

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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September 2024

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TOWARD FALL

Worship at Our Savior's

A reminder: **Sunday, September 8**, we will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule:

8:30 AM – Worship Service

10:45 AM - Joyful Journey Worship Service

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 Service on September 11. We will resume on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:26 PM with Wednesday Supper at 5:16 PM!

Confirmation



**7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation:
Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 PM.**

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On Wednesday evening, September 11, 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 will meet almost every Wednesday night during the school year from 5:15pm - 7:00pm with a meal, large group lessons, and small group discussions followed by Wednesday Word worship. Parents - please consider being a small group guide as it is an essential part of our ministry. I will use the Remind app for all needed communication and updates so parents 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.)

We're looking forward to another great year of growth in Christian faith together! ~ Chris Blain

Wednesday Evening High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group grades 9 - 12: During the school year we meet every Wednesday night from 7:10 PM - 8:10 PM-ish usually at our off-campus ministry site called The Living Room up by BHSU (Corner of Jackson and Yale). Our first gathering will be Wednesday Sept. 4 and friends are always welcome. I use the Remind app for all communication so please text @oslc to 81010 if you haven't already joined and enter your information and select "S" for students, and that will get you signed up for OSLC Youth 24/25. (Parents are encouraged to sign up also with the same code but select "P" for parent.) If the weather allows, sometimes we will meet at a different site and I will use Remind for those announcements.

~ Chris Blain, ckblain@gmail.com



“...be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Eph. 5:18b – 20)

The author of the letter to the Ephesians tells us to “be filled” with the Spirit... with *music*, with *singing*. Interesting.

Some folks say they don’t like to sing. That’s usually code for “I don’t think anybody wants to hear me sing because I’m afraid it’d sound like a coyote being strangled mid-howl.” But if we put recording devices in y’all’s showers or cars or trucks, I bet we’d hear plenty of singing. When we’re at our least self-conscious, we’re at our most musical... and we *are* musical beings.

And what is it about *song* that moves us to sing? All we need to answer that question is to ask another: *“What are your favorite songs?”* And it has to be favorite “songs” plural, not favorite song. Favorite worship song? Favorite love song? Favorite break-up song? Favorite celebration song? Favorite song about death and loss? Favorite party song? Favorite peaceful song?

I remember as a freshman in college, there was a guy on our floor whose girlfriend broke up with him. For a week straight, he was blasting Boy George’s song “Do You Really Want to Hurt Me?” from his dorm room stereo system (and this was back in the day when the size of your stereo system was a status symbol, so... yeah, it was loud.) By the end of the week, all of us on the floor were like, “Yeah, as a matter of fact, we do “really want to hurt you!” Turn that damn thing off or put on some Motorhead or Motely Crue... anything else! Get over it!”

And there you go. Usually our favorites go beyond *“something with a good beat that you can dance to.”* The songs that stay with you convey something to you... carry to you a feeling, an emotion, a memory that places you smack-dab in the middle of that feeling again. (That’s maybe why so many of us still gravitate towards the songs of our youth... back when feelings and emotions were so raw and heavy they seemed like *everything* at the time.) Song gives voice to relationship and puts you in touch with something so visceral and so deep, it’s like... well... it’s like feasting at a banquet, especially when you share the song with another.

Singing is like a doorway that you open, allowing yourself to be filled... sometimes with memory, or with emotion, or motivation. When we sing as part of our worship, it’s like opening a doorway for the Spirit of God to enter in, to draw us closer not just in memory but in real time:

“O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand has made...” Don’t you feel yourself drawn deeper into the reality of the creating God?

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” Aren’t you transported right there, to his crucifixion?

“Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!” Boom! You’re at the empty tomb on Easter morning.

“Silent night. Holy night. All is calm, all is bright...” And we’re with Him at the manger cradle, the author of heaven and earth now wrapped in skin and swaddling clothes in the arms of Mary.

The songs transport us as a whole right into the closest communion with God.

