

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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“This life therefore is not righteousness but growth in righteousness; not health but healing; not being but becoming; not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.”

~ Martin Luther

On Wednesday, April 28, during our Wednesday Word worship service at 6:26 pm, the congregation is invited to come and listen as the 8th grade confirmands share their faith statements.

Our Sunday, May 2, 10:45 am worship service will be filled with statements of Christian faith, as the eighth graders have completed their two years of confirmation instruction. This service will also be available to watch via live-stream from our website, and it will also be archived.

*The following 8th graders
will be confirmed:*

**Taiten Eaton, Lanie Ewing, Jack Faulkner,
Jocelynn Ford, Rayechael Ford, Magdalene Hafner
Quintin Hall, Paige Hartman, Ryan Heinert
Taylor Ihde, Tanner Johnson, Jesse Kimbell,
Avery Kirk, Cami Lyons, Malaya Naescher,
Elaina Nielsen, Elle Olson
Kinzee Schenk, Austynn Suda-Roberts**

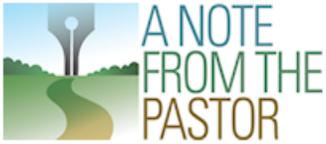


These confirmands were made members of the church in baptism. Confirmation includes a public confession of the faith into which they were baptized, underscoring God's action in their baptism.

*A special word of thanks to the adults who served as
Confirmation Guides:*

Mike Kimbell, Sommerlyn Mortensen, and Jody Schenk

“You belong to Christ; we belong to each other.”



(These are thoughts I shared in our 2020 Annual Report... but share them again, here, since the audience for the Annual Report is smaller and these things might be worth thinking about as we head into the next months. S)

Clarity. It's something we strive for as individuals and as corporate bodies (like church), but it comes hard, and often at no small price. To see clearly one's path, whether it be with respect to one's career, one's personal associations or one's faith, is often times an exercise in frustration. Distractions abound. The things we once thought most urgent and inviolate can at once be shown to be of secondary importance at best or, at worst, merely smoke and vapor obscuring our vision from what we really ought to be about.

The year 2020 was for me, as your pastor, a year marked by a search for greater clarity in regard to our mission and ministry as a Christian congregation in the Lutheran tradition. The pandemic that has reshaped our world since last March has forced all of us to reexamine the most fundamental aspects of our living together. It's given me opportunity to reexamine the joyful and sometimes exasperating work of being church... bringing things into focus for the sake of clarity.

Some of the questions helping to sharpen that focus included:

1. **What does it mean to be a worshipping community?** Giving thanks and praise to God, through sacrament, word and song in the physical presence of other Christians has been at the foundation of my own understanding of worship for as long as I can remember. I was practically marinated in it from my birth! I'm guessing I'm not alone in that. So what happens when that becomes impractical or even impossible? Just this: one discovers that thanking and praising God with others does not have to be confined to one space or to one day or to one hour. To be "with others" in worship really means to have our hearts joined in the same purpose, wherever and whenever. Technology has proven to be a wonderful tool in that endeavor. But even without technology... to understand that our most proper and perfect worship is taking that common desire to thank and praise out into wherever our lives call us, whenever... we then take on fully the identity of a worshipping "community." This we have been, and this we will continue to be, whatever forms our gathering may take.
2. **What does it mean to be a caring community?** More than anything, I think it has something to do with putting hands and feet to our worship. Yes, it involves putting some of our *desires* behind the *needs* of our neighbors. More still, it means actually seeing Jesus *in* our neighbors... understanding that our community of faith we call "church" doesn't exist for our sake, but for Jesus' sake and hence, for the sake of our neighbors. So often over the course of this last year, we've had to wrestle with questions of safety, science, freedom and responsibility. That wrestling has almost always taken us beyond asking "what's caring and helpful for OSLC?" to "what's caring and helpful for Spearfish? For South Dakota?" So many of you, through your compassion, have taught me much this last year about being a caring community.
3. **What does it mean to be a hopeful community?** In the face of economic uncertainty, news full of depressing statistics and grim forecasts, I have seen our congregation rise up this last year in ways that simply astound me! At every turn within this congregation I see people giving more of themselves... more time, more care, more passion, more gifts, more energy. We have a staff of servant-leaders here who give more of themselves than you can imagine, and I have the privilege of seeing them in action every day, and I thank God for them. We have a Council and ministry boards full of people committed to being vehicles for God's Holy Spirit, and I thank God for them. But mostly, I'm thankful for this gathering of souls, young and old alike, who have a deep desire to worship the Christ and move into this unknown future together.

