

# A Little Bit of Sunshine

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September 2022

## LOOKING



## TOWARD FALL

### *Worship at Our Savior's*

A reminder: **Sunday, September 11**, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule:

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship

10:45 AM - Joyful Journey Contemporary Worship

We continue to 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 7. We will resume on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:26 PM with Wednesday Supper at 5:16 PM!**

## Confirmation

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

On Wednesday evening, September 7, 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 should take about 40 minutes 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



I 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 p.m. 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. Along with monthly game nights and occasional events, we focus on using our time to 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 7 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 (This is the main way I will communicate with youth about upcoming events. Parents can sign up too.)** See Chris Blain with any questions.



My dear friends,

Of all the things I miss about having school-age kids in our home, back-to-school shopping is definitely *not* one of those things. They do their own shopping now... and they can choose whatever name-brand shoe or pants or whatever they want, and pay whatever they want, with no recriminations from mom or dad. Having lived that struggle from the parent side, my memory is still good enough that I can remember how important name brands can be to a kid wanting to fit in and get by with their peers. We place a lot of stock in logos and branding... and the siren call of “belonging” by what belongs to *us* never really fades, be it the clothes we wear to the cars we drive, or even the political parties with which we affiliate to even the churches we attend. It’s always an interesting exercise to ask ourselves why we choose the things we choose... even to why we believe the things we believe.

In cleaning out some of my computer files the other day, I happened upon a document that caught my eye. It’s a series of written interview questions I’d answered for a young man in school a few years ago exploring the differences between Roman Catholicism and Lutheranism as a class project. I recall being pretty intimidated by the task, until I readjusted my thinking to understand it as an opportunity to ask myself about this brand I wear (Lutheran) and what might make it distinctive. It struck me that perhaps a few of you might find the discussion worthwhile. Please keep in mind that I’m no seminary professor, just a lowly parish pastor. So, if you have the patience, I invite you into it ☺ ...

### **What do you think are the most significant doctrinal differences between Catholicism and Lutheranism?**

*I believe some of our most visible differences have to do with what we call “ecclesiology” (the structure and function of the church). Lutherans recognize no papal authority, but are more than happy to be in communion with those who do. Our church polity is much more congregational than hierarchical, with authority resting in the Word of God alive in congregations. Perhaps our greatest difference is simply where we put our emphases. Roman Catholic tradition seems to center around Christ made available to us in the Mass (hence, a lot of energy and thought spent on teaching, guarding, and administering the orders of ministry that make the Mass available). Lutheran tradition, with its stubborn insistence on making God’s grace the center out of which all else must flow, regards the Mass (Holy Communion) as one way among many through which the gifts of God are mediated. We place our emphasis on the Word (capital W), which is Jesus himself.*

*Women’s place in ministry is, of course, an obvious difference. Many Lutheran bodies around the world ordain men AND women to public ministry of word and sacrament. The RC church does not ordain women to that role.*

### **Could you articulate, in general, how you understand grace as opposed to how a Catholic/Lutheran understands grace?**

*I always hesitate to speculate on how my Roman Catholic neighbors understand the grace of God. I suspect we have much more in common with one-another than differences on this. Speaking from my own understanding as a Christian in a Lutheran tradition, I can say that we put ALL our theological emphasis on the grace of God. Quite simply, grace is God’s unearned love and favor. We don’t understand ourselves to be loved by God BECAUSE of anything whatsoever we’ve done, said or confessed. We understand ourselves to be loved by God because we’ve seen his own Son give his life (out of love) for us. There’s nothing we can add to make it “work.” This is the theological center out of which radiates every other Lutheran theological proposition or understanding.*

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**Do the differences that first caused Martin Luther to desire reform in the Catholic Church still exist, or are the disagreements different today?**

*The “indulgence” controversy of the early 1500s that precipitated the Reformation is a thing of antiquity, now. No Roman Catholic theologian I know of would defend such a thing today (the selling of what God died to give us for free). Our primary differences with the RC church today would center more around issues of papal authority in matters of faith and life, our understanding of “sainthood” and the role of Mary as Co-Redemptrix (which Lutherans would regard as extraneous).*

