

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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September 2021

LOOKING



TOWARD FALL

Worship at Our Savior's

A reminder: **Sunday, September 12**, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule:

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship

10:45 AM - Joyful Journey Contemporary Worship

We will still livestream the 8:30 AM worship service, which you can access anytime via our website.

There will be no Wednesday Word Worship Services on September 8. We will resume on Wednesday, September 15 at **6:26 PM** with Wednesday Supper at 5:16 PM!

Confirmation



**7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation:
Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 PM.**

On Wednesday evening, September 8, we'd like to gather our seventh and eighth graders and their parents at 6:00 PM, where we'll share some particulars about the Confirmation year coming up. We'll go over some pertinent info for the year. The meeting will take no longer than an hour (we promise) and we'll collect registration forms and fees (\$30.00 per student). We're looking forward to another great year of growth in Christian faith together!

Wednesday Evening High School Youth Group



We want to welcome all senior high students to our Wednesday Evening Youth Group which meets at The Living Room (810 N. Yale) from 7:10 – 8:10 on Wednesday nights during the school year. On these gathering nights we have open discussions about Bible stories and relevant high interest topics along with an opportunity to share the highs and lows of daily/weekly life. We also explore and try to explain the way we see God working in our lives. It is a very informal and meaningful evening and bringing a friend or friends is always welcomed. **Our first Wednesday Night Youth Group gathering will be on September 8 at 7:10 p.m. at The Living Room.**

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

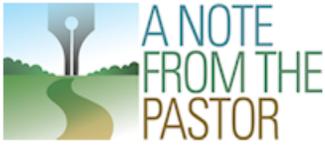
Save the Dates July 24-28, 2022 - ELCA Youth Gathering Minneapolis, MN

Information can be found at <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering> This national youth gathering will be for all high school students who have completed 9th - 12th grade. To sign up for the early registration we have to have our registrations in by mid-November so there will be an orientation meeting about this in early October. This is a great trip and well worth your consideration. Much of the expense will be offset by youth funds and fundraising that we will do this year. Please talk to me or Jane Klug if you have any questions or wonderings about the gathering.



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

ALSO - A REMIND has been created for OSLC college students and you can **text @oslcalum to the number 81010** and this will serve as a nice way to stay caught up during your college years.



What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been, in the ages before us. Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

Dear Friends,

A year ago in this space I found myself writing to you about how our gatherings had changed as a result of the pandemic... and how proud I was to be serving among a people as patient and responsive as you all. Those feelings have not changed, just as so very much about this pandemic has not changed. Yes, we've come a long way since then. Even at that, the need for vigilance in how we care for one another remains. Doesn't it always?

Your OSLC church staff have been busy these last weeks (months, really) making plans for the fall and all that comes with it. This newsletter is full of planned opportunities for worship, learning and service that kick into high gear come autumn, and we're excited for it! Even at that, we make our plans with some trepidation, not knowing what the realities will be as we move further down the road with COVID-19.

But just as it can seem like the preacher of Ecclesiastes was right about so many of the negative challenges humanity faces... as though we're spinning on some deadly carousel we can't get off of... he may have also been inadvertently right about some positives, too. The challenges of sickness and death have been ever with us, and so too has the call on God's people to rise to those challenges with compassion and a fearless mercy. Not a *careless* mercy (can there even be such a thing?) but a *fearless* mercy, in which we dare to subjugate our wants and conveniences to the needs of our neighbors. I see it happening still, among so many of you, and I'm grateful for it.

The preacher of Ecclesiastes was right about this: when it comes to folks and the challenges we face in this life, not much has changed. Two things give me hope. First, that history has proven we are capable of rising to the challenges before us. And second, there actually *is* something "new under the sun" since those words were first written. The Word has become flesh and has revealed the very heart of God to us. In Jesus, we discover God's intention to keep after us, loving us in spite of our all-too-common unloveliness. As stubborn as our troubles are, and as stubborn as we are, God is even more so... and thanks be to God for it!

As the circle of the seasons rolls on and we as Church find ourselves spinning into September, I pray that you'd look upon each opportunity for worship (in-person or on-line), for learning and for service as an opportunity to grow into someone new. Because now, the only thing possible of ever being "new under the sun" is you☺!