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In all of it, I'm thankful for many things: I'm thankful for my calling into this work with you... for your patience with me as an imperfect servant of Jesus... for your forgiveness and forbearance when I've needed it... for your support and prayers which I need constantly... and for a wife and family who love me and who bear the greatest burden of my calling.

Clarity is still sometimes incredibly elusive. But after thirty years as a pastor in Christ's Church, the things for which I ought to be grateful are becoming clearer than ever.

In celebration of what's been and in the hope of what will be,

Pastor Stephan S Sandness.

Summer Worship at Our Savior's



Notes on Worship as we move toward summer:

Our community seems to be making great strides toward getting on the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic, as folks are getting vaccinated and infections continue to decline. Things are moving in the right direction!

At the advice of our COVID Task Force here at OSLC, we've begun to introduce more singing back into worship while still encouraging worshippers to mask. As the vaccines are now available to everyone over the age of 16, we're hoping that the vast majority of our community will have availed themselves of it by the end of this school year. If that bears out, we're looking forward to being able to take the tape off the pews this summer!

Our plan is to continue with our 8:30 and 10:45 Sunday worship schedule for the months of May and June, hopefully being able to combine our services to one at 9:00 for July and August (which is our normal summer routine.) If things continue to trend positive, we're hoping for a renewal of after-worship coffee fellowship (what we Lutherans call "the third sacrament") this summer as well:-)

It's been a long, strange trip... but we've made it this far, together. Thanks be to God!

If you know you'll be gone on any given weekend over the summer, consider joining us on Wednesdays at 6:26 P.M. for an informal, mid-week half-hour time together around Word and sacrament. As always, you can catch any of our services anytime via our website

Yay, summer!

May's "Love Your Neighbor Jar"
benefits Lutheran Disaster Relief.

March's Love Your Neighbor Jar
raised \$3,706.88 for the ELCA World
Hunger Appeal.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions in the Special Offering and through the Love Your Neighbor Jar! Your contributions totaling \$ 3,706.88 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal help provide sustainable solutions to end hunger for families in this country and around the world.



Dear friends in Christ ~

I looked back at my message to you last year at this time, and I am struck by three things: 1) You creatively continued to “be together” in this family of faith; 2) You “stayed the course” believing that the pandemic restrictions of distancing would not last forever; 3) You trusted in the Word of God, “Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you.” Isaiah 26:3-4. I have every reason to believe that you will continue to be the body of Christ in this community as we move forward creatively and faithfully in the days ahead.

I will be with you for the first two Sundays in May and the week between them, and then I will be away on Sabbatical from May 10 – July 5. Thank you for this opportunity! I plan to participate in two continuing education events in May and connect with other deacons in our region (Region 3 – SD/ND/MN) in both months to dream and envision the path forward upon my return. I appreciate this opportunity for extended Sabbath—time for reading and prayer, for rest and renewal, and for connections with family and friends. Talented and faithful leaders of groups with whom I serve here at Our Savior’s will carry on as they always do.

