

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, May 3, 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 7, 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:*

**Haven Baker, James Binder, Piper Brooke-Ellison,
Maggie Faulkner, Abbigail Hegge, Addison Keller,
Kayla Lantis, Jobie Manke, Lillian Miles,
Kallie Mittleider, Tucker Olson, Chase Schenk,
Kade Vavruska, Caleb Verhulst**



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:*

Brandy Vavruska and Travis Schenk

"You belong to Christ; we belong to each other."



Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it,

he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice... (1 Kings 19:11-13a)

Dear Friends,

Can we talk about the wind?

As I write this, I'm listening to the wind whipping by my office window, revealing every aging and inadequate seal in said window's frame. It's blowing at over 20 mph presently and is supposed to remain between 20 and 35 mph for the next few days. I'd just chalk it up to spring in western South Dakota, but for the fact that where my house is located, on top of a high spot overlooking the Redwater River valley, this could be the situation pretty much *any* month out of the year. It strikes me how I seem to have a knack for choosing to reside in some of the most blustery places in the country... from Gillette, Wyoming to southeastern Minnesota (where wind turbines have sprung up like so many weeds over the course of the last years) to the western Dakotas.

The wind. It blows...pushes...irritates... hinders... at least from the perspective of a runner and outdoorsman who longs for calm climes. It's just... exhausting.

My son Kent and a couple of his buddies are presently on their way out to spend a few days hunting turkeys in northeastern Wyoming. When you've planned an outing, taken days off from work, made arrangements and committed yourself, you go forward regardless of wind and weather. The chance to wait for calmer, more temperate conditions is *not* an option. Instead, you change tactics.

Turkeys are no more fond of wind than we are. In the wind, they become vulnerable because they can't hear well. Hearing is one of a turkey's main defenses against predators. Not only that, but in the wind they can't hear *each other*. This being their breeding and nesting season, they find each other by calling, yelping, gobbling... arranging the trysts that lead to baby turkeys. Hence, it's kind of important that they can hear.

The tactics for finding them in the wind? Get down off the ridges and the high strutting areas, and start looking and listening below, in the protected valleys on the lee side of the prevailing winds. It's often in those out-of-the-wind places, where *you* can hear (and *they* can hear *better*) that you just might catch the telltale gobble of an amorous turkey☺.

But you have to get out of the wind for a bit.

It's the policy of OSLC to send your rostered leaders on sabbatical once every five years and, as I'm now in my eleventh year with you, in the middle of this month I'll be embarking on a ten-week sabbatical, away from the day-to-day functions of our shared ministry. The opportunities presented to me as your pastor by a sabbatical for more intensive learning and study, as well as rest and reconnecting with family and friends is, when it comes right down to it, an opportunity to get out of the wind for a bit... to be able to listen for what God might have in mind next, not only for me but for us as an outpost of grace here in the northern Hills of South Dakota.

I hardly need to rehearse for you the "windy times" we've been living through as a people and as a congregation in these last few years. At the same time, just like my house on top of a high plain, the Church of Jesus Christ is always in the wind... called to be a place of strength and refuge and calm promise regardless of whatever hurricane-force gales might assail it. But sometimes... it's good to step out of the wind for a bit.

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In the Old Testament book of 1 Kings, the prophet Elijah had been facing some mighty challenges as someone called to speak a word to God's people. I'm struck by the fact that in that little episode in the 19th chapter of 1 Kings, the prophet didn't hear God speaking in the mighty wind, nor in the cataclysmic noise of earthquake or fire. It was in the sound of "sheer silence" that God finally spoke. And if you check out what God spoke to him, you'll discover that it was the promise of help... assistance to continue the work in whatever winds or storms.

As grateful as I am to be given the opportunity for an extended Sabbath, a time out of the wind, I'm eternally more grateful for you, the people with whom I am privileged to share this ministry. Please pray for me while I am away, as I will be holding you in prayer. Think on what we have together as Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish, and the strength we enjoy in the Spirit of God blowing through this body of believers.

I look forward to us moving together, from strength to strength, in whatever wind.

