

A Little Bit of Sonshine

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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 30, 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 4, 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:*

**Addison Aalbu, Mykal Allbright, Colten Baker,
Kimber Baker, Matteus Cummings, Ian Hegge,
Ryan Keller, Kinley Kirk, Payton Maser,
Regan Miller, Noah Suda-Roberts, Willow Routh,
Alora Vig, Jace Werlinger**



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:*

Mackenzie Aalbu and Cory Rath

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



“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21

“The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground...” Mark 4:26

As I write this, April is almost history... and a packed April it's been. We went from Palm Sunday and our Annual Congregational Meeting (and receiving new members) to Easter's celebration of the resurrection, then to our Education Celebration (end of Sunday/Wednesday School and Confirmation ministries). Heading into May, it's one special happening after another: Confirmation Sunday for our 8th graders on May 4, to Sr. Recognition Sunday for our high school graduates on Mother's Day, May 11. Then we welcome our Nicaraguan missionary, Anghy Aragon, on May 18. All of a sudden it's Memorial Day weekend!

Once we hit summer, Our Savior's Lutheran Church shifts into the summer worship schedule with only one service each Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and our Wednesday Word service goes on hiatus for a couple of months. We go to one service on Sunday mornings to bring our worshipping family together, so that 8:30-ers and 10:45-ers can get to know one another better. Also, it's a concession to the fact that, in the summer, we scatter. This building at the corner of State and Michigan gets a bit quieter during the weeks of June, July and August. We don't cease our ministries. We simply dial back our gathering a bit.

And all of this gets me thinking about MINISTRY... your ministry, in particular.

We gather as a people of God to do all sorts of things. We *gather* for worship, for study, for fun and for sharing. We *gather* as church to do things we couldn't do on our own: to care for others through our volunteer service and our sharing of money and time in ways that make a tremendous difference to others. We *gather* to celebrate and to mourn, to comfort and to be comforted, to challenge and to be challenged. And it's all important and good, the ***gathering***.

But it's in the ***scattering*** that we really become apostles of the risen Christ. It's what *you* do when you're *not* gathered here that puts flesh on the love of Jesus. It's the faithful and careful work you do in the office, in the field, in the classroom, in the shop, on the road... in living out your God-given vocation. It's the way you respect, love and care for the people in your immediate sphere of influence on *this* day that declares your allegiance to Christ. It's the way you honor your spouse... protect, love, play with and discipline your kids that reveals who your Lord is.

The ***gathering*** is good and necessary. The ***scattering*** is absolutely essential! The difference we make in the lives we've been given hinges on the notion that we are not only “disciples” (students) but also “apostles” (sent ones).

When Jesus appeared to his first disciples on that first Easter evening (in the 20th chapter of John's Gospel), the first thing he did after showing them his scars was to make them *apostles*: ***“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”***

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So, here's the point: we'll continue to gather as God's people, even in the summer with all of its other attractions and distractions, as we're given the opportunity...

However,

We'll also celebrate the reality that should we have a few less in our gatherings, we yet have over 1700 scattered apostles out there, still working, serving, travelling, camping, fishing, hiking, playing, loving, forgiving, abiding, praying, believing... and representing the risen Lord Jesus Christ in the world.

I thank God for all that you are and do!

Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!
Hallelujah!

Pastor Stephan Sandness

Service of Prayer for Healing of the Nations



Wednesday, May 21, 6:26 PM

Join us for this peaceful time of Scripture readings, Music, and Prayer. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in silent prayer and/or to receive healing prayers with another.

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 25

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!

Wednesday Word Worship to take a pause...

Our final Wednesday Word Worship (at 6:26 PM) for the 2024-25 school year will be Wednesday, May 21. We'll commence our regular schedule of Wednesday evening worship on August 6.

Lunch @ The Living Room continues through May 22. We will be on break from May 29 – July, reconvening on August 7.