Sabbatical is basically extended Sabbath. I encourage you to tend your weekly celebration of Sabbath, too—time for worship and prayer, for rest and renewal, for connection with family and friends. Due to work schedules and commitments, I know that Sabbath may need to be whatever day you set aside as we all “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

*God’s peace and blessings to you,
Deacon Laura Lee Campbell*



**The public is invited
to the ordination of:**

Kari Webb

**Saturday, May 22
at 2:00 PM
Our Savior’s Lutheran
Church**

Unable to attend? You can watch via our YouTube channel at www.oslcspearfish.com/kari-webb

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY  **SUNDAY, MAY 16,**

The OSLC Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-Up event is scheduled for Sunday, May 16, 2021. Our litter clean-up event will tackle I-90 eastbound from Exit 8 to Exit 10. We will meet at the church at 12:45 pm on May 16 to assign portions of the mile for clean-up. Please come prepared with sturdy shoes, long pants, and thick gloves; also a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen may be needed depending on weather. NOTE – we only require eight (8) volunteers and anticipate about one hour to clean up trash.

Trash bags, water, and construction vests will be provided along with a special trash pick-up device that will alleviate bending over to remove trash. Due to COVID-19, we ask interested volunteers to contact George and Julia Vansco at 605-642-2661 or email jvansco@midco.net.

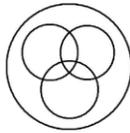


Save the Date!
New Members to be received June 13 at both worship services.

New Member dinner and orientation is Thursday, June 10, 5:45 PM.

Please call the church office (642-3715) by Friday, June 4 if you plan to attend.

Friendship Ministry
 Extending the love of Christ from Friend to Friend



“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” ~ Romans 12:15

Friendship Ministers are available to confidentially listen when you want to talk with someone beyond your family and friends. Please know that this free caring ministry is available to YOU!

Please call Nancy Christopherson at 645-2723 to arrange a visit with a Friendship Minister.



BREAKING NEWS!!

The Mathews Opera House has announced that they will hold Arts in the Park this summer.

Julie has submitted all the paperwork and entrance fees. The Matthews will notify people of their acceptance April 16. We assume our application will be accepted, but one never knows for sure until the acceptance letter is received.

The dates of the festival will be July 16-18. I will keep everyone updated as news is received. Dust off those pie recipes!

Aly Scheurenbrand

Confirmation

April 28: 6:26 PM Wednesday Word-8th Grade Faith Statements
 7th graders should also attend.
Sunday, 10:45 AM Affirmation of
May 2: Faith/Confirmation Sunday

**Do you know how to sew?
 Ruth Circle needs you!**

Help is needed to sew school bags that people can fill later in the summer with school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). School bag kits, with instructions and materials, can be picked up in the back of the fellowship hall during regular office hours beginning May 1. Please return by June 1.

Donations of fabric are also appreciated. Acceptable fabrics are light weight denim, canvas, twill, corduroy and light weight upholstery material. Pieces must be large enough to accommodate 40" by 15" or at least 1 yard. Thanks!

For questions call Roberta at 605/ 717-0510.

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 this great team that prepares the meals, please contact the church office at 642-3715!

<p>Spearfish Community Food Pantry needs for May</p>
<p>Cereals, Jellies, Apple Juice, Peanut Butter Canned Fruit, Pork and Beans</p>



Senior Ministry

Sunday Morning Transportation

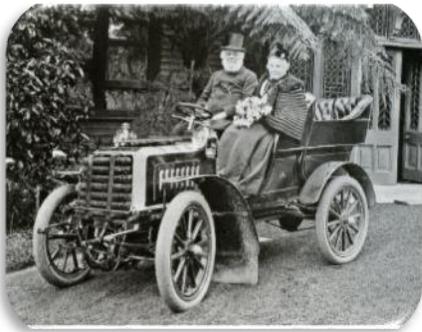
Need a ride to church on Sunday mornings?
Call the church office (642-3715) by 2 pm
Friday afternoon to reserve a ride.

Worship DVD and Bulletin



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.

Senior Ministry
"May Day Drive-thru at OSLC"
Tuesday, April 27
between 12:30 and 2:00 pm



May Day is a holiday rich in history and folklore, celebrating the return of spring! Let us help you "shake off those wintertime blues" by *springing* into May Day early!