In gratitude for you,

Pastor Stephan Sandness

Notes from Pastor S:

Lunch at The Living Room Lectionary Study... last two sessions before summer!

Thursday's "Lunch at The Living Room" Bible study group, which meets weekly to look at texts used in upcoming Sunday worship, will meet two more times this school year: **May 4 and May 11**, before taking a break for the summer. The Study will reconvene on Thursday, August 3 at noon at The Living Room, our Campus Ministry building on the corner of Yale and Jackson.

Wednesday Word Worship to take a pause...

Our final Wednesday Word Worship (at 6:26 PM) for the 2022-23 school year will be Wednesday, May 10. We'll re-gather for a special Healing Service on Wednesday, July 26, and commence with our regular schedule of Wednesday evening worship in August. Stay tuned for details!

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 28

From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, we gather for Sunday worship at OSLC at 9:00 AM... just the one service. During the school year (September through May) most folks have their preferred hour to worship, sticking pretty closely to either the 8:30 or 10:45 service most every week. We hope you will regard the 9:00 gathering time in the summer as an opportunity to see both familiar faces and unfamiliar... fellow members of your church family whose paths you don't cross as often because they worship at a different time during the school year. It's one big summertime, summer-long family reunion! Join us!

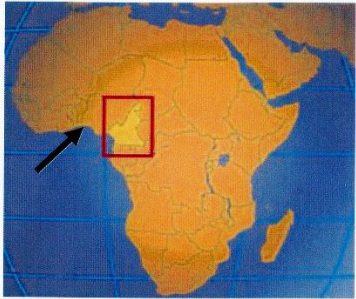
Memorial Day is Monday, May 29. For many of us, this weekend is kind of the traditional "start of summer." However you find yourself spending Memorial Day this year, please set aside some time during that day to bring to memory those who lost their lives in service to their country. Pray in thanksgiving 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.

Let's Put Winter Away!

This winter has been one for the books, as they say. An over-abundance of snow and cold temps has meant a challenge to our operations budget. But it's a challenge we can meet! Watch your mail in the next days for an invitation to help us "put winter away" by putting these extra expenditures to rest. Together, we can do it! Yay, summer!

Raise a Roof!

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (ELCC) is one of our Companion Synods. Between now and Synod Assembly in early June, our Bear Butte Conference Churches have committed to raise funds to build a church roof in Cameroon. It costs roughly \$8,000 to build each church roof.



CAMEROON IS LOCATED IN WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA

Our May “Love Your Neighbor Jar” offerings will be designated for this project. Your donations will literally help build the church!

May's “Love Your Neighbor Jar”
benefits

“Raise the Roof” Cameroon.

March's Love Your Neighbor Jar
raised \$1,951.76 for Bible Camp
Scholarships for OSLC campers going to
Lutherans Outdoors Summer Camps.

Gather ~ Summer Women's Bible Studies

Salvation Now, by Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen

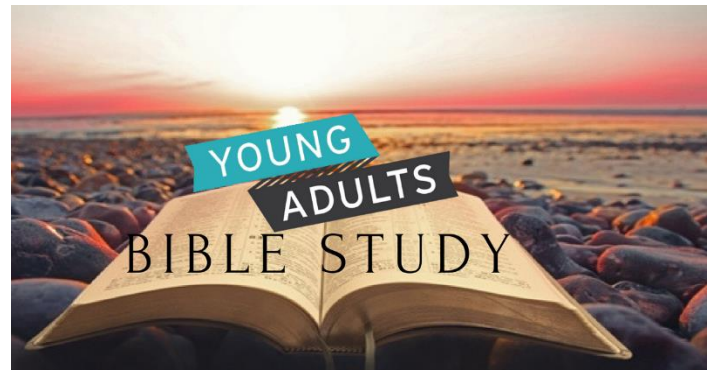
Three sessions:

Promised Salvation Now—Jesus Brings Wellness

Tangible Salvation Now—Christians Bringing Wellness

Needed Salvation Now—A World Wanting Wellness

Watch for more information about various opportunities to participate!



Young Adults Bible Study Group

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM
at The Living Room
(corner of Jackson & Yale).

