

# A Little Bit of Sunshine

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## Happy November!

As I write this, there are about 70 more shopping days until Christmas. At least, that's how commerce would measure our days. Before this month is over, we will have paused with our neighbors and families to give thanks for another year of blessings, and then begin the preparations for the celebration of God's appearing in human flesh, born in humble poverty. As such, the season lends itself to reflections of gratitude and concrete responses of love and generosity. What does it look like to be truly grateful for the gifts poured by God into one's life, and then respond in kind? Hence, the whole idea of gift-giving (no matter how commercialized and commodified it may appear...)

A confession I have made previously and remains the case: I actually love to shop for gifts. Birthdays, Christmas, special occasions... doesn't matter. *I love the hunt...* to track down that perfect gift that will astound, surprise and maybe even shock the recipient into uncontrollable spasms of wonder at what a great gift-giver I am! What can I give this person that will truly say "I know you better than you know yourself... what you like, what you love, what you want!?" I want mine to be the present they remember from all the piles of presents they might otherwise receive. No socks or underwear or anything "useful" and ordinary from me, no sir!

I used to tease my wife for being such a hopeless gift-giver. I'd open a Christmas or a birthday present from her and wonder if she's been paying any attention at all over the years!

But lest you think I'm tooting my own horn here for being such a *generous* person, think again. You see, I *have* been paying attention, and here's the truth:

For all of the marvelous gifts I've procured for my loved ones over the years... the Christmas gifts, the birthday presents... I have this sneaking suspicion that now that my kids are grown and are (for the most part) out of my house, they are probably hard-pressed to recall any of the wonderful presents that I showered on them at least twice-yearly. But here is what they *will* recall: the hours their mom spent with them wrestling over homework... the hundreds of books their mom read to them at bedside, or at least the same few books read over and over by request hundreds of times at bedside, every night... the trips with Mom in the van to the dentist, to the doctor, to the grocery store, to any of a thousand different places they needed to be hauled... the dirty laundry that magically disappeared from their bedroom floors daily only to reappear in their drawers clean and folded. They will recall now the very thing they seemed oblivious to back then: the generosity of a mom who gave every day all of herself for them. It's not flashy, but it's the only generosity that in the end can truly be called generous, because it cost the giver the greatest measure of herself.

*It's always more self-gratifying to be the provider of the occasional desert than to be the one who day after day sets out the meal.*

When it comes to our giving, are we giving primarily for the feeling we get in doing so, for the esteem or the thanks or the recognition... or because it's simply our way of being in the world? The occasional gift to the building project at church or to the United Way annual fund drive is good and necessary, but can it replace the daily routine of a life lived for others through the less-obvious acts of regular no-strings-attached giving? The act of writing that offering check every week or month is certainly not glamorous, and sometimes you may grumble all the way through the writing of it, but that's the discipline of an other-directed life, isn't it?

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The most generous person I know is the one who gives even when she doesn't want to. She must be acting out of a will other than her own. I can think of no other explanation. *Why do you think she does it?*

As we approach the end of another fiscal year here at OSLC, we find ourselves approximately \$30,000 behind. Understanding that the last two months of the year remaining are always our most robust when it comes to squaring our budget, it's still significant. We have been incredibly responsible and frugal in our spending, being about \$25,000 UNDER budget currently... but gifts have lagged, leaving us with this current challenge.

When I think of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish, South Dakota, I don't have to search hard for my own gratitude. I'm grateful for so many here who are constantly busy finding ways to bless others with the greatest measure of themselves. I see and feel it in our serving, our worship, our fellowship and in our learning together. I see and feel it in the way so many share their resources of time and money and passion so regularly and so unreservedly. I invite you to reflect of this and to see and feel it too... how this congregation and the larger community is blessed by the ministries worked out in this place. And then, in reflecting on it, to take pleasure in finding your unique part in it. We are blessed... to be a blessing!