Senior adults, ages 50+, of OSLC: The Senior Ministry team invites you to take a Tuesday drive to the church on April 27. Team members will be stationed in front of the church on State Street to greet you with a hearty *HELLO* and present you with a May Day Basket!

***When you pull up, we ask that you please stay in your vehicle and let us come to you!
~OSLC Senior Ministry Team



Mark your calendar
now for the
Senior Ministry
Annual Picnic
Tuesday, June 29
Details coming in
the June
Newsletter.

Scriptures

May 2 Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 9 Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 23 Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 30 Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES!



Sunday, May 16, Worship at 8:30 am
Breakfast following at 9:30 AM

Worship and Breakfast
in honor of High School Graduation
8:30 am Worship (including a special
blessing for grads and families)
9:30 am Breakfast (sponsored by Education
Committee)

If your high school senior has not received
an invitation, please call the church office
ASAP at 642-3715.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Spearfish Sasquatch Baseball Club is looking for host families this summer. Host families are needed to help provide beds, home-cooked meals, and a place for the players to call home. Host families will host a player for approximately 10 weeks. Dates are about May 20 - August 12. Being a host family comes with many benefits, including two season tickets to all home games for hosting one player. Or, five season tickets for hosting two or more players/interns, discounts on merchandise, discounts on concessions, and the potential to build life-long relationships. If you are interested in this meaningful opportunity, please visit www.spearfishsasquatch.com or call Eric at 605-484-8225.



**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH
GROUP**

**Sky Ranch Bible Camp
Opportunity**

for high school students who have completed 9 - 12 grades. The dates for Sky Ranch Bible camp are July 9 - 12 and the cost is \$125, which includes transportation, meals, and white water rafting trip. Please contact Chris Blain at ckblain@gmail.com for information about signing up. Spots are limited so sign-up soon!

Pray For Our Military Members and Families:



Ben Alger, Cyrus Bernard, Jessie King, Kyle Kloeckl, Jodi Kuester, Dalton Meeks, Scott Nauman, Brook Paulson, Andrew J. Schreiner,

Sydney Spraitz, and Kraig Vavruska. Addresses are posted in the glass case in the Fellowship Hall. If you know someone we haven't listed, or if you have an address change, please call the church office at 642-3715.

Office Notes:

The office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, May 31 in honor of Memorial Day.

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

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.

Check out our website for the weekly worship bulletins, monthly newsletter, monthly calendar and much more...
www.oslcspearfish.com.

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

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

May 2021

Saturday April 17 the ladies of Ruth Circle hosted the Annual Prayer Breakfast featuring Author Tom Roberts. What a treat!!! About forty ladies were able to attend. Thank you Ruth Circle for a fun morning and great food.

We had a short General meeting and found there is excitement for the months coming up. We are looking forward to the Festival in the Park with pie baking and seeing old friends again. We have been talking of the Julefest and God willing we will be able to go back to our original way of doing things by December. If not, we are open for ideas. Over the years, we have been so fortunate to have some very talented women overseeing everything that needs to put on this event. We are looking for women who would be willing to be trained to take over someday. Please pray on it and if you have interest please let any one of us know. We have time until December gets here but time goes by quite fast these days.

The Synodical Gathering will be held on June 25, 1:00-3:00 pm at Brandon Lutheran Church, Brandon, SD. There will be limited seating so preregister by emailing your name and church to clundeen@midco.net . If you prefer to watch on livestream go to brandonlutheran.org and click on the "Follow Us" click here link. Or go to www.youtube .

With the snow we are having today, I am looking forward to the May flowers.

