

A Little Bit of Sunshine

Email: oslc@rushmore.com

Web Site: www.oslcspearfish.com

November 2022



"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." Matthew 1:23

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. Phil. 4:4-7

My dear friends,

During a couple of days in November this year, I have the privilege of serving as Chaplain for the South Dakota Synod's "First Call Retreat" over in Chamberlain. All relatively new pastors in the South Dakota Synod (a couple dozen), those who have just graduated from seminary and are in the first three years of their first call to a parish, gather for some continuing education and sharing of experiences as they find their feet as pastors in our Church. My job as Chaplain at that event is to lead devotions each morning and evening, as well as to be available, along with Synod staff, for one-on-one time with whoever might want conversation.

Needless to say, I've been sweating it. I don't regard myself as a repository of wisdom when it comes to being a pastor. What I do have is some mileage on me, though, and maybe that's enough☺. Fortunately, the theme for this gathering is the Gospel of Matthew, which just happens to be a favorite of mine. It's shot through with the proclamation that God is with us, here and now... that the kingdom of heaven is as near as your own breath. Matthew's is the Gospel that proclaims Jesus as "Emmanuel," which literally means "God is with us!"

The devotions I'll be leading and the preaching I'll be doing with this bunch of pastors and deacons finding their way in the early days of their ministry will all be grounded in this very simple yet profound reality: *God is with us. Heaven is at our fingertips.* And whether we're called and set apart as public servants of the Word (pastors and deacons) or lay-persons who live out our ministries in offices, classrooms, fields or homes, our living and our witnessing to the love of God in Jesus is buttressed by this one solid fact: in Jesus, God has shown up. Here. With us. Even now. That is a hope I have clung to when all other lights have seemed dim... when the road seems too difficult and the call too heavy and my own strength too lacking. God is here.

In the middle of this next month, on November 13, we as a congregation meet in semi-annual meeting to vote on a spending plan for the next year. As an outpost of grace here in Spearfish, God gives us a lot to do. We want to do it. And at the same time, the world around us gives us plenty of reasons to be nervous and frightened. We wonder... will we be able to do the work given us to do, or will it prove too heavy?

Well, *God is with us.* I'm grateful that the month ends in Thanksgiving. Looking back on God's provision in the past is fuel for courage moving into an uncertain future. Of all the things we *can't* know, this one thing we *can*: God is with us! Thanks be to God!

In gratitude for you,

Pastor Stephan Sandness

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, November 13, 2022

9:15 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Come and be a part of the church's semi-annual meeting to approve the 2023 Budget and elect a new Nominating Committee. We look forward to the ministry year 2023. Booklets are available on the counters in the Fellowship Hall.



***New Members
to be received
November 13
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 Thursday, November 10 at 5:45 PM.

The "Love Your Neighbor" Jar for
November will benefit
Spearfish Community Food Pantry

September's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised
\$2,070.66 for LuMin:The Hills (Lutheran
Campus Ministry @ BHSU).

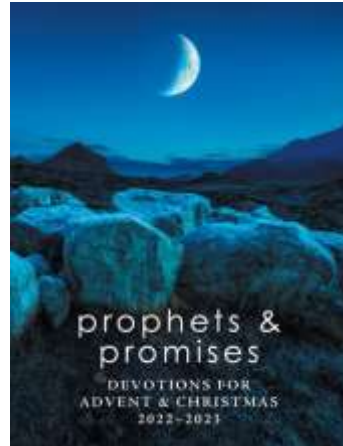
Daylight Saving Time ends...

**November
6**



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

Devotions for Advent 2022: "Prophets and Promises"



In ancient times prophets announced God's promises of a deliverer to God's people. This little devotional book encourages us to look for these ancient promises, even in the Gospel of Matthew. Also, watch for the different ways in which Joseph, the magi, and King Herod respond to the arrival of Jesus Marvel at the power of God's promises, and the mystery of God with us in a newborn child.

This devotional tool for your Advent journey features each day a scripture reading accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection and a prayer. *(Bonus: it also offers household blessings and prayers in the back to enrich your Advent preparations and celebrations!)*

Look for these Advent devotional booklets to be available for pick-up on the Ushers' counter near the sanctuary doors at Our Savior's sometime in the middle of November. We hope you'll grab one for your household!

