

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 27, 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 1, 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:*



**Ryder Allbright, Jack Baloun, Madelyn Binder,
Karly Curnow, Alexis Delahoyde, Sawyer Franke,
Teegen Frederickson, Alexis Hayford,
Laney Heilman, Camden Hemeyer,
Brooklynn Jeffery, Kori Keil, Evan Nielsen,
Kyler Pietzyk, Kaitlynn Sitzman, Rylan Vavruska,
Jayden Werlinger, Mason Wilde**

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:*

Jennifer Pietzyk and Nate Frederickson

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



O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. (Psalm 96:1-4)

I've always found May to be a nice month to be a Midwesterner. April's showers (and blizzards) will now be bringing May's flowers, and the earth seems to be new again. Browns give way to greens, dark gives way to light, cold gives way to warmth... a season of change, for the better, it seems. The school year is approaching its end, and students know it. (We have a soon-to-be graduating high-school senior, and boy, do they know it!)

May is an interesting month to be a school teacher. Just like the students, there isn't a teacher who doesn't rejoice in seeing that light at the end of May's tunnel. And yet, there's also some sense of sadness at the endings that are upon us. Students move on to another grade, some graduate to a whole new experience, a whole new life before them... and we wonder what will become of them. Did we do our job as teachers, as parents? Will they be good people? Good citizens? Happy, productive adults? Their time in our classrooms (and for some, our homes) has ended, but their adult life in the world is just beginning... a new start, full of possibility and promise.

On the first Sunday in May, we here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church will celebrate a stepping-stone in the lives of eighteen of our young people. They will stand before this congregation and publicly profess their faith in Jesus. They will "affirm their baptism," saying "yes" to the promises made to them long ago in water and the Word. Confirmation. Often times we treat this milestone as a graduation, but it's not... not really. True enough, their time in our Wednesday evening confirmation workshops has come to an end... but listen to the promise these young men and women will make before you:

"You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism; to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's Word and share God's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for peace and justice in all the earth?"

Hopefully, they will answer, *"I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."*

The key word in the promise they will make is *"continue."* These things are nothing new to them. What they are in baptism is what they are as "confirmed members" of the body of Christ: they are believers, worshippers, servants of Jesus and bearers of the Good News. As they enter high-school and the season of change that awaits them, they promise that this one thing will not change... they will continue to live as a child of God, a believer in Jesus. They will "sing a new song," to be sure, and it may not sound like the song of their parents and elders, but it will be a song of praise and worship nonetheless. And the rest of us wait anxiously and expectantly to find out what their songs will sound like. We look forward to their continued worship with us. We pray they will keep their promise to *continue* with us. Pray hard for these young people, and celebrate with them!

On May 15, we celebrate with 14 of our graduating High School seniors as they venture out now into the future that awaits them. This one's a little melancholy for me, as my wife Laura and I watch our youngest go with them. It's a strange sensation, to be sure, this milestone in our life as parents. But most of all... the feeling of gratitude. We're grateful for what he (and his classmates) will be bringing to the world as adults. I pray that they, like our confirmands, will continue in the promises they have made and in their identity that is theirs as beloved children of God, and beloved children of ours.

In the hope of Easter's promise,

Pastor Stephan Sandness

Notes from Pastor S:

As we soon move into summer, perhaps it would be appropriate to remember the promise we *all* made the day of our confirmation, the promise to continue to live among God's people and to worship with them. On Sunday, May 29, we will be moving to our Summer Schedule of worship, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. This one service allows you the opportunity to worship with folks who might normally worship at a different time than you... kind of like a summer-time, summer-long family reunion. ☺

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30. For many of us, this weekend is kind of the traditional "start of summer." However you find yourself spending Memorial Day this year, please set aside some time during that day to bring to memory those who lost their lives in service to their country. Pray in thanksgiving for the freedoms that we enjoy... freedoms that came at no small price. Pray that we might use our freedom for the cause of peace and a better world for our children to inherit.

The new A/C unit for the worship space has been installed!!! It looks like the only "hiccup" in the whole project is some extra electrical work needing done. The electric service to the old unit is obsolete for what the new unit requires, and will add approximately \$1500 - \$2000 to the overall cost of the project. Of the approx. \$42,000 cost estimated for the whole deal, that isn't terrible in terms of unforeseen change-orders. If you weren't able to get in on the initial fundraising for this replacement project last fall, here's your opportunity to really make a difference! Thanks to ALL OF YOU for making this happen, and a special shout-out to our Tuesday Fix-It Crew who so wonderfully stepped up to help it along!