Come as you are for a night of fellowship and discussion of the Word. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 PM and childcare can be provided with advanced notice. Reach out to Brady Harr if interested or with questions (605) 641-5949 or bwharr@gmail.com.



New Members at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Lori & Jack Baye

Jay & Lindy Burns and Family

Reta Burns

Eric & Urszula Eisner and Family

Kris Garlick

Kathy Helmer

Nathan Jagim & Family

Dave & Kay Kaul

Lana Main

Cory & Kelly Rath and Family

Joe & Britney Routh and Family

Mark & Maria Schreiner

Aaron Smith

Pete & Carrietta St. Peter and Family

Robert “Bob” Sutfin & Diane McGuire

Mary & Stan Triplett

Merlin & Dianne Weyer

"Be still and know that I am God!" ~ Psalm 46:10

Dear friends in Christ,

One of my favorite things about Spring arriving is hearing the sound of birds when dawn arrives each morning. Each day, as darkness slowly becomes dawn, I appreciate quiet moments to thank God for a new day and to rest in God's presence. This morning, one of my daily devotionals began with, "Rest in the stillness of my presence as I prepare you for this day." It's so easy to awake and rush into the day with to-do-list and expectations in hand. But God calls us to stillness—to recognize God as Lord of this day. God calls us to relax and open our hearts and minds to hear God's voice in Scripture and in the world around us as a new day dawns and as we move out into the world.

Thank you for all the ways you participated in our congregation's observances of the Lenten season! A special thank you goes out to readers of online devotions throughout those weeks, to singers of all ages during *Holden Evening Prayer* on Wednesdays, to those present at the Lord's supper on Maundy Thursday and at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, to those who gathered for Easter Vigil by the fire on Holy Saturday. A big thank you to the High School Youth and advisors for providing Easter morning breakfast for all of us between celebrations of the resurrection on Easter.

This month, I invite you to watch for opportunities to participate in the *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 as well as other communications.

Also, don't miss the Sharing the Dream in Guatemala Spring Sale of Artisan Crafts on Sunday, May 21!

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

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, Camp Families, High School Youth, Church Council, Education Committee, Leaping Lutherans, the Fix-It Group, Thrivent, Bell & Senior Choirs, 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!



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



Spring Sale!!

Check out the new spring and summer merchandise from Sharing the Dream. Gift ideas for weddings, bridal showers, baby showers, Father's Day
Sunday, May 21, 9:45- noon

TreaSurer's Report As of March 31, 2023

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$139,209.03
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$150,931.65,
Year-to-date Budget	\$159,723.46



Sunday, May 14, 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.



**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 June 30 – July 3.

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.

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

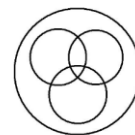
The SonShine Squad will meet at
Perkins on Monday, May 1 at 9:00am. As each
team visits their home bound folks, we will be
giving them a May basket. If you would like to
join us or would like more information, please
call or text Cheryl at 605-673-1334.

Confirmation

May 3: 6:26 PM: Wednesday Word
8th Grade Faith Statements
7th graders should also attend.

Sunday, 10:45 AM Affirmation of
May 7: Faith/Confirmation Sunday

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.

**Four New Faith & Care Leaders
Needed!**

Faith & Care is a program that gives every
member of the congregation the opportunity 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—you'll enjoy working with this group of
26 leaders! Please contact Deacon Laura at
oslc1@rushmore.com or 642-3715 to learn
more.



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.

Save the Date!
Senior Ministry Annual Picnic
Wednesday, June 14
@ 4:30 PM
Details coming in the June Newsletter.



Scriptures



May 7

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 14

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 21

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 28

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39



SUNDAY, MAY 7

The OSLC Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-Up event is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2023. 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 7th 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 (8-10) 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.



needs for May

Ketchup/Mustard, Instant Puddings, Pork & Beans, Mandarin Oranges Chicken & Beef Broths, Spaghetti Sauce, Pancake Mix (small bags), Jelly or Jam, Chunky Soups

May 2023

Our April Board Meeting scheduled for April 5 was moved to April 12 due to the weather.

