## A Little Bit of Senshine

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October 2024



Dear friends in Christ.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

~ Genesis 2:15, NRSV

The phrase "to tend" has been on my mind often lately. We are moving from the warm days of late Summer into my favorite season of Autumn. As I attempt to keep my small gardens alive and well, I notice that my attention to them has been sporadic at best—fitting weeding and watering into a busy schedule. But I know in my heart that **to tend** something—anything—requires consistent and careful attention, doesn't it?

The Hebrew word for "keep" or "tend" is shamar, and it means more than just neat and tidy. It means "to watch and protect." All living things need tender loving care, right? And it doesn't necessarily require big segments of time. Regular attention in small bits of focused time can help anything thrive. And patience is key.

What are the things in your life that need tending?

For me, living a centered life means keeping God at the center—daily tending to devotional Bible reading and prayer. Personal health—physical and mental—requires tending to good nutrition, exercise, and stress-relief practices. Relationships with family, friends and my faith community need regular tending with time, attention, conversation, and regular worship. Just like my garden, I don't always tend them well. But each day is a new day to carry out God's desire for us to "keep" all that God loves.

Regular, incremental, and watchful...moving forward with a clearer eye to what's important as we move into this school year is on my mind. And so are you, dear friends in Christ. I "keep" you in prayer each day.

Peace be with you,

Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

## SonShine Squad

The SonShine Squad will meet on Monday, October 7 at 9:00 in the Fireside Room. If you would like to come help us make a small craft and/or would like to join a team to visit our home bound folks, we would love to have you stop by.

## **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

## First Communion Instruction

# Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, October 20 at 1:00 PM with First Communion on October 27

Each fall we invite a new group of young people to learn more about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We've mailed out an invitation to all kids entering fifth grade (or older are welcome, if they haven't previously been a part of the class) and their parents. We meet for two brief sessions, during which we explore the history and meanings behind the celebration of Holy Communion. (On a personal note, this is one of my favorite classes to teach! We have a good time!) These sessions are designed with



parent/child conversation in mind, so it's important that at least one parent be here with the student. (As a bonus, it really ends up being a good opportunity for adults to brush up on their own understanding of the Lord's Supper!)

This year, our two classes will be held Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 P.M. and on Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 P.M. Our second session also includes an opportunity for the kids to bake communion bread for use in worship at their First Communion on Sunday, October 27. Mark your calendar!

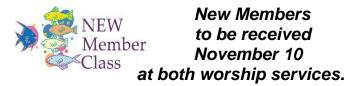
\*IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have a child younger than fifth-grade age who has been showing an active desire to partake of the Sacrament, you as their parent may elect to bring them to these sessions as well. We already have a number of children partaking of Holy Communion earlier than fifth grade. (We aren't constitutionally, confessionally or scripturally bound to any particular age with regard to readiness for Communion. History has dictated our custom, with some Christians communing early and others later. Parents in conversation with me can determine their child's readiness.)

~ Pastor Stephan Sandness

## Daylight Saving Time ends...



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



If you are interested in membership at this time, please call the church office at 605-642-3715. New Member orientation is Thursday, November 7 at 5:45 PM.

This month's "Love Your Neighbor" Jar benefits Sharing the Dream in Guatemala.

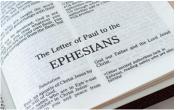
August's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,643.33 for Canton Lutheran Church.



Please remember your Secret Sister in October by mailing a card and keeping her in prayer!

## Marthas Gathering Women's Evening

Women's Evening Bible Study



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

Continuing...

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 pm

- "Grace-filled living—ancient and new"

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 WELCA. Those who are not in one of the three Circles (Esther, Deborah, or Ruth) are listed in the Martha Circle. These are the women that 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 other women for all of our Marthas.

## Adult Education: 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.

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



Friendship Ministers are members of our church who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people in our congregation and community who are facing a crisis, going through stressful times (both good and challenging), grieving, experiencing loneliness, celebrating transitions, etc.

Contact Nancy Christopherson at 605-645-2723 to request a visit or for more information.

## Adult Forums Sunday mornings in October, 10:00 – 10:30 am in the Conference Room Grab your coffee and come to the Conference Room to meet others in our congregation and hear about their involvement and journeys of discovery. Watch for details in worship bulletins!



## **CALLING ALL VETERANS** of our congregation!!

We would like to display your photo on our wall in the Fellowship Hall in honor of Veterans Day. We need your picture! Photos and information may be dropped off at the office, emailed to Sherry Kloeckl at <a href="mailto:sherry\_lk@yahoo.com">sherry\_lk@yahoo.com</a>, or text to 605-641-3744, no later than Wednesday, October 30.