☯ Pastoral Acts ☯

Baptisms
April 10

Jameson Robert Wager, son of
Samantha & Zack Wager

May's "Love Your Neighbor Jar"

*benefits Lakota Youth Ministry
Wambli Ska Center.*

*March's Love Your Neighbor Jar
raised \$ 909.11 for the ELCA World
Hunger Appeal; and \$626.75 for Lutheran
World Relief - Ukraine.*



**NEW
Member
Class**

**New Members to be
received May 22
at both worship
services.**

New Member dinner and orientation is
Thursday, May 19, 5:45 PM.

Please call the church office
(642-3715) by Friday, May 13
if you plan to attend.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions in the Special Offering and through the Love Your Neighbor Jar and God's Global Barnyard Banks! Your contributions totaling \$1,506.07 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal help provide sustainable solutions to end hunger for families in this country and around the world.



Spearfish Community Food Pantry needs for May

Grape or strawberry jelly,
ramen noodles, all kinds of pasta,
canned chicken breast 5 or 12 oz.,
canned peaches, Chunky or Progresso Soups

Your faithful people, Lord, will praise you with song
and honor your holy name. ~ Psalm 30:4
I thank you from my heart, and I will never stop
singing your praises my Lord and my God.
~ Psalm 30:12

Dear friends,

As we move through the Sundays of Easter during the month of May, we recognize it is a month for celebration, praise, and gratitude! Not only will we celebrate with our Confirmands and High School Seniors, we will give thanks as we receive New Members. And we will meet Lauren Vaske, Director of Sharing the Dream in Guatemala, a long-held mission connection of Our Savior's. Throughout the season we will praise and thank the Lord for the wonder of the Resurrection and what it means for our life as church—the body of Christ.

Praise and thanksgiving are certainly part of our worship within the walls of Our Savior's as we gather. Also, individual and small group praise and thanksgiving happens in our homes, on the street, and in our serving. We collectively worship with people around the globe in spirit, whether they are hiding in war-torn nations or singing praise in open gatherings within and outside houses of worship of all kinds.

This month, I invite you to watch for opportunities to participate in *Bread for the World Offering of Letters* to advocate for people who experience hunger in this country and globally. Information will be shared at a table in the Fellowship Hall and on the website and social media.

Please know that my constant prayers are with each one of you as you participate in the mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church to welcome all and to share the good news of God's love and forgiveness.

God's peace and blessings to you!
~ Deacon Laura Lee Campbell



Sunday, May 16,

The OSLC Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-Up event is scheduled for Sunday, May 15. 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 15 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. We only require eight (8) volunteers and anticipate about 1½ hours to clean up trash.

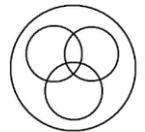
Trash bags, water, and construction vests will be provided along with a special trash pick-up device that will alleviate bending over to remove trash. Interested volunteers can contact George and Julia Vansco at 605-642-2661 for more information.

Wednesday Suppers

A big **THANK YOU** to all the groups and individuals who prepared and served Wednesday supper meals during this school year. These groups included Mission Team, Manna Meals, Camp Families, High School Youth, Church Council, Education Committee, Leaping Lutherans Relay for Life Team, the Fix-It Group, Thrivent, and of course, our confirmation families. The free-will offering from the meals provided contributions that benefit their programs and/or their missions. Well done!

Wednesday night suppers will resume in the Fall!

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.



Sunday, May 15, 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.

Confirmation

April 27: 6:26 PM Wednesday Word-8th Grade
Faith Statements
7th graders should also attend.
Sunday, 10:45 AM Affirmation of
May 1: Faith/Confirmation Sunday

May Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Jack Baloun

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Teegan Frederickson, Sawyer Franke



Elementary Adventure Day

A day for youth in Kindergarten through 6th
grade to experience Outlaw Ranch.

