

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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July 2022



Festival in the Park July 15-17 Spearfish City Park

Here it is the middle of June already. Inventory has been taken, ice cream ordered and all is ready for a July 15 start of Festival in the Park.

I will have signup sheets up in the Fellowship Hall by the last week of June. They will consist of a sheet for home bakers to sign up on, one for those signing on to help Chris and Scott make pies at the church and sheets to sign up for the 2 hour shifts at the Park. Please be proactive and sign up early!

There is a box of 12 frozen, pre-made piecrusts in the freezer in the kitchen at church with my name on it. If you would like to contribute but piecrusts just aren't your thing, feel free to take what you can use.

On a personal note, I had some difficulty last year with the heat. It seems to have persisted this year. Usually I stay at the booth the whole time in case something arises so I can deal with it. I may not be able to do that this year. I will do the best I can!

Looking forward again to being at our beautiful City Park seeing all the folks I seldom see. It's like a community reunion!

If you have wanted to make a donation to support our church but finances or ability is not possible, volunteering for this event in some way is the perfect answer. We accept monetary donations, fruit from yard or garden and frozen or canned fruit from your local grocer or some "sweat equity" at the Park! Each and every one helps. The money raised will again be distributed to local charities, organizations, and members in need.

Thanks in advance and see you at the Park!

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

Festival in the Park Pie Booth Baking Marathon Thursday, July 14, 8:00 AM Our Savior's Kitchen

Come join us for the Pie Booth Baking Marathon. No experience necessary. Bring your fillings if you have some, or come help bake those we have at the church! The more the merrier and faster we get the pies baked. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!



Lunch at The Living Room
resumes on July 14 at 12:00 PM
at The Living Room. Hope to
see you there!

Dear Friends,

"Summertime, and the living is easy..." One has to be of a certain age to remember that song, I suppose. My mother loved to sing around the house and yard—especially show tunes of musicals from when she was young. I love this particular song she would sing by George Gershwin from the American opera *Porgy and Bess*, because it gives me a feeling of how I wish summertime could really be—free and easy. But honestly, we know that real life isn't like that, right? Trouble comes when we least expect it. *Porgy and Bess* is a story of "resilience, about a community's hope for a better future despite the cruel evidence of experience." The second verse of the song includes words of hope: "...But 'til that morning there's a nothing can harm you with daddy and mommy standing by."

As Christians, we know that we can rely fully on God's grace and constant presence—standing by, so to speak. That assurance gives us freedom from fear and expectations that might hold us captive. We are gifted God's grace to guide and guard us. That freedom allows us to truly experience moments of "living easy" even in the midst of the most difficult days, following the path of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"For Freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." ~ Galatians 5:1

God's peace be with you,
Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

Spearfish Clothe-a-Kid for School Project



You are invited to once again participate in the Spearfish Clothe-a-Kid for School Project. Our Savior's partners with other area churches to support this great outreach program. Clothe-a-Kid assists Spearfish families that need a little extra help getting new clothes and school supplies for their children to start the upcoming school year. You can participate in this project as an individual, as a family, or as a group. **Sign up in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, July 10 & 17!**

You can make a difference in the life of a child! Questions?
Call Cindy Koppinger, 701-290-8007.

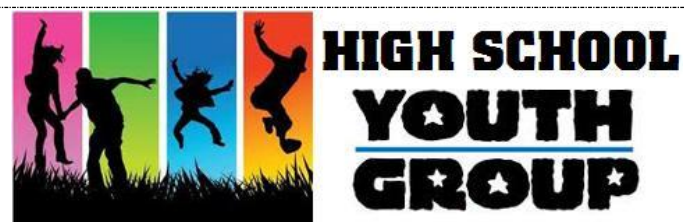


Summer Worship Schedule

Continuing through Labor Day weekend, September 4, we'll be gathering for one Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 A.M. This service will be live-streamed and archived on our website, for those unable to join us in person. Let's get the whole family together at one time!

We will be taking a break from **Wednesday Word** from July 6 through August 3, resuming on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:26 P.M..

