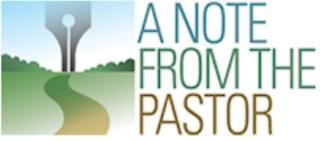


# A Little Bit of Sunshine

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February 2022



*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.*

*My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody! Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!* (from Psalm 57)

*"I'm singing in the rain... Just singing in the rain  
What a glorious feelin', I'm happy again..."*

*... I walk down the lane with a happy refrain  
Just singin', singin' in the rain" (Gene Kelly)*

When do you sing? And don't say you don't, because *everybody* does. Granted, for some their songs may never go further than the shower, the car, the shop or the kitchen, but it's kind of an inescapable human trait to express one's self in song every now and again.

Beyond the frequency (or infrequency) of our musical exhalations, or their location... it's more interesting to examine *when* one sings, and *why* one sings. For some, it's when they're particularly happy or hopeful. For others, it's when they're sad or wondering. When you're in love... when you're lonely. When you're feeling courageous... or when you're trying to find courage. Human cultures round the world and throughout time have proven that there is really no wrong time to sing. The voice put to song is simply one of many fundamental tools we use to communicate, and often times the communication is simply between disparate parts of one's self. In other words, sometimes I sing to *me*, to communicate and perhaps even change something *within* me.

In the 57<sup>th</sup> Psalm, the singer is in trouble... waiting for "the destroying storms" to pass by. In the midst of all sorts of reasons to be scared and hopeless, he sings courage to himself loud enough to wake the dawn! The song springs out of an intense belief and hope in God's presence in the midst of the storms. It *changes* the singer, taking him out of himself and out of his fear.

There's a movie called "The Ghost and the Darkness," starring Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas. Kilmer plays an English engineer who has been contracted to build a bridge over a river at Tsaavo, which is in Kenya, Africa. In the course of completing the bridge, two male lions begin killing the native workers. Over one hundred men lose their lives to these man-eaters over the course of several months. (It's a true story, though the movie takes a lot of liberties with the details.) Michael Douglas plays a professional hunter from America who is brought over to deal with the lions. He shows up at Tsaavo with a band of Masai warriors, men who hunt lions with spears, face to face.

The night before their first hunt, Douglas' character, the hunter, is talking to the engineer about the dangers of the coming hunt. In the background, the Masai are dancing and singing around a huge bonfire. He concludes his discussion with Kilmer's character with these words... he says, "I'm gonna go dance and sing now, and we're going to try to convince each other that we're still brave."

And that's what they did. They danced and sang of past hunts, successful hunts... bringing to mind bravery of the past to get them through the frightening reality of what lay ahead.

Singing is such an integral part of our worship life as Lutheran Christians... a legacy handed down from Martin Luther himself who regarded singing as one of the best defenses there is against the

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assaults of the devil. He saw the Psalms as one of our best resources for finding courage and joy in a world that would suck so much courage and joy from our hearts and lives.

I've been thinking about all this since Steve Aalbu and Todd Tetrault announced their retirements from their respective musical leadership roles here at OSLC at the end of 2021. They have both served this congregation so well for so long, helping us to sing out our faith and hope. With the recent hiring of Carissa Deming (who you can read more about in this newsletter) our Senior and Bell Choirs look to move forward powerfully. As we search for a keyboardist for our 10:45 service, we trust that God has something in mind☺ In all of the transitions though, the one thing that remains steady is our need to keep on singing... singing our joy, our sorrow, or hope and our faith, through whatever "destroying storm" that would try to silence us.

For me, there are few sounds sweeter than the sound of our congregation, joined in worship and with one voice "waking the dawn."

In gratitude for you and for your song,

*Pastor Stephan Sandness*

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### Introducing our new Senior Choir and Bell Choir Director



My name is Carissa Deming, and I'm so excited to join the OSLC staff as the new Senior Choir Director! I've been singing in choirs, in some capacity, since 4<sup>th</sup> grade and have been ringing handbells since high school, so I was thrilled to find and accept a position that so uniquely fit my interests and musical background.