Please include your name, branch, year(s) of service, rank, and job.

Thanks! Sherry Kloeckl



## Word from the Nook (Book Nook)

Greetings from the Nook! About a year ago Jan and I were asked if we

could restructure the church library to resemble a free lending library, similar to those you might have seen around town. If you visit the library and see a book you'd like to read, take it home, read it and drop it back in the "drop basket". No checking out or return dates to remember. The goal is to make the library more user friendly.

The Nook's collections have been reorganized into broad subjects and have color coded labels which will help us in reshelving. As October approaches, you may notice posters, mobiles and/or bookmarks around that will give more info on the Nook.

We hope you like the new look and will find it not only inviting but user friendly. Also watch the newsletter for a "Word from the Nook" that may have suggestions/ reviews for a good read or answer any questions that arise. Watch for the Nook's open house in late October.

Jan Osborn and Barbara Gauger



are due October 15

Esther Circle encourages anyone to check out the Baby Care Kit Display

in the fellowship hall and donate a kit or one (or more) articles towards a kit. Please place items or complete kits in the basket near the receptionist desk in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Each kit should contain:

2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet), 1 hand towel, dark color recommended, 2 receiving blankets, 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts, 4 cloth diapers, 2 pairs of socks, 2 bath-size bars of gentle soap, in original wrapping, 2 diaper pins, 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap

Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with the safety pins. Gently used, clean items can be substituted for new ones. An entire kit gets kind of expensive, single items really help as well. Do not enclose kit in plastic bags.



## Senior Ministry

#### **Sunday Morning Transportation**



**Everyone is welcome** to use the free Sunday morning transportation service. Our friendly drivers will make your trip to and from church a fun part of your day! The service is available for the 8:30 AM

worship service. 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.

# Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar December 7, 2024 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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

**Crafts!** We need lots of craft items! Knit, crochet, quilt, make Christmas decorations or whatever your creativity inspires! New ideas are always good!

**Bake!** Dig out your favorite recipes! Scandinavian, German, Swedish, 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 you are cleaning out your attic, closets or basement.

The **Silent Auction** Committee will be looking for items.

**Get your voice in shape** and brush up on your Norwegian to sing in the Scandinavian choir.



Make plans now to get involved! Proceeds go toward many worthy causes locally, nationally, and abroad.

-Julefest Committee



Wed. October 2: Confirmation

9: No Confirmation

16: Confirmation

23: Confirmation

30: Fellowship

### **October Acolyte Schedule**

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Payton Maser and Addison Aalbu

#### Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Asher Olson and Grayson Scott

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



### 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.

High School Youth Group will not meet on October 9 due to middle school parent/teacher conferences.

Our High School Youth are encouraged to signup for reminders by sending a text to: **text @oslcy to the number 81010** 

## TreaSurer's Report

As of August 31, 2024

 Year-to-date Offerings:
 \$384,263.48

 Year-to-date Expenses:
 \$390,506.72

 Year-to-date Budget
 \$430,155.42



### **Support Fair Trade and the people of Guatemala!**

Sharing the Dream in Guatemala is a non-profit organization that promotes fair trade with cooperatives and small businesses in Guatemala. Craft products are handmade by Mayan artisans, and the profits go to support community development projects.

**Mark your calendar** to browse the sale at the back of the Fellowship Hall on:

Sunday, October 6 (9:30 am – Noon) Wednesday, October 9 (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) Sunday, October 13 (9:30 am – Noon)

Communities of hardworking, faithful families in Guatemala directly benefit from these sales in great and wondrous ways.

Thank you for your heart for mission!

Visit the website <a href="www.sharingthedream.org">www.sharingthedream.org</a> to learn more about the mission and to shop the online store!





WELCA 2024 Update!

The WELCA Fall salad luncheon meeting was held September 5 at OSLC fellowship hall with approximately 30 women in attendance. It was an enjoyable fall luncheon with an excellent variety of salads provided by our great cooks

Election and installation of Officers was completed with the following elected officers for 2024 year then confirmed by Deacon Laura Campbell:

WELCA Officers:

President – Marvis Custer Vice President – Loretta Greni Secretary – Cheryl Wormstadt Treasurer – Karol Johnson Mary Goddard, Past President Joan DeWall – Justice Stewardship – Janet Baker Dianna Rommen – Discipleship

More on the successful Fall Women's Retreat later. Ladies of the church, please be aware we need your involvement as you prayerfully consider how you can help our church and its outreach projects. We need many hands to help where you can.