We gathered for a short meeting as most of the planning for the upcoming events had already been done. There were seven present with Loretta leading us in devotions and prayer. Secretary Corrine was unable to give her report as she was snowed in in Minnesota.

Karol gave the Treasurer's report and everyone approved. Anne reported the Gather has changed publishers and they are having some glitches but hope to get things going better soon. I know it has been hard having our circle study's with the Gather getting here late, but thanks to Laura she has been doing a great job getting the study to all of us on time.

AJ was unable to attend the meeting but sent her report on the Funeral Committee. Sad we lost four members of our church all in a short time of each other. She is thankful for all the women who helped and also those who furnished food.

Stewardship reported there were 144 school bags made this year. All are ready to fill with supplies this fall. Good work ladies.

Next month I hope to report on the Bear Butte Conference WELCA Spring Gathering held on April 22 at Faith Lutheran in Rapid City. Also on the Spring Prayer Brunch & General Meeting held here on April 29. With May being such a busy month we decided to not plan anything, so look for information of upcoming WELCA Synodical Convention being held June 22-23 here in Rapid City. For those that haven't gotten the chance to attend before, please think about attending and find out what it is all about. It is so close this year.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting May 3. Kitchen duty Esther Circle

Blessings

Mary Goddard

Women of the ELCA Calendar

May Kitchen Duty: Esther Circle

May 3, 9:30 AM: Women of the ELCA Board Meeting

Circle Meetings

Circle Study Leaders

May 1 @ 10:30 AM

Deborah Circle

May 8, 10:30 AM @ Lucky 13's

Esther Circle

May 11, 1:00 PM

Hostess: Anda Johnson

Leader: Annette Johnson

Ruth Circle

May 18, 10:00 AM

Hostess: Connie Niehaus

Leader: Loretta Greni

Baby Care Kits

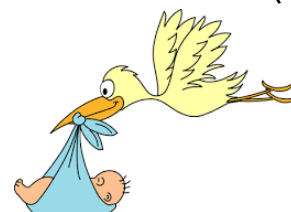
are due June 15

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 2023



SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone that shared a dish for the Celebration Sunday Breakfast Potluck!



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 Case, Elaina Nielsen, Anne Miller, Kenadi Hayford, Sydney Haugland, Ella Lickei, Maggie Faulkner, Barb Schuler, Ashley Zeigler, Britney Routh, Christina & Adam Miles, and Claire Nida*

Music Leaders—*Doug Deppe and Connie Feekes*

AV Guy—*Andy Binder & Crew*

Busy Bags Coordinator—*Amanda Hayford*

Cradle Roll Team – *Janene Donat, Sandi Nauman, Carlene Rosencranz and Elaine Eide*

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the members of the 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, Becky Sukstorf, Ernie Nauman Deming Haugland, Linda Easthouse and our faithful shepherds, Deacon Laura and Pastor Stephan.

BIG CELEBRATIONS IN MAY!



May 7 – Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation) at the 10:45 Worship service

May 14 – High school Senior Breakfast at 9:30am

CAMP NEWS

We have **15 campers** signed up to attend Summer Camp with Lutheran Outdoors this summer! There may still be a few open camp spots, check here:

www.losd.org

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our kids can be menders of the universe! *But*, you may think, *they're just kids!* How can they be menders of the whole universe? At Operation Restoration, they will practice being universe menders, because that is **exactly how God made all of us!** Your kids have the power to

✧ FEED ✧ HEAL ✧ FORGIVE ✧ PRAY ✧ REST ✧

—essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. They'll learn more about their **MENDING POWERS** at Operation Restoration Vacation Bible School!



DATE: June 26 – June 30, Monday thru Friday

TIME: 9:00 AM—NOON

PLACE: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

AGES: Preschool through 5th grade in the 2022-23 school year

Scan this QR code to register and be sure to invite your friends!



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

****Operation Restoration DIRECTOR****

Run the show with Miss Beth's help!