I'm originally from the Colorado Springs, CO area, but moved to the northern black hills (Newcastle, WY) in 2010 and my family has called it home ever since. I graduated from BHSU with a degree in Vocal Music, a minor in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), and a certificate in piano pedagogy in May 2020. Currently, I work at BHSU for the TRIO Student Support Services program as a Professional Advisor, and I absolutely love it! My students keep me on my toes and make sure there's never a dull day in the office. My personal philosophy is that music, especially within the church setting, is such a powerful and meaningful form of worship, that should be accessible to everyone. So, whether you have a wealth of musical background and knowledge, or have never read music, rang a bell, or sang with a group before, but have always wanted to be a part of the choir or bell choir please come join us. You will always be welcome! The process of creating beautiful music is and should be fun and what better way to learn and grow in your faith and your musical ability, than when you can be surrounded by your church family?

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#### Music Ministry

##### **Bell Choir & Senior Choir**

Practice on Wednesdays

Bell Choir: 5:15 PM

Senior Choir: 7:15 PM

If you are interested in joining,  
please talk with Carissa Deming.

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*The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar  
for the month of February*

will benefit OSLC Camper Scholarships.

December's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$688.78 for the Spearfish Ministerial Association, and \$1,843.56 for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Dear friends in Christ,

Walk into any store this month and you will see hearts everywhere, right? I'm always baffled that we need a secular holiday on the calendar to remind us to express love. As Christians, we know that we are called—every day—to love one another as God has loved us. And we are reminded over and over that God's love isn't a "feeling" but an action. Scripture tells us that any love we are humanly able to share is God's love that has first been given to us. *"We love, because he first loved us."* 1 John 4:19.

Our love as Christians is born out in community—in how we talk and act and serve each other—and then spills out into the world around us. Remember back in November of 2021 when I asked you to think about why you first came to Our Savior's? What did you discover? I also asked you to think about where in the life of this congregation you see the need for *Meaning, Belonging, and Purpose* being met. During this month of February, I invite you to write your discoveries on the posters at the North end of the Fellowship Hall. Visually seeing our collective thoughts, perhaps it will help us dream of additional ways to meet those needs for each other and the community around us.

God's love and peace to you,  
*Deacon Laura Lee Campbell*

## **Gather:** Women's Evening Bible Study



Theme – *The Kingdom/Kin-dom  
of God*, by Rev. Mark Allan Powell

Continuing sessions :

Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

*Mysteries of the Kingdom: Parables, banquets &  
children*

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

*Eternal Life in the Gospel of John*

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 -7:45 pm

*Looking to the future: Life forever with God*

As a resource, we use the *Gather* magazine of the Women of the ELCA. We meet at The Living Room (corner of Jackson and Yale Streets).

RSVP to [oslcl@rushmore.com](mailto:oslcl@rushmore.com) or 605-642-3715



*Please remember your Secret Sister during the month of February by mailing a card and keeping her in prayer!*

*We are delaying the Secret Sister Reveal until Saturday, June 18, this year to include our snowbird sisters and to enjoy good weather for our gathering (maybe even gather outside!). If you are involved in the Secret Sister program now, you will receive an individual message with details about continuing into the next months. If you are looking forward to having a Secret Sister next time around, please know that SignUp will happen at the end of June!*

## **☞ Pastoral Acts ☞**

### **Baptism**

**January 2**

**Elijah Douglas Cahoy, son of Alyssa & Adam Cahoy**

**January 9**

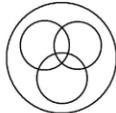
**Zu Zu Byrd Moro, daughter of Dylan Moro & Keena Byrd Moro**

## Lunch at The Living Room is back on!



On Thursdays at noon, every week, I'll be hosting **Lunch at The Living Room**, a time of study in God's Word, during which you can eat your lunch that you've brought with you. (If you think I'm cooking for you... think again!) We'll meet at The Living Room, our Campus Ministry building on the corner of Jackson and Yale, and spend the noon hour taking a look at the appointed scriptures coming up in worship. The purpose is to think together about what God might be speaking to us, so we might speak "a word in due season" to one another. We'd love to have you join us!  
*Pastor Stephan Sandness*

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



Friendship Ministers are lay people who make themselves available as listening and supportive friends. They are present through visits, phone calls, conversations at church, at work and in the community. Relationships vary from a one-time visit to a few weeks, a few months or years. Confidentiality is a core component of this ministry.

