

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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November 2024



“Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee...”

So begins the refrain of the top vote-getter of our recent little hymn poll taken during September. *“How Great Thou Art”* (#856 in our red hymnal) has long been a favorite of many folks, so it comes as little surprise to me that it topped the list. What *did* surprise me, however, was that it was the top choice of only **six** voters, and it only made it onto **fourteen** total ballots!

Other top vote-getters include:

“Amazing Grace” #779 (11 votes)
“Here I Am, Lord” #574 (10 votes)
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #742 (10 votes)
“Borning Cry” #732 (9 votes)
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” #733 (9 votes)
“The Old Rugged Cross” (9 votes)
“Beautiful Savior” #838 (7 votes)
“Blessed Assurance” #638 (7 votes)
“In the Garden” (7 votes)
“On Eagles’ Wings” #787 (7 votes)
“My Life Flows On in Endless Song” #763 (7 votes)
“Morning Has Broken” #556 (6 votes)
“When Peace Like a River” (aka “It is Well with My Soul”) #785 (5 votes)

Receiving four votes each include: *Abide with Me; Holy, Holy, Holy; Just a Closer Walk with Thee; Just as I Am; Mary, Did You Know; This is My Father’s World; and Were You There.*

A dozen others garnered three votes each. Twenty-six others got two votes each. A total of ninety-six others made the list with one vote each!

Of dozens and dozens of ballots submitted, a total of 155 *different* worship songs appeared on ballots, many in our hymnal, many from other sources, some old and some relatively new.

So... what is there to learn from this little exercise? The most obvious is what we already know: that there exists a wide diversity in the music and lyrics that speak to people’s souls. Favorites often become favorites because of familiarity... songs we’ve sung for decades. Others because they speak a deeply felt need or desire, whether that be for mercy, comfort, challenge, belonging or hope.

What the survey results reveal to me most powerfully is the diversity within our own congregational family. The instant you try to define this body with one taste, one proclivity, one characteristic, one need, one preference... you’re probably wrong.

It takes a lot of voices to really make a choir powerful. But even as different as those voices may be, singing different parts, they mesh together in a synchronized harmony that is *more* than the sum or their parts. So it is with a family, a community, a nation... a congregation.

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My goal is to incorporate as many “favorites” as possible into our worship life on a regular basis, while at the same time exposing us to things that don’t necessarily make your list. Just know this: that song you don’t care for is most likely on someone else’s top-five 😊. So, sing it loud anyway. Pay attention to the words. Listen to the rhythm and the tune. Someone’s soul is vibrating in tune with it. And together, we learn new things... and we make a joyful noise.

In gratitude for you,

Pastor Stephan Sandness

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:45 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Come and be a part of the church's semi-annual meeting to approve the 2025 Budget and elect a new Nominating Committee. We look forward to the ministry year 2025. Booklets are available on the counters in the Fellowship Hall.



**NEW
Member
Class**

***New Members
to be received
November 10
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 7 at 5:45 PM.

**The “Love Your Neighbor” Jar for
November will benefit
Lutheran Disaster Response.**

September’s Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,560.74 for Lutheran Campus Ministry @ BHSU.

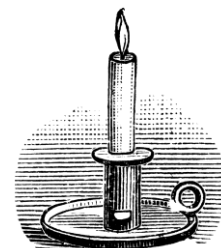
Daylight Saving Time ends...



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

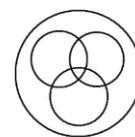
Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing

**Wednesday, November 6
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.

Friendship Ministry
*Extending the love of Christ
from Friend to Friend*



Our church has over 20 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.

Dear friends,

As we turn the calendar to November, the bright color blaze of Autumn begins to fade; and we take stock of where we are and what is ahead. Thankfulness is in our hearts and in our speech. Also, though, as we look forward to the next 60 days, we feel a bit of dread. The lists of responsibilities are long. Those long lists of winter preparation tasks—home, work, school, care for friends and family--can be overwhelming. But mostly that is because we think that we are in charge of the direction of our lives, moment by moment and in the long term. Why is it so hard for me to remember that God is my shepherd and that I am a grateful sheep?