New Members at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

*Marlin Besler & Dorothy Ritz
Colleen Kelly
Lynn & Nina Nachtigall
Taylor & Zach, Connor Olson
Gary Pummel
Patricia Pummel
Melinda Jo Rumpza
Bailey Stacey
Daniel & Katie Tvedt
Darrell & Lois Vig*

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.”
~ Psalm 100:4*

Thank you for all the ways you participated in our congregation’s observances of the Lenten season: gathering with other churches for worship and lunch on Wednesday’s at noon; singing during Holden Evening Prayer, guiding our Confirmands, or providing supper on Wednesday evenings; and gathering for Centering Prayer on Tuesdays.

May is a month of celebration and gratitude! We look forward to our Confirmands’ Affirmation of Baptism, Graduating Senior Recognition, and Synod Assembly with Bishop Election!

I believe you know that I am passionate about many things—pastoral care provided by rostered ministers and lay leaders, education for all ages, tending the land/spending time in nature, mission connections near and far, hunger issues that affect so many within our country and abroad, etc. This month also brings us many opportunities to be grateful in these areas:

- Join George & Julia on May 4 at 12:45 pm for Adopt-a-Highway Spring Cleanup.
- Participate in this year’s *Bread for the World Offering of Letters on Child Hunger*. Encourage leaders to protect and strengthen nutrition programs that help eligible children reach their full potential. See information at the table in the Fellowship Hall. Or visit this QR code to see a sample letter that you can edit and include a personal message:
- Meet Anghy Aragon of Nicaragua on May 18 in Worship and Fellowship. Anghy is a recent graduate of Luther College and a member of one of our companion synods – the Lutheran Church of Faith & Hope in Nicaragua (ILFE).
- Join together in *Prayers for the Healing of the Nations* on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:26 pm.



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.

In gratitude for 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, Church Council, Education Committee, Camp Families, Fix-it Group, “Pam & Friends”, 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!

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions in March in the Special Offering and the Love Your Neighbor Jar! Your contributions totaling \$2,867.88 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal help provide sustainable solutions to end hunger for families in this country and around the world.



needs for May

Canned fruit, peanut butter,
hamburger helper, chunky soups,
pork & beans, pasta sauce

**Marthas Gathering
Women's Evening
Bible Study**

**May 20, 6:30 pm,
at OSLC**



Receiving the Spirit's flame: Spiritual gifts in the life of the church, by Cara Strickland

As we begin to dig into Scripture and talk about our spiritual gifts, it's important to remind ourselves that these gifts are given to us by the One who knows us intimately. A spiritual gift is nothing we can ever earn, and usually not something we'd think to ask for, yet a gift that is exactly right for us, our lives, our communities and our world.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to explore spiritual gifts and take the spiritual gifts assessment.

As a resource, we use the **Gather** magazine of the Women of the ELCA.

Questions? Contact oslc1@rushmore.com or 605-642-3715

FESTIVAL IN THE PARK 2025

The flowers are starting to pop out of the ground and the Robins are singing. It must be time to put the Festival in the Park on your calendar!

This year's dates are July 18, 19 & 20. The marathon pie making-baking at the church will be the morning of Thursday, July 17. Ask any of the ladies from the Circles and other clubs how much fun that is! If you are a new member of OSLC it's a great way to meet some of the ladies and gents!

As the Festival time approaches I will put further information in this newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Aly Scheurenbrand



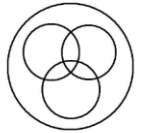
May's "Love Your Neighbor Jar"

benefits

Lutherans Outdoors Outlaw Ranch

*March's Love Your Neighbor Jar
raised \$2,867.88 ELCA World
Hunger Appeal*

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!

Contact Nancy Christopherson at 605-645-2723 to arrange a visit with a Friendship Minister.

If you are interested in informal training to become a Friendship Minister, please contact Nancy at 605-645-2723.



*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 - Saturday, June 14*

The SonShine Squad has welcomed 2 new members to our Squad. Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 5 at 9:00 when we will be making a small craft to take to the 18 home bound folks we currently visit. If you are interested in being a part of our squad, would consider being a substitute or would like more information please call or text Cheryl W at 605-673-1334.