**In what ways do Catholics and Lutherans worship differently?**

*In many ways, a Lutheran would probably feel more “at home” in a Roman Catholic service than in just about any other denomination. We both follow the ancient forms of liturgy that western Christians (distinguishing from Eastern Orthodox) have used for centuries. Our musical traditions may be different today, but much of that has more to do with ethnic realities than theological. The reformers of 500 years ago sought to keep much of the Roman Catholic piety, hymnody, liturgy and devotional expression.*

**Are there disagreements about what you are doing when you celebrate the Lord’s supper or communion?**

*Lutherans understand Christ to be present in the bread and wine of the supper, in his body and blood, because Jesus said he’d be there. It’s not just a memorial meal, but a very real reception of Christ’s presence and promise. In this, we as Lutherans are more in line with Roman Catholicism than we are with many other Protestant bodies. However, there are still subtle differences in understanding regarding the sacrament. But Roman Catholics and Lutherans would BOTH say that we do it because Jesus commanded us to, and in it has promised us the gift of his immediate presence.*

**Are there definitive behaviors or practices by which a casual observer would know that you are Catholic/Lutheran?**

*We sing good hymns and we have the best pot-luck suppers 😊 Seriously, though, I would hope one of our distinctive characteristics would be our hospitality in inviting all believers in Jesus to partake of the Lord’s Supper (not a closed table fellowship meant only for “official members.”)*

**Are there particular devotional practices that are common to the Lutheran tradition?**

*Many Lutherans do practice the discipline of marking themselves with the sign of the cross, as a reminder of their baptism into Christ. Regular prayer and study of the scriptures are pretty common features of our tradition, but by no means exclusive to Lutherans.*

**Do Catholics and Lutherans mean the same thing when they say the Nicene Creed?**

*For our part, yes!*

**What do you mean when you profess belief in the communion of saints?**

*That all believers in Jesus are connected in the one body... believers past and present. We understand a saint to simply mean a person who understands themselves to be a forgiven sinner... an inheritor of the resurrection.*

**What do you mean when you say that the Church is apostolic?**

*That the faith we express today in Jesus as the manifested heart of God is that which the first church handed down to us. “Apostle” means “one who is sent.” So, by calling the church “apostolic” we understand ourselves to be sent into the world as Jesus’ ambassadors!*

**What do you mean when you use the word “Church?”**

*The Greek word which we translate as “church” is ekklesiae... literally meaning “those who are called out.” The church, in our understanding, is comprised of those who are called away from a self-centered world-view to a Christ-centered one... those whom the Holy Spirit has gathered into one body of faith in Jesus Christ. (It goes way beyond buildings and denominational tags!)*

**Why do you profess the faith that you profess?**

*The Holy Spirit of God has led me to it. That, and my parents lived it every day around me growing up. We “catch” our faith much more than reason our way into it. When it comes right down to it, the Christian Church on earth is a whole lot like your extended family. You’ve got your rich aunt, your reprobate brother, your book-smart sister, your crazy uncle and your nurturing grandma... and all the other personalities that show up to your family reunion. Each has a part to play in making the family your family. You love them even when you disagree with them, and sometimes you fight and make each other crazy. But they’re God’s gift to me, as is my church, as is my faith.*

**Would you ever consider converting to a different Christian denomination? Why or why not?**

*Not really. It would feel like divorcing my family. And besides, they need me and I need them.*

**What does the word ecumenism mean? In what ways do you practice ecumenism?**

*Ecumenism is, quite simply, a concern for the whole household of faith. As Lutherans, we practice ecumenism by recognizing God’s work, through the Holy Spirit, in all church bodies where the grace of God in Jesus is proclaimed and lived out. We strive to be in conversation with all Christians, working together with them as we are able to do the work God wants us to do, particularly in caring for the poorest and most vulnerable among us. Even with those church bodies that disagree with us on many theological points, we seek common ground by which to make a positive witness and impact in the world.*

**Logic insists that a thing cannot be both true and untrue at the same time and under the same circumstances. When presented with these sorts of conflicts between Catholicism and Lutheranism, how should one respond?**

*Faith is built of the same stuff as love... and anyone who’s been around knows that love has very little to do with logic. True and untrue? Perhaps a false dichotomy. Different voices in the same choir? Probably more like that.*

**Given that many of the concerns Martin Luther had about Catholicism were addressed at the Councils of Trent and Vatican II, what continues to divide Catholics and Lutherans today?**

*Pride and stubbornness.*

*Pastor Stephan Sandness*

	
<b>Weddings</b>	
July 30	Jeremy Delahoyde & Tifany Petersen
August 20	Andrew Stacey & Katie Flanagan
<b>Funerals</b>	
August 4	Alice Aisenbrey, 90, Spearfish, SD

<b>Trea\$urer’s Report</b>	
<i>As of July 31, 2022</i>	
Year-to-date Offerings:	\$303,035.03
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$308,576.75
Year-to-date Budget:	\$345,090.76

## *Wednesday 5:16 PM Meals to resume on Sept. 14!*



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 14, 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.



