

# A Little Bit of Sunshine

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*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace*

*of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:4-7

What is your Thanksgiving observance going to look like this year? For many of us, it will be distinctly different from any we've ever known. There may be fewer around the table. FaceTime and Zoom might play a bigger role in some of our households... definitely the phone lines will see high traffic, even if our highways won't. But I hope one thing will NOT change, and that is the intentionality with which we approach the day. In spite of one of the craziest years some of us have ever seen, we can and indeed *will* take time to wrap whatever worries we may have in thanksgiving and offer them all to God.

This year, perhaps more than any other, I'm thankful for the community we experience within our family of faith. With all of the challenges of not being able to meet over the course of this year as we are used to, the connections among us have remained strong, and in some instances actually increased. Through the use of technology, phone calls, and good old-school cards and notes, I've seen you taking care of each other. We've held one-another in prayer through trials and losses. We've celebrated accomplishments and joys, even at a distance. I've seen you be gentle with one-another, even amidst contention and wonder. Though worry is still in no short supply, our thanksgivings are more than a match for any of them.

Some of us were worried what this pandemic might mean for our viability as a ministry going forward. Could we weather this storm financially as well as spiritually? Most apparently, the answer is yes. So far this year, our income has kept pace with our expenses because of your faithful stewardship. Still, it makes budgeting for 2021 a challenging proposition. The spending plan that will be presented at our **Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation on November 8 at 9:15 A.M.** will look very much like the 2020 plan, with only a few adjustments. In light of the times, and in lieu of our customary practice of making pledges for giving for the coming year, we're simply asking all of us to continue what we're doing in providing for the financial health of our work together, striving to grow in generosity along with our thanksgiving. Caring for our work together keeps us connected.

Speaking of connections... We are about to launch some new church management software that will enable us to communicate more efficiently with everyone. We will have the ability to send out timely text messages to those who opt in, informing you of happenings, schedule changes, emergency updates, etc. In order to accomplish that, if you wish to receive such messages, we'll need your current cell phone number. In the weeks ahead, we'll be reaching out to the congregation with info on how to opt in to the system. Stay tuned for that!

Most of all, this is what I pray for you, my dear OSLC friends, as we come now into this season: Peace... the kind that astounds us and guards our hearts from division, from dissolution, from loneliness, from everything that sucks the life out of us. I take heart in what God is doing in and through people like YOU, and for that I am truly thankful. Even more than that, I take heart in the love of God made known to us in Jesus... a love able to raise the dead!

In gratitude for you,

*Pastor Stephan Sandness*

Dear friends in Christ,

During these unusual months of global pandemic, I continue to be inspired by the way you and our faith community and wider community have adapted to living in such a different way. I am especially grateful for the ways we are able to plan and yet listen to each other carefully day by day, prepared to choose plan B or C or whatever. I am thankful for the fact that you are “staying together” by worshipping together in different locations and communicating with each other in whatever way you can.

One of the silver linings of this time is the chance to look at everything with new eyes to see how we might simplify and enhance things we had become accustomed to doing in a certain way. One of those things is the way we sign up to help in worship through our Faith & Care program. In September, leaders of the Faith & Care groups began to experiment with a way to sign up via email. The September and October groups received an email from their Signup Leader asking them to consider choosing to be a Door Greeter, Usher, or Communion Assistant at the 8:30 am or 10:45 am worship services if they felt comfortable doing so. (During this time of social distancing, we appreciate that we can worship as we choose—at home via live-streamed worship or in person, distanced wearing masks.) The leader invited the members of their group to sign up using a tool called *SignUp Genius* which was then emailed to them separately. It has been working well! November group members, anticipate receiving a message from your leader soon so that you can serve in November as you wish!

God’s peace and blessings,

*Deacon Laura Lee Campbell*

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**On Sunday, October 25, our 8:30 AM worship service** was filled with statements of Christian faith, as the ninth graders completed their confirmation instruction.



Pictured: Back Row: Anthony Schweigert, Ayden Verhulst, Kellan Scott, Cassidy Ewing, Sophey Spraitz, Annisa Pietzyk. Front Row: Pastor Stephan Sandness, Ben Baloun, Mathias Haftner, Breon Bogard, Maria Eisehbraun, Taylor Keller, Hannah Chastain, and Chris Blain. Not pictured (to be confirmed at a future date): Claire Nida and Riley Skavang. Deborah Circle provided each confirmand with a cross pendant.