With gratitude *for* you and for the ways God is working *through* you,

*Pastor Stephan Sandness*

## ***Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation***

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

9:15 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Come and be a part of the church's semi-annual meeting to approve the 2024 Budget and elect a new Nominating Committee. We look forward to the ministry year 2024. Booklets will be available on the counters in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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



***New Members  
to be received  
November 12  
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 9 at 5:45 PM.

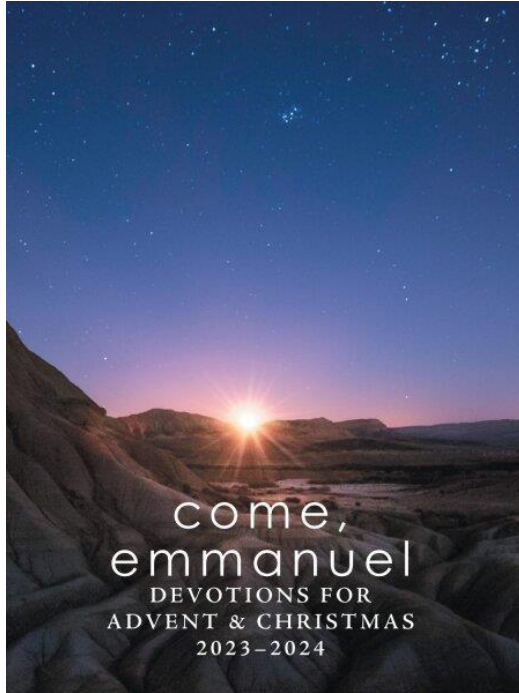
## ***Daylight Saving Time ends...***

***November  
6***



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

## Devotions for Advent 2023: "Come, Emmanuel"



Explore the Advent season and celebrate the joy of the twelve days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany. Come, Emmanuel includes daily devotions for the first Sunday of Advent through Epiphany (January 6, 2024). In addition to devotions, the book offers household blessings and prayers to enrich your preparations and celebrations.

In Come, Emmanuel we join Christians around the world, past and present, in the Advent tradition of reflecting on brief prayers known as the "O Antiphons." Christians have used the O Antiphons since the eighth century or perhaps even longer. On the first day of each set of devotions, a contemporary version of the antiphon serves as the scripture text, and a stanza from "O come, O come, Emmanuel" serves as the "To ponder" quotation. The next four days in the set include scripture texts traditionally associated with the antiphon and quotes chosen by the writers.

Emmanuel came that first Christmas. Emmanuel comes to us today. Emmanuel will come again. Rejoice and share the good news! 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!



**Bell Choir** Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

**Senior Choir** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Interested in joining?

Please talk with Carissa Deming.

### ***Still looking...***

We are still searching for a pianist to join our Joyful Journey Worship Team! We play a wide variety of music, and we have fun doing it... leading the 10:45 Sunday worshippers in song. Our WONDERFUL 8:30 service accompanists have been helping out during this time of vacancy, and we are *extremely* grateful for their willingness to jump in. However, we would love to see a new keyboardist join our group... even if this person were only able to join us a couple of Sundays a month. We'll work with you! It's a paid position (however meager ☺)... so, if you know of someone who might be interested, have a conversation with Pastor Sandness. Thanks!



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### **SonShine Squad**

The SonShine Squad will meet on Monday, Nov. 6 at 9:00 AM in the Church Library. We will be planning our monthly visits with our homebound. If you would like to join us, we would love to welcome you.

Dear friends,

Once again I enter the month of November with a deep sense of gratitude—for life and health, for family and friends, for so many things. First on the list, though, is for God’s presence in my life and for opportunities to worship. Psalm 100 is my favorite. It begins, “*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing....*” You and I are blessed with many opportunities to worship, to take time to give thanks to God. Psalm 100 ends with a precious reminder, “*For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*”

Last November, I gathered with a small group to discuss the topic of gratitude as we read a book together. After that, a few began to read *One Thousand Gifts: a dare to live fully right where you are,*” by Ann Voskamp. Our schedules got complicated mid-month, and we put our group on hold. If you are interested in reading this book in November and connecting in person or online with a few others to talk about the faith practice of “giving thanks” as we read this book, please let me know!

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

## Service of Prayer for Healing of the Nations



**Wednesday, November 1, 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.

## Gather Women’s Evening Bible Study

*Holy Places* by  
Rev. Dr. Meghan  
Johnston Aelabouni



### Final session:

Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 pm  
~ “*Holy places: Pilgrimage*”

As a resource, we use the **Gather** magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Location - OSLC. Fireside Room.