Blessings,

Mary Goddard

Women of the ELCA Calendar

May Kitchen Duty: Ruth Circle
May 5, 9:30 AM: Women of the ELCA Board Meeting

Circle Meetings

Circle Study Leaders

May 3 @ 10:30 AM

Deborah Circle

May 10, 11:00 AM @ Lucky's 13

Esther Circle

May 13, 1:00 PM

Hostess: Elaine Ohnstad-Eide **Leader:** Anne Kirk

Ruth Circle

May 20, 10:00 AM

Hostess: Loretta Greni **Leader:** All



Remember your
Secret Sister with a
note or card in May!

Baby Care Kits

are due June 15

Esther Circle encourages anyone to check out the Baby Care Kit Display in the fellowship hall and donate a kit or one (or more) articles towards a kit. Please place items or complete kits in the basket near the receptionist desk in the Fellowship Hall.



Each kit should contain:

2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet), 1 hand towel, dark color recommended, 2 receiving blankets, 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts, 4 cloth diapers, 2 pairs of socks, 2 bath-size bars of gentle soap, in original wrapping, 2 diaper pins, 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap

*Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with the safety pins. Gently used, clean items can be substituted for new ones. **An entire kit gets kind of expensive, single items really help as well.** Do not enclose kit in plastic bags*

Children & Family Ministries News

May 2021



"The River of Life" VBS!
June 21-24, 9:00 am – Noon,
Jorgensen Park Shelter

Online Registration is NOW open at
www.oslcspearfish.com (under Dive
Deeper/Christian Ed) or Family Faith Builders
Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/oslckidmin>

Available for all kids age 3 through the 5th grade,
based on grade completed June 1, 2021, so bring
your friends, neighbors and all your cousins!

Volunteers can register at the above links as well!
(must be 13 by June 21 to volunteer)

*Alternative plans are being developed for VBS at
home if we are unable to meet in person due to an
increase in Covid-19 in our community. Volunteers
will be needed to assemble VBS Take Home bags.*



Volunteer Jobs for VBS

Director(s): coordinates daily plans with station
leaders, group guides and other volunteers.

Large Group Openers/Musicians: does the
opening, closing and music for all kids.

Station Leaders: Leads groups through activities.
Station: Small group, story time, crafts, games,
snacks, simulation station,

Group Leaders: Responsible for a group of same
age kids, guides them from station to station, helps
station leaders with activities for their group.

Snack Runners: Prepares snacks as needed at the
church and brings them to the park each day.

Coming Fall 2021 Nursery Helpers!

We are so lucky to
have a great nursery space
in our church! We have books and toys to keep
little ones busy while in a safe and comfortable
room!

What we do not have are volunteers....

We need volunteers for our church nursery!

By providing friendly, warm, loving volunteers
in our nursery, we make it possible for parents to
volunteer for kids' ministries or attend an adult
education class or worship service.

Who Can Volunteer in the Nursery?

Grandparents, older siblings, a friend's group,
Dads -especially while Moms are volunteering, 13+
yr. old tweens, teens, retired folks, adult parents &
their parents, Bible study groups, etc.

***Please consider volunteering ONE Sunday per
month to give these parents the peace of mind
they need to share their talents and worship as
they see fit!***

Volunteers are VITAL!

We all want the children in
our lives to learn about Jesus and
his abundant love for them. We
all want our grandkids to learn
those old time Sunday school songs! We all want
our neighbors to feel the love of learning &
worshiping together as community of believers.
**Volunteer to make it happen for your kids,
grandkids, and neighbors!**



For more information on Children's Ministry Programs or to volunteer, please contact me!
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministry, oslc youth@rushmore.com or call/text to 605-381-8695