## *Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation*

**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

9:15 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Come and be a part of the church's semi-annual meeting to approve the 2021 Budget, elect council members, and elect a new Nominating Committee. We look forward to the ministry year 2021. Booklets are available on the counters in the Fellowship Hall.

## The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar for November will benefit Woyatan Indian Center

September's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$962.00 for World Hunger Appeal.

### **ADULT ENRICHMENT**

A Lutheran Welcome, by Pastor Dan Erlander  
Each of the six sessions will "introduce you to (or refresh your understanding) of a major claim of the Lutheran expression of the Christian faith: A Lutheran Welcome...to the Bible...to Jesus...to Holy Baptism...to Forgiveness...to Holy Communion...to a Reformation Way." Each one stands alone, so join us whenever it works for you.

- One small group (open to 10 people) meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the conference room at OSLC.
- The second small group (open to 10 people) will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:15 pm using Zoom from your location.

Register by calling the church office at 642-3715 or emailing [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) with your choice of time and your email address to receive the Zoom link.



**New Members  
to be received  
November 15  
at both worship services.**

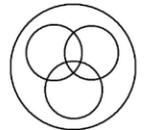
If you are interested in membership at this time, please call the church office at 642-3715. New Member orientation is tentatively scheduled for the evening of November 12.

## **Daylight Saving Time ends...**



**Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!**

Friendship Ministry  
Extending the love of Christ  
from Friend to Friend



Our church has over 25 Friendship Ministers who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Simply ask to be connected! You can receive care in one visit or with an ongoing connection. We all experience times of crisis, loneliness or stress (in both good and bad situations) when we could use the unbiased support of a Christian friend.

Contact Nancy Christopherson at 645-2723 or Deacon Laura at 642-3715 to request a visit or for more information.

### **Altar Guild Meeting,**

Saturday, November 7 @ 9:00 AM at the church. Call or email Suzanne Alger, 631-0044, [suzjha@gmail.com](mailto:suzjha@gmail.com)



Looking for a special way for your family or group to share the love of Jesus this Christmas? Provide a gift for a Northern Hills child whose parent is in prison, for a senior citizen who might otherwise not be remembered, for a parent/child at Artemis house, and/or a gift card donation for children at Pine Ridge.

- ✓ **Provide a \$20 Donation for a gift card for a child in need at Pine Ridge.** OSLC will purchase and deliver the gift cards in order to get them to Pine Ridge in time for their annual family gathering. **Monetary donations (\$20) can be given after church services on Nov 15 and 22, or mailed to the Church, no later than Friday, Nov. 22.**
- ✓ **Angel Tree tags for gifts will be available after worship on November 29 and December 6. Gifts should be returned and placed under the tree no later than 3 pm on Monday, December 14.**

If you are attending church on-line and you would like an Angel Tree Tag mailed to you, please contact me by phone or email or if you have any questions regarding Angel Tree Tags or donations to Pine Ridge.

~ Janice Clarkson, 605-642-0789 or [jclarkson@spe.midco.net](mailto:jclarkson@spe.midco.net).

### Shopping for Christmas Gifts?

❖ Give Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, etc. Visit the display in the Fellowship Hall.



❖ Shop for unique fair-trade gifts at:  
<https://community.elca.org/ELCAGoodGifts>  
<https://lwr.org/giving-category/gifts>  
[www.sharingthedream.org](http://www.sharingthedream.org) (online store)

### Spearfish Community Food Pantry needs for November

Chunky Peanut Butter, Jam or Jelly,  
Canned Chili, Boxed Potato Mixes,  
Boxes of Cereal, Stuffing

## OSLC QUILTERS AND QUILT SUNDAY

Thanks to the many hands working at home to keep the OSLC Quilt Machine going during this pandemic, we've made about 200 quilts this year. The Quilters Committee thanks all of those who have stepped up to meet this challenge. They have cut and assembled quilt kits, pinned mission quilts for sewing, sewed kits and the mission tops; and, have even tied quilts at home and more recently at the church. We miss getting together as a group, but understand the rationale for social distancing. Thanks to the dedication of many, we are getting by and hope that sometime in 2021, we will be able to gather at the church once again.