For decades, I’ve had the privilege of bringing worship into numerous care facilities, nursing homes, and the like. It’s a lesson in true humility for most preachers, because I’ll tell you something: the elders making up the congregation in such places really aren’t hungry for the fruits of a preacher’s study and sermon-craft. Many will sleep right through it, and they won’t be shy about it. What wakes them? It’s the songs... the ones that live deep in the recesses of soul and memory that place them once again in a relationship with the living God. *That* feeds them.

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So... here's what I want to do: I want to know what *your* favorite worship hymns are. *Specifically*, your all-time favorite hymn of any season or type found in our red hymnal, along with up to four others that may be in our hymnal or not. Then, I'd like to include as many of these as possible in our worship over the course of this next year, revealing the diversity of song that speaks to the diversity of people who make up this congregation.

Look for the "official ballot" in this newsletter or in the worship bulletins at church throughout the month of September. Fill one out (include your name or it won't count!) and return to the church office or hand it to me directly. Let's see what we can learn from one another's musical proclivities!

Singing songs of gratitude for you. ☺

Pastor Stephan Sandness

Wednesday 5:16 PM Meals to resume on Sept. 18!



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 18, 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.

God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

Sunday, September 8

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 6.

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

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

Lutheran Campus Ministries @ BHSU

July's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,161.07 for Missionary Support.

Pine Ridge Diaper Drive



During the month of September, OSLC's Mission Team will host a diaper drive for the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. All sizes of diapers are needed but especially the larger sizes. Diapers can be dropped off at the church through September 29. Please contact Pam Englund with questions 605-639-9988.

Dear friends in Christ ~

*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." ~ Isaiah 43:19*

September is here! As much as I feel sadness that summer is waning, I am excited about the new start that September always represents. I suppose it's because I spent so many years as a teacher. In the last two weeks, I've enjoyed seeing children visibly excited about going back to school. How do you feel about September? Are you listening and watching for new opportunities that are opening up to you?

In our faith community, this is the time when groups start coming back together, and new groups begin to form. Children are excited to start, or return to, Sunday School or Wednesday school as adults recognize their opportunity to grow in faith as they lead children and youth to know, to experience, God's love for them.

In remembrance of baptism in Christ, we know that every day is a new beginning—a new start. And it springs from God, not from our own strength. We remember promises made for us by our caregivers or that we ourselves made (p. 228 of the ELW hymnal). September, and every new day, provide us with a reminder to live and serve joyfully in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's peace and blessings to you! ~ Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

Gather Women's Evening Bible Study

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

Three sessions:

- Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 pm
– "Is Grace Real?"
- Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 pm
– "Grace-filled living—ancient and new"
- Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 pm
– "Living as children of the Light"

As a resource, we use the **Gather** magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Location – OSLC Library

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

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



The OSLC Adopt-A-Highway Fall Clean-Up event is scheduled for Sunday, September 8. 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 8 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.

## **SPEARFISH COMMUNITY Food Pantry**

### **Needs for September:**

Elbow Macaroni, Ramen noodles, Jell-O Gelatin or pudding, Chili, Beef Stew, Oatmeal



## **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 11.** 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.  
Or email: [Carissa.Deming@bhsu.edu](mailto:Carissa.Deming@bhsu.edu)

## **Adult Enrichment: Opportunities for Fall 2024**



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

- Thursday Lunch at The Living Room
- Three Women's Circle Bible Studies--Ruth, Deborah, and Esther
- Men's Fellowship
- *Two on Tuesdays* Women's Bible study
- *Gather* Women's Evening Bible Study
- *Young Adults Bible Study*
- Sunday morning opportunities beginning September 29

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

## **Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar December 4, 2024 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**



### **LEFSE MAKING TIME!!**

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 16, Thursday, September 19  
Monday, September 23,  
and Thursday, September 26  
beginning at 8:30 AM

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.

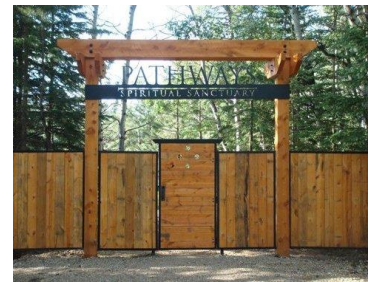
We also need people to help fold and wrap the lefse on these same dates at 6:30 pm in the evening. This will also be on the sign-up sheets.