With gratitude for you,

Pastor Stephan Sandness

God's work. Our hands.

Save The Dates:

Sunday, September 12: "Rally Sunday" will include an opportunity also to participate in "God's work. Our hands." day of service. This year we will assemble **Hygiene Kits** for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center's *Threshold Ministries*." Tables will be set up with supplies for the kits.

If you would like to **donate items** for these hygiene kits, the following items are needed:

Adult Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb, Shampoo, Bath-sized bars of soap, Washcloth.

Please drop off items by Friday, September 10, in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, September 19: Adopt-a-Highway

OSLC Sanctuary A/C Unit: 1986 – 2021

Blessed be its memory among us.

The air conditioning unit supplying cool air to the worship space has "laid down its burdens and joined the choir triumphant." Apparently, this last summer was just too much for it☺ After 35 years of faithful service, the unit must now be replaced.

The Church Council has received a number of bids for a new unit, and we're looking at somewhere between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to get the project done. One of our members has stepped up with a \$10,000 matching grant, which we're already well on our way to accomplishing! Could you join us in this effort?

We take great pride in the wonderful home for worship, learning, fellowship and service that is our building. It has come to us by the generosity of generations before, and maintaining it as a tool for ministry is our privilege and responsibility. We're confident that we can see this project completed in short order, with all of us taking up a piece of the load. Contributions to the cause can be dropped off at the Church office, mailed in or dropped in the plate at worship, earmarked for the "A/C repair."

Thanks for all you do in taking care of your "faith home" that is OSLC!

Adult Education: Opportunities for Fall 2021

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

- three Women's Circle Bible Studies/Ruth, Deborah, Esther
- Men's Fellowship
- "Two on Tuesday" Women's Bible study
- "Gather" Women's Evening Bible Study

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 642-3715.

Sunday morning (9:50 am) and Wednesday evening (5:50 pm) opportunities will begin in October. Watch for information in worship bulletins, on the website, and in the October newsletter!

Dear friends in Christ ~

Jesus said, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6:63)

How wonderful it is to be back among you serving in the name of the Lord through this mission outpost of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Thank you again for an extended time of Sabbath rest and renewal.

I have always felt energized as I approach September. But as we roar into activities of Fall, I also know the pitfalls that arise when busyness distracts us from focusing on the important things. The concept of Sabbath reminds us of the important things—to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In my experience, Sabbath includes dwelling on God's word, enjoying fellowship with family and friends, and reflecting on the movement of the Spirit of God.

Two things are on my mind today as we head into September:

- How do we as God's people encourage each other to experience a weekly Sabbath day and to even be mindful of *moments* of Sabbath in daily life?
- How do we really live as people of hope who "provide a gracious space" to each other and to every single one who comes through our doors or who we meet out in the world?

In this new season, I invite you to enter into conversation with me and with each other as we explore answers to those questions.

We experience the Word in Scripture, in the person of Jesus Christ, and in proclamation in worship—Word that is "*spirit and life.*" That experience is individual and corporate—best reflected on together. Let's talk...

*God's peace and blessings to you,
Deacon Laura Lee Campbell*

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Bless the Years Sunday ~ August 22, 2021



## Wednesday 5:16 PM Meals to resume on Sept. 15!



During most of the school year, we offer a Wednesday evening meal in conjunction with our Wednesday Word worship service (and Christian Education and choir practices). Our first meal will be served Wednesday, September 15, beginning at 5:16 pm and serving until about 6:10 pm.

The meals will be provided by Confirmation families and various Ministry Teams throughout the year, along with a few "pot-luck" nights thrown in for fun! There are a number of Wednesday evenings available for YOUR ministry group to provide a meal and perhaps raise visibility for your mission/group/ministry as well as a few dollars for a project of your choice. We encourage you to explore using a Thrivent Action Grant to help you raise more dollars for your project if possible. There are people who will help you apply. Just let the church office know if you're interested in providing a meal (605-642-3715) and if you need help.