Quilt Sunday is November 22, and as with everything these days, there are some changes. A sampling of quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall on Quilt Sunday. If you are interested in buying quilts this season, they will be available for purchase between services on Quilt Sunday or by appointment. Quilts range in sizes from baby (36" x 48"), lap robes (40" x 60") and standard (60" x 80"). We have a few queen and king-size quilts. Standard quilts are priced at \$45.00, but some quilts are priced higher because more work is required to make the quilt and/or the quilt is larger than the standard size. Please contact Carol Ness by e-mail at: [nandcness@midco.net](mailto:nandcness@midco.net) between November 23 and December 6 to set up an appointment to view and purchase quilts during the week (M-F from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm).



**Take care. Be safe. OSLC Quilters**

# Confirmation

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation:



- November 4: Class
- 11: Class
- 18: Class
- 25: No Confirmation

As a reminder, there is no Wednesday Supper.  
Confirmation classes will begin at 5:45 PM.

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*High School Youth Group*

**7:10 PM, Wednesday  
Evenings**

The Living Room, 810 N. Yale.

**All freshmen through seniors.**

"Hey High School Youth - join us each Wednesday evening at The Living Room at 7:10 pm as we discuss matters of faith, life and anything on your mind. It is a great hour of fellowship and faith formation. During this time of Covid 19 we respectfully ask that you wear a mask. It is pretty laid back and welcomes all. Bring a friend or two if you like. Hope to see you then."

Congratulations to our  
Students who completed  
First Communion  
Instruction.



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| Connor Aalbu<br>Colin Atkinson<br>Tripp Donat<br>Lydia Etzcorn<br>Tiernan Frederickson<br>Jonah Gatz<br>Kenadi Hayford<br>Haley Hubrock<br>Jared Hubrock | Emme Johnson<br>Liv Johnson<br>Tate Lyons<br>Tatum Martin<br>Letti Niehaus<br>Martin Ornelas<br>Elijah Overby<br>Sam Soulek<br>Lainee Van Kampen |
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**The following students received Preschool Bibles  
courtesy of Deborah & Ruth Circles:**

Eleanor Case, Emma Fuxa, Wyatt Fuxa,  
Harper Jasinski, Sullivan Jasinski, Crosby Jasinski,  
Lenora Holtz

**The following students received Third Grade  
Bibles courtesy of Ruth Circle:**

Landon Bertch, Leela Bosworth, Quorra Carlson,  
Kailyn Custis, Gabriel Gatz, Payce Hemeyer,  
Libby Johnson, Layla Meredith, Jaydon Miles,  
Asher Olson, Grayson Scott, Alyvia Sitzman,  
Skylar Koerner, Jacob Nash, Brylen Verhulst



## Senior Ministry

### Senior Ministry Christmas Event



Luke 2:7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Save the date:  
Tuesday, December 8  
12:30 – 2:00 PM

The Senior Ministry Team is hosting a  
"Drive-Through Christmas Party"  
Watch for more information in the  
December Newsletter.

### Sunday Morning Transportation

**Everyone is welcome** to use the free Sunday morning transportation service. Our friendly drivers will make your trip to and from church a fun part of your day! The service is available for both 8:30 and 10:45 am worship. Simply call the church office at 642-3715 by 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon to arrange your ride. If you would like a standing order for rides every Sunday morning, let us know and we will have you on the schedule.

### **Worship DVD and Bulletin Delivery**



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.



## ***Gather*** ***Holy Time,***

*by Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni*

This women’s discussion group meets monthly. We use the ***Gather*** magazine of the Women of the ELCA as a resource.