To learn how you can receive care from a Friendship Minister, call Nancy at 645-2723. The care you will receive is confidential and free.

*Do you sense a call to serve as a Friendship Minister?*

*Training is simple and flexible; call Deacon Laura (605-642-3715) for more information.*



## Faith & Care Leaders' Annual Gathering Thursday, February 17, 5:30 pm at The Living Room

It's time for us to reconnect. Come enjoy Tapas and Laughter together!

There are openings for Signup Leaders and Care Leaders. Let Deacon Laura know if you can be part of this leadership group—we need you!

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### Faithful Women: Book Discussion

Cindy Koppinger leads a book discussion about *Spiritual Longing in a Woman's World*, by Lisa Lewton.

*Join us for relaxing time of conversation and discussion.*

**Continuing... Thursdays, February 3 and 10  
6:30 – 7:45 pm at The Living Room (corner of  
Jackson & Yale Streets)**

Questions? [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) or 642-3715

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### Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministers are people in our congregation who are committed to praying for the mission and ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and its people. They also pray for our community and the world beyond. If you would like a prayer minister to pray with you, please contact Helen Merriman at [helennessanmerriman@gmail.com](mailto:helennessanmerriman@gmail.com).

### If you have a prayer request...

- To add someone to the weekly prayer list, call the church office at 642-3715 or submit your request on the Prayer page of the church website at [www.oslcspearfish.com](http://www.oslcspearfish.com).
- To express your prayer concern to our email Prayer Chain, simply email it to [oslcprayer@rushmore.com](mailto:oslcprayer@rushmore.com).

### If you are interested in being a prayer minister...

- Contact Deacon Laura Campbell at [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com).

Prayer Ministers will gather on Sunday morning, February 20, at 9:50 am in the Conference Room to reconnect and refresh. We'd love to have you join us!



# 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.

## Worship DVD and Bulletin Delivery



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

# Confirmation

February 2: No Confirmation  
9: Lesson  
16: Lesson  
23: Lesson

## February Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Mason Wilde

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Kyler Pietzyk, Alexis Hayford

High School Youth Group

**7:10 PM, Wednesday Evenings**

The Living Room, 810 N. Yale.

**For 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](mailto:ckblain@gmail.com).



## Shrove Tuesday

## Senior Ministry Party



## Bingo and Pancake/Sausage Feed



## Tuesday, March 1

## 11:00 AM

Please come and join the fun!!



The first two weeks in February is OSLC volunteer time at the Spearfish Pantry. If you would like to volunteer contact Julia Vansco at 645-6519 and she will share the scheduled times.

Food needs for February are:  
Cereal - Raisin Bran, Honey Nut Cheerios, Rice Krispies; Canned Peaches & Pineapple; Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce, 64 oz.; Juice (apple or grape), 16 oz jams or jellies.

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Dear Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for attending our general meeting on January 6, first day of Epiphany, with speaker Cami Dohman from Edgewood Vista. She spoke about assisted living, what it involves, who qualifies, and how we should have conversations with family members and even how we should make those decisions for ourselves. We also approved a list of donations (\$6,000) to various organizations. Deborah Circle has also donated \$500 to Pastor Dan Johnson to use for heating bills at Pine Ridge.

Those attending the Winter Gathering January 29 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City were needing Bear Butte Conference fellowship. We had a short business meeting and then our special speaker was Margene Thompson who is our state president. MAYBE we will even have a retreat this fall at Outlaw Ranch.