Mark your calendars for **Worship in the Park** on Sunday, August 7 at 10:00 A.M. We'll gather at the large picnic shelter behind the Band Shell at the Spearfish City Park for worship, followed by a cookout/pot-luck immediately after. Bring a chair or a blanket, a side dish or a dessert to share, and we'll grill the burgers and dogs! (Come hungry! ☺)



During the summer, our youth group doesn't meet weekly at The Living Room, but will be having sporadic events/gatherings during the summer. We will be using the Remind app for notification of upcoming events/gatherings. Our High School Youth are encouraged to sign-up for these reminders by sending a text to:

text @oslcy to the number 81010

Sky Ranch Trip participants: Please arrive at the west parking lot by 6:00 a.m. on July 8.

July's "Love Your Neighbor Jar"

benefits the Spearfish Clothe-a-Kid
for School Project.

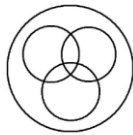
July 31's Love Your Neighbor Jar will benefit
the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

*May's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised
\$1,214.52 for Lakota Youth Ministry Wambli
Ska Center*

and

*1,121.29 for Micro-Grant Disaster Relief
Assistance for Congregations of the ELCA
South Dakota Synod affected by the storms in
Eastern South Dakota.*

Friendship Ministry
Extending the love of Christ
from Friend to Friend



Are you looking for . . .

Someone who cares?

Someone who supports?

Someone who listens confidentially?

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

MANNA MEALS 2 GO

Homemade freezer meals are available on the
bottom shelf of the freezer in the church kitchen.
These meals are for anyone to pick up and deliver to
a family or individual who would welcome a warm
meal (time of illness, loss, new baby, etc.) on behalf
of Our Savior's Lutheran. They are fully cooked
and ready to reheat. Ingredients and instructions are
clearly marked on each meal.

If you would like to serve on the team that prepares
the meals, please call the church office at 642-3715.

New small group forming...

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

Join us for the first *SonShine Squad* meeting on
Monday, July 18, at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room.
Please call the church office in advance at 605-642-
3715 if you plan to come!

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



OSLC Food Drive and Pantry Volunteer Month

July is OSLC month to serve as volunteers at the
Spearfish Community Food Pantry. George Vansco
and Andy Black, Pantry Board



Members, along with Julia Vansco have
already contacted volunteers to help
distribute food the first two weeks in

July. If you still want to help, call Julia at 645-
6519, we can always use extra people.

During the entire month of July, we would like to
ask OSLC members to assist with a food drive. Our
theme is "A can of soup a day...helps keep hunger
away!" There will be a container located in the
church the entire month of July. We are asking for
cans of soup as a donation to support the Spearfish
Community Pantry.

The month of May we served 522 individuals and
each person received a can of soup. Our goal is to
collect 522 cans of soup.



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.

Mark your calendar!

Bless the Years Sunday

August 14

Honoring all those who are 80 years old and older!

(Includes all who will turn 80 in 2022)



Sign up now for the new year of Secret Sister connections that will begin this month. Registration forms are available on a table in the Fellowship Hall through July 8. Or email oslc1@rushmore.com to have one sent to you. Those who have registered by July 11 will receive the name of their Secret Sister and information about her in regular mail by July 15, so they can begin praying and sending a monthly card in July.

œ Pastoral Acts œ

Baptisms

May 29

Cashen Thomas Cordell, son of Gavin & Cara Cordell

Funerals

June 13

Richard "Dick" Erickson, 98,
Spearfish, SD, passed January 23, 2022

Scriptures

July 3

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

July 31

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Office Notes:

The deadline for submission of items for the July newsletter is **Thursday, July 21**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com

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Ways to give electronically:

Scan this  
code to  
give online



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

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

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Check out our website for the monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more...

www.oslcspearfish.com.

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Has your address or phone number changed? Please let us know at 642-3715 or e-mail Julie at [oslc@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc@rushmore.com)

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Prefer not to receive a paper copy of our newsletter? Let us send you an email with a link to our newsletter when it's posted to our website. If you are interested, please send your email address to Julie at oslc@rushmore.com or call us at 642-3715. Thank you!

July 2022

June is flying by and soon it will be time to get ready for Christmas shopping once more. I tell myself I am going to slow down and enjoy life, until I stop and hear myself. This is my life and I am enjoying what GOD has given me. I do hope the recent storm did not ruin the flowers many had already planted, they can be replaced we know. The lives of so many animals were lost and can not. The lives of so many farmers' and ranchers' lively hoods have been affected . Please put them in your prayers.