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## This month's "Love Your Neighbor" Jar will benefit:

*LuMin: The Hills*  
*Lutheran Campus Ministries @ BHSU*

June's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,917.65 for Lutherans Outdoor.

July's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$3,157.39 for the Spearfish Clothe-A-Kid for School Project.

## First Communion Instruction

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!)

**\*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 Pastor Sandness can determine their child's readiness.)

**This year, our two classes will be held Sunday, September 19 at 1:00 P.M. and on Sunday, September 26 at 1:00 P.M. Our final class also includes an opportunity for the kids to bake communion bread for use in worship at their First Communion on Sunday, October 10. Mark your calendar!**



Adopt-A-Highway Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for Sunday, September 19. Our litter clean-up event

will tackle I-90 eastbound from mile marker 8 to 9. We will meet at the church at 12:45 pm to assign portions of the mile for clean-up. Please come prepared with sturdy shoes, long pants, and thick gloves; also a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen may be needed depending on weather. NOTE – we only require eight (8) volunteers and anticipate about one hour to clean up trash.

Trash bags, water, and construction vests will be provided along with a special trash pick-up device that will alleviate bending over to remove trash. Sign-up sheets will be available after church on September 12 and 19.

Questions? Contact George and Julia Vansco (605-642-2661) or email [gvansco@midco.net](mailto:gvansco@midco.net).

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Spearfish Community Food Pantry

July was OSLC's month to serve as volunteers at the Spearfish Community Pantry. Andy Black and George Vansco, Pantry Board Members, want to thank the following volunteers for assisting with the distribution of food during the first two weeks of July; Myrna, Mary, Donna, Gary, Nancy, Arnie and Julia. During our two weeks of service, our volunteers provided nutritional assistance to 105 families for a total of 236 people of which 83 were children.



We also wish to express our sincere thanks to those OSLC members who continue to donate food and funds to the Spearfish Community Pantry during these difficult past eighteen months.

Needs for September:

Saltine crackers, canned fruits, kidney or chili beans, peanut butter, chunky soups

Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar **December 4, 2021** **8:00 AM – 2:00 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.

Lefse making will take place the last week of September and the first week of October! Check the article on page 7 for the dates and more information. There are lots of different jobs in lefse making and we can use you!



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

-Julefest Committee

Music Ministry

Bell Choir Begins Wednesday,
September 8 at 5:00 pm

Senior Choir Begins Wednesday,
September 8 at 7:15 pm

Interested in joining?

Please talk with Steve Aalbu.

FESTIVAL IN THE PARK— BLAZING HOT

Our 35th Festival in the Park is in the books. It was blazing hot in more ways than one!



There are so many people to thank for making our pie booth happen. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all the home bakers for turning the oven on in the heat and providing your culinary delights; to the members of Esther Circle who gathered the Wednesday before in the church kitchen and produced 20 regular and 6 small pies, thanks for all your effort; Scott & Kris Stewart once again gathered a team at the church on Thursday for the pie making/baking extravaganza! That team was able to produce 88 pies!! I would like to mention that once again we had a couple young people join the team and we are delighted they came. Thanks MaCabe and Quorra! They and their Mom also helped us at the booth.

I couldn't have put the booth together without the folks who came to the church and the park to help load, set up and tear down. It always seems to be a puzzle putting the booth together but we eventually figure it out! Thanks for all your help.

A special thank you to Lynn Pohlman and AJ for running pies from church to park, keeping an eye on things when I needed to be gone and supporting me in whatever. I couldn't do it without you!

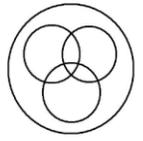
Due to all these efforts we raised about \$4200.00 through the booth!! Several of you dropped off donations with Julie at the church also, many thanks. After expenses (new freezer!!) we should be able to gift many charities.

It is always such a delight to serve our delicious pies and see the smiles on everyone's faces. So many folks come back year after year and always tell us they look forward to having pie ala mode from us. This year we also got several compliments on the ice cream. We have a new vendor so those comments were especially nice.

My heartfelt thanks to you all. Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for which such sacrifices God is pleased."