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



For questions call:  
Marvis Custer (605-631-0182)

**A group is forming  
to visit  
Pathways Spiritual  
Sanctuary  
in September (date  
and time to be  
determined by the  
group)**



This is a beautiful spot in the Black Hills off the Rochford road that is a hiking path with prayer stations at various intervals and a labyrinth (prayer path). The trip length will be about 4 hours, and we will carpool from the church.

Please contact Deacon Laura  
([oslc1@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc1@rushmore.com) or 642-3715) if you are interested.



## Senior Ministry

### OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR MINISTRY FALL SENIOR ADVENTURE TO... Matthews Opera House and Gallery



Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC at 9:30 AM, and carpool downtown from there...Limited parking on Main Street & Hudson Street. Lunch will be served at the Opera House.

COST: Free-will offering to  
Matthews Opera House

Speakers: Paul Higbee & Joanna Mechaley

RSVP by Wednesday, September 18  
to the church office, 605-642-3715

### Sunday Morning Transportation

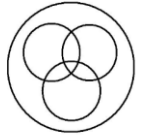


**Everyone is welcome** to use the free Sunday morning transportation service. Our friendly drivers will make your trip to and from church a fun part of your day! The service is available for the 8:30 AM worship service. Simply call the church office at 605-642-3715 by 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon to 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.

## The SonShine Squad

will meet on Monday, September 9 for an 8:30 am breakfast at Perkins. We will enjoy a social time and do some planning for our September visits to the 22 homebound folks we call on. If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Cheryl W. at 605-673-1334.

### 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 605-645-2723 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.



*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.

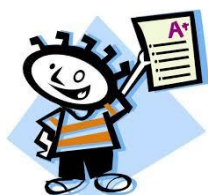
**Mark your calendar** to browse the sale at the back of the Fellowship Hall next month on:

Sunday, October 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 [www.sharingthedream.org](http://www.sharingthedream.org) to learn more about the mission and to shop the online store!



## Clothe-a-Kid 2024

Clothe-a-Kid was able to support 150 students this year, which was fewer students than our goal.

Unfortunately, issues with the registration process began in July, and some families had double and triple registered, which was not caught until the day that school supplies were distributed.

Clothe-a-Kid raised over \$30,000 due to the effort of OSLC and three other churches, businesses, local community members, and an anonymous donation of \$2,000. We spent over \$27,000 on student shopping at our local Walmart, and this year, students were given a chance to go to the Shoe Dept (a local business in the strip mall near Walmart) to spend up to \$40 per student on a new pair of shoes, which added about \$5300 to the shopping total.

On August 19, Clothe-a-Kid distributed bags filled with school supplies and a Spartan hoodie to eligible Spearfish Spartan students. On August 20, these students went shopping to choose clothes that fit their style and needs. Black Hills Community Bank employees raised approximately \$3000 for school supplies for all 150 students, so they can feel more confident of success on their first day of school!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church raised \$10,067.55 through donations and the Love Your Neighbor Jar. The generosity of our congregation plays a significant role in the success of Clothe-a-Kid and its positive influence for the 150 students in Spearfish. The Mission Team cannot thank you enough for supporting Clothe-a-Kid.

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church Mission Team*

## ✪ Pastoral Acts ✪

### Baptisms

- August 11** Carter Lea Rockwell, child of Kyle & Tessa Rockwell.
- August 18** Otto Cole Delahoyde, child of Mike & Erin Delahoyde.

## 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.

**The dates are set for Lefse making!** There are lots of different jobs in lefse making and we can use you! See page 5 for more information.



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

*-Julefest Committee*

### Yarn Ministry

Do you like to knit and/or crochet and enjoy great fellowship? If so, we would love to welcome you to our Yarn Ministry group. We meet in the Fireside Room each Monday from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. If you would like we will furnish all supplies to make prayer shawls, which will be blessed and given to anyone in need of one. Or, if you prefer, please feel free to bring your own project.