## This month’s “Love Your Neighbor” Jar will benefit:

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

July’s Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,333.42 for the Spearfish Clothe-A-Kid for School Project, and an additional \$380.00 for the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

## *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 18 at 1:00 P.M. and on Sunday, September 25 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 9. Mark your calendar!**

Dear friends in Christ ~

September has always seemed like a perfect month of the year to ask myself the question, “How am I investing myself at this particular time in my life and how do I feel about that?” “How am I using the gifts I’ve been given? What commitments bring me joy? What am I passionate about at this time?” Answering those questions help me set priorities for the days ahead as I schedule work, family time, volunteering, learning, friend connections, Sabbath time, etc. Do I want to try something new?

In her book *Vital Christianity*, Ginny Wheeler describes components of “Sustaining a Lively Faith.” One of those components is “Share God’s love, serving others, touching them with the joy of God’s grace.” She points to this verse of Scripture:

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10*

Do you know what your God-given gifts are? Your friends and family probably do. I’d love to help you explore the idea, if you wish. Which gift do you feel called to use or grow? I encourage you to consider how you will use your gifts this year. Perhaps you will sing in the choir, or lead a new small group, or work at the food pantry, or prepare meals, or teach children in Sunday or Wednesday school, or assist with KidZone, or visit homebound members. The list goes on and on...

In prayer, reflection, and conversation, you may be surprised at the joy a new direction will bring!

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

## Adult Education: Opportunities for Fall 2022



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

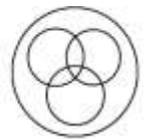
- Thursday Lunch at the Living Room
- Three Women’s Circle Bible Studies--Ruth, Deborah, and Esther
- Men’s Fellowship
- *Two on Tuesdays* Women’s Bible study
- *Gather* Women’s Evening Bible Study

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](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) or 642-3715.

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

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 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.



## Sunday, September 11

**Rally Sunday** will include opportunities to participate in **God's work. Our hands.** day of service.

- Again this year, we will assemble Hygiene Kits for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center's "Threshold Ministries." Tables will be set up with supplies for you and your family to assemble the kits between services.

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, Dark Color Washcloth

*Please drop off items by Friday, September 9.*

- Adopt-a-Highway Fall Cleanup – meet at the church at 12:45 pm.



## Clothe-a-Kid 2022

The Mission Team would like to thank the members of the congregation for your tremendous generosity in giving to the Clothe-a-Kid drive. Whether you who donated by check, or you donated anonymously through the Love Your Neighbor Jar or credit card, 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 \$6,940.07. We can't thank you enough for your caring and kindness.



The OSLC Adopt-A-Highway Fall Clean-Up event is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2022. Our litter clean-up event will tackle I-90 eastbound from mile marker post 8 to 9 (McGuigan Road/Exit 8). We will meet at the church at 12:45 pm on September 11 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. We only require eight (8) volunteers and anticipate about 1½ hours 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. Interested volunteers can contact George and Julia Vansco at 605-642-2661 for more information.

## Gather Women's Evening Bible Discussion



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

**Three sessions:**  
Thursday, September 15, 6:30 pm ~ "Trees"  
Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 pm ~ "Soil"  
Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 pm ~ "Creatures"

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

RSVP to Deacon Laura at [oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) if you are interested in joining this small group.



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

## Music Ministry

Attention!! Thinking about joining either Senior Choir or Bell Choir? Now is the perfect time to join as we begin a new year after summer break! Whether you're a seasoned musician who can bring your expertise to practice or an aspiring musician who would like to learn in real time during rehearsals you're more than welcome, and we'd love to have you. Come meet everyone at the first rehearsal and see if it's a good fit for you! Even if you can't make every single rehearsal, you're welcome to join when you can!

Senior and Bell choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7. Bell choir will rehearse every Wednesday 5:15-6:00 pm. Senior Choir will rehearse every Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm. I'm so excited to spend another year making beautiful and worship-filled music with our members! See you soon.