Recently I woke with a song in my mind. The tune came first and the words slowly came to mind... “shepherd me O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.” The tune and lyrics hung over me as I prepared for the day. When I took the time to search, I found #780 in our ELW hymnal. There it was—a hymn written by Marty Haugen based on Psalm 23. I’ve continued to ponder the phrase “beyond my wants, beyond my fears.” I can be so sure that what “I want” is what is best for me. But do I really? Of course not. Jesus, the good shepherd, asks me to trust that he knows what is best. The courage to let go and follow comes solely from him. The song says that God will lead me BEYOND my wants and fears—that the life he offers is MORE than I can imagine—abundant life. I’m old enough to know that as truth. Why do I so easily forget?

I look forward to walking with you this month as we follow the shepherd together with hearts full of gratitude, sharing with visitors and with everyone outside these doors the good news of the shepherd’s love for ALL.

Peace be with you,

~ Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

☪ Pastoral Acts ☪

Baptisms

- October 13** Evelyn Elizabeth Bland Skroch, child of Kara Bland & Kiefer Skroch
- October 20** Lane Dennis Zimmerman, child of Kari & Tyler Zimmerman

Weddings

- September 26** Bryce Christensen & Shanneal Bennett



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 will be used to purchase Walmart gift cards, and given to the parents to purchase gifts for their children this holiday season. Our donation table will be available for two Sundays, November 3 and November 10 and Wednesday, November 6. After we purchase the gift cards they will be delivered to Pastor Dan and his staff at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center to be distributed before the holidays. You can also send a donation for the Pine Ridge children to the church office other days, but donations are needed no later than November 22. Thank you.

- ✓ **Angel Tree** tags will be available December 1, 4, and 8. 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 15 so we can deliver the gifts on December 18.

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; Diane Wendt: 605-641-2887 or wendts@rushmore.com; 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)



Devotions for Advent 2024: "Come, Emmanuel"



An angel came to some shepherds watching their sheep one night. That would have been surprising, to say the least! Then the angel announced not just good news but good news of great joy, and not just for the shepherds but for all people: Jesus, the Messiah and Savior, was born. The shepherds left and found the child in a manger and— of course— they were overjoyed and shared this wonderful news with others.

This devotional explores, shares, and celebrates that joyous good news by continuing a centuries-old Christian tradition of setting aside time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and to anticipate his return. The Advent season of preparation then unfolds in the joy of the twelve days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany.

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!



Music Ministry

Bell Choir Wednesdays at 5:15 pm
Senior Choir Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Interested in joining?
Please talk with Carissa Deming.
Or email: Carissa.Deming@bhsu.edu

Adult Enrichment: Opportunities for Fall 2024



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
- *Marthas Gathering* Women's Evening Bible Study
- *Young Adults Bible Study at The Living Room*
- Sunday morning *Adult Forum or Bible Discussion*

Please check the church calendar and website 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 or 605-642-3715.

Adult Class - Sunday, November 17, 10:00 – 10:30 am in the Conference Room

Grab your coffee and come to the Conference Room to experience the faith practice **Lectio Divina** (Devotional Bible Reading). Facilitator: Jan Holz



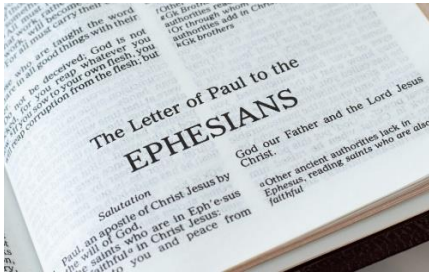
2025 Members and Friends Photo Directory

New Pictorial Directory in the Works!

It's been a minute since we last undertook the production of a "family photo album" for Our Savior's Lutheran Church. (Actually, it's been about five years!) We're working on rectifying that. Our congregation has changed in the last half-decade, and we'd like to update our pictorial directory.

Our hope is to be taking portraits during the month of December. Most of those opportunities will probably be on Sunday mornings, and perhaps some Wednesday evenings. Stay tuned for sign-up opportunities to have your picture taken so that you can be a part of this important historical document. It won't be complete without YOU in it!

Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study



“Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians” by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

Continuing...

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 pm – “Living as children of the Light”

Location – OSLC Library

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

Marthas Gathering is the new name of the monthly evening Bible study. We chose this name to better reflect the members of our group. All women in our church are members of Women of the ELCA. Those who are not in one of the three Circles (Esther, Deborah or Ruth) are listed in the Martha Circle. These are the women who bring food for funerals, provide help for the Julefest and do other behind-the-scenes work. We offer this evening Bible study for a time to be in God's word and in community with all of our Marthas.