September 2024

Not sure about you, but I am wondering where my summer has gone. This has been one of the busiest yet. By the time this gets into your post box the kids will have started school again. Time does not stand still and wait for us to make up our minds on how we are going to use it. I hope many of you were able to spend time with family and friends or just go off some where and rest and relax.

We had a short meeting and heard reports from Janet B- Stewardship. She reported there were over ninety-seven school bags put together. Thank you all for donating. It was decided to start accepting donations for baby care in September. Tee shirts with no snaps sizes 0-2 are needed.

Upcoming dates to remember September 5 WELCA Salad Lunch and General Meeting at 12:00 Ruth Circle will be in charge. Please plan to attend there are always fun speakers and lots of wonderful salads.

September 6-7 Fall Retreat and Workshop at Outlaw Ranch. Always a fun time to get out into the hills for great fellowship with the West River Women. Nice to see old friends and meet new. Get your registration in soon.

When we look outside it is hard to think of December, BUT not the Julefest group!! The rest of our meeting was spent on getting things put in place for Julefest. Dates have been set for Lefse making and Rosettes plus all the other fantastic food. Signup sheets will be put out at a later date so you will have time to get in on all the fun stuff. If you are a crafty person or love to bake there is always a need to fill the tables. So many people look forward to coming to the Julefest each year.

We would like to thank Corrine Muske for her hard work and dedication as our Secretary for the last two years. It's been a joy to have you with us doing GODS work.

Next Board Meeting is September 4  
Kitchen Duty for September and October is Esther Circle

Blessings ,  
Mary Goddard, WELCA President

## WELCA Fall Salad Luncheon and General Meeting

Thursday, September 5  
12:00 PM

Program: "Our Blessings"

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.

## Circle Meetings

### Circle Study Leaders

September 3 (Tuesday) @ 10:30 AM

### Deborah Circle

September 9, 10:30 AM

Leader: Arlene Hindbjorgen.

Hostess: Carlene Rosencranz

### Esther Circle

September 12, 1:00 PM

Leader: Janet Mattison

Hostess: Connie McDonald

### Ruth Circle

September 19, 10:00 AM

Leader: All

Hostess: Roberta Koehler & Barb Gauger

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







## Children's Ministries September 2024



**September 8**

Join us this morning as we "RALLY" to kick off a GREAT YEAR of Children's Ministries!

9:45am – ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES will meet in the SANCTUARY.

10:00AM – ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES will move to the classrooms. We want parents to **SIGN THEIR KIDS** into the classroom and meet the teachers. After all the classroom work has been done, FAMILIES are invited to assemble a hygiene kit for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

### **\*\*DURING EITHER WORSHIP SERVICE:**

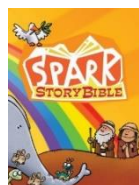
All students, preschool – college & technical school, AND those that work in education, **are asked to bring their backpack, work bag, or name lanyard to worship on Sunday September 8.** We will bless our students, educators, staff, and have special blessings for everyone!

### **MILESTONE MINISTRIES**

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

#### **Sunday September 15—during either worship service**

- Three-year-olds, will receive their very own Spark Story Bible.
- Third Graders will receive their "Connect" Confirmation Bible.



#### **Sunday September 22**

- 9:50am—Pastor Stephan will meet with third graders and their parents for a special "Walk Thru the Bible" class.
- 10:00am – Deacon Laura will meet with the Little Lambs Sunday school class and their parents for a special Bible Class just for them!

### **2024 – 2025 MILESTONE MINISTRY DATES**

| Age or Grade           | Milestone                 | Worship Event | Class                   |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 3-year-olds            | Receive Story book Bible  | September 15  | September 22            |
| 4-year-olds            | My Church                 | February 23   | February 23             |
| Kindergarten           | Beginning School          | September 8   | August 21               |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade  | Advent                    | December 8    | November 24             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade  | The Lord's Prayer         | March 2       | February 9              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade  | Receive Connect Bible     | September 15  | September 22            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | The Apostles Creed        | November 24   | November 3              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | First Communion           | October 27    | October 17 & 22         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | Moving into Confirmation  | April 27      | Celebration Sunday 4/27 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | Affirmation of Baptism    | May 4         | Faith Statements 4/30   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Celebration of Graduation | May 11        | Family Breakfast 5/11   |