We finely got to meet our Secret Sister in June. Plans were to meet at the park and instead meet at the church. The ladies did a beautiful job with food and decorations. The reveal was the most fun, many hugs where given and laughter when we each found out who had been sending the secret card to us each month. Thank you for making my day brighter, you are no longer my Secret Sister but now you are my SISTER in CHRIST.

We are looking forward to hear what the ladies will bring back from the Synodical Convention. They will be leaving for Brookings the 23rd of June. We pray for a safe and eventful trip.

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for July 15 for pie baking. This event is one of Our Savior's best summer projects. The money made helps so many.

Just a reminder, the WELCA board will not meet in July but will look forward to August 6 with a fresh start on plans for the fall.

Have a wonderful July 4 and please put our service men and women in your prayers. Remember they are putting their lives on the line for our country and us.

Mary Goddard
WELCA President

Women of the ELCA Calendar

July Kitchen Duty: Deborah Circle
No July WELCA Board Meeting
August 3, 9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting

Circle Meetings

Esther Circle

No Meeting until
September

Deborah Circle

No Meeting until
September

Ruth Circle

July 21, 10:00 AM

Leader: Laura Campbell

Hostess: Karol Johnson, 635 Ramshead Place

***Is your circle taking the summer off?
Never been to a circle meeting but
would like to?***

***Ruth Circle invites you to their monthly
circle meeting on July 21 at 10:00 AM.
It will be at Karol Johnson's Home
(635 Ramshead Place.) If you need
directions, please call Karol at 642-5933.***

RUTH CIRCLE INVITES YOU TO:

1. Check out a "backpack" in the Fellowship Hall (Look for the display the first part of July).
2. Fill a "backpack" with school supplies as indicated on it.
3. Check in the returned "backpack" by **Aug. 15** at the back of the Fellowship Hall.



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
NEEDED**

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

The backpacks should include:

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (8" x 10 ½", no loose-leaf paper); one blunt scissors; one 12-inch/metric ruler (30 centimeters on one side & inches on other); one pencil sharpener; five unsharpened pencils with erasers (#2); five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band; one 2 ½ inch eraser; one box of crayons (16 or 24 crayons)

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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

At Our Savior's Lutheran, as Jesus did, we welcome children of all ages as integral members of the body of Christ, and we welcome the sounds and activity that accompany them in worship!

Along those lines, the 'Pray Ground' is now available for families with infants and toddlers near the front of the church.

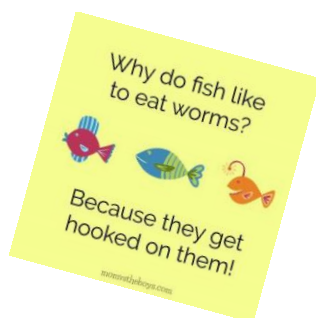
We know that small children are often more engaged when they can see what is going on. Before long little ones will start to notice the movements and rhythms of worship happening all around them. Parents are with them in the Parents Pew nearby to supervise and attend to their needs. Small tables and chairs, baby bouncers and seats, and soft toys help to keep our littlest ones occupied.

In addition to the Pray-Ground, we provide busy bags for readers & non-readers, and our nursery is available for parents to use with little ones that just need to take a break.

Questions? Please talk with Pastor Stephan, Deacon Laura, or Miss Beth.

I would like to extend a great BIG Thank-You to the VBS volunteers! You are all so AWESOME and I appreciate you more than you know!

Thanks to the families who brought their kids to VBS too! They were delightful and kept us on our toes!



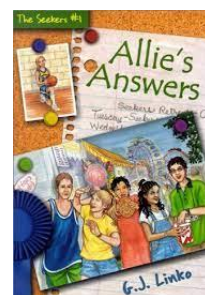
<https://ms.beamingbooks.com/downloads>

Beaming Books has put out a free resource called Summer Reading Bingo! Fill in the squares as you read this summer and when you get a blackout bingo, bring your card to church and I will have a prize for you!! Find the Bingo card online at the above website or on the counters at church.

CHURCH LIBRARY: We have several children's books in the library, some of which I have highlighted in past newsletters. This month I'd like to high-light some books for older kids to read.

SEEKERS SERIES—We have books 2-6 of the Seekers Series from Augsburg Fortress Publishers, for readers age 9-11.

SLAM DUNK—We have the first two books of the Slam Dunk series from Concordia Books. These books are for ages 6-9.