SonShine Squad

The SonShine Squad will meet on Monday, Nov. 4 at 9:00 am. If you are interested in seeing what the SonShine Squad does, you are more than welcome to come visit our meeting. If you are home bound or know of someone in our church who is and might like a visit from a SonShine Squad team, please call or text Cheryl at 605-673-1334 or let Deacon Laura know.



Congratulations to our
Students who completed
First Communion
Instruction.

Angus Burns
Jackson Gran
Charley Jewell
Noah Koerner
Evan Maser

Reagan Meredith
Carly Miller
Jaxon Mitt-leider
Kanyan Morgan
Adalyn Smoot



- Prayer Chain – Send prayer requests to 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Julefest

Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar
December 7, 2024
8:00 AM – 1:00 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, December 3. **Crafts and baked goods donations** should be brought to the church on Friday, December 6. 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 12, 19, 26, and December 3 at 6:00 PM**. The performance will be at Julefest at noon on December 7. **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!

November 8
12:00 PM Meatball Making
November 22
8:00 AM Rosette Making
December 3 and 5
6:00 PM ~ Cookie Baking

Everyone is Welcome to help!!



Confirmation

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation:

November 6: Session 6 (7th & 8th Grade)
13: Session 7 (7th & 8th Grade)
20: Session 8 (7th & 8th Grade)
27: No Confirmation

November Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

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Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Parents - I will use the Remind app for all needed communication and updates so please text @blainconf to 81010 (Students can sign up too but since it isn't affiliated with a school you have to be 13 years old or older to join.)

~ Chris Blain

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 @oslcy to the number 81010**

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

TreaSurer's Report

As of September 30, 2024

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$435,343.71
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$438,639.13
Year-to-date Budget	\$493,413.57



Senior Ministry



Save the date:

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

**Thursday, December 12
11:00 AM**

**Watch for more information
in the
December Newsletter.**



Sunday Morning Transportation

*Need a
Ride?*



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!

Simply call the church office at 605-642-3715 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.

November 2024

Lefse making went well again this year thanks to our great “regulars” who help and those that showed up even though they didn’t sign up. Also some of our younger folks helped and relieved some of us older folks which really makes it way more fun and keeps us going each year! A HUGE thank you to all of you! I believe well over 1000 lefse was made!

Thank you to all Circle and Crafter Groups for getting edits of “Women of the ELCA” booklet to Julie in a timely fashion. Her plan is to get final edits done in November so we can have the 2025 booklets in December.

Baking dates to get ready for Julefest are coming up soon, so watch for any further information and sign-up sheets because we love volunteers! Here’s the baking and cooking dates in the church kitchen we know about now:

November 8 from 12-3pm Meatballs
November 22 from 8am to 12 or until done Rosettes
December 3 and December 5 at 6pm Cookie Baking

Please be aware of anyone in our groups/church/ community who need prayers and support.

I welcome your thoughts on how WELCA can meet your needs better or what you would like to see done differently, or what you think is going well. There are Circle and crafter groups that are quite meaningful and fun to be in, so if you have that interest, please feel free to join any of them! We are one body with many good minds so together we can make a difference!

Marvis Custer, WELCA President
(605) 631-0182
Marvis.custer@gmail.com

WELCA Calendar

Nov. Kitchen Duty	Esther Circle
Nov. 6 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
November 24	Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday
Dec. 4 ~ 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
Dec. 7 ~ 8:00 AM	Julefest

Circle Meetings

<u>Circle Study Leaders</u> November 4 10:30 AM	<u>Deborah Circle</u> November 11, 10:30 AM Leader: Helen Merriman Hostess: Del Wjentes
<u>Esther Circle</u> November 14, 1:00 PM Leader: Anda Johnson Hostess: Lila Bliss	<u>Ruth Circle</u> November 21, 10:00 AM Leader: All Hostess: All



The Holidays are fast approaching and you should know there are WELCA cookbooks available if you want to purchase any for gifts or for yourself. You can check with the church office if you want to buy one. The price is \$20.00 each with all proceeds going to WELCA projects. The cookbooks will also be available for sale during Julefest.