Spearfish Community Food Pantry needs for November

Saltines, Canned Fruits, All Kinds of Soups,
Diced Tomatoes, Pork & Beans, Egg Noodles,
Canned Vegetables, Hamburger Helper.

Dear friends,

November ~ The Season of Thanksgiving. Time to take a deep breath, and give thanks to God!

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." ~ Psalm 9:1-2

It's easy to become discouraged by the world around us—whether it's difficulties in our homes or neighborhoods or news events from across the globe. Even when life just feels like a whirlwind of busyness or roadblocks, it's easy to forget to be thankful for the good things in our lives. Taking a deep breath and giving thanks is a spiritual discipline that jolts us beyond the realities of daily life. God is so good to us—to me and to you—even in rough times. It takes a regular faith practice of gratitude and worship to remind us of that truth.

In her book ***Grateful***, Diana Butler Bass calls gratitude a "subversive practice."

"Every day there are reasons not to feel grateful. Terrible, distressing, painful, and awful things happen all the time. Yet gratitude is a defiance, of sorts, the defiance of kindness in the face of anger, of connection in the face of division, and of hope in the face of fear. Gratefulness does not acquiesce to evil—it resists evil."

"Being thankful is the very essence of what it means to be alive and to know that life abundantly."

*** During the month of November, I'll be reading this book and invite you into conversation about what the author has to say. Let me know if you are interested! ***

In this season of Thanksgiving, I give thanks for you, dear friends in Christ. I am grateful for your partnership in ministry through the mission of this church.

~ Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

Gather Women's Evening Bible Discussion

*Jesus and nature:
Teachers of Faith*
by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith



Continuing...

Thursday, November 3, 6:30 pm ~ "Soil"

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 pm ~ "Creatures"

We meet at The Living Room on the corner of Jackson & Yale. As a resource, we use the ***Gather*** magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Questions? Contact Deacon Laura at oslc1@rushmore.com.

∞ Pastoral Acts ∞

Baptisms

October 9 **Wrenley Rose Skroch**, daughter of Linsey Skroch

Weddings

October 8 **Alison Murphy & Steven Henderson**

Music Ministry

Bell Choir Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

Senior Choir Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Interested in joining?

Please talk with Carissa Deming.



Troldhaugen Choir

If you like to sing, and would like to learn a few Scandinavian words, then join our **TROLDHAUGEN CHOIR**.

The practice will be in the church sanctuary on Tuesdays, **November 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6:00 PM**. The performance will be at the Julefest at noon on December 3. Please call Lennis Larson at 605-642-5301 or Leesa Haugland at 605-645-2318 for further information. **We need you!!**



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 in need, 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 \$25 Donation for a gift card for a child in need at Pine Ridge.** We are again asking for your Christmas blessings for Pine Ridge children (\$25 donations suggested) which we will convert to Walmart gift cards for the parents to purchase gifts for their children this holiday season. Our donation table will be available for two Sundays, November 13 and November 20. After purchasing the gift cards they will be delivered to Pastor Dan and his staff at Pine Ridge to be distributed before the holidays. You can also send a donation for the Pine Ridge children to the church or drop it by a different day. Donations are needed by November 21. Thank you.
- ✓ **Angel Tree** tags will be available November 27 and December 4. Our Angels will be ready to fly off the tree as you make your selections for OSLC Christmas giving. As usual, the Angel you pick will specify the gift to purchase, wrap, and return to the church for delivery to the recipient. Cookies, gifts or cards need to be at the church by December 12 so we can deliver the gifts on December 14.

If you are attending church on-line and would like to make a donation to the children of Pine Ridge or for the Angel Tree you can mail your donation to the church. For any other questions contact Janice Clarkson, 605-642-0789 or jclarkson@spe.midco.net or Pam Englund, 605-639-9988 or penglund@rushmore.com.

Shopping for Christmas Gifts?