Confirmation

April 30: 6:26 PM: Wednesday Word
8th Grade Faith Statements
 7th graders should also attend.

Sunday, 10:45 AM Affirmation of
May 4: Faith/Confirmation Sunday

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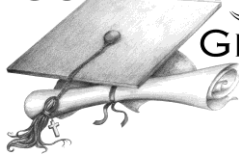
Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Roman Jeffery, Carver Rath

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Jayden Miles, Skylar Koerner

CONGRATULATIONS
 TO OUR
 GRADUATES!



Sunday, May 11, 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 605-642-3715.

✂ Pastoral Acts ✂

Baptisms

April 6 Waylon Andrew Stacey, child of Katie &
 Andrew Stacey.

April 27 Jeffrey Duane Boy, child of Kevin &
 Alex Boy

April 27 Harrison Dean Dowling, child of Jessica
 & Kyle Dowling

April 27 Sigrid Cole, child of Meghan Cole

Funeral

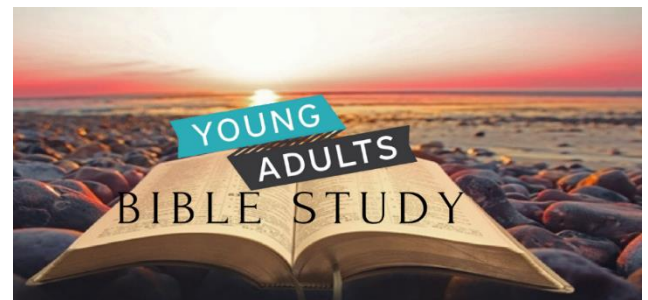
April 22 Kimberly Laughlin, Lead



**HIGH SCHOOL
 YOUTH
 GROUP**

Sky Ranch Bible Camp Opportunity

For those who have completed 9th - 12th
 grades the dates for our annual camping/
 hiking/high-ropes/rafting weekend at Sky Ranch
 Lutheran Bible Camp outside of Fort Collins,
 CO are June 27 - 30 (Friday - Monday).
 Reservations are limited so please let Chris
 Blain know if you are wanting to attend. Cost is
 \$125 which includes meals at Sky Ranch and a
 rafting trip down the Cache la Poudre River.



Young Adults Bible Study Group

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 PM

Come as you are for a night of fellowship and
 discussion of the Word. We meet every
 Tuesday at 6:30 PM at OSLC 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.

OUTLAW VOLKSMARCH

Outlaw Ranch along with the Black Hills Volkssport
 Club is sponsoring a volksmarch at Outlaw Ranch
 near Custer on Saturday, May 24. Start time is from
 8:00 until 11:00 and you must finish by 2:00. The
 cost to do the walk is \$4 for all participants. You will
 have the option to do a 5K (3 mile) or 10K (6 mile)
 hike. For more information you can contact Pastor
 Duane Neugebauer at donman1948@gmail.com or
 303-489-9313.



Help us celebrate
Ruth Vosler's
100th birthday on May 15
with a card.

Cards should be sent to:
Ruth Vosler
540 Falcon Crest Drive
Spearfish, SD 57783.

Thank you,
The Vosler Family



Senior Ministry

The Senior Ministry Committee will meet on
Saturday, May 3 at 9:30 AM to prepare May
Day Baskets for our Seniors.



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!!

Check out the new spring and summer
merchandise from Sharing the Dream.
Gift ideas for weddings, bridal showers, baby
showers, Father's Day
Sunday, June 8, 9:45- noon



SUNDAY, MAY 4

The OSLC Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-Up event is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2025. 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 4th 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.





May 2025

The **May WELCA Board Meeting is May 7 at 9:30am** at the church. If you have any information or questions for the Board, please let Loretta Greni (VP) know prior to this meeting if possible. Thank you.

Thank you to all the WELCA ladies who helped OSLC serve Lenten lunches and assisted other churches at OSLC this year. Everyone in attendance appreciated all your hard work!