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Church Council Minutes

April 13, 2021 - 6:30 PM

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 6:27 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Lee Campbell, Andy Binder, Rod Custer, Gary Dettman, Christopher Egerdahl, Dillon Haug, Deb Kimbell, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Helen Merriman, and David Pummel. Members shared "What's on Top" in their lives.
2. **Devotions:** Chris Egerdahl shared that Spring is his favorite season, so he looked for devotionals about Spring. He found one that focused on the idea "Don't wish your life away." Longing for a future "good," like Spring, leads to ignoring the gifts of God today.
3. **Approve Agenda:** David Pummel moved to approve the agenda; Chris Egerdahl seconded; motion carried.
4. **March Council Minutes:** Dillon Haug moved to approve the March minutes; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
5. **March Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel reported that, as in the last few months, the report shows income is less than what was budgeted, but expenses, especially travel and utilities, are also less. The snow removal bills are now up to date, and the money remaining in the snow removal budget is good. Helen Merriman moved to approve the March Treasurer's Report; Deb Kimbell seconded; motion carried.
6. **Ministerial Staff Reports:**
Deacon Laura Lee Campbell shared that the Lenten weekly Centering Prayer has ended. The group is considering continuing it on a regular basis, not only during Lent. Laura is grateful to those who provided video devotionals for "a story to tell" during Lent. She feels that each of the Easter services was a celebration. She recently participated in the Spring Theological Conference for Rostered Leaders discussing "Prophetic Words of Hope." Laura's sabbatical plans include two continuing ed events online, checking in with other deacons in our region, and "rest and renewal near water when possible." She is thankful for this gift of time, May 10 – July 5.

Pastor Stephan Sandness said that the Easter cycle was good, devotions online and Holy Week in person and online. The attendance of Easter services was about half of what would be considered usual but adding in those who were participating online makes the number in attendance MORE THAN the usual. He thanked Andy Binder and the Joyful Journey for their help with the services. A meeting of the Covid Task Force discussed what's next; the plan is to bring back things gradually. Singing by the congregation and the participation of the Joyful Journey musicians is a start. Funeral lunches will begin again on May 1, and other lunches have already been scheduled as well. Pastor Stephan said that weddings and funerals delayed by Covid have already been scheduled. Kari Webb has finished her internship in Belle Fourche. The congregation there will meet to Call her to be their pastor, and her ordination will be May 22, at OSLC. Pastor Stephan had two funerals in the past two weeks that were very different from each other but proved to him that some things never change. The community will come together to support those needing support;

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it is what we as Church do. A student who was not able to attend the group confirmation service will be confirmed during Wednesday Word on April 14.

7. Committee Updates

Education Committee: Children received their Holy Week bags. The Family Faith Builders Book Club will read *Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too*. Confirmation students will make their faith statements on April 28; Confirmation is on May 2, and the High School Recognition Breakfast for graduates and parents will be held May 16. Lunch at The Living Room will continue through the school year and may go longer if the group chooses. Gather evening Bible study will end April 20. VBS for preschool – 5th grade will be held June 21 through the 24. Twelve to fifteen OSLC campers have registered with Lutherans Outdoors, and a \$3,200 check for their scholarships will be sent this week. Some members of the High School Youth Group will go to Sky Ranch in July.

Senior Ministry: has planned a drive through for April 27 to hand out May baskets.

Communications: will be starting to meet again soon.

WELCA: will be having a Spring Prayer Breakfast and General Meeting on Saturday, April 17.

Mission Team: was able to help with the World Hunger mission.

Campus Ministry: is doing innovative things online, including cooking classes and Bible study.

8. **Property:** The concrete replacement in the front of the church should begin soon. Other issues to be dealt with are improving the landscaping and fixing or replacing sprinkler heads. We need to get the west side of the building looking good again.

Annette Johnson joined the Council to discuss the final plans for the kitchen and lighting updates. The kitchen needs \$3,000 worth of work to fix up the old stove rather than replacing it, and \$1,850 is needed to replace old lighting with LED bulbs, and stained ceiling tiles throughout the church. Helen Merriman moved to provide \$2,500 from the Repair and Replace funds in the budget; Chris Egerdahl seconded; motion carried. AJ said that WELCA would cover the rest of the costs. Gary Dettman said that he and the Fix-it crew would do the work to replace the lights when the new lights come in.