CHILDREN & FAMILY LENDING LIBRARY

We are hoping to start a lending library for all ages of kids, infant to 6th grade, maybe even beyond! We will provide more information but are happy to accept donations of gently used, current, Christian children's books to add to the library. Beaming Books Publishing has a great selection of books if you are looking for a great summer read to share with your favorite young readers!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We are meeting on July 19 at 5:30 pm at "The Living Room" on the corner of Jackson and Yale streets. We will put the Christian Education school year calendar together as much as we can. We would LOVE to have Sunday/Wednesday school teachers, parents or any interested person join us for this BIG meeting!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

June 14, 2022 - 6:30 PM @ The Conference Room

*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 6:36 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Andy Binder, Nichole Braithwait, Deming Haugland, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Christina Miles, Mat Ornelas, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
2. **What's on Top?** Some members are cleaning up after the hailstorm; some are traveling, camping, or working; some are meeting with family members, old friends, and grandkids; some have kids playing sports, and one is still loving her new job.
3. **Devotions:** Andy Binder shared a devotion based on I Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit? . . . So, honor God with your bodies." Many people don't take responsibility for their health, and Andy wishes that he could find a way to help people see that they can be more in control of their health care and see their body as a temple.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Pam Tyma moved to approve the agenda; David Pummel seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the May Council Minutes:** Christina Miles moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
6. **Approval of the May Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel said that Our Savior's is doing well financially. Year-to-date, we are \$12,152.55 income exceeding expenses. Last year at this time, we were \$779 expenses exceeding income. David mentioned that the money for the air conditioning unit will be spent soon. Deming Haugland moved to approve the May treasurer's report; Christina Miles seconded; motion carried.
7. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura Campbell reported that in May things were wrapping up. She met with leaders of various organizations to thank them and get feedback. At the beginning of June, she attended the Synod Assembly. She said it was a good event and she was glad to be there. She is looking forward to the WELCA SD Synodical Convention in Brookings. Many of the circles take a break in the summer months, so there is less to report.

Pastor Stephan Sandness has also been finishing up school year stuff, such as Senior Recognition Sunday. New Members, 11 families, joined Our Savior's, and Pastor Stephan is working with five couples preparing for marriage. Dick Erickson's memorial service at Lion's Park was well attended. Stephan is looking forward to a vacation at Estes

Park, then some family reunion time, and then a visit with their kids in the city. OSLC will suspend Wednesday Word in July and will restart Wednesday Word on August 10.

Pastor Stephan shared information about St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. Though the sanctuary was spared, the church sustained a lot of damage in the hailstorm: 16 broken windows, and the office space and basement youth area was damaged by broken glass and rain. Nearly every member of St. James is dealing with damage to their homes as well. Stephan asked the council if we could help them recover, and it was decided that the Love Your Neighbor Jar of June 19 would go to St. James.

8. Committee Reports:

Fix-it/Property: It was discovered that the sprinkler system in the church is not attached to any alarm system. The sprinklers would be activated by the heat of the fire, but the fire department would not be notified by an alarm. That will be changed soon. The sheds behind the church are being cleared out. The concrete walk up to a shed needs to be removed and replaced with a grass covered dirt ramp so that no one gets hurt navigating their way into the shed.

A new changing table, attached to the wall, was installed in the women's bathroom.

Education: VBS will be held the last week of June, and OSLC has kids at camp now.

Senior Ministry: The Teddy Bear Picnic will be held June 21 at 4:30.

Stewardship: The committee will start having meetings to discuss benevolent giving. Pastor discussed Thrivent Choice Dollars and wants to share information with the congregation about using their Choice Dollars if they have a Thrivent policy.

9. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM followed by the Lord's Prayer. The Church Council will not meet in July.




Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger

Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2022

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$231,077.29
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$218,934.26
Year-to-date Budget:	\$244,903.12

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	2
3 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	4 OSLC Office Closed Good Shepherd Clinic Closed 	5 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting	6	7 1:00 PM Quilting	8 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <div>High School Youth to Sky Ranch July 8 - 11</div> <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	9 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
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Laura Campbell, Deacon
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries
Julie Lee, Office Manager
Lisa Williams, Receptionist

Worship: *Summer schedule*
Sundays 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
Live stream at 9:00 AM or watch later! Connect through our web site.

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