We should have received our WELCA booklets at our last circle meetings. We thank Julie for making that happen. Our Bible Study from the Gather magazine will be having four studies on the kingdom of God. It is starting out very interesting. Personal Care Kits are due February 15. Items needed for the kits are on a list in the fellowship hall. We would appreciate help gathering the items. Marilyn Ham and Mary Ellen Lantis audited our treasurer's reports for the year. All is good.

March 2 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent and Lenten Services. At our next board meeting February 2, we will be discussing if we will serve Wednesday noon lunches.

Hoping all are staying well and safe as can be. God, by your Spirit, use our gifts to serve our neighbors in their need and to proclaim your kingdom. Amen

Shalom, Diane Bryan  
OSLC WELCA Vice President

## WELCA Calendar

Feb. Kitchen Duty	Esther Circle
February 2 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
March 2 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting

### *Circle Meetings*

#### Circle Study Leaders:

**Monday, February 7**  
**9:30 AM**

#### Esther Circle

February 10, 1:00 PM  
**Leader:** Anne Kirk  
**Hostess:** Janet Mattison

#### Deborah Circle

February 14, 11:00 AM  
**Leader:** Diane Bryan  
**Hostess:** Barb Hargis

#### Ruth Circle

February 17, 10:00 AM  
**Leader/Hostess:**  
Marvis Custer

### Personal Care Kit

**When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it's often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world.**

Deborah Circle would like to encourage anyone to donate articles or a kit and put in the basket at the back of the fellowship hall. Personal Care Kits are **due Feb. 15.**

**Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:**

- ❖ One bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- ❖ Two bars of new soap, bath size in original wrapping
- ❖ One toothbrush, adult-size in its original packaging
- ❖ One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ❖ One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



Wrap all the smaller items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. *Do not enclose in plastic bag.*

***The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort.***



# Children & Families Ministry News

## February 2022

### FAITH RESOURCES AT HOME

Our goal is to *meet families where they are*, so they can feel confident that they are incorporating faith practices into the busy routines of family life. We are offering a couple different options for busy families or anyone that would like to use these resources.

#### **One-Year Bible Reading Plan for Families**

A simple, fun, and engaging way to introduce biblical texts to children.

- Monthly Bible readings themed around biblical topics
- Creative prayer prompts to help kids practice gratitude

#### **A Year of Faith5** (from [faithink.com](http://faithink.com))

*“Faith Five—Jesus Every Day in Every Home”.*

A simple, easy-to-implement faith practice, perfect for incorporating into your bedtime routine.

- Get either resource downstairs outside the Education office, email Beth to have them mailed to your home or to download at home (Bible Reading plan only) [oslc youth@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc youth@rushmore.com)

### MILESTONE MINISTRY

#### *THE LORDS PRAYER – Second Grade*



"Our Father ..."

Second grade students and their grown-ups are invited to attend "TEACH US TO PRAY" a class lead by Deacon Laura and Miss Beth. The class will meet at

9:45am on **Sunday, February 13**. During the class, grown-ups and students will learn about the Lord's Prayer and be provided with fun tools to help them learn and memorize the prayer at home. Then on **Sunday, March 6**, the students will come forward to help Pastor Stephan lead the prayer during communion. You will receive a postcard invitation to the class so please make sure your mailing address is updated with the church.

### CAMP NEWS

Registration is now open! Early registration rates have changed this year; only one level of discount until April 15.



- Register after April 16, the regular rate applies.

Please go to [www.losd.org](http://www.losd.org) to check out the camp dates to make your plans now!

#### CAMP SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

We will celebrate all things CAMP on February 27! Taylor Wiese from Outlaw Ranch will be here to share information about camp experiences available at Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch and NeSoDak camps of Lutherans Outdoors. She will be available between services to speak to parents and students about camp and answer any questions you may have.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

Enjoy Soup & Sandwich Supper before Ash Wednesday Worship on March 2 and help send kids to Bible Camp this summer!



Campers and their families are happy to prepare and serve our annual supper fundraiser for Camperships. Supper served from 5:15 to 6:15. (Ash Wednesday Worship starts at 6:26 PM).