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



Adult Education: Opportunities for Fall 2022



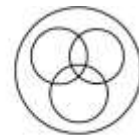
Many small group opportunities exist through OSLC for you to grow in God's Word and deepen your faith:

- Thursday Lunch at The Living Room
- Three Women's Circle Bible Studies--Ruth, Deborah, and Esther
- Men's Fellowship
- *Two on Tuesdays* Women's Bible study
- *Gather* Women's Evening Bible Study
- Sunday morning *Forum* or *Conversation*

Please check the church calendar and website for gathering dates/times/places!

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 605-645-2723 or Deacon Laura at 605-642-3715 to request a visit or for more information.

SonShine Squad

Would you like to meet some interesting people with some great stories to tell? If so we invite you to join the SonShine Squad the first week in Nov. as we go in pairs to visit the home bound folks from OSLC. On Monday, Nov. 21 we will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:30 a.m. to prepare for our Dec. visits. Please think about becoming a part of our group, not only will you bring some joy to the folks we visit, but you will be blessed with some new friends. For more information, please contact: Cheryl Wormstadt, 605-673-1334, cell, 605-559-0308, landline.



- Prayer Chain – Send prayer requests to oslcprayers@rushmore.com. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain group to receive email prayer requests, please send your email address to oslcprayers@rushmore.com.
- Worship Bulletin Prayer List – Call the church office at 642-3715 or submit your request on the Prayer page of the church website at www.oslcspearfish.com, under the Sharing Together tab, then to Prayer Ministry.
- Prayer Ministers – Pray with individuals on request. They also pray for the mission and ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and for people on the prayer list. If you would like a prayer minister to pray with you—by phone, email, or text—please contact Helen Merriman at helennessanmerriman@gmail.com.
- Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing - Held quarterly on Wednesday Evening
- Centering Prayer - Weekly during Lent from 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm

Questions? Contact Deacon Laura at oslc1@rushmore.com.

QUILT SUNDAY - MORE THAN JUST A BLANKET

Imagine the comfort that comes with a hug when someone is in a time of need. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, we reach out to those with some of the greatest needs in the world, not wrapping them in our arms, but wrapping them in the work of our hands through a Lutheran World Relief Quilt. A reminder that someone cares, these quilts serve as tangible symbols of God's love in some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities.

The dedicated OSLC Quilters use their talents and skills to make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief, local charitable organizations, OSLC high school graduates and baptisms. Money from the quilts that we sell is used to purchase supplies to make quilts and is donated to local organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Artemis House, and the Spearfish Community Food Pantry.

Thanks to all of those who donate fabric, gently used sheets, and blankets that are repurposed for backing or fillers for the quilts. Thank you for the monetary donations that are used to purchase supplies such as thread, sheets and batting.

Many thanks to our quilters for all of their hard work.

Please take some time to look at the beautiful handiwork displayed on the pews from Quilt Sunday, November 20, through Julefest on December 3.

The VIOLINIST and the SCULPTOR

Dorothy Comstock Ziolkowski Moreton dramatized South Dakota's first half-century, performed with the Boston Symphony, and helped launch a Black Hills institution known worldwide. Then she disappeared from history – almost.

You are invited! Come learn a bit of Black Hills history at the November 8 Trinity Lutheran Church Rapid City Tuesday Luncheon. Speakers Ruth Ann Karlen and Paul Higbee will tell the story of Dorothy Comstock Ziolkowski, Korckak Ziolkowski's first wife. Ruth Ann, a former Rapid City Public School librarian, took a graduate history course that spurred her investigation into Dorothy's life. Paul Higbee, writer for SD Magazine, wrote about Ruth Ann's findings in the November/ December 2021 issue of the magazine. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Dorothy Comstock Ziolkowski – an accomplished violinist, writer, world traveler, and force behind the establishment of Crazy Horse Memorial.

The lunch begins at 11:45 AM in Trinity's Fellowship Hall and costs \$5.

Please RSVP by November 7 at 605 342 9302.

Julefest



Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar

December 3, 2022

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Fall is here and the Julefest will be here before you know it! This is an event the entire congregation is welcome to participate in and your help is certainly needed to make this yet another successful and fun Julefest!