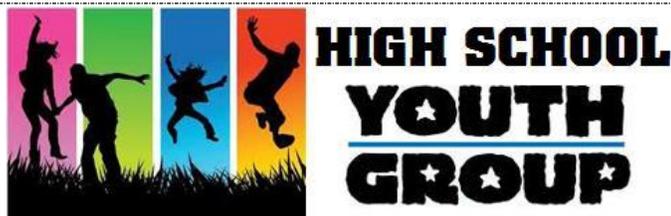
Sunday, May 28, 2022 - 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bring yourself and a friend to an afternoon of
fun at camp. Games, worship, singing, crafts,
hiking, hayrides, campfire, s'mores, and supper
will provide you with a fun introduction to
Outlaw Ranch and some ideas about what kind
of camp you would like to go to in the summer.

REGISTRATION: Cost includes supper and
programming. Youth - \$17, Adult - \$13

A \$10 non-refundable per person deposit is
included in fee. Register by Friday, May 20,
2022.

Register at <https://www.losd.org/elementary-adventure-day>



Sky Ranch Bible Camp Opportunity

for high school students who have completed 9
- 12 grades. The dates for Sky Ranch Bible
camp are July 8 – 11.

We will camp in tents, eat at the main lodge, do
the high ropes course, hike and other group
activities and games. We'll conclude the trip
on Monday morning with a guided river raft
adventure on the Cache la Poudre River.

Please contact the office or Chris Blain at
ckblain@gmail.com to confirm a spot. Cost is
\$125 and includes transportation, all camp fees
and river rafting.



New Faith & Care Leaders Needed!

Faith & Care is a program that
gives every member of the
congregation opportunities to use their time and
abilities in service on Sunday mornings as welcome
center hosts, ushers, communion assistants, snack
providers, or coffee servers. Each member family is
assigned to one of thirteen groups that serve for a
particular month. **SignUp and Care Leaders are
needed** for some of the groups. Please contact
Deacon Laura at oslc1@rushmore.com or 642-3715
to learn more!



Senior Ministry



Senior Ministry May Day Baskets

We will be handing out May Baskets to our Seniors (age 50 and above) on Sunday May 1. The Senior Ministry Team will be in the Fireside room handing out May Baskets between church services. Please stop by and pick up a basket.



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.

Save the Date!
Senior Ministry
Annual Picnic
Tuesday, June 21
4:30 PM
Details coming in the
June Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2022

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$137,243.63
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$135,324.21
Year-to-date Budget	\$144,715.48



Lauren Vaske, Executive Director of Sharing the Dream in Guatemala, will be visiting the Black Hills for a few days beginning May 21. Please join the Sharing the Dream Team for a meet and greet with Lauren between worship services on Sunday, May 22 and shop some of the new spring merchandise the Vermillion store has recently received from Guatemala.

Scriptures

- May 1** Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
- May 8** Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
- May 15** Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
- May 22** Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
- May 29** Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

May 2022

Spring has ALMOST sprung. BUT what we do know HE HAS RISEN! I do hope your Easter was filled with joy, and where able to be with family and friends.

At the April meeting we discussed the World Day of Prayer and seven members from OSLC where able to attend. Great Britain was one of the topics and ladies had a tea party during refreshment time. Very enjoyable time.

The Gather magazine will be starting a new series in May, so keep checking your mailbox .

Diane reported on the Bear Butte Conference happenings for this fall. Our ladies are in charge of this event. So looking forward to a getaway in September. We will keep you posted.

Diane will be attending the Synodical Convention in Brookings June 23-24 as a delegate.

The Lenten lunches went very well so thank you Lynn and AJ for helping in the kitchen.

Discussion was also had of items needed in the kitchen. Items needed are more pairing knives, new cutting boards, stainless steel kittle. Another item brought up was ice maker. This is something needed for most gatherings we have in the church, always have a problem with freezer keeping up. Would also free up needed space. Donations welcome.

Keep your Secret Sister in your prayers in May. Next meeting May 4. Kitchen duty Deborah Circle

Blessings

Mary Goddard

Women of the ELCA Calendar

May Kitchen Duty: Deborah Circle
May 4, 9:30 AM: Women of the ELCA Board Meeting

Circle Meetings

Circle Study Leaders

May 2 @ 10:30 AM

Deborah Circle

May 9, 11:00 AM @ Lucky 13's

Esther Circle

May 12, 1:00 PM

Hostess: Mildred Vasknetz Leader: All

Ruth Circle

May 19, 11:00 AM @ Culver's



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

Save the date: Secret Sister Reveal gathering, Saturday, June 18, 2:30 pm at Salem Park.