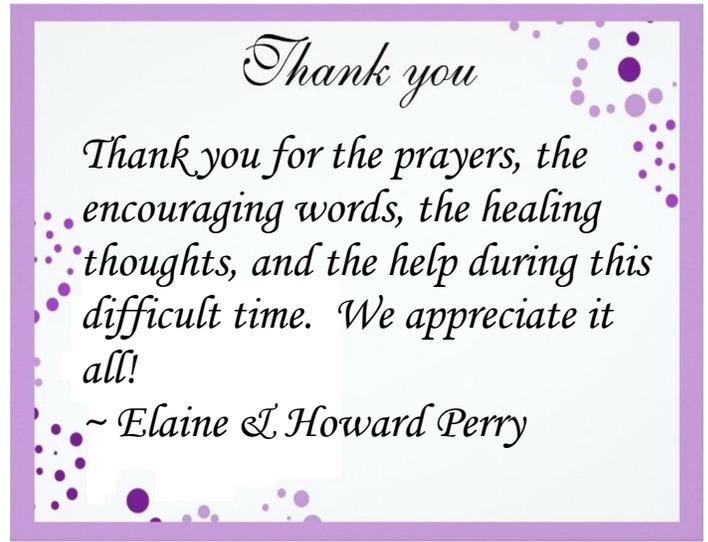
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Tuesday, Nov 17, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

***Re-imagining the future***

Join the discussion on Zoom. To receive the link, contact us at [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) or 642-3715.

Facilitator - Deacon Laura Lee Campbell



UPDATE: OSLC Community Thanksgiving Meal

FROM: *Pam Englund, Annette Johnson (AQ)*

– Thanksgiving Community Dinner Planning Committee

COVID-19 has us thinking about our Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal. After much discussion and prayerful consideration, we have decided that we can NOT safely host the 29<sup>th</sup> annual event this year. We pray our world regains some sort of normalcy by 2021 Thanksgiving Day and we can once again gather for a time of socializing and giving thanks over a great meal.

We would like to encourage members of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church to support our local food pantry during the upcoming holiday seasons, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Below are listed some options available to continue your support and love to families in Spearfish that are in need.

### **FOOD DONATIONS:**

- Canned foods - beans, peas, corn, yams, cranberries, SOUP, canned fruit
- Non-perishables - breakfast cereal, stuffing, instant potatoes, Jell-O
- Peanut butter, jelly

These donations can be dropped off at OSLC during the week or on Sundays.

### **MONETARY DONATIONS:**

- Make **checks payable** to: Spearfish Food Pantry

**Mail to:** P.O. Box 65 Spearfish, SD 57783

The Spearfish Food Pantry Board of Directors can spend as much as \$5,000 per month purchasing food items that are not donated but are needed for distribution.

### **SAFEWAY TURKEY BUCKS:**

- **Thanksgiving:** Turkey Buck Coupons can be found at the checkout counters at Safeway. Your donations help purchase a turkey, with all of the fixings, for a family meal. These meals are then donated to the Spearfish Food Pantry for distribution.



*GOD Bless All of You!*

Thank you for your continued support of Missions at OSLC, be safe and well - - - AND remember . . . . .



November 2020

Normally this time of the year we would be busy rolling and packaging lefse in the kitchen. As we all know, this has been a strange year all the way around. It is with a heavy heart we have decided to cancel Julefest this year, for the safety of everyone concerned, from the workers in the kitchen to the guests coming into our church. How heartbroken we would be if someone slipped through the cracks and contracted this virus in our church. Our women work hard to bring their gifts of talent, knowledge, and customs to the community. This is the largest fundraising format our women have each year to contribute to many different projects in town and state wide.

We would like to give a huge thank you to A.J. for all the hard work she has put into overseeing getting our kitchen back into shape and all the phone calls and traveling back and forth from Rapid City getting the best deals available.

Many in our congregation like to go admire the trees at Zonta's Festival of Trees each year. Most of the proceeds from this event go to local nonprofits to assist women and children in need. The club also donates money for scholarships. How many of you know our church has had a tree decorated by Dianna Rommen there each year. This year things are going to be handled a little differently as well. I believe the trees will be set up in different business locations throughout Spearfish starting early November. So watch for posters on where our tree will be this year and go check it out.

November 22 is Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday so please think about all the things we are so thankful for and so many that are not as lucky. Any small token will help someone else.

It is so hard to believe Thanksgiving is soon approaching, but as I look outside and see our first snow is here already, I guess I had better be ready. Remember Gods promises and always know he is always near and we have his BLESSINGS.