9. **Adjourn:** Rod Custer adjourned the meeting at 7:45 which was followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 6:30 PM. Sharing devotions in May will be Pastor Stephan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger

Trea\$urer's Report

As of March 31, 2021

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$119,942.27
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$124,560.68
Year-to-date Budget	\$139,591.79

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
SUNDAY April 18, 2021

***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 President Rod Custer at 9:29 AM. Sixty-seven OSLC members were in attendance. Rod amended the agenda to include the Adoption of the Constitution as item 8A.
 2. Adoption of the Agenda: Dale Donat moved to adopt the agenda as amended; Sandra Nauman seconded; motion carried.
 3. Opening Prayer: Pastor Stephan opened the meeting with prayer.
 4. Approval of the Minutes, November 8, 2020, Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Helen Merriman moved to approve the minutes; Donna Dettman seconded; motion carried.
 5. Treasurer's Report: David Pummel presented information from the Statement of Income and Expense Account for 2020. Income for the year was down, but expenses were also down due to less travel and use of utilities. OSLC in a healthy financial position. Due to the congregation's support, we ended the year ahead a little more than \$18,300. The Dedicated Accounts remained steady. The Income and Expense Accounts for the first quarter of 2021 show OSLC \$4,614.47 behind. This is not a concern. The snow removal bills came in all at once, which is an expense that can't be spread throughout the year. Beth Benning moved to approve the treasurer's report; Pam Englund seconded; motion carried.
 6. Introduction of the 2020-2021 Church Council and Committee Members: Rod Custer introduced members of the Church Council and recognized Dawn Wood, Kari Webb, and Gary Dettman for their service as members of the council whose terms are ending.
 7. Nominating Committee Report: Andy Binder explained the duties of the nominating committee: "We called and asked, and three accepted." Those three are Carson Klein, Christina Miles, and Pam Tyma. Andy opened the floor to more nominations; none were received.
 8. Election of the Church Council: (Elect three/ three-year term) Dale Donat moved to approve the three members nominated to the Church Council; Denise Bakke seconded; motion carried.
 - 8A. Adoption of the Constitution: Pastor Stephan Sandness outlined the type of changes that had been made to the constitution. Most were language changes. The revised constitution was sent to the Synod Council; they approved, and now we vote. Andy Binder moved to approve the updated constitution; David Pummel seconded; motion carried. Pastor Stephan thanked former OSLC Council member Tammi Martin for her work on this revision.
 9. Action on Written Reports (Staff and Special): Harold Baker moved to accept the written reports, Rita Stacey seconded; motion carried.
 10. Delegates to the SD Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls, June 4 – June 5, 2021: The meeting will be held on ZOOM. We can have six members attend. Anyone who would like to attend needs to speak to Pastor Stephan to register.
 11. Adjourn: Rod Custer adjourned the meeting at 9:52 AM.
 12. Closing Prayer: Pastor Stephan closed the meeting with a prayer. Following the prayer, Pastor Stephan thanked the Covid Task Force for their help in guiding the church through the pandemic. Members of the Task Force are Deb Kimbell, Andy Binder, Jason Knudson, Pat Rotert, Dawn Wood, and Rod Custer.
- Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger.

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Confirmation Pictures 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service Affirmation of Faith 8th Graders</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 PM Education Comm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 AM Senior Ministry 11:00 AM Deborah Circle @ Lucky's 13 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00 PM Mission Team 6:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM High School Senior Breakfast 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 12:45 PM Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-Up</p> <p>Installation of Church Council</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR</p> <p>Newsletter Items Due</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship 2:00 PM Ordination of Kari Webb @ OSLC</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:00 PM Worship & Arts 6:30 PM Friendship Ministry</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:26 PM Wednesday Word</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service</p> <p> SHS Graduation</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Good Shepherd Clinic--Closed</p> <p> Memorial Day (office Closed)</p>					
<p>Deacon Laura Sabbatical: May 10 - July 5</p>						

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