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 May 2022



SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

The Education Committee and I would like to thank the volunteer teachers, helpers, and guides for sharing their time, talent and energy with the children and young people of OSLC!

Sunday & Wednesday school—*Abi & Nick Case, Maggie Faulkner, Elaina Nielsen, Sydney Haugland, Ellie Klein, Barb Schuler, Ashley Zeigler, Jamie Heubrock, Anna Ford, Britney Routh, Heidi Johnson, Claire Nida, Maria Eisenbraun*

Music Leaders—*Doug Deppe and Connie Feekes*

AV Guy—*Andy Binder & Crew*

Busy Bags Coordinator—*Amanda Hayford*

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the members of our Education Committee; many of these folks have been on our committee for several years and are past Sunday school teacher or superintendents. Thank you so much for sharing your ideas, your support for our programs and your patient guidance!

Tammy Silvernagel, Diane Wendt, Sherry Kloeckl, Laura Sandness, Dillon Haug, Deb Kimbell, Ernie Nauman, and our faithful shepherds, Deacon Laura and Pastor Stephan.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Welcome to “TREE OF HEALING” ELCA World Hunger’s VBS program for 2022!

DATE: June 27—30

TIME: 9:00AM—NOON

PLACE: Spearfish City Park North Shelter

AGES: Preschool – 4th grade 2021-22 school year

VOULUNTEERS NEEDED:

Music leaders, station leaders, group guides
Ages 13 up are welcome and encouraged to volunteer! See Miss Beth for more information!



Summer Camp 2022 BOUNDLESS

Campers from OSLC that are attending Camp this year are: *Lillian Miles, James Binder, Madelyn Binder, Haven Baker, Elaina Nielsen, Evan Nielsen, Trigg Larson, Lydia Etzkorn, Tripp Donat, Abby Hegge and Ian Hegge*

Please keep our campers and all kids & counselors attending camps this summer in your prayers for a faith building, meaningful and fun camp experience! Three of our campers are on the waiting list, hoping to get in, so please pray that it works out for them to attend camp this year!



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, soon you will see a new area in our sanctuary, called the ‘Pray-Ground’; which is a space in the front of the Sanctuary intended especially for families with infants and toddlers.

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. Their parents are with them in the 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.



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

SUNDAY April 10, 2022

In the Fellowship Hall of
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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 Vice President Andy Binder at 9:35 AM. Ninety-four OSLC members were in attendance.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Dale Donat moved to adopt the agenda; Howard Perry seconded; motion carried.
3. **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Stephan opened the meeting with prayer.
4. **Approval of the Minutes, November 14, 2021, Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** Deb Kimbell moved to approve the minutes; Kellie Pummel seconded; motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel stated that OSLC is in a healthy financial position. At the end of December 2021, the church finances were about 94% of what was projected in the annual budget. At this time, the church is \$6,000 ahead of the 2022 annual budget, and snow removal, always a tricky expense, does not have any outstanding bills. Pam Englund moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Helen Merriman seconded; motion carried.
6. **Introduction of the 2021-2022 Church Council and Committee Members:** Andy Binder introduced members of the Church Council, asking them to stand; recognized members of the council whose terms are ending, Rod Custer, Dillon Haug, Deb Kimbell, and Helen Merriman; and thanked them for their service.
7. **Nominating Committee Report:** The nominating committee is tasked with finding members who wish to serve the church and to promote the church's well-being. The committee found the following members: Nichole Braithwait, Linda Easthouse, Mat Ornelas, and Deming Haugland.
8. **Election of the Church Council:** (Elect four/ three-year term) Sandi Nauman moved to approve the four members nominated to the Church Council; Diane Bryan seconded; motion carried.

9. **Action on Written Reports (Staff and Special):** Steph Pribilske moved to accept the written reports, Duane Boy seconded; motion carried.
10. **Delegates to the SD Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls, June 3 – June 4, 2022:** Anyone who would like to attend needs to speak to Pastor Stephan to register.
11. **Adjourn:** Lisa Haugland moved to adjourn the meeting; Andy Binder seconded and adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM.
12. **Closing Prayer:** Pastor Stephan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger.

Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, May 30 in honor of Memorial Day.