### **PASS CLASS**

We are excited to offer "Parents And Sunday School" or P.A.S.S Class for parents with children from newborns through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 13, 2024 - 6:30 PM; the Conference Room

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Andy Binder at 6:30pm. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Campbell, Reed Haug, Mike Steffen, Nichole Braithwait, Sherry Kloeckl, Deming Haugland, Brady Harr, Karson Klein, Pam Tyma, Christina Miles, and David Pummel.
2. **Devotions:** Sherry was encouraged by Philippians 4:13 which says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." The devotion Sherry shared summarized the need and her desire to strengthen our "children helpers" as they enter the back-to-school season. Teachers do such an amazing job in our community to show love and connection to the children in their care. Prayers for the new school year.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Nichole Braithwait made a motion to approve the agenda. Pam Tyma seconded; motion carried. Agenda approved.
4. **Approval of the June Council Minutes:** Christina Miles moved to approve the meeting minutes. Mike Steffen seconded; motion carried. Council minutes approved.
5. **Approval of the June and July Treasurer's Report:** David Pummel passed on a great report that we are doing very well for being over halfway through the year. We are down just \$504 on the year and are \$20K ahead right now as compared to this time last year. It historically has been quite rare to be heading into fall with no deficit. We have a wonderful congregation. Thank you for the care you put into the church operations. Special note that the Finance Committee will meet on October 2 at 7:00pm to discuss the 2025 budget. Kindly request all ministry groups pass on any needs for the new year. Deming Haugland made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports. Brady Harr seconded; motion carried.
6. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Deacon Laura passed on that Friendship Ministry is doing a lovely job with making connections with regular visits to homebound and nursing home members. Our church means a lot to these members, and they remember and talk fondly of OSLC. There are also some updates to our Faith & Care process that the congregation will see for September. Months to assist the congregation will be open anytime for anyone to sign up to help. Finally, she passed on that the current bible study group is wrapping up and Word Walking on Wednesday morning is going very well. Pastor Stephan passed on his thanks to all of the people who helped fill in for him while he was out on vacation. He passed on that Worship in the Park was a great event again this year and widely attended with an estimated 230 people. He further remarked that fall and holiday planning is already starting and that the calendar is filling up quickly. Confirmation will have a large class of 7<sup>th</sup> graders this year with orientation scheduled for 11 September at 6pm. September 18 is the official kickoff for confirmation and Wednesday Word has resumed the normal schedule. Further, Pastor Stephan passed on that September 15-17 is the Synod Fall Theological Convocation meeting in Pierre. He ended his updates with a fun note that he will be asking all to provide feedback on their favorite hymns. Be on the lookout for a "ballot" in your bulletin!
7. **Committee Reports:** Education committee passed on that September 8 is "Back to School Sunday" and September 18 the start of confirmation. They are still looking for a couple of Sunday School teachers if anybody is interested. It was a successful camper season with 14 kids going to camp this year on \$4200 worth of scholarships. Senior Ministry briefed that the "Bless the Years" birthday celebration was to be held August 18. Mission Team thanks the congregation for their generosity this summer. The Clothe-a-Kid program was a great success with OSLC folks contributing an incredibly generous \$10,067.55 toward the total gathered in the community which was \$23,000. Children and parents will be picking up their clothes on August 19 and 20! The ELCA World Hunger Offering in April was great this year, too, providing \$2,969.01. God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday will be on Rally Sunday, September 8. Mission Team will once again organize the preparation of Hygiene Kits for the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. A request for donation of items will be in upcoming bulletins and the September newsletter. Mission Team will prepare the first Wednesday evening supper on September 18 with proceeds going to Missionary Support. The property team updated that they successfully knocked out some big projects this year, the group is growing, which is hugely welcome, and they look forward to some preventative maintenance time. Campus Ministry is off and running with a new board, constitution, site profile page and a team dedicated to success in the new year.