Our circle groups meet monthly for fellowship, food, and enlightened Bible study. The Gather magazine has a monthly bible study and several articles that are used in our Circle Bible studies and are informative and spiritually beneficial to many of us. OSLC's monthly newsletter and website has information on dates and locations of WELCA activities and Bibles Studies. Please check it out and come be a part of our fellowship, everyone has a voice and seems to find it in these Circle meetings!

Lefse making will be completed September 26 and Julefest will be December7. Watch for dates and how you can help. A huge thank you to Lanna Christensen and family for once again making the lefse dough. Without this kind of help it would be harder by far. Also, the many hands that both signed up and showed up to help make and fold lefse this year was a blessing! We all need help at times and the lefse making/folding group know how to put themselves on the line to "get the job done"!

Thank you all and may God bless us this year,

Marvis Custer, WELCA President

## **WELCA Calendar**

Oct. Kitchen Duty Oct. 2: 9:30 AM November 24 December 7 Esther Circle
WELCA Board Meeting
Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday
Julefest

## Circle Meetings

Circle Study Leaders
October 7 @ 10:30 AM

**Deborah Circle** 

October 14, 10:30 AM
Leader: Joan DeWall
Hostess: Judith Woodworth

**Esther Circle** 

October 10, 1:00 PM Leader: Kathy Helmer Hostess: Elaine Ohnstad-Eide

**Ruth Circle** 

October 17, 10:00 AM
Leader: Roberta Koehler/Barb Gauger
Hostess: Dianne Scott

The Women of the ELCA Bear Butte Conference met at Outlaw Ranch near beautiful Custer State Park for the 2024 Fall Retreat.



It was a wonderful time of getting to know others from our conference, refreshing time in nature and learning about the fullness of God's love for us. Kris Stewart and 2 Outlaw staff members lead us in a fun sing-a-long next to the fireplace outside in the pavilion. The only thing missing was YOU! Mark your calendars NOW to join us next year on September 5-6!

Beth Nielsen, President, Bear Butte Conference WELCA



## Children's Ministries October 2024



#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sunday school classes are available for kids ages 3 years old, which we call our little lambs class, through kids in the Sixth grade. We meet each Sunday morning. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade students start in their classroom right at 9:45. Kids 3 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade start in the sanctuary at 9:45 for a time of music, prayer, birthday celebration and a quick introduction to the lesson of the day. We use Spark Lectionary Curriculum, which means the kids learn the same lessons that we hear about in church.

Wednesday school classes are available for kids from kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There is one class for kids from kindergarten through fourth grade called ALL KIDS. The CONNECT class is for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades. Classes meet from 5:40 – 6:20 each Wednesday that Confirmation meets. This is great opportunity for families that have kids in both elementary school and confirmation.

#### MILESTONE MINISTRIES

**First Communion classes** will be held for fifth grade students and their parents on Thursday October 17 at 6:30pm and Sunday, October 20 at 1:00pm. Both classes will meet at the church. Fifth grade students will receive their First Communion on Sunday October 27 at either worship service.



#### KIDZONE AFTER SCHOOL MINISTRY PROGRAM

KidZone returns this fall for elementary kids in grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, when the Spearfish School District has an early release for teacher in-service. The first KidZone will be November 6 from 1:00 to 5:00pm.



#### **PASS CLASS**

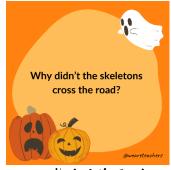
We are excited to offer "Parents And Sunday School" or P.A.S.S Class for parents with children from newborns through 6th grade and beyond. Even though "Sunday school" is in the title, it's really about so much more! This once monthly class will offer discussion and ideas around several topics including Faith on the Run, Worship Supports, Milestone Ministries, Feeding Yourself First, Baptismal Promises and more!



We will meet downstairs with treats at 9:45 on October 6, November 3, and December 8. Littles not big enough for Sunday school are welcome too.



A Sand Witch!



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Trick or Tweet!!