The deadline for submission of items for the June newsletter is **Friday, May 20**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com

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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!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

April 12, 2022 - 6:30 PM ZOOM meeting

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 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Andy Binder, Rod Custer, Chris Egerdahl, Deb Kimbell, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Helen Merriman, Christina Miles, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
2. **What's Up?** Council members shared stories of the "busyness" of families and jobs, plans to reconnect with old friends, plans to travel, expecting a new baby, housing and houses, and new jobs. A couple of members were enjoying the peace and beauty of a snowy day.
3. **Devotions:** Rod Custer shared a devotion about the day after Palm Sunday. The crowd turns against Jesus, and Herod and Pilate don't do anything; even though, they know Jesus is innocent. What does it mean to be part of the crowd, yelling to crucify him?
4. **Approve Agenda:** Andy Binder moved to approve the agenda; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the March Council Minutes:** Deb Kimbell moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting; David Pummel seconded; motion carried.
6. **Approval of the March Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer David Pummel said that revenue for the year has been good. Year-to-date \$137,249 has been donated, which is 23.71 percent of what was budgeted. Since we are through 25 percent of the year, we're close to where we planned to be. Expenses through March were 23.41 percent of what was budgeted, and we're \$1,709.70 ahead. Pam Tyma moved to approve the March treasurer's report; Chris Egerdahl seconded; motion carried.
7. **Ministerial Staff Reports:**

Deacon Laura Campbell would like to thank everyone who participated in online devotions. About 20 people volunteered or agreed to share the online devotions from *grace unbounded*. Laura also wanted to thank the WELCA ladies for hosting the Lenten Lunches on Wednesdays. She shared that people really enjoyed Wednesday's "Holden Evening Prayer" and Pastor Stephan's messages and Sunday classes through a Lutheran Lens. Laura's weekly Centering Prayer through Lent was well-attended, and some are considering continuing it on a regular

basis. Her Gather evening Bible study group will end their study of The Kingdom of God this month. They will start up again in the fall.

Pastor Stephan felt that Lent had so much going on this year, but he decided that the extra "stuff" he was doing was just getting back what had been missing the last two years. Lent was energizing and goes by fast. One thing that will be added to this year's Easter preparations is the Easter vigil on Saturday evening. The services for Easter week build up the anticipation of Easter. We have had an increase in worshippers each week with over 300 worshippers last week. It is good to see new faces. Eighth grade confirmation is coming up, as is Celebration Sunday, which is a chance to thank all who helped with the faith formation of our kids. The children's "Pray Ground" will be coming to the southwest side of the sanctuary, so toddlers have a welcoming space to worship. Pastor Stephan plans to have a temple talk to the congregation soon. The Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls is June 3-4. Pastor Stephan also wanted to say a special thanks to the council members leaving the group because their terms have ended.

8. Committee Updates:

Senior Ministry: Pam Tyma shared that the latest get together was so much fun. The next event will include the distribution of May baskets, and the event after that will be the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Education: Second grade students led the Lord's Prayer with Pastor Stephan and joined other Sunday School kids to form a choir for Palm Sunday. They performed for both services. Celebration Sunday will be April 24 to thank students, teachers, and volunteers for a great year. May 1 is Confirmation Sunday, and registration for camp is open.

Property Team: The HVAC system will be installed the week after Easter. The boiler room was cleaned out and old aluminum window frames were found and recycled for a profit of \$91.80.

9. **Adjourn:** Rod Custer adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM at The Living Room. Pastor Stephan Sandness will lead devotions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service Affirmation of Faith 8th Graders</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>2</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>3</p> <p>8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 1:00 PM KidZone 5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR 7:15 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Cradle Roll</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR</p> <p>Deacon's Day Off</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 AM Senior Ministry 11:00 AM Deborah Circle @ Lucky 13's 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesdays 5:30 PM Mission Team 6:00 PM Church Council @TLR</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR 7:15 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR</p> <p>Deacon's Day Off</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM High School Senior Breakfast 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 12:45 AM Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-up</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR 7:15 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:45 AM Sandstone HC 11:00 AM Ruth Circle @ Culver's 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 5:45 PM New Member Dinner &Orientation</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR</p> <p>Deacon's Day Off Newsletter Items Due</p>	<p>21</p> <p> SHS Graduation</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service</p> <p>New Members Received</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesdays 5:00 PM Worship & Arts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:15 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:30 AM GSC Board Meeting</p> <p>Deacon's Day Off</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Good Shepherd Clinic--Closed</p> <p> Memorial Day (office Closed)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Friendship Ministry</p>				

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