~Aly Scheurenbrand

Friendship Ministry
Extending the love of Christ
from Friend to Friend



Are you looking for . . .

Someone who cares?

Someone who supports?

Someone who listens confidentially?

A Friendship Minister will be there for you. Contact Nancy Christopherson at 645-2723 or Deacon Laura at 642-3715 to request a visit or for more information.

Our Savior's Lutheran is always looking for more folks who have a heart for this visitation ministry! Please let us know if you are interested in training to serve as a Friendship Minister.

Gather Women's Evening Bible Discussion



"The gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase"

by Sara Olson-Smith

Three sessions:

Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 pm

Spirit of God: Revealer and resource

Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 pm

Breath of God: Reviver and reformer

Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 pm

Wind of God: Refiner and Re-router

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

RSVP to Laura at oslc1@rushmore.com if you are interested in joining this small group.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2021

Year-to-date Offerings: \$281,847.79

Year-to-date Expenses: \$288,614.62

Year-to-date Budget: \$322,134.90



Senior Ministry

Worship DVD and Bulletin Delivery



If you are homebound on Sunday mornings and would like to have a DVD and bulletin of worship, please let us know at 642-3715.

Sunday Morning Transportation

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



The Senior Ministry Fall Outing Adventure has us traveling 15 miles north to Belle Fourche to visit the Tri-State Museum & Visitors Center on **Thursday, September 23.**

- We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC at **9:52 am** to organize the riders/drivers for the "wagon train" leaving Spearfish. You can drive yourself or saddle up with a Senior Ministry Member.
- The museum isn't charging us for this event. We are recommending a \$5.00 per person donation to the museum.
- A meal will be provided at no charge. **RSVP** to the church by Monday, September 20. The phone number is 642-3715.

See you soon fellow adventurous history buffs!

**Julefest Scandinavian
Christmas Festival and Bazaar
December 7, 2019
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**



LEFSE MAKING TIME AGAIN!!

We will be making lefse at the church for the Julefest this month and we need YOUR help!! Dates have been set for:

Monday, September 27, Wednesday, September 30,
Monday, October 4, and Thursday, October 7
all beginning at 8:30 am

All sessions will be held in the church kitchen. *No experience necessary!* There are many different things to do - so we have a job for everyone! It is always a lot of fun.

We also need people to help fold and wrap the lefse on these same dates at 6:30 pm in the evening. This will also be on the sign up sheets.

Please sign up on the sheets that are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks so much!

For questions call:
Marvis Custer (605-631-0182)
Or Loretta Greni (605-645-1536)



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



Clothe-a-Kid 2021

The Mission Team would like to thank the congregation for your tremendous generosity in giving to the Clothe-a-Kid drive. Those who donated by check and credit card and those who donated anonymously through the Love Your Neighbor Jar, we thank you for supporting Clothe-a-Kid, which gives children in Spearfish a chance to go shopping for new clothes for school. The children and their parents are so grateful for your support. Our Savior's Lutheran Church raised a total of \$7225.97, an amount that surpasses our previous Clothe-a-Kid efforts. We can't thank you enough for your caring and kindness.

Faith & Care Leaders Needed!

3 Sign-Up Leaders

2 Care Leaders



Please contact Deacon Laura to learn more or to volunteer. oslc1@rushmore.com or 605-642-3715

OSLC Quilters

Our Quilters are back to gathering every Tuesday morning at the church for quilting and fellowship! They have been busy during the last year and a half, but are very grateful to be “back in person”.

They have a new Facebook page called **Spearfishoslc Quilters**. Every month they will feature a “special” quilt (or two) for sale in addition to their normal selection. Check out their Facebook page, give it a like, and look for the special quilts. Any of their quilts may be purchased during church office hours or by contacting one of the quilters. They will also have a booth at the Spearfish Harvest Fest, September 18, downtown Spearfish. Come check out their quilts in person.

GOT FABRIC? THE QUILTERS are in need of cotton fabric used for the tops of the quilts. They also need blankets, mattress pads, and non-working electric blankets which are used to line quilts. **Please, no denim at this time, they have more than they can store.**

Ever thought about joining our Quilters? Don't know how to sew? That's okay, we have non-sewing jobs too! They meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM downstairs in the Quad. Just come on down and join us, any age is welcome!