Mary Goddard

## WELCA Calendar

|                   |                            |
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| Nov. Kitchen Duty | Deborah Circle             |
| Nov. 4 ~ 9:30 AM  | WELCA Board Meeting        |
| November 22       | Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday |
| Dec. 2 ~ 9:30 AM  | WELCA Board Meeting        |

## *Circle Meetings*

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| <p><b><u>Circle Study Leaders</u></b><br/>November 2<br/>10:30 AM</p>                                       | <p><b><u>Deborah Circle</u></b><br/>November 9, 11:00 AM<br/>Leader: Arlene Hindbjorgen<br/>Hostess: Bev Olheiser</p> |
| <p><b><u>Esther Circle</u></b><br/>November 12, 1:00 PM<br/>Leader: Lila Bliss<br/>Hostess: Janet Baker</p> | <p><b><u>Ruth Circle</u></b><br/>November 19, 10:00 AM<br/>Leader: Loretta Greni<br/>Hostess: Lori Deibert</p>        |



Remember your Secret Sister during the month of November by mailing a card and keeping her in prayer!

## *Recipe Corner*

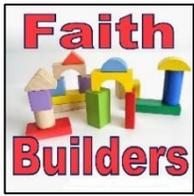
### **Vanilla Sauce or Lemon Sauce**

½ cup Sugar  
1Tbsp. cornstarch OR 2 Tbsp. flour  
1 cup. Boiling water  
1 tsp. vanilla OR lemon extract  
OR 1 ½ Tbs. lemon juice & a little bit of grated rind  
Pinch of salt  
2 Tbsp. margarine



Mix sugar and cornstarch or flour. Add water, salt, and boil, stirring constantly, until thick and clear. Add margarine and vanilla or lemon. A bit of **nutmeg** may be added for flavoring. Sauce will not be very thick. Serve over gingerbread. *"This was my mother's favorite way to serve hot gingerbread on a nippy winter evening."*

~ Fran Phillips  
OSLC Cookbook, 2002



Children & Family Ministries News  
November 2020



**FAMILY FAITH BUILDERS!**

- It is **NEVER too late** to register and join us at church or online. [www.oslcspearfish.com](http://www.oslcspearfish.com)

We gave out the storybook “This is the Church” to our Faith Builders in October and I’m hearing rave reviews from many families! *If you haven’t registered for Family Faith Builders yet, please do so at the link above. I will order additional copies for those that didn’t get the book the first go around and you will get all the books for the rest of the year.*



**CELEBRATING ADVENT**

Your family will receive an Advent Newsletter that is full of fun ideas for each week of the season. You will learn how Advent and Christmas are celebrated all over the world! There are neat craft ideas too! The Advent Newsletter will come to you **via email**, so please make sure we have your most current and often checked email address.



Please send that to: [oslcyouth@rushmore.com](mailto:oslcyouth@rushmore.com)

Dear Church Family,  
As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to thank each of you for the prayers lifted, help offered and support given to Family & Children Ministries, especially during this time of epidemic. It has been challenging to know how to best serve our families, but God has provided many



answers! Happy Thanksgiving!

In Gratitude, Miss Beth

**MILESTONE MINISTRIES**

**Drive UP & Give OUT!**

**FIRST GRADE**

The First Grade class will receive the “Birth of Jesus” Story Cube as a Milestone ministry gift. from the Senior Choir. Thank you so much for being so thoughtful! We will have a Drive Up & Give Out! on Wednesday December 2. That is an early release day from Spearfish school so we will be available from

12:30 to 1:30pm & 6:00 – 6:25pm.

Look for us out front!

**THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

We will be doing a Christmas program this year, but, like everything else, it has to be done differently than we have ever done before! We will be **TAPING** individual and family parts on Thursday December 3 or Friday December 4, after school and evenings at the church. There can be up to 31 speaking parts!! Some are for families, some are just one or two words but all are vital! Please watch your email for more information coming in early November. We will show the program on December 20 during the 8:30 Worship service.



