehensible to Olav Lee, this fundamental longing for God's immediate, healing presence abides still. And yet...

"Light o'er the land of the needy is beaming; rivers of life through its deserts are streaming, bringing all people a Savior redeeming. Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!"

His words express our longing. And so, we look forward...

Pastor Stephan Sandness



**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

**1:30 PM
3:30 PM
5:30 PM
10:00 PM**

The image shows a black rectangular graphic. On the left, there is a photograph of several lit candles in holders, with a small evergreen branch in front of them. To the right of the photo, the text 'CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES' is written in a large, white, serif font. Below this, the service times '1:30 PM', '3:30 PM', '5:30 PM', and '10:00 PM' are listed in the same font.

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.



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.

The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar for the month of December

will benefit
Spearfish Ministerial Association and
Missionary Support.

October's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$2,100.00 for Sharing the Dream in Guatemala.

∞ Pastoral Acts ∞

Baptisms

November 19	Liam James Case , son of Nick & Abi Case
November 19	Haley Jo Heubrock , daughter of Jamie & Marci Heubrock
November 19	Jonathan Tyler Heubrock , son of Jamie & Marci Heubrock

Funerals

November 3	Ella Schloe , Spearfish, SD
November 18	Daniel "Pop" Adams , Spearfish, SD

Advent greetings,

As we begin this season of our church year leading up to Christmas, I once again try to focus on the One for whom we wait and prepare. Daily devotions and prayer by my advent wreath are important disciplines for me every year at this time. I'm grateful to once again use the same devotional booklet as your family. If you haven't yet picked up your copy, they are available on a table in the Fellowship Hall. The title is "come, emmanuel"—a reminder that we await the entrance of "God with us." I do truly mean that I once again "try to focus," because all the delights of the season bombard us; it's easy to get distracted. They are all things that I want to do! Community events, congregational celebrations, family/friends/neighbor gatherings, to-do-lists, shopping, wrapping, baking, caroling, etc. It can be hard to focus!

My desire this year is especially for a season of "simplicity, gratitude, and daily quiet time—in nature if possible." As I was thinking about that this morning, a hymn came to my mind—a song not in the Advent or Christmas section of our hymnal. *What Wondrous Love is This* is a North American folk hymn not generally used this time of year. But it speaks to me of the breathtaking *WONDER* of the truth of Christmas—the miracle of "God with us, Emmanuel." What wondrous love, indeed.

I wish you quiet reflection as well as moments of overwhelming joy in your Advent waiting!
Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

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)



Adult Enrichment Opportunities



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

- Thursday Lunch at The Living Room
- Women's Circle Bible Studies--Ruth, Deborah, and Esther
- Men's Fellowship
- *Two on Tuesdays* Women's Bible study
- *Young Adults' Bible Study*
- Sunday morning *Adult Forum* or *Class*

Please check the church calendar and website for gathering dates/times/places!

If you would like to begin a new group, Deacon Laura will be happy to get you started. Contact her at oslc1@rushmore.com or 642-3715.

Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival & Bazaar



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- Fellowship Hall -**

**Saturday, December 2
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Public Invited!
Coffee & Pastries served all day!

Lefse, Smorgasbord, Yuletide Music, NEW OSLC Cookbook, 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



NEW MEMBERS **At Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

*Elliot & Bailey Carmany
Justin & Amanda Moser & Family
(Gwenyth) Gwen Pickett
Linda Sadagere*



**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 11.***

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.

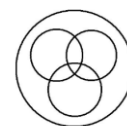
The Journey Continues...

Join us on Sundays, December 3 and 10 between services for "**Animate ~ Bible**" video presentations and discussions. Meet at 9:45 am in the Conference Room.

SonShine Squad

The SonShine Squad will meet in the church library on Monday, December 4 at 9:00 am. We will be making a small craft to take to our home bound folks when we visit them in December. We will also be making some plans for 2024. We invite you to join us either in making the crafts, our visits or both.

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.

Spearfish Community Food Pantry needs for December

Ramen Noodles, Pasta (spaghetti, elbow macaroni, noodles), Oatmeal, Canned Fruits, Pork & Beans, Jams or Jellies



Senior Ministry



Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 12
11:00 AM
OSLC Fellowship Hall

*Please join us for a
soup/sandwich lunch, treats,
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 605-642-3715.