Do you know how to sew? Our quilters could use your help with sewing the tops for our quilts. We have pre-cut “kits”, with directions, available for you to pick up and sew at your convenience at home. Kits may be picked up Monday – Friday, during church office hours (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM), or by contacting one of the quilters.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS AND FAMILIES: Ben



Alger, Cyrus Bernard, Jessie King, Kyle Kloeckl, Jodi Kuester, Dalton Meeks, Scott Nauman, Brook Paulson, Andrew J. Schreiner,

Sydney Spraitz, and Kraig Vavruska. Addresses are posted in the glass case in the Fellowship Hall. If you know someone we haven't listed, or if you have an address change, please call the church office at 642-3715.

∞ Pastoral Acts ∞

Baptisms

July 25 Laikyn Raelyn Morgan, daughter of Sheila and Mike Morgan

August 8 Londyn Amber Lee, daughter of Jennifer Mittleider and Shane Lee

Weddings

June 5 Chad Konstant & Carrie Thole

June 19 Jenny Coyle & Cody Schopp

June 25 Brendan Rotert & Brook Woods

July 23 Lauren Hight & Wyatt Huffman

Funerals

June 19 Leon Lowe, 98, Spearfish, SD

July 8 Virginia “Ginny” Dehnert, 76, Spearfish, SD

July 17 Doug Lemm, 70, Bella Vista, AR

July 21 Don Lamb, 62, Spearfish, SD



God is at work through LuMin:TheHills at South Dakota School of Mines and Black Hills State University as we build community, deepen faith, expand minds and inspire service. There are a couple aspects of this ministry in which we could use your help: 1. Spreading the word and 2. Giving support.

Please tell the students in your lives who will attend BHSU and the School of Mines that there is a welcoming community eager to connect. Tell them about our awesome director, Rachel Nelson, our gatherings for meals and worship, service opportunities, and community engagement. If you want some more info so you know what you are talking about, check out our website:

<https://www.luminthehills.org/>

Please support us! Pray for us. We have an amazing opportunity to share the good news of Christ with these students and would love your prayers as we take it. We could also use some help feeding these hungry college students. It costs ~ \$162 per student per semester and these meals are one of our greatest vehicles for building strong relationships. The website is also a great place to make a financial contribution.

<https://www.luminthehills.org/>

With thanks,

LuMin:TheHills Board and Rachel Nelson

September 2021

Our August Board meeting was held August 4 with ten ladies present. Minutes were read and treasure's report was given, accepted, and approved.

The upcoming Bible studies are listed in the July/August Gather magazine.

There will not be a Fall Retreat at Outlaw Ranch this year, hopefully we will be able to meet in the spring.

We will be meeting September 9 for our General Meeting, 12:00 PM at Our Savior's. It will be a salad lunch so please join in on the fun. Deborah Circle is in charge and looking forward to our speaker Priscilla Romkema. There will be an election of officers. A few names were presented and if you are interested in running please notify Janet Mattison. This is a very good way to get involved in the makeup of what the women's roll in the church is.

Plans are moving ahead with the Julefest and I believe there will be lots of opportunities to help. Stay tuned and watch for more information in the weekly bulletins, monthly newsletters, and OSLC's website and Facebook pages.

Just got an email from Kathy Heffernan our Synod Director for Stewardship asking us to mark our calendars for July 29-30, 2022. Planning a bus trip to LWR-GHM . There will be more on this later.

Please say a prayer for the firefighters working in this heat to help save people's homes. Pray for rain to help the ranchers and farmers, and ask GOD to guide us.

Kitchen duty is Esther Circle for September
Next meeting will be September 1
Remember your Secret Sister!