**Volunteers Needed:**

- Someone to help me set up the manger in the sanctuary on Tuesday December 1.
- Help with getting costumes out and ready.
- Someone with EDITING knowledge!! Help is needed!!**

**Interested? Text or call—605-381-8695**

**Email—oslcyouth@rushmore.com**

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

October 13, 2020 - 6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall and Online via ZOOM

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

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Rod Custer at 6:40. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Lee Campbell, Rod Custer, Gary Dettman, Mark Harding, Deb Kimbell, Cindy Koppinger, Helen Merriman, Kari Webb, and Dawn Wood.
2. **Devotions:** Pastor Stephan used John 8: 31-36, the gospel verse for Reformation Sunday, for his devotion. Verse 34 states, "everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin." In Verse 31, Jesus states, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Freedom in this case is not individual liberty, but freedom from sin and death, freedom from a killing conscience, and freedom from everything that tells you that you are nothing. Pastor focused on the word "abide, meaning to live in a relationship." In this case, to live in a relationship with Jesus.
3. **What's on Top:** Members shared the highs and lows of their lives, and the things they have been doing since we last met face to face in March.
4. **Approve the Agenda:** Helen Merriman moved to approve the agenda; Deb Kimbell seconded; motion carried.
5. **September Council Minutes:** Deb Kimbell moved to approve the September minutes; Mark Harding seconded; motion carried.
6. **September Treasurer's Report:** Mark Harding reported that the income for September was down significantly at \$31,670.11, and expenses were at \$40,030.78. The good news is that the income less expense total is still positive at \$3,627.99. Pastor Stephan's insight into the situation is that historically, to be ahead at this time of year is very good, and the first two Sundays in October have shown good financial support, so we are in fine shape going into the last three months. December usually ends well when people work to catch up on their pledges. Gary Dettman moved to approve the September Treasurer's Report; Helen Merriman seconded; motion carried.
7. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura reported that since we had not been able to receive new members in the Spring, that celebration is now scheduled for November 15. The original 18 families have been contacted, sent a form so they can share their information, and were asked to send a family picture for the screen during the service. Laura is working on two adult enrichment programs. Lutheran Welcome, about the basis of the Lutheran faith, had started in the Spring and will be starting up again. A small Gather women's group continued through the Summer and is starting up again. As planning for meetings moves forward, there are lots of contingency plans in place if things need to change. Faith and Care is using a different kind of sign-up. Members who are on to serve in a certain month will receive an email, and if there is something the members can do for service, they are directed to sign-up online. Friendship Ministry has been meeting on Zoom, and the Friendship Ministry in Sturgis has been joining them.  
Pastor Stephan shared that worship services have been going well. The procedure for worship using social distancing is good. Attendance in person is about 30% of what it was before, but online attendance is good. Wednesday Word attendance has been light, about 4 to 15 members. On the Wednesday when confirmation students will give their faith statements, there will be a much larger group. Sixteen fifth graders attended the First Communion class, which was done on one Sunday afternoon instead of two. The only thing they couldn't do was bake bread together, so each was given some ingredients to bake at home. All used the same recipe, but each loaf of bread was different from the rest. That bread was used for their first communion. After the COVID Task Force met with WELCA to discuss Thanksgiving and Julefest, the group decided that the events would not be held. Quilt Sunday will still be held but in a different way than usual.
8. **2021 Budget:** The Finance Committee decided to hold numbers for most items at 2020 amounts. So far, in 2020, expenses have been met by offering levels. Three proposals were on the table to either increase by two or three percent or hold steady on compensation for staff. Since Adam Roosa, Youth Leader, has resigned and there is no plan to replace him at this time, his salary of \$3,300 has been freed up for use elsewhere. After a lengthy Council discussion, Cindy Koppinger moved that the Council recommend the 2% compensation increase option at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation; Deb Kimbell seconded; motion carried.
9. **Construction Updates:** The carpet installation is complete, and the kitchen remodel is moving forward. WELCA is replacing ceiling tiles and lighting in the kitchen. The shed behind the church was painted.

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The Living Room repairs are complete, but the shakes on the west side may need another look. The Fix-it group could probably start up again.