Thank you to all those who attended the Women of the ELCA Spring Prayer Brunch & General Meeting April 5th. We had a wonderful speaker, Shirley Hauge, Speech Pathologist with Black Hills Special Services and, of course, a wonderful meal catered by Lori Kirk! Everyone present enjoyed the event very much.

Note: The SD WELCA Synodical Convention will be June 19-21 at Trinity Lutheran in Yankton.

Our Savior's WELCA will pay the registration fee for anyone who wants to go! We want to encourage attendance. The WELCA voted on this benefit last meeting.

Reminder: OSLC Church Circles, Esther, Deborah, and Ruth. We welcome anyone who would like to be part of a Circle to consider joining. Food, fellowship, and spiritual study/discussion are all part of each Circle's monthly meeting. In addition, all of these Circles actively help with the on-going yearly needs of our church and community.

Finally, we are very thankful that Lori Laughlin has agreed to complete my term as President of WELCA. Please join me in thanking her for becoming the new WELCA President. Since I will be relocating my parents to Columbia, MO where our children/grandchildren live and Rod/I will be living in MO a lot in the future, my duties as WELCA President needed to be handed over to someone who is on site. Lori will do a great job and we are thankful she has prayerfully considered and accepted this role! It has been my pleasure to serve WELCA! I wish you all the very best and God speed to you in your future endeavors.

*Marvis Custer, Outgoing WELCA President
Lori Laughlin, Incoming WELCA President (as of May 2025)*

Women of the ELCA Calendar

- May 7, 9:30 AM: Women of the ELCA Board Meeting
June 4, 9:30 AM Women of the ELCA Board Meeting
June 19-21 SD WELCA Synodical Convention at Trintiy Lutheran, Yankton, SD

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle

May 12, 10:30 AM @ Lucky 13's

Esther Circle

May 8, 1:00 PM

Hostess: Lynn Pohlman

Leader: Lori Laughlin

Ruth Circle

May 15, 10:00 AM

Hostess: Donna Dettman

Leader: Donna Dettman



Scriptures



- May 4** Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
- May 11** Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
- May 18** Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
- May 25** Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Children's Ministries



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, Barb Baker, Ashley Zeigler, Britney Routh, and Amanda Moser.*

Music Leaders—*Doug Deppe and Connie Feekes*

AV Guy—*Andy Binder & Crew*

Busy Bags Coordinator—*Amanda Hayford*

Cradle Roll Team – *Janene Donat and Jane Matthesen*

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the members of the Education Committee 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, and our faithful shepherds, Deacon Laura, and Pastor Stephan.

BIG CELEBRATIONS IN MAY!



Sunday May 4,
2025

At the 10:45
Worship Service

Confirmation



Sunday, May 11
High school
Senior
Breakfast at
9:45am

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“At the Table”

ELCA World Hunger

DATE: June 24 – June 27,

Monday thru Thursday

TIME: 9:00 AM—NOON

PLACE: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

AGES: Preschool through 5th grade in the 2023-24 school year and be sure to invite all your friends!

Three Ways to Register:

1. Complete the registration in this newsletter and return it to church.
2. Scan this QR code to register
3. Find the link on the church website

www.oslcspearfish.com



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Workshop Leaders:

- Art Workshop
- Games Workshop
- Science Workshop
- Video Workshop

Other Volunteers

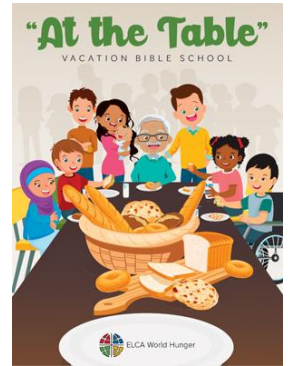
- Group Guides – great for pre-teens & teens
- Set-Up Crew – prepare workshop activities
- Snack People – prepare & serve snacks

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

CAMP NEWS

We have several kids, and one family 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