Mary Goddard, WELCA President

WELCA Calendar

Sept. Kitchen Duty	Esther Circle
Sept. 1: 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
Sept. 9: 12:00 PM	Salad Luncheon w/General Meeting and Election of Officers
December 4	Julefest

Circle Meetings

Circle Study Leaders

September 8 (Wednesday) @ 10:30 AM

Deborah Circle

September 13, 11:00 AM

Leader: Helen Merriman

Hostess: Cheryl Wormstadt

Esther Circle

September 9, 1:00 PM

(after the WELCA General Meeting

Leader/Hostess: Janet Baker

Ruth Circle

September 16, 10:00 AM

Leader: Kris Stewart Hostess: Roberta Koehler

Ruth Circle thanks all of you for your generous donations of time in making, purchasing, and filling the school bags for Lutheran World Relief. We were able to fill 90 school bags, exceeding our expectations for the year! THANK YOU!!



WELCA Fall Salad Luncheon and General Meeting

**Thursday, September 9
12:00 PM**

All women are invited to attend the WELCA Fall Salad Luncheon and General Meeting. Please bring a salad to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Deborah Circle is hosting and our guest speaker is Priscilla Romkema.



FAITH BUILDERS!

Children & Family Ministry News September 2021

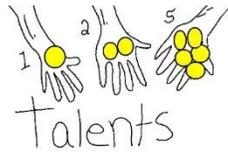


SHARE YOUR GIFTS!

Right now, we have **three** teachers (yep, you read that correctly...) to teach in the classrooms this fall. With this number of teachers, we will do all that we can but Sunday school will not “look” like it has in the past.

SHARE HERE:

- ✓ Read a Bible story to some kids, Do a simple art project, sing some songs (Sunday school)
- ✓ Play cars, play cooking in the kitchen, read a book, have a snack, rock a toddler (Nursery)
- ✓ Direct a play, find or write a script, inventory costumes (Christmas program)
- ✓ Write a postcard, send a birthday card, hang a bulletin board, gather supplies (Support)



RALLY DAY!

Sunday September 12, 9:45am

We welcome all families, including grown-ups, to the start of a great education year, learning about God’s abundant Love for US!

We start in the sanctuary at 9:45 and then will go down to the classrooms to meet with the teachers and volunteers. Grown-ups will be able sign up to volunteer for events for the coming year!

WHAT ABOUT REGISTRATION??

Registration for Sunday or Wednesday school is very different now! If your family is in the church’s new software system, your child is registered! All we will need from you is to know about any allergies, medical or other information we should have in the classroom.

MILESTONE MINISTRIES

Pre-school kids will receive their very own Spark Story Bible & Third Graders will receive their first study Bible “Connect” on Wednesday, September 19! Please contact me to make sure your child is on our list. Pastor Stephan will lead a “Walk Thru the Bible” during Sunday school this morning for all third graders that are present.

FIRST COMMUNION MILESTONE

Pastor Stephan will lead a class for Fifth graders & and their parents on September 19 at 1:00PM, at the church. The second class, Bread Making, will be on the following Sunday, September 26 at 1:00pm. These classes are open to any one that is ready to receive communion, not just 5th graders. If you feel your child is ready for this important milestone, please contact Pastor Stephan to discuss joining the class.



KIDZONE

Yay! KidZone will return this year with a change! We welcome all kids kindergarten thru 5th grade to join us on the first Wednesday of the month that Spearfish Public schools have early release days for teacher in-services. PLEASE NOTE: This year, early release begins in NOVEMBER, NOT October. KidZone will meet on these days:

Nov 3, Dec 1, Feb 2, March 2, April 6, & May 4

Registration is **online only** and will open October 1 on our website at www.oslcspearfish.com Flyers will go out to schools in late September. Cost will be \$30 per family to help pay for bussing and supplies.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 10, 2021 - 6:30 PM; Fellowship Hall