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 6:22 PM

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

- 1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Pastor Stephan Sandness, at 6:22 pm. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Reed Haug, Sherry Kloeckl, David Pummel, Christina Miles, Deming Haugland, Pam Tyma, and Andy Binder.
- 2. **Devotions:** Deming Haugland shared a devotion and thoughts on being truly present and in the moment. Sharing how easily a busy summer can roll into a busy fall without much time to be present.
- 3. What's on Top?: Council members shared a bit about their present lives and events. Members are enjoying family, vacations, visiting friends and various summer activities. Some members are dealing with family illnesses and others are seeing their family members heal through their illnesses. Overall, the members are thankful for our time together and time with friends and family.
- 4. **Approve Agenda:** Dave Pummel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Deming Haugland seconded; motion carried agenda approved.
- 5. **Approval of the August Council Minutes:** Christina Miles moved to approve the August Council Minutes as presented. Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried minutes approved.
- 6. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Pummel reviewed August's financial report. Overall, the church is doing very well year-to-date. Year to date the income stands at \$384,383.92 which is approximately \$6,000 more than this time last year. Year-to-date expenses is at \$390,506.72. While this does leave a slight deficit of -\$6,122.00 we are far better off than last year's deficit of approximately \$15,400 year-to-date. The council finance committee will be working to prepare next year's budget in early October.
  - Pam Tyma moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried report approved.
- 7. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura Campbell noted our summer events and activities are wrapping up while the fall and winter activities are just starting to roll. She stated many of these will be included in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. The Faith and Care has done some reorganization, removed the monthly groups and moved to more of an open request for all to sign up and help as they can. Please look to the newsletters and announcements on how to use the sign-up genius system or speak with Deacon Laura if you wish to help with anything. Deacon Laura also shared that we had 11 women from our church attend the recent WELCA event at Outlaw Ranch.

Pastor Stephan Sandness shared a member's letter thanking the church for their outreach web broadcast services. The letter shares these broadcasts have allowed her mother, who lives outside the area, to attend church and feel very connected. Pastor Stephan Sandness noted we have returned to our back-to-school schedule, with two Sunday services, Wednesday word and confirmation all starting up. He noted it was good to see strong attendance at both services this past weekend. Confirmation orientation will be tomorrow night with the first real confirmation classes starting next week. The choir and bell choir are starting their practices up again this week, anyone interested in joining either should reach out to Pastor Stephan or Deacon Laura. All of our various kids and youth programs are starting up this month. First communion class will be next month.

- 8. Committee Reports: Education committee members have been communicating via email and started to get things rolling for this year. They plan to meet in person in the coming month. Senior ministries sent out approximately 70 invitations for our recent Bless the Years Sunday. They report a very strong turnout. Senior ministries have a planned fall outing for this September 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be going to the Matthews Opera House for a lunch and tour. The properties committee reports the fix-it crew has been busy making more boxes for baptisms. The fix-it crew is working to coordinate a time to replace the fellowship hall fluorescent lights with new LED lights. The committee is also planning a thank you breakfast for the fix-it crew this coming October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.
- **9. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned with a motion by Deming Haugland and a second by Andy Binder followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, 6:30pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Respectfully Submitted, Andy Binder



## **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



## Fall 2024

On Sunday, September 8, seven Our Savior's volunteers embraced warm, some would say hot, temperatures in support of "God's work. Our hands." and spent about an hour cleaning up our environment. The Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program, of which OSLC participates, allows volunteers the opportunity to pick up trash along state highways. Two events are organized each year by OSLC; our location is eastbound I-90 from mile marker 8 to 10.

Our volunteers, outfitted with yellow vests, orange trash bags, handy pick up tools and water were ready to tackle I-90's litter. These hard workers removed six bags of trash. Special blessings to Lyle, Eric, DeeAnn, Jim, Alyce, Julia, and George.

If you are interested in some outside exercise this Spring after our mild winter, watch for our next event in Spring 2025.



## **Spearfish Community Food pantry needs for October:**

Oatmeal, Ramen Noodles, Applesauce, Pancake syrup, Chunky or Progresso soups, Canned Fruit



ALL members and friends of Our Savior's are invited to share a photo of a loved one who has passed away to be displayed on the worship screens, November 3, All

Saints Sunday.

If you would like a photo of your loved one projected on the worship screens, let Lisa know by calling 605-642-3715 (if we already have your photo) or by emailing your photo to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com. If you do not have a digital copy, we can scan your photo for you. Please bring your photo to Lisa during office hours, no later than Monday, October 28.



# Don't forget... OSLC is on Facebook!

There are times when we need to get out information quicker than the weekly bulletins or the monthly newsletter will allow. If we have a sudden cancellation of an event or building closure (think snow day), we will post it on our Facebook page, as well as on our website.

To get the very latest information "like" our facebook page.

www.facebook.com/oslcspearfish

## Not on facebook...?



## Opt in to OSLC instant text messaging!

As a reminder, OSLC has an instant text messaging system. It allows us to communicate time-sensitive information, such as event updates, emergency closures, schedule changes, etc. If you've signed up in the past, you don't have to do anything. If you haven't signed up, or if your email or phone number has changed, please contact the church office at 605-642-3715 or oslc@rushmore.com with up-to-date email addresses and phone numbers.