Craft, Bake, Donate! Craft! Keep going on those craft items! Knit, crochet, quilt, make Christmas decorations to sell from our tree, or whatever your creativity inspires! **Bake!** Dig out your favorite recipes! Scandinavian, German, or whatever, people love our baked goods. Lots of people let us do their Christmas baking for them, especially cookies and candies. Pastries and pies go great, too. Homemade pickles, jellies and jams are also a big hit! **Remember the Antique Boutique** when looking for new homes for your treasures that you no longer have space for. **Donations of collectibles and antiques** may be brought to the church beginning December 1. **Crafts and baked goods donations** should be brought to the church on Friday, December 2. Your donations will be much appreciated.

Back by popular demand...Swedish Pancakes! Made fresh and served from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. For a real treat come early and get one – they are delicious!!

The **quilters** have been busy, so there will be lots of quilts for sale. Keep them in mind for your Christmas shopping list!

Get your voice in shape and brush up on your Norwegian to sing in the Troidhaugen Choir. Look for practice times in this newsletter and on our website.

Cash donations toward expenses for recipe ingredients and supplies would be appreciated. Please make your check out to "WELCA", (not OSLC) and drop it off at the receptionist's desk.

We need help on the day of the Julefest. Cashiers, kitchen and serving help, set-up, clean up, etc. *Anything you can do will be appreciated!*

Make plans now to get involved! Proceeds go toward many worthy missions locally, nationally and abroad. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon near the kitchen for pie servers and kitchen help at the Julefest.

Listed below are some of the dates and times we could use your help! Come and join us for some fun and fellowship and a little work!

Most importantly, be sure to attend the festivities for a wonderful experience and taste of our Scandinavian Heritage!

November 10 ~
8:00 AM Meatball Making

November 18 ~
8:30 AM Rosette Making

November 15 ~
1:00 PM Sloppy Joes Making

November 27 ~
1:00 PM Scandinavian Baking





Senior Ministry



Save the date:

**The Senior Ministry Team
is hosting our annual
Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 8
11:00 AM**

**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! This service is only available for the 8:30 worship service at this time. 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.



7th & 8th Grade Confirmation:

November 2: Session 7 (7th & 8th Grade)
9: Session 8 (7th & 8th Grade)
16: Session 9 (7th & 8th Grade)
23: No Confirmation
30: Session 10 (7th & 8th Grade)

November Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Letti Niehaus, Laine VanKampen

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Eli Overby, Jonah Gatz

High School Youth Group

7:10 PM, Wednesday Evenings

The Living Room, 810 N. Yale.

All freshmen through seniors.

On these gathering nights we discuss matters of faith, life and anything on your mind. It is a great hour of fellowship and faith formation. It is a very informal and meaningful evening and bringing a friend or friends is always welcomed.

Our High School Youth are encouraged to sign-up for reminders by sending a text to: **text @oslc** to the number **81010**

Questions? Please contact Chris Blain at ckblain@gmail.com.



**Congratulations to our
Students who completed
First Communion
Instruction.**

Leela Bosworth
Nevada Donahey
Gabriel Gatz
Payce Hemeyer
Jackson Klages
Skylar Koerner
Layla Meredith
Jaydon Miles

Braydon Moser
Jacob Nash
Jayce Nash
Asher Olson
Hugh Rasmussen
Grayson Scott
Alyvia Sitzman
Brylen Verhulst



November 2022

Fall is in full swing and it looks like winter is about to hit very soon. Again, time goes by way too quickly.

Our September meeting consisted of preparing for the upcoming Julefest. The circle chairs have a list of duties we are to do. If you haven't been able to attend a meeting please call your chair person and see what needs to be done. If you have an item to put on silent auction please contact Sommerlyn Mortensen and she can guide you in the right direction of where and when to bring it to the church. The lefse has been made and put away thanks to a group of fine rollers and folders.

The dates and times have been set for
November 10 at 8:30 AM for Meatball making
November 15 at 1:00 PM for Sloppy Joes
November 18 at 8:30 AM for Rosettes
November 27 at 1:00 for Scandinavian Baking

If you have never tried Rosette or Scandinavian Baking before this is a fun place to learn from the best.

There is a lot of prep work to be done to make this event happen. I have been told by people from other churches they are looking forward to attend this event again this year.