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 Rod Custer at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Rod Custer, Christopher Egerdahl, Dillon Haug, Deb Kimbell, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Helen Merriman, Christina Miles, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
2. Members shared "What's on Top," and most people shared positive stories about trips, celebrations, and other events in their lives.
3. **Devotions:** Instead of devotions, Rod Custer offered a prayer for the members of the Council, the congregation, and the mission that we all share as people of God.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Deb Kimbell moved to approve the agenda; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried. The agenda was amended to include Approval of the June Council Minutes.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel reported that income for July was less than what was budgeted. However, the budget is not set up to reflect seasonal fluctuations, and July often has less in offerings. Expenses were close to the budget; therefore, we are behind at this point. Helen Merriman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried.
6. **Approval of the June Council Minutes:** David Pummel moved to approve the June Council Minutes; Christina Miles seconded; motion carried. The council did not meet in July.
7. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura said, "It is great to be back!" She used her sabbatical to learn, read, rest and relax, and spend time with family. She took a break from news, social media, and the clutter that is distracting. Since returning, she has managed to keep the sense of peace and clarity that she had found in her time away. Fall planning is underway. She has met with the Friendship Ministers and will meet with Faith and Care leaders soon. She looks forward to visiting with people she hasn't seen for a while and meeting our new members.

Pastor Stephan initiated new members into the congregation in June. He had two weeks of vacation, officiated at two funerals, and celebrated several weddings. He has another wedding coming up in September. There will be four more weeks of the summer service schedule, and we will be back to two services the second Sunday in September. He and Chris Blain are creating a Confirmation schedule. Wednesday meals will be back this fall, and the choirs will regroup. He asked for prayers to support these plans knowing that outside forces could cause the need to change our plans. He asked also for prayers and continued support for Lisa Williams as she moves forward after the death of her partner Jon Larsen.

8. **Committee Updates:**
Mission Team: OSLC raised more that \$7,000 for Clothe-a-Kid through donations and the Love Your Neighbor Jar!
Education continues to get ready for the fall.
9. **Community Connection:** At the June Council Meeting, the council began work on a strategic plan for OSLC going forward. Many ideas were put forward phrased as questions. One of those questions was "**Who do we invite from the community, people who 'see' things, to help us serve the needs of our neighbors?**" In an answer to this question, Denise Bakke joined us to share her insights into the people she meets in her job with Youth and Family Services. Her main focus is with Head Start and education. YFS works to support safe and stronger families, works to help those in poverty, and works to help children get a better start in life.

Denise has been working in her position for 32 years, and she shared her insight into the most difficult issues facing the families she works with. 1. Drug use, especially meth. 2. Mental health, especially depression. 3. Domestic violence. 4. The housing crisis. 5. Childcare/Daycare/Preschool that are too expensive for the families. 6. She is also an advocate for the Artemis House, which is always full. Children aren't removed from their families because there aren't enough foster homes, and people in abusive relationships often go back because they have nowhere else to go.

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In 2019, in partnership with United Way they conducted a study of poverty. The findings showed that 15.5 percent of the population of Spearfish lived in poverty. The national average is 10.5 percent. Suicide was the 10th leading cause of death in Lawrence County, and 70 of every 100 prescriptions were for opioids.

Denise shared other facts and figures that seemed so grim, and as a one of the **people who “see” things, to help us serve the needs of our neighbors**, Denise has made us aware of how people are struggling. Some members of the Council reminded us of the start of the Good Shepherd Clinic, which was created to serve the needs of our neighbors, so we can look for a way to begin with new issues. Denise Bakke was the first of our community members to help us begin to find a vision for OSLC going forward.

10. Replacing Sanctuary Air Conditioning Outdoor Unit and Coil:

The air conditioning in the sanctuary needs to be replaced. Three bids have been received, and the Fix It Guys will ask each company to “walk through” the bid so that we know what we would be getting from each company. The Council discussed how to pay for it but reached no conclusion. Nothing will be done until April or May to replace the unit, but we will need to accept a bid soon to lock in a price and make sure it will be here in the spring.

11. Adjourn: Rod Custer adjourned the meeting at 7:40, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:30 PM. Sherry Kloeckl will lead devotions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Koppinger

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*Scriptures*

- Sept. 5 Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37
- Sept. 12 Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38
- Sept. 19 Jeremiah 11:18-20 or  
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16--2:1, 12-22  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37
- Sept. 26 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

# Senior Ministry Picnic



## Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

The deadline for submission of items for the October newsletter is Thursday, **September 23**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at [oslc4@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc4@rushmore.com)