**Soup & Sandwich Supper March 2, 5:15-6:15**

#### KIDZONE!

KidZone after school ministry will meet on February 2. We will look at the parable of the Good Samaritan and wonder how we can be the Good Samaritan to those we meet today. Our Lego creations will be on display downstairs in the Quad, please come down and check them out! Jesus in the manger in a Lego Creation



For more information on Children's Ministries Programs or to volunteer, please contact me!  
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries, [oslc youth@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc youth@rushmore.com)

# OSLC QUILTERS' SUMMARY

## 2021

Thanks to the dedication and efforts of many, we were able to complete 400 quilts in 2021.

### The quilters donated 236 quilts as follows:

110 to Lutheran World Relief  
15 to Lutheran Social Services – Canyon Hills Center  
16 to OSLC High School Seniors  
15 to OSLC Baptisms  
31 to Artemis House (15 regular quilts, 12 lap robes, 4 baby quilts)  
6 to CASA – Northern Hills  
15 to Pine Ridge Angel Tree  
10 to Red Cross  
5 to Salvation Army (4 regular quilts, 1 lap robe)  
1 to Kroetch Family Benefit  
3 to West River Tenants United  
9 to Youth & Family Services

### Cash Donations and Gifts by Quilters

\$1,200 Spearfish Food Pantry  
\$1,200 Spearfish Nutrition Site (Meals on Wheels)  
\$ 700 OSLC Elevator Fund  
\$ 575 Northern Hills Training Center – Spearfish  
\$ 575 Spearfish Artemis House  
\$ 575 Spearfish Hospice  
\$ 575 Spearfish Salvation Army  
\$ 575 Twin City Clothing – Lead  
\$ 400 BHSU Mom's Program Summer Camperships  
\$ 300 BHSU Student Emergency Fund  
\$ 300 Cornerstone Rescue Mission – Rapid City  
\$ 300 Good Shepherd Clinic  
\$ 300 Red Cross – Rapid City  
\$ 300 Spearfish CASA  
\$ 300 Spearfish Foundation for Public Education  
\$ 300 Spearfish Ministerial Association  
\$ 150 Bella Pregnancy Center – Spearfish  
\$ 150 RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)  
\$ 250 Julie Lee (gift)  
\$ 250 Lisa Williams (gift)  
\$9,275 total donations/gifts given

**Got Blankets?** The Quilters are busy, busy, busy, but to stay busy, they need your help. Needed are clean blankets, mattress pads, bedspreads, even electric blankets (they'll take the innards out and use the blankets!), which they use as fillers for the quilts. Please, no comforters, they are a bit too bulky. Blankets can be dropped off at the church anytime during business hours. **Thank You!!**

## Yarn Ministry



Do you know someone who needs our prayers or the comfort of a prayer shawl representing our prayers? A prayer shawl is given to anyone upon request... generally to those who are in ill health, grieving, lonely, shut in, etc.

The shawl is a tangible representation of God's love, care and comfort available to the recipient, as well as the assurance that prayer has been made on behalf of the one who receives the shawl by others...by the one making the shawl and by the whole Yarn Ministry group as the shawl gets blessed before it is given out. Please come by the church office, Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and ask for one.

In 2021 we gave out 62 prayer shawls, and provided 20 lap robes to the Spearfish Canyon Healthcare, Garden Hills, and Edgewood Vista Assisted Living. We also gave 18 dishcloths for each new member family.

If you would like to join our yarn ministry, we meet every Monday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 at the church. We both crochet and knit the items. Everyone is welcome and we could really use your help!—Can't make it to join us? You could make your project at home and bring it to the church during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Need yarn? We have that too!