Next board meeting: November 2
Kitchen duties: Deborah Circle

Blessings,
Mary Goddard

Esther Circle would like to thank you for your generous donations to the Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits. We were able to assemble 11 kits.

THANK YOU!!

WELCA Calendar

Nov. Kitchen Duty	Deborah Circle
Nov. 2 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
November 20	Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday
Dec. 3 ~ 8:00 AM	Julefest
Dec. 7 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting

Circle Meetings

<u>Circle Study Leaders</u> November 7 10:30 AM	<u>Deborah Circle</u> November 14, 11:00 AM Leader: Janet Reindl Hostess: Corinne Muske
<u>Esther Circle</u> November 10, 1:00 PM Leader: Anda Johnson Hostess: All	<u>Ruth Circle</u> November 17, 10:00 AM Leader: Loretta Greni Hostess: Lori Deibert



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

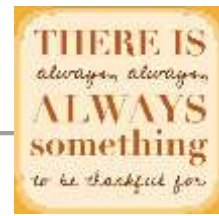
Scriptures

Nov. 6 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

Nov. 13 Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 20 Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 27 Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



MILESTONE MINISTRIES

FOURTH GRADE MILESTONE: *The Apostles' Creed*



Sunday, November 6: The Fourth Grade class will meet with Chris Blain and Miss Beth for an introductory lesson about the Apostles' Creed. A parent or guardian should attend with your student. The class will meet in the Conference room upstairs at 9:50'ish.

Sunday, November 20: The Fourth Grade class will lead the congregation in the Apostles' Creed during either worship service.

FIRST GRADE MILESTONE: *Advent & the Birth of Jesus*



Sunday, November 13, 1:00pm: We invite First Graders and their parents to join us for this special milestone "Learning about Advent". We will craft a special Advent Wreath and learn about preparing our hearts for the birth of our King! An RSVP is requested so we will enough supplies for all that attend.

Sunday December 4: The First Grade class will receive a "The Birth of Jesus" story cube as a gift from our Senior Choir during either worship service.

KIDZONE NEWS

KidZone Kids are up & running and learning about "Helping Hungry People"! Each month the kids will learn different ways we can all help those in need to be FED in our local community, state, country and around the world!



OFFERING REMINDER: Please bring a Thanksgiving food item for the Spearfish Community Food Pantry!

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL



"HEAVEN & NATURE SING! A Christmas program"

Practice for the Christmas program will start on Sunday November 6th and continue each Sunday until the program. Each class will have a song to learn; lyrics will be sent home with each child so they can practice singing!. Speaking parts will be given out on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13. *Please make sure your child is present to get a part if they would like one!*

Wednesday school students are welcome and encouraged to participate in the program; please let Miss Beth know if they would like a speaking part.

The Christmas program is on December 18 during the 10:45 worship service.

MEET OUR NURSERY CARETAKERS!

We are pleased to introduce you to our Nursery Caretakers, Alexis Hayford and Madelyn Binder.

Alexis is the daughter of Amanda & Derek and big sister to Kenadi & Presleigh. She is 14 years old and a freshman at Spearfish High School. She enjoys playing on the school's volleyball team and she plays soccer too!

Madelyn is the daughter of Tawnya & Andy Binder and has a younger brother, James. She is 15 years old and a freshman at Spearfish High School. She plays in the marching, pep and concert bands at school. She enjoys playing softball.

The Nursery Caretakers are available every Sunday from 8:00am to 12:00pm. They will read a short Bible story and share an age appropriate lesson with the kids in their care. ***Be sure to stop by and say "Hello" to them!***