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**September 2021**

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| 5<br>8:15 AM Joyful Journey<br>Worship Team practice<br>9:00 AM Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship                                                                                                                                               | 6<br><br><i>Office Closed</i>                                                    | 7<br>8:30 AM Fix-it Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>5:30 PM Education Comm                                                                                                     | 8<br>10:30 AM Circle Study<br>Leaders<br>5:00 PM Bell Choir<br>6:00 PM Confirmation<br>Orientation<br><b>No Wednesday Word</b><br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR<br>7:15 PM Senior Choir                                                               | 9<br>12:00 PM WELCA General<br>Meeting & Salad Luncheon<br>1:00 PM Esther Circle                                                                        | 10<br>6:00 AM Christian Business<br>Men's Group at TLR<br><br><i>Deacon's Day Off</i>                                                                                            | 11<br>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship                                                            |
| 12<br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey<br>Worship Service<br><br><b>Rally Sunday</b><br><b>"God's Work. Our Hands."</b><br><b>Installation of Educators</b><br><b>(Confirmation Guides &amp; Sunday School)</b> | 13<br>10:30 AM Senior Ministry<br>Committee<br>11:00 AM Deborah Circle<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd<br>Clinic<br><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i> | 14<br>8:30 AM Fix-It Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM Two on Tuesday<br>Women's Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Mission Comm.<br>6:00 PM Finance Comm.<br>6:30 PM Church Council | 15<br>12:00 PM CASA Lunch &<br>Learn<br>5:00 PM Bell Choir<br>5:15 PM Wednesday Supper<br>5:15 PM Confirmation<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR<br>7:15 PM Senior Choir                                                     | 16<br>10:00 AM Ruth Circle                                                                                                                              | 17<br>6:00 AM Christian Business<br>Men's Group at TLR<br><br><i>Deacon's Day Off</i><br><i>Newsletter Items Due</i>                                                             | 18<br> |
| 19<br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey<br>Worship Service<br>12:45 PM Adopt-a-Highway<br>1:00 PM First Communion<br>Class, Pt. 1<br><br><i>Presentation of Pre-school<br/>and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles</i>   | 20<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd<br>Clinic<br><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>                                                                     | 21<br>8:30 AM Fix-it Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>6:30 PM Gather Women's<br>Evening Bible Study                                                                             | 22<br>10:45 AM Edgewood Vista<br>Worship w/Holy Communion<br>5:00 PM Bell Choir<br>5:15 PM Wednesday Supper<br>5:15 PM Confirmation<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR<br>7:15 PM Senior Choir<br><br><i>Autumnal Equinox</i> | 23<br>10:00 AM Senior Ministry<br>Fall Outing to the<br><i>Tri-State Museum &amp; Visitor<br/>Center at the Center of the<br/>Nation, Belle Fourche</i> | 24<br>6:00 AM Christian Business<br>Men's Group at TLR<br>7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg.<br>Wedding: Jamie Heubrock<br>& Marci Overby<br>@ Cadillac Ranch<br><br><i>Deacon's Day Off</i> | 25<br>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship                                                            |
| 26<br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey<br>Worship Service<br>1:00 PM First Communion<br>Class, Pt. 2                                                                                                            | 27<br>8:30 AM Lefse Making<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd<br>Clinic<br><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>                                             | 28<br>8:30 AM Fix-It Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM Two on Tuesday<br>Women's Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Worship & Arts<br>6:30 PM Friendship Ministry                    | 29<br>8:30 AM Lefse Making<br>5:00 PM Bell Choir<br>5:16 PM Confirmation<br>5:15 PM Wednesday Supper<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR<br>7:15 PM Senior Choir                                                               | 30                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                             |                                                                                           |

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**Worship:** *Summer schedule through September 5:*  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesdays 6:26 pm Wednesday Word

**Regular schedule resumes Sunday, September 12**

Sundays 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
*Live stream at 8:30 AM or watch later! Connect through our web site.*  
9:45 am Kids of the Kingdom (Sunday School)  
9:45 am Coffee & Conversation  
10:45 am Joyful Journey Contemporary Worship Service  
Wednesdays 5:16 pm Wednesday Supper (*resumes Sept. 18*)  
6:26 pm Wednesday Word

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