Activity Station Leaders:

- Art Center
- Music Center
- Science & Nature
- Service Learning
- Storytelling Center

Other Volunteers

- Group Guides – great for pre-teens & teens
- Set-Up Crew – prepare activities
- Snack People – prepare & serve light snacks

See Miss Beth for more details and to sign up!!



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

April 11, 2023 - 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 Andy Binder at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Andy Binder, Nichole Braithwait, Linda Easthouse, Chris Egerdahl, Deming Haugland, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Christina Miles, Mat Ornelas, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
2. **Devotions:** Pam Tyma shared a devotion focused on a quote she likes, "Worry is a conversation with yourself about things that you can't change. Prayer is a conversation with God about things that he can change." We should put everything in God's hands all the time.
3. **What's On Top?** Council members shared about vacations and visitors, transition of the seasons and kids moving into this season's sports and activities, working every day, and looking forward to sabbatical. Some shared graduation, moving, new glasses, good health in the family, and changes in the family. Nearly all our shares were positive
4. **Community Connection:** Renae Servaty, the Executive Director of Victims of Violence Intervention Program Inc. which is still referred to as the Artemis House, was invited to share her work with domestic and sexual violence victims. Renae has been at this job for the past five months, but she worked for CASA prior, and the jobs have similarities. She is a member of OSLC and joined because she knew of the missions and the charities OSLC supports. The Artemis House has a 24-hour, confidential hotline which offers someone to talk to, crisis intervention assistance, information on domestic and sexual violence, and advocacy services. Last year, 3,000 calls were received and 366 people were served. The average stay at the shelter is 60 days, but many don't want to stay and would rather get on with their lives. They might need help with getting their documentation (driver's license, etc.), using the Food Pantry, finding housing, and much more. Renae cited the work of the advocates as vital to the success of those staying at the shelter or calling the hot line. The Victims of Violence Intervention Program, Inc. relies on federal and state money, local grants, and donations. Finding subsidized housing is a need and the biggest challenge. Everything is confidential. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
5. **Approve Agenda:** The agenda was amended to add "What's on Top." Christina Miles moved to approve the amended agenda; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
6. **Approval of the March Council Minutes:** Sherry Kloeckl moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting; Nichole Braithwait seconded; motion carried.
7. **Approval of the March Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer David Pummel said that March was an okay month with an income of \$45,797 with expenses of \$51,055. We did have snow removal expenses which should be coming to an end in the next months. The two Sundays in April were good for OSLC with offerings over \$30,000 and three more Sundays in the month. Mat Ornelas moved to approve the March treasurer's report; Chris Egerdahl seconded; motion carried.
8. **Ministerial Staff Reports:**
Deacon Laura Campbell is in Watertown attending a synodical and theological convocation, meeting with deacons and pastors of the Synod.
Pastor Stephan has officiated lots of funerals lately, five in fifteen days, but he is so proud of the members of the congregation who rally around people in grief. Lent was good with strong attendance at Wednesday Word. Holy Week was also good; Laura had 55 people in attendance at the Easter Vigil service. Pastor Stephan has five or six baptisms coming up, and a wedding this Friday. New Members, 15-16 families, will be joining Our Savior's soon. The dinner and orientation for new members will be held on April 20. Pastor Stephan is getting everything ready in the office for when he goes on Sabbatical.

9. Committee Updates:

Senior Ministry: Pam Tyma shared that our senior members will have a Game Party on Tuesday, April 18 at 1:00 PM.

Education: Confirmation and graduation are two milestones coming up. Several students have signed up for summer camp. The end of the year celebration and senior recognition have been scheduled.

Mission Team raised \$300 at the Wednesday Meal in March and collected several donated boxes of diapers for Pine Ridge.

Property Team: All the exit lighting and emergency lighting is working in the church building. A tree will be donated by the Duane Boy family to be planted on the church grounds. A new sign for The Living Room and another sign for the main church building were discussed.

10. Nominating Team: Brady Harr has accepted a nomination to the Church Council. The team is still looking for a second member to accept a nomination.