Madelyn & Alexis

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

October 11, 2023 - 6:30 PM, The Conference Room

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 6:34 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Andy Binder, Nichole Braithwait, Linda Easthouse, Christopher Egerdahl, Deming Haugland, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Christina Miles, Mat Ornelas, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
2. **What's on Top?** Members shared information about a basement disaster, kids changing activity seasons, windows finally being replaced after the hailstorm, winterizing, a father's death, a friend's funeral, a three-week old baby girl, grandkid stuff, work, lots of weddings, a vacation, 45th college reunion, and a granddaughter's pet buffalo.
3. **Devotions:** Linda Easthouse shared a devotion based on Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." We need a can-do attitude.
4. **Approve Agenda:** The agenda was amended to have our community connection earlier in the meeting. Sherry Kloeckl moved to approve the amended agenda; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
5. **Community Connection:** Linda Williams from Western Resources for Independent Living shared her experiences working with senior adults. She shared stories focused on how the smallest help or the largest sacrifice may be needed to get someone what they need. She says people need someone to notice them, listen to them, and care about them.
6. **Approval of the September Council Minutes:** Christina Miles moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting; David Pummel seconded; motion carried.
7. **Approval of the September Treasurer's Reports:** David Pummel said that income is at 67 percent of what was budgeted for September, but that expenses were also at 67 percent of what was budgeted, so we broke even for the month. We still have about \$6,000 less than what had been budgeted for the year, but we are \$1,500 ahead of where we were last year at this time. David is confident that we will end the year in a good financial position. Mat Ornelas moved to approve the September treasurer's report; Christopher Egerdahl seconded; motion carried.
8. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura Campbell enjoys the opportunities she has that make connections between members: visitations, home communions, and working with various ministries. The Friendship Ministers met in September with the topic of "Recommitting to Serve" and were Installed/Blessed in worship on October 2. Their Fall schedule is underway. A new group, the SonShine Squad gather to make a craft or a card to take to homebound members to provide a cheerful visit. Cheryl Wormstadt leads this group. LuMin the Hills campus ministry gathers at The Living Room on Monday evenings at 6:00 PM. Congregation members are invited to get to know the students by providing a meal. Sign up through the Meal Train link. At least three of the students are worshipping with us regularly at OSLC. OSLC WELCA hosted the Bear Butte Conference Fall Retreat at Outlaw Ranch. After two years of no retreat, they were thrilled with the attendance this year. Laura provided part of the program. New members, a group of 10-15 family units, will gather for dinner and orientation on November 10 and will be received in worship on Sunday, November 13. Pastor Stephan Sandness shared an opportunity with the council to listen to and share a conversation with our synod leadership. On October 18, our bishop and others will meet at South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be the first since 2019. Pastor Stephan has spent the last month focused on children's ministries; Bible studies to get to know their new Bibles, first communion preparations, confirmation, and more. On October 16, various children's spaces will be blessed: the baptismal font, the busy bags, and the Pray Ground. Sunday and Wednesday school volunteers will be installed at either service as well. Wednesday suppers and Wednesday Word are going well. Lunch at The Living Room on Thursdays at noon is still happening, but there is room for more people to attend that hour of Bible study.
9. **Committee Reports:**
Education: Nursery caregivers are available during Sunday church services. Cradle Roll welcomed Millie Roy, daughter of Cali and Chris Egerdahl. KidZone has 20 students enrolled as of October 3. Milestone Ministry added the Apostle's Creed to the 4th grade curriculum. In camp news, registration opens November 14. Confirmation and Wednesday Night Youth Group are underway. Trunk or Treat will take place on October 30 from 2:00 to 4:00.

Continued on page 11

Mission Team discussed possible changes to their mission support, but no firm decisions were made. The Wednesday meal we hosted raised \$156 which we decided to use to help the local schools' lunch account balances. The Angel Tree timeline was established for November and December.

Senior Ministry: The trip to the Journey Museum was well attended and enjoyed. Plans for a Christmas party are in the works.

Property: The parking spaces around the church have been redone.

10. **2023 Financial Budget:** The Finance Committee presented a preliminary budget for 2023 to the rest of the council. Increases or decreases in specific areas were explained and discussed. A final budget will be shared with the council on November 8, and from there it will go to the congregation at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation on November 13 for their approval.

11. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next meeting will be November 8, 2022, and Deming Haugland will share devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Koppinger

Trea\$urer's Report

As of September 30, 2022

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$387,519.29
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$393,461.33
Year-to-date Budget	\$434,146.44



I would like to thank Pastor Sandness, Deacon Laura, and my church family for the prayers, phone calls, hugs, and cards. Know that I appreciate every one of you. God Bless each of you,
Doris Anderson

Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation Fair

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Sturgis Community Center

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Open to ALL Veterans and their families

Veterans Service Officers (VSO) from Butte, Lawrence, Meade, and State

VA Services

VA Flu Clinic

Free Lunch

Support Groups

Veteran Organizations

WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX

NORTHERN HILLS VETERANS APPRECIATION FAIR

Hunting Camp

Equine Therapy

Service Dogs

Employment

Housing

Education and more...