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

**Senior Choir** at 7:00 pm  
Interested in joining?  
Please talk with Carissa Deming.

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## **SonShine Squad**

Our new group, the *SonShine Squad* at OSLC will get together in the Fireside Room on Wednesday, August 31, at 10:30 am to make greeting cards to take to our homebound folks. We will begin visiting them the 1<sup>st</sup> week in September. If you are not interested in making crafts, but would like to join us in our visitations, please contact Cheryl Wormstadt, 605-673-1334 (cell) or 605-559-0308 (landline) for more information. We will meet again at 10:30 AM on Monday, September 19 to make a small craft and plan for October. We invite you to join the SonShine Squad as we share a little of God's sunshine with the homebound of OSLC.



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Spearfish will be hosting the *Women of the ELCA Bear Butte Conference Fall Retreat at Outlaw Ranch***

**Friday September 9**  
**Registration begins at 4:00 PM**

**Saturday September 10**  
**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**This year's retreat theme is based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Quilts: God is our Comforter".**

The registration form and non-refundable deposit of \$5.00 are due by September 2. *Registration forms are available on the table in front of the reception desk in the Fellowship Hall.*

Need more information, please call or text Joan DeWall at 307-290-0867

## Spearfish Community Food Pantry Soup Drive

Our July "A Can of Soup A Day, Helps Keep Hunger Away" event to assist the Spearfish Community Pantry was a tremendous success thanks to our dedicated church membership. Our goal was 500 cans of soup which provides one can of soup per month to each person who comes to the pantry.

The pantry facility has witnessed an increase in families utilizing the facility along with higher overall food prices that increase expenses each month. For example, the number of families served in June was 255 (34 more than May), and the total number of people served in June was 656 (134 more than May). Therefore, food drives and donations become more important to meet the needs of families requiring assistance in our community.

Although our food drive came up a little short, we still managed to collect 438 cans of soup which will benefit the Spearfish Pantry. Lastly, we would like to share a tremendous "THANK YOU" to the OSLC congregation who continue to support the pantry with financial contributions and donated food items.



### Food Pantry Needs for September:

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

## Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar December 3, 2022 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Julefest will be here before you know it and 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.

**Watch the website and bulletins for information on Lefse making.** 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*



Where Faith becomes Life...  
Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota

### Outlaw Ranch Volksmarch

Outlaw Ranch, along with the Black Hills Volkssport Club, is sponsoring a volksmarch at Outlaw Ranch east of Custer on Saturday, September 3. Start time will be from 8:30 until 11:30 with finish by 2:30. There are two distances of 5k (3.1 miles) and 10k (6.2 miles). All walkers will be required to pay a \$3 registration fee. The new trails have been improved over the last year and this walk gives walkers a chance to see more of Outlaw's property. For more information you can contact Pastor Duane Neugebauer at 303-489-9313 or [donman1948@gmail.com](mailto:donman1948@gmail.com).



# Senior Ministry

## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR MINISTRY FALL SENIOR ADVENTURE TO...



THE JOURNEY MUSEUM  LEARNING CENTER  
in RAPID CITY SD

**Thursday, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

**We will meet at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 8:50 AM, and we expect to return to the church around 2:00 PM.**

Along with Black Hills history and Native American culture, the Journey Museum is featuring an exhibit of the 1972 Flood of Rapid City.

**COST: \$10 (includes lunch)**

**RSVP by September 23  
to the church office, 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.



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 next month on:

Sunday, October 9 (9:30 am – Noon)  
Wednesday, October 12 (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)  
Sunday, October 16 (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 [www.sharingthedream.org](http://www.sharingthedream.org) to learn more about the mission and to shop the online store!