## ✧ Pastoral Acts ✧

### Baptisms

**October 15**      **Ledger Allen Delahoyde**, child of Katy & Josh Delahoyde

### Weddings

**September 30**      **Erin Rotert & Logan Goeders**

**October 13**      **Lanette Bren & James Cermak**

### Funerals

**October 6**      **Dolly Rizzi**, Spearfish, SD

**October 7**      **Martha Calvert**, Spearfish, SD





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 5 and November 12. After we purchase 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 16. Thank you.

- ✓ **Angel Tree** tags will be available November 26 and December 3. 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 11 so we can deliver the gifts on December 13.

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 Koski: 605-641-7044 or [janicekoski.1976@gmail.com](mailto:janicekoski.1976@gmail.com); or Diane Wendt: 605-641-2887 or [wendts@rushmore.com](mailto:wendts@rushmore.com); Pam Englund, 605-639-9988 or [penglund@rushmore.com](mailto: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](http://www.sharingthedream.org) (online store)



## Adult Enrichment Opportunities



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

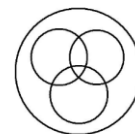
- Thursday Lunch at The Living Room
- Women's Circle Bible Studies--Ruth, Deborah, and Esther
- Men's Fellowship
- *Two on Tuesdays* Women's Bible Study
- *Gather* Women's Evening Bible Study
- *Young Adults Bible Study at The Living Room*
- Sunday morning Adult Forum or Class

Please watch the church calendar for gathering dates/times/places!

If you would like to begin a new group, Deacon Laura will be happy to get you started. Contact her at [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) or 642-3715.

## 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 to request a visit or for more information.

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

# Julefest



**Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar**  
**December 2, 2023**  
**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 Tuesday, November 28. **Crafts and baked goods donations** should be brought to the church on Friday, December 1. Your donations will be much appreciated.

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!** 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 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 6:00 PM**. The performance will be at the Julefest at noon on December 2. **We need you!!**



**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 church office.

**Make plans now to get involved! Proceeds go toward many worthy missions locally, nationally and abroad. We need help on the day of the Julefest.**

Cashiers, kitchen and serving help, set-up, clean up, etc. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon near the kitchen for help at the Julefest. *Anything you can do will be appreciated!*

**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!

## October 30

9:30 AM Sloppy Joes Making

## November 7

1:00 PM Meatball Making

## November 17

8:30 AM Rosette Making





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

- November 1: Fellowship Night  
8: Session 6 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
15: Session 7 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
22: No Confirmation  
29: Session 8 (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **November Acolyte Schedule**

#### **Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship**

Brooklyn Moser

#### **Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship**

Jonah Gatz, Eli Overby

## *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](mailto:ckblain@gmail.com).



- Prayer Chain – Send prayer requests to [oslcprayers@rushmore.com](mailto:oslcprayers@rushmore.com).  
To be a member of the Prayer Chain group, simply send your request to that same address.
- 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](http://www.oslcspearfish.com).
- 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 [helennessanmerriman2@gmail.com](mailto:helennessanmerriman2@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](mailto: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 19, through Julefest on December 2.**





# Senior Ministry



## Save the date:

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

**Tuesday, December 12  
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 605-642-3715.

## **Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation Fair**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**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



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  
Northernhillsgotyour6@outlook.com

## **Spearfish Community Food Pantry needs for November**

Ramen Noodles, Pasta-Spaghetti, elbow macaroni pasta, soups- all, cereal – all, hamburger/tuna/chicken helper, canned tuna or chicken



Thank you to all who donated items for the hygiene kits for Pine Ridge as part of Mission Team's "God work. Our hands." project. With the help of many parishioners, we were able to assemble 60 kits for Pastor Dan to deliver to the Reconciliation Center at Pine Ridge. Once again, the generosity shown by members of Our Savior's reached many in need outside our church walls. You are all a blessing.

Mission Team



November 2023

Our October 4 meeting was spent discussing prep for the JULEFEST. At this point the lefse is made packaged and in the freezer. Thank you all who helped make this happen. Lanna a big thank you to you and your family for all the hard work you do each year getting the dough ready, we all are very thankful.

Speaking of freezer, the refrigerator in the conference room has been acting up lately. The freezer was working but the refrigerator was not. The decision was made to have it looked at. We are in hopes a minor repair is all that is needed at this time. We really need it for the Julefest.