Confirmation

December 6: Class
13: Class
20: No Confirmation
27: No Confirmation

December Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Kimber Baker, Colten Baker

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Haley Heubrock, Bridget Smoot

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.

DECEMBER 2023

Board meeting was held Nov 1, with ten members present. Devotions were given by Loretta on patience and perseverance from Hebrews. Minutes read and approved along with the Treasurer's report.

T & W Appliance was able to fix the refrigerator in the conference room and we appreciate the gift of free labor.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on prep for the upcoming Julefest. Lynn and A.J. have put so much energy into keeping all the reports and records in order that it makes it look like a breeze to run. We all know THAT IS NOT TRUE. There are sign-up sheets posted and we ask for your help. If you are planning to clean out some items you feel you don't need, think of the Antique boutique. Karol would love to take them off your hands. If you are a baker, canner, or crafter we could use your items as well. But most of all please come and join in the fun.

Thank you Helen for the WELCA Temple Talk last Sunday. To me WELCA is a group of somewhat quiet women mighty enough to accomplish whatever they set their hearts and minds to do. I am very proud to be a part of these Christian ladies.

Please remember your Secret Sister.

Hope everyone had a very Blessed Thanksgiving.

Next Meeting –December 6
Kitchen Duty – Esther Circle

On a personal note: Thank You for your prayers for Miranda.

Blessings

Mary Goddard, President

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle

December 11, 10:30 AM
Lunch @ Lucky 13's

Esther Circle

December 14, 1:00 PM
Potluck Lunch

Ruth Circle

December 14, 10:00 AM
Leader: All
Hostess: Mary Ellen Lantis @ Church



WELCA cookbook: The new WELCA cookbook will go on sale during Julefest at a cost of \$20.00 per book. They will also be available between services during December. You may also text or call Janet Reindl, 605-440-0183 or Cheryl Wormstadt, 605-673-1334 to obtain copies. This is a wonderful book filled with great recipes by many of our OSLC cooks!



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



Come to Bethlehem

The Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 17, at 10:45am

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



Christmas program PRACTICE schedule



SUNDAY Dec 3 & Dec 10—during Sunday school.

SATURDAY DEC 16 AT 1:00P.M. – In the sanctuary. We will keep it as close to 90 minutes as possible!

Sunday December 17 – Please be here by 9:30am. Kids should go right downstairs to get their costumes on. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 SHARP for a quick run through. Thank-you!

MILESTONE MINISTRIES



FIRST GRADE MILESTONE: ***Sunday December 3***

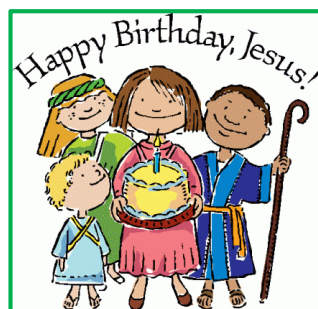
The First-Grade class will receive a "The Birth of Jesus" story cube as a gift from our Senior Choir during either worship service.

Dear Families,

We will not have Sunday school on December 24 or 31. *Sunday school will resume on January 7.*
We will not have Wednesday school on December 20, or 27. *Wednesday school will resume on January 3.* Please enjoy this holiday time with your families and remember to pray for and thank the volunteers of our children's ministry programs.

Dear Church Family,

May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. ~Miss Beth



Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, November 12, 2023 – 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-seven OSLC members attended.
2. **Devotions:** Deacon Laura opened the meeting with a fitting prayer.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 23, 2023, Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** Mike Steffen moved to approve the minutes; Lonnie Haugland 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 November 2023, Our Savior's endowments investments are: OSLC Scholarship Endowment Fund - \$58,872.26, OSLC Endowment Fund - \$49,709.889, Thrivent Fund - \$82, 930.98, and Interest Income Account at First Interstate Bank - \$19,884.69. The Endowment Fund also provides OSLC students who attend Lutheran colleges with a scholarship. OSLC has two scholarship recipients at Augustana College, Amelia Klug and Gabe Knudson. Each have received a \$1,000.00 scholarship with was matched by Augustana College. Lennis reminded the congregation, they should consider the OSLC Endowment Fund in their special gift giving.
5. **Updated Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel reported the following financial highlights:
 - General Fund
 - Budgeted Offerings/Expenses \$638,894
 - Through October \$532,411
 - Expenses through October \$485,992
 - Income through October \$465,731
 - –Year-to-date difference actual: -\$ 0,260
 - General Fund Assets
 - Cash & Cash Assets \$181,585
 - Debt \$0
 - CD with BHFCU \$81,880.61
 - Endowment Fund
 - Investments \$191,613.13
 - Cash (Money Market) \$19,884.69