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

March 11, 2025 - 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 Andy Binder at 6:30 PM. Members present were Deming Haugland, Dave Pummel, Brady Harr, Christina Miles, Reed Haug, Pam Tyma, Sherry Kloeckl, Andy Binder, with Deacon Laura Campbell, and Pastor Stephan Sandness.
2. **Devotions:** Christina Miles shared an opening devotion exploring worries and answered prayers.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Pam Tyma moved to approve the agenda as presented; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
4. **Approval of the February Council Minutes:** Christina Miles moved to approve the February Council minutes as presented; Brady Harr seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the February Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dave Pummel presented the treasurer's report provided. February income was \$52,392.63 with expenses of \$56,747.59. The February income is approximately \$1,000 more than last February. Expenses for February do include \$8,143.95 for snow removal year-to-date. Overall year-to-date we remain \$8,587.00 in the black. Deming Haugland moved to approve the report as presented; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
6. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Pastor Stephan shared a bit on his preparation for Lent and taking time to be quiet. Tuesday at noon starts centering prayer, all are welcome. We had just over 330 people here for Ash Wednesday services. We are hosting Lenten Lunches starting on March 11th. The Bear Butte annual conference went well and included discussions regarding upcoming Synod Bishop elections. Deacon Laura started a bit on her recent and upcoming events, included taking part in a wedding at The Lodge and centering prayer on Tuesdays. Faith & Care leaders meet this week to continue efforts at getting more people involved and helping on Sundays. Anyone interested in helping in any way may reach out to Deacon Laura or any of the Faith & Care leadership.
7. **Committee Reports:** Education council reported on 2nd graders leading the Lord's Prayer, the successful camp family supper, Sunday School activities, KidZone, confirmation cookies, and preparation for a rather large graduating class breakfast. Facilities will be looking into the possible it's of upgrading the outside lighting over to LED lights with better coverage of our property without also lighting up the entire neighborhood.
8. **Appointment of Three Signee's for OSLC Checking Account:** Deming Haugland moved to update the signatories for Checking Account #7961004616 to include Dave Pummel, Annette Johnson, Andy Binder, & Reed Haug; Brady Harr seconded; motion carried.
9. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned by unanimous agreement at 7:15 PM followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2025. With the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to follow on April 13, 2025 between first and second service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andy Binder, President

Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2025

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$173,967.83
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$157,484.34
Year-to-date Budget	\$167,550.50

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

April 8, 2025 - 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 Andy Binder at 6:27 PM. Members present were Reed Haug, Sherry Kloeckl, Deming Haugland, Dave Pummel, Brady Harr, Karson Klein, Pam Tyma, Mike Steffen and Andy Binder with Deacon Laura Campbell, and Pastor Stephan Sandness.
2. **Devotions:** Pam Tyma shared an opening devotion based on Psalm 23.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Sherry Kloeckl moved to approve the agenda as presented; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
4. **Approval of the March Council Minutes:** Dave Pummel moved to approve the March Council minutes as presented; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the April Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dave Pummel presented the treasurer's report provided. April income was \$58,233.67 with expenses of \$50,368.39. Year-to-date income sit at \$174,024.73 with expenses of \$157,572.45. Overall this places us in a very good position moving into the summer season, which often shows lower income rates. Mike Steffen moved to approve the report as presented; Brady Harr seconded; motion carried.
6. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura is looking forward to receiving around eight families of new members coming up on Thursday. The new member team has been busy preparing for the Thursday new members dinner and events. Laura shared some member communications and family thank you letters. Laura has recently returned from the synod candidacy committing meetings and noted we have a number of good strong candidates coming up across the synod. Laura closed with notes about Lent prayers wrapping up this next week. Pastor Stephan noted a very busy calendar moving through April into May with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, congregational meeting, new member events, high school senior Sunday, 8th grade faith statement, celebration Sunday wrapping up the year's education. Stephan noted we will again be moving back to one service in May. Stephan extended a thank you to Pam and everyone who has been helping with Sunday coffee time and all things kitchen. Wednesday night services have been very well attended this year with approximately 160 people each night. March was a month of funerals, which followed possibly the longest stretch without any funerals Pastor has experienced. There are also a number of baptisms coming up with four already planned for April.
7. **Committee Reports:** Education committee reported we have seen 30 kids added to the cradle roll over this past year. Celebration Sunday preparations are well in the works. The committee has also been working on Confirmation and Graduation preparations. Currently we have seven kids signed up for Summer Camp. It was noted our Campus Ministry students include two who plan to work at camp this summer. We are also looking for extending scholarships for these two.
Senior ministry will again be doing Mayday baskets for our seniors on the first Sunday of May.
Properties committee is looking at redoing weather stripping around the windows of the church this spring and wrapping up the small roof leak repairs as weather allows. A discussion was had about replacing the Fellowship Hall chairs with new ones like the gray chairs recently acquired for The Living Room. All present agreed this is a good idea. Pastor Stephan will present on this plan at the upcoming annual meeting of the congregation. The council will take further action on this during the May council meeting. The church's cloud storage data backup contract with Northern Hills tech has ended. We are looking at appropriate affordable alternative backup options. A new computer has been purchased with memorial funds for the sanctuary projection computer. We will be looking at upgrading the MediaShout projection software to a subscription plan with this new computer. A short discussion was had about child care help for the Young Adults Bible Study nights. Currently our nursery staff having been helping out with this need. We are looking to make this bible study child care more of an official part of the annual budget.
New council member names have been brought forward by the nomination committee. The congregation will vote on accepting Lana Maine and Laura Bosworth as our new council members at the upcoming annual meeting.
9. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned by unanimous agreement at 7:26 PM followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2025 at 6pm at The Living Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andy Binder, President