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8. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned with a motion by Nichole Braithwait and a second by Andy Binder at 7:25pm followed by the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nichole Braithwait

### Trea\$urer's Report As of July 31, 2024

Year-to-date Offerings: \$342,173.61  
Year-to-date Expenses: \$342,784.42  
Year-to-date Budget: \$379,548.9

### Baby Care Kits

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*



I want to thank the members of Our Savior's for all of the prayers and words of encouragement and support during my mom's illness and death. My family has appreciated knowing that we have been surrounded by your prayers.

~ Chris Blain



### 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>



**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!**

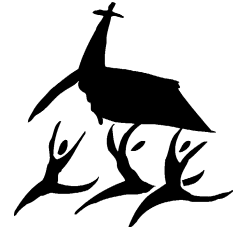
As a reminder, OSLC has an instant text messaging system. It allows us to communicate time-sensitive information, such as event updates, emergency closures, schedule changes, etc. If you've signed up in the past, you don't have to do anything. If you haven't signed up, **or if your email or phone number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

*Thanks for helping us all stay connected!*



# FAITH & CARE

## *Serving in Worship and Fellowship*



### What is FAITH & CARE?

Faith & Care is a ministry of hospitality that encourages every member to be a welcoming presence in worship and fellowship while serving or participating. It is important to all of us that each one knows they belong, whether a member or not. The Apostle Paul makes it very clear that every member of the body is needed in order for the body of Christ to function healthily. This ministry gives every member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church a chance to share in the privilege and responsibility of loving and serving.

### How does FAITH & CARE work?

**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 Servers



This QR Code link to SignUp Genius will allow you to sign up at your convenience. You will also find this link on the church website at [www.oslcspearfish.org](http://www.oslcspearfish.org), in the church newsletter, on the OSLC Group Facebook page, as well as at various locations within the church building.

### How does FAITH & CARE foster community?

Each household is assigned to one of 13 groups with about 35 families per group.

Once a year, your leader will call your family to:

- update your contact information
- answer any questions you might have
- ask for prayer concerns and requests

For variety, the groups rotate ahead one month each year.

Your leader(s) will help you make connections with others in your group. Please offer to help them find creative ways to do this!



## Scriptures



- Sept. 1 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Sept. 8 Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37
- Sept. 15 Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 8:27-38
- Sept. 22 Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Mark 9:30-37
- Sept. 29 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

## Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed  
Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

The deadline for submission of items for the October newsletter is,  
**Friday, September 20.** Please send your newsletter items to Lisa  
at [oslc4@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc4@rushmore.com)

### Ways to give electronically:

Scan this  
code to  
give online



**Scan the code or go to our website, click on the Online Giving button:**

*Clicking on that button will take you to a secure page on which you can donate to the vital ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church directly from a checking or savings account, or using a credit or debit card.*

**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 605-642-3715 or e-mail Julie at [oslc@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc@rushmore.com)

Prefer not to receive a paper copy of our newsletter? Let us send you an email with a link to our newsletter when it's posted to our website. If you are interested, please send your email address to Julie at [oslc@rushmore.com](mailto:oslc@rushmore.com) or call us at 605-642-3715. Thank you!



## My All-Time Favorite Hymns / Worship Songs

Your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW... the red hymnal)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

From the red ELW hymnal or elsewhere:

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to OSLC office or to Pastor Stephan. Thanks!!*