Thanks for helping us all stay connected!



Mothers and Daughters
Outdoors at Outlaw Ranch
October 18-19th, 2024

## Friday 7:00 p.m. through Saturday 7 p.m.; Saturday overnights available!

Mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, and women of all ages gather at Outlaw Ranch in the Black Hills for a time of home-cooked meals, relaxing over coffee and crafts, worship and singing, and trying a variety of outdoor activities. We don't check family trees—so you can invite anyone to be your mother, daughter, or sister for the weekend!

More information and Registration: https://www.losd.org/mothers-and-daughters-registration

## w w scriptures w w

Oct. 6 Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

Oct. 13 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 20 Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

Oct. 27 Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

### God's work. Our hands.

Mission Team would like to thank all those who helped with this year's "God's work. Our hands." project. By using a Thrivent Action Team Grant and with donations of hygiene products from the congregation, we were able to assemble 50 hygiene kits for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

We are so blessed to be a part of such a generous and loving congregation. Thank you for all the support you give to help our brothers and sisters outside our church walls.

God bless you all,

OSLC's Mission Team

## Office Notes:

The deadline for submission of items for the November newsletter is *Tuesday, October 22.* Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at <a href="mailto:osled@rushmore.com">osled@rushmore.com</a>

Ways to give electronically:







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... <a href="www.oslcspearfish.com">www.oslcspearfish.com</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:oslc@rushmore.com">oslc@rushmore.com</a> or call us at 605-642-3715. Thank you!

Dear Godparents of Our Savior's Lutheran,

It is a pleasure for me to be able to greet you. I am hoping that you are all well and enjoying great health. I hope that everything is going well with your families and in your daily lives.



I would like to share that, during Christmas, I was with family, enjoying vacation. We didn't travel to any place. In the night, we were in our house. We ate dinner, drank punch with family and I went to church. Everything was excellent.

We began classes on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is my first year in this school. This year, I started high school. I am studying the career of Accounting Expert with an Orientation in Computation. When I graduate, my dream is to work in a bank. In the institute, I get to meet new teachers and classmates. It's a nice experience. I am already becoming familiar with the courses, even though it is sometimes difficult for me to understand some topics. However, I strive to complete my schoolwork well.

My favorite courses of this year are Economics and Computer Programming. It does not take me much to perfectly understand the topics and work on the homework. I hope I will be like that with the other courses and that I'll be able to earn good grades. We have already finished the first quarter, and I received an average of 82 points.

My goals for this year are to pass the grade, have good points, submit all my homework and not miss classes.

During February, we celebrated Valentine's Day. We worked on an activity to celebrate. All the students of the school were there. Different activities were worked on such as the election of Miss Nice, for this, one girl from every classroom participated as a candidate to become Miss Nice. The girls did a dance and gave their speeches. Afterwards, every student voted for who had the best presentation. The girl from my class won and that filled us with happiness. We were also playing different sports such as: volleyball, basketball and soccer. We had so much fun.

During Holy Week, I had so much fun. On the first day of vacation, we went hiking up a volcano on the edge of town. We did so with all my classmates in school. It is very high, and it takes five hours by foot to finish. I got very tired. I did everything possible to finish. Once we were at the top, everything looked pretty. All the towns around the beautiful lake could be seen. There was also a big crater on the top of a hill. It was very fun to have been able to have that experience with all my classmates and teachers. Even though we became very tired, it was worth it because everything was marvelous. When we were coming down, a strong storm reached us, and we became soaked. We had taken an extra layer to cover us. Thankfully, no one got hurt and everyone returned safe. I also went to the processions. I participated alongside my family at church.

At Sharing the Dream, I come in each week to receive tutoring sessions. There, I work on my homework. Sometimes I read a book, and I work on whatever exercise was given from a course. In the Elder Center, I help two times a month for my volunteer hours. There, I help with cleaning, with food for the elders or with another task.

My family is doing well. Two of my sisters are in school. The rest of the family works to pay the bills for the house and school. When I have time, I help my mother with chores in the house, read a book and visit my grandmother. All my family and I are very thankful for the help from each and every one of you.

Until we meet again,

Marta Concepcion Cali Damian Your scholarship student.

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October 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Education Comm. 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study @ TLR	9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg 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 7:05 PM Finance Budget Mtg. 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	3 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilters	6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR	5
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Staff: Stephan Sandness, Senior Pastor

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Worship: Sundays 8:30 am Traditional 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 Church Phone Number: 605-642-3715

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