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

April 13, 2025 – 9:45 AM

*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 9:45am. There were 81 congregational members present.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Leesa Haugland moved to approve the agenda; Pat Williams Seconded; motion carried.
3. **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Stephan Sandness offered an opening prayer.
4. **Approval of the November 10, 2024, Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes:** Christina Miles moved to approve the November 10, 2024 meeting minutes. Dale Donat seconded; motion carried.
5. **2023/2024 Treasurer's Reports:** David Pummel reported that the churches finances are very strong. 2024 ended with an income of \$639,649.82 and expenses of \$615,245.69. Providing for a \$24,404.13 surplus. 2025 year-to-date income stands at \$115,791.06 with expenses of \$107,204.06. Leaving a surplus of \$8,587.00 year-to-date, which is a great way to enter the summer season and allows us to be well prepared for ever increasing property insurance rates. Carleen Rosencranz moved to approve the treasurer's report; Mike Konstant seconded; motion carried.
6. **Council and Committee Members:** Current council members were introduced. Deming Haugland has agreed to stay on for another term with council. Christina Miles is stepping down as her term has ended. The council extended a big thank you for Christina's commitment and involvement with the council. Members were directed to the annual report for a full listing of committee assignments.
7. **Nominating Committee Report:** The nominating committee has put forward Lana Mane and Laura Bosworth for installation to the council along with Deming Haugland to extend into another term.
8. **Election of Church Council:** A motion to cease nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Deming Haugland, Lana Main, and Laura Bosworth was made by Dale Donat; second by Helen Merriman; motion carried.
9. **Action on Written Reports**
 - 9a. **Staff Reports:** Pastor Stephan extended his thanks to the council and congregation for their ongoing support for our collective mission. He additionally noted how blessed he is to have such a strong group of staff members to work with.

Pastor Stephan directed members to the printed report for further information and updates. Pastor Stephan reported on the council's ongoing plans to replace the fellowship hall chairs with new gray chairs like the new chairs purchased for The Living Room. The membership was asked to look at the example chairs available in the fellowship hall and to consider donating funds towards these new chairs which cost \$50 each. The council will take official action on this at an upcoming meeting.

9b. Special Reports: The membership was directed to the annual report for all other staff, committee and special reports. Deming Haugland moved to approve all reports as presented; Dale Donat seconded; motion carried.

10. Delegates to the SD Synod Assembly: Synod Assembly will be May 30 – May 31, 2025. Our congregation can send six delegates to the SD Synod Assembly. Members interested in representing OSLC can speak with Pastor Stephan, Deacon Laura, or President Andy.