- 10. **COVID-19 Task Force Update:** No update, but just touching base now and again.
- 11. **Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation**  
**Guidelines:** The meeting will take place on November 8 in the sanctuary for in person members and be available for those attending virtually on Zoom. Deb Kimbell moved that the date for the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation be set for November 8, 2020; Helen Merriman seconded; motion carried.
- 12. **Adjourn:** Following the Lord's Prayer, Helen Merriman moved to adjourn the meeting; Deb Kimbell seconded; motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:25. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 6:30 PM. Sharing devotions for November will be Cindy Koppinger

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Koppinger

## Treasurer's Report As of September 30, 2020

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| <b>Year-to-date Offerings:</b> | <b>\$368,913.85</b> |
| <b>Year-to-date Expenses:</b>  | <b>\$365,311.71</b> |
| <b>Year-to-date Budget</b>     | <b>\$413,695.62</b> |

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS AND FAMILIES:

Ben Alger, Cyrus Bernard, Jessie King, Kyle Kloeckl, Jodi Kuester, Dalton Meeks, Scott Nauman, Brook Paulson, Andrew J. Schreiner, Jonathan Swisher, and Kraig Vavruska. Addresses are posted in the glass case in the Fellowship Hall. If you know someone we haven't listed, please call the church office at 642-3715.



### **Scriptures**

- Nov. 1** Micah 3:5-12  
Psalm 43  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12
- Nov. 8** Amos 5:18-24  
Or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16  
Psalm 70  
Or Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13
- Nov. 15** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30
- Nov. 22** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46
- Nov. 29** Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### Office Notes:

The Church office will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

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# NOVEMBER 2019



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                                                                                                                                     | Tue                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Thu                                                                                                    | Fri                                                                                      | Sat                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>1</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM Family Faith Builders<br>9:15 AM Adult Enrichment<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service<br>11:30 AM Family Faith Builders<br><b>All Saints Sunday</b><br><b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>                                          | <b>2</b><br>10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic<br><br><b>Pastor's Day Off</b>                                       | <b>3</b><br>5:30 PM Education Comm.                                                   | <b>4</b><br>9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg.<br>5:16 PM Confirmation<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR<br>7:15 AM Adult Enrichment Via Zoom                                                                | <b>5</b>                                                                                               | <b>6</b><br>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR                                | <b>7</b><br>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship<br>9:00 AM Altar Guild<br>10:00 AM SD Synod Appreciation Day Live Stream Event |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM Family Faith Builders<br>9:15 AM Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation<br>9:45 AM Adult Enrichment<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service<br>11:30 AM Family Faith Builders                                                       | <b>9</b><br>10:30 AM Senior Ministry Committee<br>11:00 AM Deborah Circle<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br><b>Good Shepherd Clinic Closed</b><br><br><b>Pastor's Day Off</b> | <b>10</b><br>5:30 PM Mission Comm.<br>6:00 PM Finance Comm.<br>6:30 PM Church Council | <b>11</b><br>5:16 PM Confirmation<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR<br>7:15 AM Adult Enrichment Via Zoom<br><br> | <b>12</b><br>1:00 PM Esther Circle                                                                     | <b>13</b><br>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR                               | <b>14</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM Family Faith Builders<br>9:15 AM Adult Enrichment<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service<br>11:30 AM Family Faith Builders<br><br><b>New Members Received</b><br><b>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</b>                                    | <b>16</b><br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic<br><br><b>Pastor's Day Off</b>                                                                       | <b>17</b><br>6:30 PM Gather Discussion                                                | <b>18</b><br>5:16 PM Confirmation<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR<br>7:15 AM Adult Enrichment Via Zoom                                                                                           | <b>19</b><br>10:00 AM Ruth Circle                                                                      | <b>20</b><br>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR<br>7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg.     | <b>21</b><br>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship                                                                               |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM Family Faith Builders<br>9:15 AM Adult Enrichment<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service<br>11:30 AM Family Faith Builders<br><b>Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday</b><br><b>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</b><br><b>Christ the King Sunday</b> | <b>23</b><br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic<br><br><b>Pastor's Day Off</b>                                                                       | <b>24</b><br>5:30 PM Worship & Arts<br>6:30 PM Friendship Ministry                    | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>26</b><br><br> | <b>27</b><br>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR<br><br><b>(office closed)</b> | <b>28</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM Family Faith Builders<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service<br>11:30 AM Family Faith Builders<br><b>Angel Tree Tag Distribution</b>                                                                                               | <b>30</b><br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic<br><br><b>Pastor's Day Off</b>                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                        |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                     |

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