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### **Scriptures**

**Feb. 6** Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

**Feb. 13** Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

**Feb. 20** Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

**Feb. 27** Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2  
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 7, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Pummel Home

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 Rod Custer at 6:35 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Andy Binder, Rod Custer, Deb Kimbell, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Helen Merriman, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
2. Approve Agenda: Deb Kimbell moved to approve the agenda; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
3. Approval of the December Council Minutes: Cindy Koppinger moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting; David Pummel seconded; motion carried.
4. Approval of December Treasurer's Report: David Pummel reported 2021 was a trying year, but a good one. December's offerings and end-of-year giving came in at nearly \$68,800, about \$22,000 over the budgeted amount for the month, but for the year, we were behind \$730. All the snowplowing bills (some from as long ago as March) were received and paid to close out the year, so that bill looks large for December at over \$7,000, which wasn't really the case. In a follow-up to last month's budgeted Mission Funds, Pastor Stephan said our contribution of \$2,100 was given to Black Hills Foster Parent Association which helps kids in the foster care system. Pam Tyma moved to approve the December treasurer's report; Deb Kimbell seconded; motion carried.
5. Hiring of Senior Choir and Bell Choir Director: Carissa Deming has been hired to lead the Senior Choir and Bell Choir. She is a graduate of BHSU with a degree in Composite Music. She will begin practicing with the choir and bell choir on January 12, with the hope of performing by the end of the month.

6. Replacement of Joyful Journey Music Director: Todd Tetreault is stepping down as the leader of the Joyful Journey group after nine years of service. Pastor Stephan said he is willing to take some time to find the right person for this position. He thinks the congregation may have some ideas as to possible candidates. As a gift for his service, Deb Kimbell moved that OSLC Church Council authorize a gift of \$200; Helen Merriman seconded; motion carried.
7. Adjourn: Rod Custer adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Karson Klein will lead devotions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Koppinger

## Treasurer's Report

*As of December 31, 2021*

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$523,372.68
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$524,160.14
Year-to-date Budget	\$558,367.00



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 642-3715 or [oslc@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc@rushmore.com) with up-to-date email addresses and phone numbers.** Thanks for helping us all stay connected!



Below you will find updates on the elders, Maria and Rosario, as well as the student, Marta.

The school year in Guatemala has just ended, and students are now on break until next year. This year was a difficult one for education in Guatemala due to the pandemic. Classes flip flopped between being in-person and distance learning. Each school did distance learning differently, with some having online classes that students were required to attend and some having the students fill out workbooks as their primary learning channel. Much of the learning was self-guided again this year, and the scholarship students really relied on their tutoring sessions to help them to understand the classwork.

**Marta** was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year, which is her first year of junior high. The transition from elementary school to junior high can be challenging for students due to the many changes in structure and the increase in classwork. I'm happy to report that Martha didn't find the changes too much of a challenge, and she did very well this year. She was the class valedictorian. Marta is quiet at school, but she seems to come out of her shell during her tutoring sessions, and we've enjoyed getting to know her. She will move on to 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year.

**Rosario and Maria** are both doing well and have been able to stay healthy so far. They have both been enjoying the visits from the Elder Center staff, as their days get long staying at home. Each visit is tailored to the interests of the elder. Maria enjoys playing games during her visits, and Rosario enjoys having nice long chats. Each year, we celebrate Christmas with the elders, and even though we weren't able to have a large celebration this year, we still wanted to do something to make it special. The staff has been delivering tamales, gifts, and Christmas cheer these past two days. I've attached a picture of Rosario receiving her Christmas present.

Dear Friends,

A humble "thank you" doesn't seem enough to express my gratitude to all of you for your continued support for Sharing the Dream and our partners in Guatemala. The donations that were raised from the Love Your Neighbor Jar are incredibly generous, and they truly show your love for our neighbors in Guatemala.

The donations were used to provide food and medical support for two elders living in extreme poverty, a scholarship for a bright young student, and tutoring lessons for the scholarship students. The donations also purchased a sales kit to be used for church sales, such as the one at Our Savior's each year, and the remainder of the funds will help where the need is the greatest. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Lauren  
*Sharing the Dream in Guatemala*

*Office Notes:*

The Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day

The deadline for submission of items for the March newsletter is **Friday, February 18**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at [oslc4@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc4@rushmore.com)

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To: Our Savior's Lutheran Church Spearfish

¡¡Hello!! I am your scholarship student, Marta Concepcion. It's a pleasure to write to you again. I hope all of you are doing well during these challenging times we are living through.