11. Floor Open for Congregation Comments: The congregation requested an update on The Living Room and Campus Ministry. Pastor Stephan reported The Living room has been very regularly used for various bible studies, high school youth group, and Thursday noon events. Additionally, the facility is actively used by our new campus ministry efforts. Previously campus ministry was a joint effort between BHSU and SD School of Mines. That joint effort has been dissolved. The OSLC campus ministry committee has worked hard over the past few years to develop the new OSLC/BHSU campus ministry. Currently the committee is continuing to seek a permanent campus ministry staff member. In the meantime, we have a very involved interim campus ministry pastor who has done very well building a strong regular group of involved BHSU students. Two of these students will be working as camp counselors this summer.

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned with a motion by Dale Donat; second by Diane Bryan at 10:00am.

13. Closing Prayer: Pastor Stephan Sandness provided a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andy Binder, President

FAITH & CARE

Serving in Worship and Fellowship

Every household is encouraged to sign up to serve in various ways on Sunday mornings at **any time throughout the year!**

Servers are needed as:

- Welcome center hosts
- Ushers
- Communion assistants
- Snack providers
- Coffee Server



This QR Code link to SignUp Genius will allow you to sign up at your convenience.

Job Descriptions are posted by the Church Kitchen for your information. Questions or need help signing up? Contact Sommerlyn Clausen at 605-381-5422

Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, May 26 in honor of Memorial Day.

The deadline for submission of items for the June newsletter is **Thursday, May 22.**

Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com

Ways to give electronically:

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

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Vacation Bible School
June 23-26
9am – Noon, Monday thru Thursday
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1020 State Street, Spearfish
Ages: 4-year-olds through Fifth Grade
Friends welcome!

Child 1: _____ Age & Grade: _____

Allergies/Restrictions _____

Child 2: _____ Age & Grade: _____

Allergies/Restrictions _____

Child 3: _____ Age & Grade: _____

Allergies/Restrictions _____

Parent/Guardian/Family Member ~ MUST be reachable during VBS Hours

Name: _____

BEST Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

If someone other than you will be transporting your child(ren) to VBS, please provide their name, relationship and phone number here: _____

Releases

☐ Yes ☐ No

I agree to allow OSLC, by means of photography and videography, to publish photographs and/or video of my child on the church website (oslcspearfish.com) and social media on Facebook or Instagram

☐ Yes ☐ No

My child(ren) have permission to take part in all VBS activities. I agree that the church, its personnel, and volunteers will not be held responsible and hereby release them from any accidents that may occur.


☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorization of Treatment

In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency and my child requires necessary emergency care, I give permission for delivery of such by available medical personnel.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			April 30 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:45 PM Confirmation 7 th & 8 th Grades 6:26 PM Wednesday Word Confirmand Faith Statements 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	May 1 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm 7:00 PM Piano Recital ~ Kathy Helmer	2 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	3 9:30 AM Senior Ministry
4 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 Confirmation Sunday	5 9:00 AM SonShine Squad 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	6 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Cradle Roll 6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study Group	7 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 1:00 PM KidZone 5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	8 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilting 1:00 PM Esther Circle	9 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Deacon's Day Off	10 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
11 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM High School Senior Breakfast 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service Mother's Day	12 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	13 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 6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study Group	14 5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	15 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilting	16 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:30 AM GSC Board Meeting Deacon's Day Off	17
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25 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship Summer Worship Schedule Begins	26 Good Shepherd Clinic--Closed  Memorial Day (office Closed)	27 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesdays 6:30 PM Friendship Ministry 6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study Group	28 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service 5:30 PM Bell Choir	29 12:30 PM Quilting	30 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <div>SD Synod Assembly – Sioux Falls</div> Deacon's Day Off	31

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Lisa Williams, Receptionist

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10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service
Live stream at 8:30 AM or watch later! Connect through our web site.
Wednesdays: 6:26 PM Wednesday Word

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Mission Statement: Inspired by God's grace, we open our hearts to all in faith,
prayer, fellowship and service through Jesus Christ.