Deming Hougland moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; Mike Steffen seconded; motion carried.
6. **Vote on the Proposed 2024 Budget:** David Pummel presented the congregation's history of budgets for the past four years. It was noted that each budget increase aligned with inflation for that given year. Following the review of historic budget increases, the proposed budget for 2024 was presented, showing a 2.89% increase from 2023. Notable changes include a 3.85% increase in most staff compensation, keeping in line with cost-of-living increases. Included in this proposed increase is a proposed 10.71% increase for the Children's Ministry Director. It was noted this position has been paid far below Synod recommendation. This proposed increase is intended to remedy the shortcoming and bring this position within Synod recommendations. Additional notable changes include an increase for the worship keyboardists from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per service and a 33% increase in property insurance expense. Jason Knudson moved to approve the 2024 budget proposal; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
7. **Election of Nominating Committee:** Three people from the congregation volunteered to be on the nominating committee: Larry Bakke, Pam Englund, and Mike Overby. Two people from the Church Council, Mike Steffen and Deming Haugland and volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Sherry Kloeckl moved to accept these volunteers as our 2024 Nominating Committee; Nancy Christopherson seconded; motion carried.
8. **Property Improvement Updates:** Andy Binder shared updates that are completed or ongoing. The Fix-It group has been busy working on landscape improvements around our sign, tree planting, filling foundation cracks, and many other general items. A special note was made regarding The Living Room facilities much needed exterior repairs [siding, fascia, Sanctuary windows, and shake shingles west wall]. The Council has selected a bid for repair and updates to the facility. An anonymous donor has stepped forward with a matching donation challenge of one half the bid (\$18,000.00). The Congregation was advised to keep their eyes open for further information regarding this project and challenge. A fundraising campaign to match this challenge will start soon.
9. **Adjourn and Closing Prayer:** Andy Binder adjourned the meeting at 10:14 AM, and Deacon Laura closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andy Binder

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

November 14, 2023 6:30pm ~ Conference Room

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Andy Binder at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Mike Steffen, Nichole Braithwait, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Christina Miles, David Pummel, Pam Tyma, Brady Harr, and Deming Haugland.
2. **Devotions:** Christina talked about how music helps us in so many ways and means different things to different people. She shared with us her favorite song since high school that she still goes to when things may be tough. "Hello World" by Lady A is a reminder for her not to dwell on things and reminds her that He is in control, and we should try to live in the now.
3. **Community Connection:** No community connection to report for this meeting.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Deming Haugland moved to approve the agenda; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the October Council Minutes:** David Pummel moved to approve the October meeting minutes; Brady Harr seconded; motion carried.
6. **Approval of the October Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel reported that year to date we are at approximately \$465K versus \$437K at this time last year. Year to date, we are doing fine. Overall, we are negative approximately \$20,000.00, with time to overcome. We've had good income so far for November and December is always a wonderful month for generous giving. Mike Steffen moved to approve the October treasurer's report; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
7. **Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** The meeting went very well and there were bouts of applause for the work accomplished and the good things coming in the next year. There were no questions and no concerns or objections. There was an introductory discussion regarding The Living Room work coming up that was well received.
8. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Pastor Stephan passed on the Deacon Laura was with the Friendship Ministry for the evening. He talked with us about gearing up for the Advent season where we will be using the Come Emmanuel Devotional. He talked about a revival in the Ministerial Association here in Spearfish, meeting and working with many new priests and pastors around town. He explained that this group is on the same team to see what they can do together, even with different expressions of faith. He passed on the Pastor Kari Webb has resigned from the St James congregation in Belle Fourche. She has a significant family event that she must attend to that has pulled her away. We wish her the best and will keep her and her family in our prayers. Confirmation classes are going very well, and he cannot believe that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Finally, we welcome Kathy Helmer as the new pianist at the Joyful Journey service.
9. **Committee Reports:** Brief committee updates passed on that the Education Committee has the Christmas program coming up 17 Dec, 26 November is Luminaries, we had 19/20 youth participate in first communion, 2/8 participated in the Apostles' Creed and there is the 1st graders Advent coming up. Adult education is also available at 9:45 AM each Sunday where the group discusses from the "Animate" curriculum. Mission Team is working on the Angel Tree which will start 26 Nov. Senior Ministry will host a Christmas Party on 12 Dec with a soup and sandwich luncheon. Lutheran Campus Ministry passed on that they continue to work on changes to the program. There will now be two boards, one at BHSU and one at The School of Mines. They are currently searching for board members. The official split to two boards will be effective Feb 2024. There is currently an interim Director, and they are still looking for a regular part time Director to fill the position long term. The Fix It team is looking at drywall issues which will be a larger project in the future. Stewardship Committee is coordinating a special gift collection for The Living Room at the start of the new year.
10. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned with a motion by Nichole Braithwait and a second by Andy Binder at 7:30 PM followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Nichole Braithwait will lead devotions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nichole Braithwait