I want to tell you about my classes. I've done well in school this year. I passed every quarter and didn't fail any classes. I am proud of myself.

In May, we celebrated Mother's Day with a mass. At school, they asked us to take a picture of our mothers for a craft project. We made cups with the pictures on them. It was a fun project.

In July, it was Santiago Atitlan's town festival to celebrate the town's patron saint, St. James the Apostle. My family and I went to the fair, and we had a good time. I rode the Ferris wheel and was a little afraid. I earned 81/100 points during second quarter.

I am doing well in classes. This year, Guatemala celebrates our 200 year anniversary of independence. In class, they asked us to present a poem or a dance in honor of Guatemala. I danced a traditional dance from Guatemala, and I did a good job. I decorated my space with patriotic symbols of Guatemala.

After July, we moved to distance learning due to the pandemic. I did well in all of my classes and understood the content. My teachers help to answer any questions that I have. I earned 84/ 100 points on my third quarter report card.

I like all of my classes and understand them. When they hand out report cards, I don't worry like some of my classmates do. They get very nervous, but I know that I did well because I put my all in to my studies. I am proud of myself for my hard work. We are almost done with fourth quarter.

I am happy to report that my family and I are all healthy. We are taking care and applying proper safety measures in order to protect ourselves from Covid-19. We are also applying proper safety measures at school so that no one gets sick.

Currently, we are receiving online classes. Every other week, we go to school to hand in our workbooks and pick up the next workbook. I like it, because I get to see my friends when I go to hand in my homework. We get to talk. We will be done with school in November, and then we start school vacation. During vacation, I will review my class work from this year. I also want to spend lots of time with my family and my loved ones.

I like to help my mom with the cooking. I also like to read. I am reading a play called "Romeo and Juliet". My main goal this year is to pass seventh grade. I know that I will achieve that goal.

I say goodbye to you for now. I hope that things are going well for you. May you always have God present in your life. Thank you for your support for my schooling. I keep all of you in my prayers.

With much love and care,

Marta Concepción Calí Damián  
Your scholarship student



Marta wears her full traje (traditional dress) for the Independence Day presentation



February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm.	2 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 1:00 PM KidZone 5:15 PM Bell Choir NO Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR 7:15 PM Senior Choir	3 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Cradle Roll 6:30 PM Faithful Women Group	4 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	5
6 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service	7 9:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	8 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Mission Team 6:00 PM Finance Committee 6:30 PM Church Council	9 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR 7:15 PM Senior Choir	10 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle 6:30 PM Faithful Women Group	11 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	12 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
13 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education hour 9:45 AM "Teach Me to Pray" 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service  <i>Bear Butte Pastor's Conference @ Outlaw Ranch Feb. 13-15</i>	14 10:30 AM Senior Ministry 11:00 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Gather Women's Evening Bible Study @ The Living Room	16 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Worship Service w/HC 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR 7:15 PM Senior Choir	17 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 5:30 PM Faith & Care Leaders' Gathering	18 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <i>Newsletter Items Due Deacon's Day Off</i>	19
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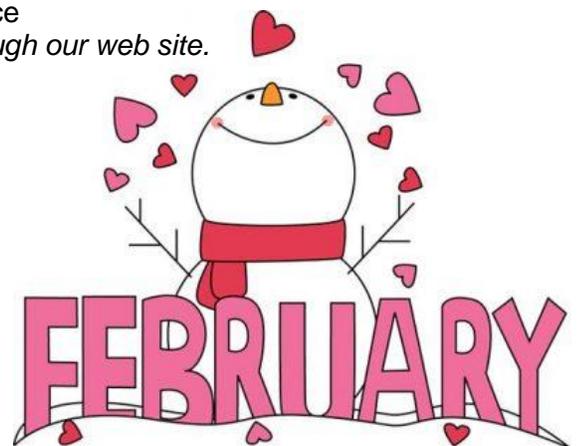
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