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



Scriptures



Nov. 3 Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Nov. 10 1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 17 Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Nov. 24 Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Children's Ministries



SUNDAY AND WENDESDAY SCHOOL



Practice for the Christmas program will start on Sunday November 3 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 December 15 during the 10:45 worship service.

MILESTONE MINISTRIES

The Apostles Creed



Sunday, November 3: 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 24: The Fourth-Grade class will lead the congregation in the Apostles Creed during either worship service.

The Birth of Jesus



Sunday December 1: The First-Grade class will receive a "The Birth of Jesus" story cube as a gift from our Senior Choir during either worship service.

CAMP SUNDAY Join us for a very special CAMP SUNDAY on **November 3!** Pastor Dave Zellmer, Interim Executive Director of Lutherans Outdoors, will be here to share information about summer camps, and specifically, Family Camp. Be sure to join us for more information!

(P.S. Camp registration for 2025 opens November 18!!)



Education Committee



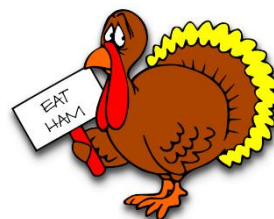
We would like to add some parents to the Education Committee. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Our task is to generate, inform, and support all aspects of Education, from newborns through adulthood, at OSLC. Please talk to Beth or Deacon Laura if you are interested.

Important Dates

November 3 – Fourth grade milestone class at 9:45 AM.

November 24 – Fourth graders lead the Apostles Creed during worship services.

December 1 – 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 8, 2024 - 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.

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| <p>1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Andy Binder at 6:30pm. All council members were present.</p> <p>2. Devotions: Andy felt drawn to talk briefly about divisiveness. We never know what is going on in someone's life, in their daily interactions, in their homes and he acknowledged that sometime generational gaps can be difficult to navigate. He went on to talk about grace, acceptance, and faith as we interact with each other ending with what we all know to be true. If we turn to Him, we are forgiven, we are accepted.</p> <p>3. Approve Agenda: Sherry Kloeckl made a motion to move the 2025 proposed budget discussion from agenda item eight up to agenda item six. Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried. Agenda approved, as amended.</p> <p>4. Approval of the September Council Minutes: David Pummel moved to approve the meeting minutes. Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>5. Approval of the September Treasurer's Report: David Pummel passed on that everything is looking good, and we are on a positive track heading into the end of the year. At this time, in September, we are in the positive vs last year at this time being down approximately \$8,400. Overall, for YTD totals we are down \$3,161 as compared to being down \$23,795 last year. Deming Haugland made a motion to approve the September Treasurer's report. Mike Steffen seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>6. Action Item – 2025 Proposed Budget: The Finance Committee proposed to the council the 2025 budget. Overall, a recommendation of 2.5% increase in salaries is proposed. The Education Committee submitted a budget that is down \$1,900 from last year, insurance saw a 30% increase. Overall, the proposed budget would increase 1.84% or by \$12,316. Pam Tyma made a motion to approve the 2025 proposed budget. Brady Harr seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>7. Ministerial Staff Reports: Pastor Stephan talked about the fall schedule with confirmation in full swing, Wednesday supper and school starting off well, the 3rd grade and pre-school bible classes being well attended and consistent requests for baptisms coming in. He passed on seeing many new faces and many of those new faces looking</p> | <p>to become members. The growth is exciting. He mentioned that the Bear Butte conference retreat is coming up at Outlaw Ranch that he would be a part of and announced that on November 3rd we would welcome South Dakota Synod Bishop Dave Zellmer who is also the Lutherans Outdoors Director to provide a Temple Talk during worship. He reminds all that there are Family Camp scholarships available. Start those plans now if your family is interested.</p> <p>Deacon Laura passed on that 18 Friendship Ministers were recently installed and that they are all very involved and dedicated to home visits and pastoral care. She also provided details that there would be opportunity to participate in an adult forum on Sundays discussing "Finding Ruhi" by Dylan Moro. She also provided some brief updates about The Good Shepherd Clinic and all the help this clinic is offering, and that Sharing the Dream would be kicking off. Finally, she encouraged all to explore the library "Book Nook."</p> <p>8. Committee Reports: Campus Ministry passed on that they are working on the job posting for Lay person and that their next meeting is scheduled for November 4. They are also getting ready to start another YA bible study. The Education Committee mentioned that all is well with Wednesday school, the PASS group met and that was successful and finally, that KidZone would be starting again in November. The Mission Group passed on that they are starting to coordinate the Angel Tree and that they recently donated 50 hygiene kits to Pine Ridge. The also passed on that Cameroon and Nicaragua missionaries would be coming to South Dakota. Our Senior Ministry group reported that they completed their fall outing to the Matthews Opera House and that it was a successful and well attended event. Our Property group passed on that they had been busy building 18 baptismal boxes, plan to tackle replacing lightbulbs soon, are working on window washer bids, and a quote from exterminators for some routine maintenance items.</p> <p>9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned with a motion by Nichole Braithwait and a second by Andy Binder at 7:30pm followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:30pm.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,
Nichole Braithwait</p> |
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Spearfish Community Food Pantry needs for November