Treasurer's Report

As of October 31, 2023

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$449,418.83
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$486,004.04
Year-to-date Budget:	\$540,602.48



Phishing Email Scams

It has come to our attention (that it looks like) the Pastor or Staff are sending you emails or text messages about needing help, or wanting (amazon or itunes) gift cards, or requisitioning to change their deposit information.

THESE ARE A SCAM. When in doubt always check the email address they're sent from before opening them, our email addresses always end with @rushmore.com. **We will NEVER email or text you asking for help.** If you are still unsure, call the church office at 605-642-3715 and ask us. Thank you and sorry for any confusion this may be causing!



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!

Scriptures

- Dec. 3** Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8
- Dec. 10** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28
- Dec. 17** Isaiah 7:10-16
Luke 1:46b-55
or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38
- Dec. 24** Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
- Dec. 31** Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

Office Notes:

Our Savior's Church Office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Mondays, December 25 and January 1 for the holidays.

The deadline for submission of items for the January newsletter is **Thursday, December 21**. 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 605-642-3715 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 605-642-3715. Thank you!

December Faith & Care Group (#8)

Kim Culver
Wayne & Tessa Eaton
Leonard & Patty Feist
Diane Gates
Barb Gauger
Dan Hartman
Irvin Hartman
Kevin & Lacey Kirk
Roberta Koehler
Cynthia Koppinger
Julie Malcolm

Sheila Marple
Duane & Connie McDonald
Brian & Michela Meredith
Roger & Helen Merriman
Rocky & Joanne Millis
Jamie Mulhair & Landis Lathrop
Shirley & Scott Newson
Dean & Deb Parsons
Mike Rans
Dale Schaffer & Bonnie Carr

Carol Schleiger Craig & Cynthia Sparrow
Pete & Carrietta St. Peter
Derek & Kimberley Sukstorf
Glen & Patty Tetrault
Tonn & Haley Tetrault
Jenny Thompson
Stan & Mary Triplett
Merlin & Dianne Weyer
Michael & Dawn Wood



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 England) 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
					1 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	2 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship <i>8:00 am - 1:00 pm</i> <i>Jule Fest</i> <i>Scandinavian</i> <i>Christmas Festival</i> <i>& Bazaar</i>
3 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 1st Grade Bible Cubes Angel Tree Tags	4 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	5 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ TLR	6 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	7 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilters	8 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	9
10 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service	11 10:30 AM Deborah Circle @ Lucky 13's 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Angel Tree Gifts Due Pastor's Day Off	12 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 11:00 AM Senior Ministry Christmas Party 5:15 PM Mission Committee 6:00 PM Finance Comm. 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ TLR	13 10:00 AM Senior Ministry 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 Angel Tree Gift Delivery	14 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle 1:00 PM Quilters	15 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg Deacon's Day Off Newsletter Items Due	16 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship 1:00 PM Kids of the Kingdom Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
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24 1:30 PM Candlelight Service 3:30 PM Candlelight Service 5:30 PM Candlelight Service 10:00 PM Candlelight Service	25 Office Closed Good Shepherd Clinic Closed  Merry Christmas!	26 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting	27 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service No Wednesday Evening Activities	28 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilters	29 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	30
31 9:00 AM Worship Service Worship Service A Service of Lesson & Carols	January 1  New Year's Day Office Closed					

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10:45 am Joyful Journey-led 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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