11. Adjourn: Andy Binder adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Pastor Stephan Sandness will lead devotions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger



The cookbook committee would like to remind you that the deadline to get your recipes in for the new WELCA cookbook is Monday, May 1. Please be sure to put your names on the recipes. You may e-mail your recipes to Julie at oslc@rushmore.com or drop them in the basket on the table in front of the receptionist's desk.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Wednesday Meals hosted by the Mission Team in March. The meal on March 15 raised \$385 for Woyaton's Warming Bus. With those funds, we were able to furnish hand warmers, microwaveable soup and gas money for this important mission at Woyaton. The meal on March 29 raised \$300 for diapers for Pine Ridge. People also donated packages of diapers. These diapers will be delivered to Pine Ridge in the next few weeks.

Thank you again for your generosity and continuous support for projects outside our church walls.

~ OSLC's Mission Team

Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, May 29 in honor of Memorial Day..

The deadline for submission of items for the June newsletter is **Tuesday, May 23.** 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.

Did you know...Our website contains the monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more...Check it out at: www.oslcsppearfish.com.

Has your address or phone number changed? Please let us know at 605-642-3715 or e-mail Julie at oslc@rushmore.com

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

SUNDAY April 23, 2023

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 President Andy Binder at 9:45 AM. One hundred twelve OSLC members were in attendance.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Deb Kimbell moved to adopt the agenda; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
3. **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Stephan opened the meeting with prayer.
4. **Approval of the Minutes, Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation, November 13, 2022:** Dale Donat moved to approve the minutes; Sheila Kinghorn seconded; motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer David Pummel stated that OSLC is in a healthy financial position. At the end of December 2022, the church finances were \$6,700 ahead of annual budget. At the end of March, the church will have snow removal and utility bills that haven't been seen yet that will probably be high. April has seen good offerings, so overall we are good financially. Annette Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Diane Bryan seconded; motion carried.
6. **Introduction of the 2022-2023 Church Council and Committee Members:** Andy Binder introduced members of the Church Council, asking them to stand. He recognized members of the council whose terms are ending. Andy Binder and Sherry Kloeckl have finished their first three years as members but have agreed to serve another three years. Christopher Egerdahl, three years, and Cindy Koppinger, six years, have finished their terms of service on the Church Council.
7. **Nominating Committee Report:** The nominating committee, made up of Mike Overby, Pam Englund, Andy Binder, Deming Haugland, and Sara Miles, was tasked with finding members who agreed to serve the church and to promote the church's well-being. The committee found the

following members: Andy Binder, Brady Harr, Sherry Kloeckl, and Mike Steffen.

8. **Election of the Church Council:** (Elect four/ three-year term) Leesa Haugland moved to approve the four members nominated to the Church Council; Reva Paulson seconded; motion carried.
9. **Action on Written Reports (Staff and Special):** Pam Englund moved to accept the written reports; Fred Romkema seconded; motion carried.
10. **Delegates to the SD Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls, June 2 – June 3, 2023:** Anyone who would like to attend should speak to Pastor Stephan or Deacon Laura to register.
11. **Adjourn:** Dale Donat moved to adjourn the meeting; Ken Kinghorn seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.
12. **Closing Prayer:** Pastor Stephan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger.

✠ Pastoral Acts ✠

Baptisms

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| April 16 | Tyce David Tetrault, son of Haylee & Tonn Tetrault. |
| April 16 | Beau August Bogner, son of Bethany & Matt Bogner |
| April 23 | Elley Mae Jewell, daughter of Ashley Stewart & Tyson Jewell |

Wedding

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| April 14 | Barb Schuler & Brad Baker |
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Funerals

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| March 31 | Clayton Bakke, 95, Spearfish |
| April 1 | Delores Coffield, 95, Spearfish |
| April 7 | Bernita Jaskela, 103, Spearfish |

May Faith & Care Group (#1)

Sheri Adams
Pat Aiken
Alyce Bertch
Dan Cole
Randy & Donnelle Culver
Bruce & Cindy Delahoyde
Jason & Heather Delahoyde
Judy Delzer
Tim & Darcy Emme
Vern & Dyanne Erickson
Joe & Leslie Etzkorn