# September 2024

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Mon                                                                                                                                                             | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Thu                                                                                                      | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sat                                                                                                         |
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| <b>1</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>2</b><br><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>Good Shepherd Clinic Closed</b>     | <b>3</b><br>8:30 AM Fix-it Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders<br>5:30 PM Education Comm.<br>7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room                                                                | <b>4</b><br>9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg.<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>5</b><br>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR<br>12:00 PM WELCA General Meeting & Salad Luncheon<br>12:30 PM Quilters | <b>6</b><br>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR<br><br><div>             WELCA Bear Butte Conference<br/>             Women's Fall Retreat, Outlaw Ranch           </div> |                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          | <b>Deacon's Day Off</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                             |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service<br>12:45 PM Adopt-a-Highway Fall Clean-up<br><br><b>Rally Sunday</b><br><b>"God's work. Our hands."</b><br><b>Back to School &amp; Sunday School Blessings</b> | <b>9</b><br>8:30 AM SonShine Squad @ Perkins<br>10:30 AM Deborah Circle<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic<br><br><b>Pastor's Day Off</b> | <b>10</b><br>8:30 AM Fix-It Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Mission Comm.<br>6:00 PM Finance Comm.<br>6:30 PM Church Council<br>7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room | <b>11</b><br>5:15 PM Bell Choir<br>6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation<br><b>No Wednesday Word</b><br>7:00 PM Senior Choir<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR                                                                                                                                                  | <b>12</b><br>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR<br>12:30 PM Quilters<br>1:00 PM Esther Circle                          | <b>13</b><br>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR<br><br><b>Deacon's Day Off</b>                                                                                           | <b>14</b><br>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship                                                                       |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service                                                                                                                                                               | <b>16</b><br>8:30 AM Lefse Making<br>10:30 AM Senior Ministry Committee<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic                                | <b>17</b><br>8:30 AM Fix-it Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>6:30 PM Gather Women's Evening Bible Study<br>7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room                                                                             | <b>18</b><br>8:00 AM American Legion Auxiliary - Kitchen<br>10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Worship Service<br>5:15 PM Bell Choir<br>5:15 PM Confirmation<br>5:16 PM Wednesday Supper<br>5:40 PM Wednesday School<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:00 PM Senior Choir<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR | <b>19</b><br>8:30 AM Lefse Making<br>10:00 AM Ruth Circle<br>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR<br>12:30 PM Quilters   | <b>20</b><br>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR<br>7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg.                                                                                                | <b>21</b><br>            |
| <b>Presentation of 3-Year-Old and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                          | <b>Newsletter Items Due</b><br><b>Deacon's Day Off</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                             |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>9:45 AM Third Grade Bible Class with Pastor Stephan<br>9:45 AM Pre-K Bible Class with Deacon Laura<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service<br><br><b>Autumnal Equinox</b>                          | <b>23</b><br>8:30 AM Lefse Making<br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic<br><br><b>Pastor's Day Off</b>                                       | <b>24</b><br>8:30 AM Fix-It Group<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study<br>6:30 PM Friendship Ministry<br>7:00 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ The Living Room                                              | <b>25</b><br>9:30 AM Senior Fall Outing to Matthews Opera House<br>10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service<br>5:15 PM Bell Choir<br>5:15 PM Confirmation<br>5:16 PM Wednesday Supper<br>5:40 PM Wednesday School<br>6:26 PM Wednesday Word<br>7:00 PM Senior Choir<br>7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR       | <b>26</b><br>8:30 AM Lefse Making<br>12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR<br>12:30 PM Quilters                           | <b>27</b><br>6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR<br><br><b>Deacon's Day Off</b>                                                                                           | <b>28</b><br>8:00 AM Men's Fellowship<br>10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Baby Shower for Jessica Dowling Fellowship Hall |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 AM Worship Service<br>9:45 AM Education Hour<br>10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service<br><br><b>Installation of Education Leaders</b>                                                                                                               | <b>30</b><br>1:00 PM Yarn Ministry<br>6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic<br><br><b>Pastor's Day Off</b>                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                        |



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1020 State Street  
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**Staff:** Stephan Sandness, Senior Pastor  
Laura Campbell, Deacon  
Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries  
Julie Lee, Office Manager  
Lisa Williams, Receptionist

**Worship:** *Summer schedule through September 1:*  
Sundays 9:00 AM Worship Service  
Wednesdays 6:26 PM Wednesday Word

### Regular schedule resumes Sunday, September 8

**Sundays** 8:30 AM 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-led Worship Service

**Wednesdays** 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper (*resumes Sept. 18*)  
6:26 PM Wednesday Word

Church Office located at 1020 State Street  
Church Phone Number: 605-642-3715  
Kitchen/Quilting Phone Number: 605-722-0660  
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

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