Rice, Peanut Butter, Cream Soups, Ramen
Noodles, Egg Noodles, Canned Beans

HELP WANTED

Hauling Food To The Pantry

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is just one of twelve churches that operate the Spearfish Community Pantry throughout the year. What many folks don't know is that each and every week pantry volunteers pick up donated food every Tuesday and Friday morning at 7:00 am at Wal-Mart and Safeway. These very important donations last year totaled 69,557 pounds of food consisting of meat, produce, bakery, dairy and dry goods.

Based on last year's 69,557 pounds of food, most of which comes from Wal-Mart, we average 670 pounds of food each and every Tuesday and Friday. Food items are packaged in average size boxes and weights range from 20 to 35 pounds.

Why share this information? Because we could use additional volunteers to help pick up food and bring it to the pantry. The only requirement is having a pickup truck or van to haul the boxes. We always try to utilize a two-person team.

If you are interested in helping, please give George Vansco a call at 605-645-0107 so he can fill you in on details. This will not be an every week job; we are looking for individuals to fill in from time to time.



Thank you to all who donated items for the hygiene kits for Pine Ridge as part of Mission Team's "God's 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

Office Notes:

The Church office will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

The deadline for submission of items for the December newsletter is **Wednesday, November 20**. 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 605-642-3715 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 605-642-3715. Thank you!

Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation Fair

Saturday, November 9, 2024

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
- Support Groups
- Veteran Organizations
- Service Dogs
- Equine Therapy
- Employment
- Housing
- Education
- Outdoor Recreation
- and more...

- Backpacks
- Clothing
- Toiletries
- Lunch
- Coffee & Water
- ALL Free While Supplies Last!

<https://wevegetyoursix.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 Northernhillsgotyoursix@outlook.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 24, through Julefest on December 7.



FAITH & CARE

Serving in Worship and Fellowship

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

Servers are needed as:

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



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

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

Thank You

A big "thank you" to my family and friends for making my 80th birthday celebration so much fun. Your presence was such a gift. We are truly blessed to have joined such a loving, giving church. God is good – keeping smiling!

~ Janet Baker



NOVEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	2
3 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>Camp Sunday</i> <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	4 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>	5 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm. 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ The Living Room	6 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 <i>Angel Tree ~ Pine Ridge</i>	7 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilters 5:45 PM New Member Dinner and Orientation	8 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 12:00 PM Meatballs Making in the Kitchen <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	9 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
10 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>	11 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry <i>Good Shepherd Clinic--Closed</i>  <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	12 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	13 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	14 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilting 1:00 PM Esther Circle	15 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	16
17 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service	18 10:00 AM Senior Ministry 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	19 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Trolldhaugen Choir Practice 6:30 PM Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ TLR	20 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 <i>Newsletter Due</i>	21 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:00 PM Rosette Batter making in the kitchen 12:30 PM Quilters 5:30 PM Friendship Ministry Social	22 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg. 8:00 AM Rosette Making in the Kitchen <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	23 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
24 8:30 AM Worship Service 4 th Gr. leads Apostles' Creed 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> <i>Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday</i>	25 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	26 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	27 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service <i>No Wednesday Evening Activities</i>	28  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> <i>(office closed)</i>	29 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal Kortni Grubb & Carter Collins <i>(office closed)</i>	30 4:00 PM Wedding <i>Kortni Grubb & Carter Collins</i>

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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

Church Office located at 1020 State Street
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Mission Statement: Inspired by God's grace, we open our hearts to all in faith,
prayer, fellowship and service through Jesus Christ.