Ivan & Shelly Goetz
Jamie & Marci Heubrock
Harvey & Carol Hicks
Karol Johnson
Ken & Jane Klug
Kelly & Michelle Krueger
Steve & Lori Laughlin
Sara Miles
Ernie & Sandi Nauman
Bret Niehaus
Erin Niehaus

John & Connie Niehaus
Mike & Candy Overby
Steven & Arica Overby
Don & Marsha Rusch
Shaun & Ashley Skavang
Lisa Spraitz
Duane & Janet Tordoff
Larry & Ruthie Weiers
Lori Willuweit
Tyler & Kari Zimmerman



This group will receive an email link to SignUp Genius where you can volunteer for the days and times that work best for you to serve as Welcome Center Host, Usher, Communion Assistant, Snack Provider, and Coffee Server.

Anyone (outside of this group) is also welcome to sign up if you wish! Email sommerlyn.mortensen@gmail.com that you want to receive the link.

Welcome Center Hosts (2):

Arrive 30 minutes before the service begins. Stand by the Welcome Centers (one on each side). Warmly greet each group as they arrive.

Ushers (2):

Arrive 30 minutes before the service begins. Stand by counters by the glass doors of the Sanctuary (one on each side). Welcome each family group or individual as they enter, hand them a bulletin, and assist them to find a seat if necessary. Count all heads in the room and record the number on the chart at the counter. At the time of communion, begin at the **front** and release one row at a time. If there are people in the Southeast section, start them first. Be the last to go up for communion.

Communion assistants (2):

During the Offering, go to the Sacristy behind the altar and wash your hands with soap and water. Pick up a cup for wine. Then come out and stand by the bell cabinet during the Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer. Pastor will serve you communion. He will then give you a tray of bread (wafers). There are also gluten free wafers in small containers on the rail. Follow the pastor's lead to move to the front of the rail. As each person comes to you, place a wafer on their open hand (without touching the person) saying, "The body of Christ, given for you." If the person asks for gluten free, give them one of the bread containers from the rail. Upon finishing, hand the tray back to the pastor.



Snack providers (4):

Bring 4 dozen cookies or bars to the church kitchen by 8 am on Sunday morning (or on Friday by 3 pm prior to your Sunday).

Coffee Servers (2):

Check in with the Kitchen Coordinator (Pam Englund) by 8:15 am to familiarize yourself with the kitchen and to get instructions. She will have coffee and lemonade prepared. Keep the cookie trays in the kitchen until right before serving. Return to the kitchen after communion. Put cookie trays and coffee urns on the serving table. Be ready to serve at 9:30 am. Serve coffee as people come through the line. Near the end of coffee hour, assist the Kitchen Coordinator with cleanup as instructed—putting things away, washing dishes, wiping down tables/chairs.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 AM SonShine Squad @ Perkins 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	2 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study Group @ TLR	3 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 1:00 PM KidZone 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:46 PM Confirmation 7 th & 8 th Grades 6:26 PM Wednesday Word <i>Confirmand Faith Statements</i> 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	4 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Cradle Roll 1:00 PM Quilting	5 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	6
7 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service Affirmation of Faith 8 th Graders 12:45 AM Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-up <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	8 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	9 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesdays 5:30 PM Mission Team @TLR 6:00 PM Church Council @TLR 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study Group @ TLR	10 10:00 AM Senior Ministry 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	11 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle 1:00 PM Quilting	12 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	13 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
14 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM High School Senior Breakfast 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	16 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study Group @ TLR	17 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Worship Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	18 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 1:00 PM Quilting	19 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Deacon's Day Off</i> <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	20  <i>SHS Graduation</i>
21 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service <i>Sharing the Dream In Guatemala Craft Sale</i>	22 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic	23 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesdays 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study Group @ TLR	24 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service	25 1:00 PM Quilting	26 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:30 AM GSC Board Meeting <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	27 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
28 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship <i>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</i>	29 <i>Good Shepherd Clinic--Closed</i>  <i>Memorial Day (office Closed)</i>	30 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Friendship Ministry 7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study Group @ TLR	31			

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