Please watch for the Julefest News in the newsletter for times and dates you can help. This year we are asking for many hands to help fill the craft table with baked goods. When the door opens on Saturday morning that table is hit hard. Of course we love to see that happen but wouldn't it be great to fill it up. We are short a few of our wonderful Scandinavian bakers this year and would love to make them proud. I know this sound like a lot of work and (you are not wrong) but when I hear people speak of our Julefest like a Gala I am proud. I will get off my soapbox now and put this in GOD's hands.

The Bear Butte WELCA Fall Retreat was a very spirit filled weekend. The ladies where able to experience many firsts and still with the same outcome. So good to see the HOLY SPIRIT lives in all of us.

Next Board Meeting is 11/1/2023  
Kitchen Duty for November: Esther

Blessings,  
Mary Goddard

## WELCA Calendar

Nov. Kitchen Duty	Esther Circle
Nov. 1 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
November 19	Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday
Dec. 2 ~ 8:00 AM	Julefest
Dec. 6 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting

## *Circle Meetings*

<b><u>Circle Study Leaders</u></b> November 6 10:30 AM	<b><u>Deborah Circle</u></b> November 13, 10:30 AM Leader: Joan DeWall Hostess: Jean Reed
<b><u>Esther Circle</u></b> November 9, 1:00 PM Leader: Anda Johnson Hostess: Mildred Vasknetz	<b><u>Ruth Circle</u></b> November 9, 10:00 AM Leader: All Hostess: Doris Anderson



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

## Scriptures

- Nov. 5** Micah 3:5-12  
Psalm 43  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12
- Nov. 12** Amos 5:18-24  
Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13
- Nov. 19** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46
- Nov. 26** Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37



## Children's Ministries November 2023

### SUNDAY AND WENDESDAY SCHOOL

Practice for the Christmas program will start on Sunday, November 5, and continue each Sunday until the program. Each class will have a song to learn; lyrics and links to the songs will be sent home with each child so they can practice singing.



*The Christmas program is on December 17 during the 10:45 AM worship service.*

### MILESTONE MINISTRIES

#### *The Apostles Creed*



**Sunday, November 5:** 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 19:** The Fourth-Grade class will lead the congregation in the Apostles' Creed during either worship service.

#### *Advent & the Birth of Jesus*



**Sunday, November 19, 9:45 am:** 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.



During November, you will have the opportunity to add a leaf to our **TREE OF THANKS**. Please help us grow in our thankfulness to God for the abundant blessing in our lives. Leaves and pens can be found on each table in the fellowship hall and tape will be available near the tree so that you may add your leaf to our tree!

### Important Dates

**November 5** – Fourth grade milestone class at 9:45 am

**November 19** – First Grade milestone class at 9:45 am

Fourth graders lead the Apostles' Creed during worship services.

**November 26** – During the education/fellowship hour, all are invited to make luminaries that light the way to Christmas Eve Services.