- Sept. 4 Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33
- Sept. 11 Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10
- Sept. 18 Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13
- Sept. 25 Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

## September Faith & Care Group (#6)

Suzanne Alger  
Larry & Vi Fenner  
Heath & Cherish Gran  
Marilyn Ham  
Barbara Hargis  
George & Nadene Harr  
Jim & Sarah Heilman  
Steve & Donna Job  
Kay Kerney  
Jim & Staci Krogstad  
Judy Lamb

Cammy Lantis  
Mary Ellen Lantis  
Travis & Amy Lantis  
Jim & Julie Maas  
Janette MacNeill  
John & Celeste Magnusson  
Kelly & Cassie Maser  
Kathy Maynard  
Meg & Quillan McNeese  
Shane & Jill Murphy  
Aaron & Kim Nida

Jim Pelle  
Carlene Rosencranz  
Robert & Sonia Rosencranz  
Becky Rost  
Laura Scholten  
Wendy & Paul Soulek  
George & LeAnn Vandine  
Todd & Diane Wendt  
Dylan Wilde



This group will receive an email link to SignUp Genius where you can volunteer for the days and times that work best for you to serve as Welcome Center Host, Usher, Communion Assistant, Snack Provider, and Coffee Server.

Anyone (outside of this group) is also welcome to sign up if you wish! Email [sommerlyn.mortensen@gmail.com](mailto:sommerlyn.mortensen@gmail.com) that you want to receive the link.

Want a tutorial on how to use SignUp Genius? Visit the stations in the Conference Room during coffee hour on September 11 and 18.

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## Outlaw Ranch Fall Concert

You are invited to a concert by James Hersch, a longtime family camp musician, on September 17 at 7pm in the Performing Arts Center in Rapid City. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at [outlawranch.org](http://outlawranch.org). Proceeds will benefit Outlaw Ranch.



**JAMES HERSCH**  
IN CONCERT

PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
OUTLAW  
RANCH

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH JAMES HERSCH & FRIENDS**  
**SEPT 17, 2022 | 7 PM**  
**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, RAPID CITY**  
**\$25 TICKETS | OUTLAWRANCH.ORG**

September 2022

Summer has gone by way too fast!!!! Many are winding down vacation time, gardening time, and moving on to getting children ready for school.

Our August meeting was opened with a reading from John lead by Loretta. Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were given and accepted. There was not much to report as we did not meet in July.

We discussed the upcoming General Meeting and potluck salad lunch. Ladies please join us on September 8 at 12:00 PM here at the church. Ruth circle will host. They have lined up a speaker to inform us on the Back Pack Program in our schools. There will also be an election of officers held. If you are interested in serving on our WELCA BOARD please notify Diane Bryan.

Many of you have seen in the bulletin and the August Newsletter that the WELCA Bear Butte Conference Women's Fall Retreat at Outlaw Ranch is coming up. The Retreat is September 9 and 10, with registration beginning at 4:00 PM on the 9th. If you are interested in attending please pick up your registration form and send it in by September 2. Our church is the host this year. The theme is based on 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4. Please check the fellowship hall for forms or ask Joan DeWall at 307.290.0867. There will be car pool from the church Friday at 12:00. If interested in joining the car pool, please call Loretta Greni at 605.645.1536.

Blessings ,  
Mary Goddard, WELCA President

### WELCA Calendar

Sept. Kitchen Duty	Ruth Circle
Sept. 7: 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
Sept. 8: 12:00 PM	Salad Luncheon w/General Meeting and Election of Officers
Sept. 9 & 10	WELCA Bear Butte Conference Fall Retreat @ Outlaw Ranch
December 4	Julifest

## *Circle Meetings*

### Circle Study Leaders

September 6 (Tuesday) @ 10:30 AM

### Deborah Circle

September 12, 11:00 AM

Leader: Bev Olheiser

Hostess: Carlene Rosencranz

### Esther Circle

September 8, 1:00 PM

(after the WELCA General Meeting)

Leader/Hostess: Lynn Pohlman

### Ruth Circle

September 15, 10:00 AM

Leader: All Hostess:

## WELCA Fall Salad Luncheon and General Meeting

Thursday, September 8  
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. Ruth Circle is hosting.

*A basket will be provided for free-will monetary donations to benefit our local schools' backpack program.*

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 96 school bags, exceeding our expectations for the year! THANK YOU!!



# Children & Family Ministries for September 2022

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**Rally Sunday September 11, 9:45am, in the sanctuary**

**Rally Wednesday September 14, 5:40, pm downstairs**

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

Families are invited to work together assembling Hygiene Kits for the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center as part of our "Gods Work. Our Hands" day of service.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

September 11, RALLY DAY for Sunday school!

September 14, RALLY DAY for Wednesday school!

September 18—First day of Sunday school

September 21—First day of Wednesday school



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## MILESTONE MINISTRIES

The beginning of the school year is a busy time for Milestone Ministries!