<https://wevegotyoursix.weebly.com>

Bring your DD214, NGB-22 or other proof that you are a veteran. VSO's can help you if you don't have one.

If you need assistance, contact Julie Malcolm at Northernhillsgotyoursix6@outlook.com

Office Notes:

The Church office will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.

The deadline for submission of items for the December newsletter is **Thursday, November 17**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com

Ways to give electronically:

Scan this code to give online



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

Clicking on that button will take you to a secure page on which you can donate to the vital ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church directly from a checking or savings account, or using a credit or debit card.

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

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

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

November Faith & Care Group (#8)

Kim Culver
Wayne & Tessa Eaton
Leonard & Patty Feist
Diane Gates
Barb Gauger
Dan Hartman
Irvin & Diane Hartman
Ruth Hobbs
Kevin & Lacey Kirk
Roberta Koehler

Cynthia Koppinger
Julie Malcolm
Sheila Marple
Duane & Connie McDonald
Brian & Michela Meredith
Roger & Helen Merriman
Rocky & Joanne Millis
Jamie Mulhair & Landis Lathrop
Jim & Karen Mulhair
Shirley & Scott Newson

Dean & Deb Parsons
Mike Rans
Dale Schaffer & Bonnie Carr
Carol Schleiger
Craig & Cynthia Sparrow
Derek & Kimberley Sukstorf
Glen & Patty Tetrault •
Jenny Thompson
Karla Wohlwend
Michael & Dawn Wood ♥



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 6 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.



NOVEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm.	2 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 1:00 PM KidZone 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	3 10:00 AM American Legion Auxiliary – Conference Room 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice 6:30 PM Gather Women's Evening Bible Study	4 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	5 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
6 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM 4 th Grade Milestone Class "Apostles' Creed" 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	7 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	8 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Mission Comm. 6:00 PM Finance Comm. 6:00 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 6:30 PM Church Council	9 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	10 8:00 AM Meatball Making In the kitchen 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle 5:45 PM New Member Supper and Orientation  <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	11 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	12
13 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 1:00 PM First Grade Family Event: Learning About Advent <i>New Members Received</i> <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i>	14 10:30 AM Senior Ministry 11:00 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Sloppy Joe Making in the kitchen 6:00 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 6:30 PM Gather Women's Evening Bible Study	16 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	17 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice <i>Newsletter Due</i>	18 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg. 8:30 AM Rosette Making in the Kitchen <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	19 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
20 8:30 AM Worship Service 4 th Gr. leads Apostles" Creed 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 4th Gr. leads Apostles" Creed <i>Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday</i> <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i> <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	21 10:30 AM SonShine Squad 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship & Arts 6:00 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice	23 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service <i>No Wednesday Evening Activities</i>	24  <i>(office closed)</i>	25 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>(office closed)</i>	26
27 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 1:00 PM Scandinavian Baking <i>Angel Tree Tag Distribution</i> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	28 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	29 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 6:30 PM Friendship Ministry	30 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	December 1 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice	2 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	3 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship 

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1020 State Street
Spearfish, SD 57783

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Spearfish, SD
Permit No. 78

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1020 State Street
Spearfish, SD 57783

Staff: Stephan Sandness, Senior Pastor
Laura Campbell, Deacon
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries
Julie Lee, Office Manager
Lisa Williams, Receptionist

Worship: Sundays 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
10:45 am Joyful Journey Worship Service
Live stream at 8:30 am or watch later! Connect through our web site.
Wednesday 5:16 pm Wednesday Supper
6:26 pm Wednesday Word

Church Office located at 1020 State Street
Church Phone Number: 642-3715
Kitchen/Quilting Phone Number: 722-0660

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

WEB site: www.oslcspearfish.com
E-mail: oslc@rushmore.com



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