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

October 10, 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 6:35 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Mike Steffen, Nichole Braithwait, Linda Easthouse, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Christina Miles, David Pummel, Pam Tyma, Brady Harr, and Deming Haugland.
2. **Devotions:** Andy Binder talked about "What is Faith?" Hebrews 11:1 states, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." While we know that it is not visible, we 100% have faith and it is an amazing thing how we are convicted in our faith.
3. **Community Connection:** Continue to brainstorm and think about who we need to hear from and what are our sources of support within the community. The council is open to suggestions.
4. **Approve Agenda:** David Pummel moved to approve the agenda; Christina Miles seconded; motion carried.
5. **Approval of the September Council Minutes:** Christina Miles moved to approve the September meeting minutes; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
6. **Approval of the August Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel reported that year to date we are at \$415,489 versus \$387,558 at this time last year. Year to date, we are doing ok and still growing into our budget. Overall, we are negative approximately \$24,000.00, with time to overcome. Linda Easthouse moved to approve the September treasurer's report; Mike Steffen seconded; motion carried.
7. **2024 Budget:** The finance committee presented their 2024 budget, discussed the proposal, justified the slight increases, and amended some of the figures to better capture the intent for next year. The council is looking forward to presenting the budget for approval to the congregation in November. Mike Steffen moved to approve the amended 2024 budget; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
8. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura passed on that this month she particularly enjoyed continuing education at the Fall Theological Conference in Pierre with speaker Dr. Barbara Rossing and leading time with our Preschoolers on a Sunday morning learning about their new Story Bible. Friendship Ministry hosted Linda Farber who spoke on the topic of loneliness. Women of our church participated in the Bear Butte Conference WELCA Fall Retreat at Outlaw Ranch hosted by the women of Woyatan Lutheran Church. She encourages us all to participate in a new Sunday morning Bible exploration entitled Animate beginning October 15 at 9:45 am led by Jan Holz. It includes a brief video presentation and lively conversation. There will be a Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 22, between worship services. Tables for various ministry groups (learning, service, and support) will be set up to encourage involvement. On Wednesday, November 1, at 6:26 pm will be a Service of Prayer for the Healing of the Nations. Pastor Stephan passed on that he is still busy with a lot of funerals and is beyond impressed with how this congregation takes care of people during these difficult times. He passes on his thanks to all who assist. He talked about the upcoming Bear Butte conference where he hopes to have a great conversation about the direction of campus ministry. Further, he passed on reminders for the upcoming children's milestones with first communion taking place on Reformation Sunday and was happy to say that confirmation is progressing well.
9. **Committee Reports:** Brief committee updates passed on that the Mission Team is working on coordination for the Angel Tree and the Fix It team is to be honored at a brunch for all their hard work and contributions to making and keeping our church in tip top shape, on Tuesday, 24 October at 8:30am.
10. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned with a motion by Nichole Braithwait and a second by Andy Binder at 7:41pm followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Christina Miles will lead devotions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nichole Braithwait

## Treasurer's Report As of September 30, 2023

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$399,201.32
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$439,284.59
Year-to-date Budget	\$479,170.38



# November Faith & Care Group (#7)

Thomas & Staci Baloun  
Clint Calvert  
Janice Clarkson  
Gary & Donna Dettman  
Don & Ruth Doyen  
Justin & Kristen Feeser  
John & Paulette Frederickson  
Brooks & Elaine Hanna  
Bruce & Jeanne Hanson  
Lonnie & Leesa Haugland

Derek & Amanda Hayford  
Jim & Jessie Jeffery  
Cal & Joette Joy  
Kevin Krog  
Lennis Larson  
Chris & Megan Lipp  
Lori McCarty  
Brian & Lynley Mehmen  
Dylan Moro & Keena Byrd-Moro  
Tom & Nona Rath

Joe & Jean Reed  
Mark & Maria Schreiner  
Pam Schroeder  
Aaron & Mandy Sestak  
LeAnn Singer  
Aaron Smith  
Dani & Peter VanKampen  
Steve & Anne Vosler



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](mailto: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.

## Office Notes:

The Church office will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

The deadline for submission of items for the December newsletter is **Tuesday, November 21**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at [oslc4@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc4@rushmore.com)

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# NOVEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 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 ~ Healing Service ~ 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	<b>2</b> 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>3</b> 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	<b>4</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
<b>5</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Class "Apostles' Creed" 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service  <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i>	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM SonShine Squad 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 1:00 PM Meatball Making 5:30 PM Education Comm. 6:00 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ The Living Room	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Senior Ministry 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	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Esther Circle 1:00 PM Quilting 5:45 PM New Member Supper and Orientation	<b>10</b> 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b> 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  <i>New Members Received</i> <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i>	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>14</b> 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 Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 6:00 PM Finance Comm. 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ TLR	<b>15</b> 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	<b>16</b> 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilters 6:00 PM Artemis House Group	<b>17</b> 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>	<b>18</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
<b>19</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. leads Apostles' Creed 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM First Grade Family Event: Learning About Advent 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service  <i>Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday</i> <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	<b>20</b> 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 6:30 PM Gather Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ TLR  <i>Newsletter Due</i>	<b>22</b> 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service  <i>No Wednesday Evening            Activities</i>	<b>23</b>   <i>(office closed)</i>	<b>24</b> 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <i>(office closed)</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service  <i>Angel Tree Tag Distribution</i> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>27</b> 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ TLR	<b>29</b> 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	<b>30</b> 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilting	<b>December 1</b> 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	<b>2</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship  

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Laura Campbell, Deacon  
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries  
Julie Lee, Office Manager  
Lisa Williams, Receptionist

**Worship:** Sundays 8:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Joyful Journey led 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

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