### Sunday September 18



- During either worship service, children beginning their first year of Sunday or Wednesday school will receive their very own Spark Story Bible.
- During either worship service this morning, Third Graders in Sunday or Wednesday school will receive their "Connect" Confirmation Bible.
- Pastor Stephan will lead the First Communion Class for all Fifth graders and their parent(s) will be held at 1:00pm at the church.



### Sunday September 25

- 9:50am—Pastor Stephan will meet with third graders and their parents for a special "Walk Thru the Bible" class.
- 1:00pm—First Communion Bread making class with Fifth graders and their parents.

**\*\*Students will receive their First Communion at either worship service on Sunday October 9, 2022\*\***



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## PRAY GROUND

This is just a friendly reminder that parents are to *sit with their kids* while using the pray ground. There is a pew for you! Kids need help learning to stay on the rug and to learn their church whisper voices. Thank you!



## KIDZONE

KidZone returns this fall for all elementary kids kindergarten through fifth grade. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month that Spearfish schools have early release for teacher training. This year the dates are October 5, November 2, December 7, February 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3. Registration will open September 1, 2022. Cost is \$40 per family to help pay for bussing and supplies.

*Flier's will go home with students from school August 31 and registration is ONLINE only!*

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We would **LOVE** to have each family volunteer in each of your child's Sunday school or Wednesday school classrooms once per "semester". Look for more news and ways to sign up coming in October's newsletter!



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 16, 2022 - 6:30 PM; the Conference Room

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Andy Binder at 6:40 PM. Members present were Deacon Laura Campbell, Andy Binder, Nichole Braithwait, Linda Easthouse, Christopher Egerdahl, Deming Haugland, Karson Klein, Sherry Kloeckl, Cindy Koppinger, Christina Miles, David Pummel, and Pam Tyma.
  2. **What's on Top?** Members shared information about vacations, accidents and illnesses, company and friends visiting, weekends at the cabin, new niece and new home, getting ready for back to school, getting ready for the new baby, and still loving her new job.
  3. **Devotions:** Karson Klein shared a moment he had just sitting on the porch and enjoying it. Then he felt guilty for not being productive. Philippians 4: 6-7 "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Take time for yourself with God.
  4. **Approve Agenda:** David Pummel moved to approve the agenda; Sherry Kloeckl seconded; motion carried.
  5. **Approval of the June Council Minutes:** Sherry Kloeckl moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting; Linda Easthouse seconded; motion carried.
  6. **Approval of the June and July Treasurer's Reports:** David Pummel said that these reports could be called "boring reports." Not much is going on during the summer months. A couple of expenditures are noteworthy. Worship accompanists are paid twice a year, so the first payment to them was made in July. The final bill for snow removal was also paid in July. Since these two bills are not spread out over the months as other bills are, they make the budget look off by almost \$9,000. July's report would break even if these bills did not come out as they do. The church is really in good financial condition. Christina Miles moved to approve the June and July treasurer's reports; Nichole Braithwait seconded; motion carried.
  7. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura Campbell is working with others on plans for Fall in every area of ministry. She invites others to share ideas for Adult Education and Small Group opportunities for this school year. She's been thinking a lot about how we "tend" people and things around us. Building community and making connections in this place and beyond the doors are on the top of her mind as we move forward.  
  
She had her first in-person meeting with the SD Synod Candidacy Committee on July 7 in Sioux Falls, and she wrote about that opportunity in the August newsletter. Home visits with communion have been a joy for her in these summer months. There are three volunteers in the congregation doing that as well. Friendship Ministry's summer social was hosted by Lennis and Judy Larson in July. It was an honor to participate in Deacon Hannah Fleming's ordination ceremony at Calvary Lutheran Church on July 30. Worship in the park on August 7 was successful with a large crowd, great music, and a delicious potluck following!
  8. **Committee Reports:**  
**Mission Team:** Is working with families for two days (August 16 and 17) to shop at Walmart for new clothes for school. On August 18, Clothe-a-Kid volunteers will be handing out school supplies and Spartan hoodies to those students as well. Mission Team is beginning to plan for Angel Tree.  
**Education:** Nineteen kids were in VBS with 8 volunteers helping. Cradle Roll has two new babies. Everything will be starting soon: Sunday and Wednesday School and KidZone. The nursery is being repainted and the Pray Ground at the front of the church has been working well. A reminder that Busy Bags are in the back of the church for children older than toddlers.  
**Senior Ministry:** is planning an outing in September to the Journey Museum in Rapid City to see the flood exhibit.  
**Stewardship:** Any members of the congregation who have a Thrivent policy will have a chance to learn how to donate their Choice Dollars.
  9. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting will be September 13 and Sherry Kloeckl will lead devotions.
- Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Koppinger



## *Thank You!*

*from the Family of Alice Aisenbrey*

Thank you to the congregation for making mom feel so welcomed - from the greetings as she walked in the morning to the treats and visits she received through the year from the senior ministry team and others. She loved coming to church. A special thank you to Pastor Stephan and Laura for their visits. Her face would light up as soon as she saw them. Thank you for all the support, concern and love shown us, especially these last few months. We are so grateful for our church family. May God bless you all.

*Larry and Nancy Christopherson*



## *Thank You!!*

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for helping make our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration so special and memorable. Your attendance, cards, and help were APPRECIATED!

Special thanks to AJ & Lynn Pohlman for their help hosting, Helen Merriman for organizing the event, and Pastor Sandness for our blessing and musical selections! With God's Grace we hope to enjoy many more years together with you at Our Savior's!



*John & Karleen Dagit*

## **Congratulations**

Anthony Schweigert  
on your Eagle Scout Court of Honor!





## 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 webpage.

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

[www.facebook.com/oslcspearfish](http://www.facebook.com/oslcspearfish)

## Not on facebook...?



Sign up for  
text alerts.

### 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 642-3715 or [oslc@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc@rushmore.com) with up-to-date email addresses and phone numbers. Thanks for helping us all stay connected!

### Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

The deadline for submission of items for the October newsletter is Thursday, **September 22**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at [oslc4@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc4@rushmore.com)

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**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.*

**Did you know...Our website** contains the monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more...Check it out at: [www.oslcspearfish.com](http://www.oslcspearfish.com).

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

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## September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>2</b> 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	<b>3</b> 
<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	<b>5</b>   <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 5:30 PM Education Comm	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 5:15 PM Bell Choir 6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation <b>No Wednesday Word</b> 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	<b>8</b> 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:00 PM WELCA General Meeting & Salad Luncheon 1:00 PM Esther Circle 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>9</b> 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                         WELCA Bear Butte Conference                          Women's Fall Retreat, Outlaw Ranch                     </div>	<b>10</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship          <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>
<b>11</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 12:45 PM Adopt-a-Highway Fall Clean-up   <i>Rally Sunday</i> "God's Work. Our Hands."	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Senior Ministry Committee 11:00 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic   <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Mission Comm. 6:00 PM Finance Comm. 6:30 PM Church Council	<b>14</b> 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Wednesday Supper 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:40 PM Wednesday School Rally Day 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR   <i>Rally Wednesday</i>	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilters 1:00 PM Cradle Roll 6:30 PM Gather Women's Evening Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR       <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	<b>17</b> 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Jim Fischer 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House
<b>18</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 1:00 PM First Communion Class, Pt. 1   <i>Presentation of Pre-school                      and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles</i>	<b>19</b> 10:30 AM SonShine Squad 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic   <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Wednesday Supper 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	<b>22</b> 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilters      <i>Newsletter Items Due                      Autumnal Equinox</i>	<b>23</b> 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg.    <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	<b>24</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
<b>25</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM Third Grade Bible Class with Pastor Stephan 10:45 AM Joyful Journey Worship Service 1:00 PM First Communion Class, Pt. 2   <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>26</b> 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic      <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>27</b> 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship & Arts 6:30 PM Friendship Ministry	<b>28</b> 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service 5:15 PM Bell Choir 5:16 PM Confirmation 5:15 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	<b>29</b> 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM Senior Ministry Fall Outing Journey Museum, Rapid City 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>30</b>          <i>Deacon's Day Off</i>	

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

**Worship:** *Summer schedule through September 4:*  
Sundays 9:00 AM Worship Service  
Wednesdays 6:26 PM Wednesday Word

### **Regular schedule resumes Sunday, September 11**

Sundays 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  
*Live stream at 8:30 AM or watch later! Connect through our web site.*  
9:45 AM Education Hour  
10:45 AM Joyful Journey Contemporary Worship Service  
Wednesdays 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper (*resumes Sept. 14*)  
6:26 PM Wednesday Word

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