

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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Dear Our Savior's Lutheran,

Over the last few weeks, in an attempt to learn and clarify the core values of Our Savior's, I've been asking folks to share stories about a time when they felt proud to be part of this congregation. I heard a story about the congregation meeting a need in the community quickly; another about one person being welcomed back after a long time away; another about individuals surprisingly stepping into leadership roles, and many more!

I wonder, what is your story? When did you feel most proud to be part of this congregation? What was happening? Who was involved? How did it make you feel? I hope you all have a story to share. How might you share this story with someone, or a group of someones, in the congregation?

When we share these stories, we start to see themes arise. We identify values of generosity, welcome, friendship, etc. This process is one way we can identify our core values. Susan Beaumont describes core values as "the principles and beliefs that define who we are when we are operating as our best selves. Core values are what we are actively trying to embody."¹ It is important to name that we are not always at our best. We aren't always welcoming and generous. Sometimes, many times, we fall short. AND because of God's grace, we try again. We attempt to welcome folks to worship without judgement, no matter what they are wearing. We attempt to be generous even when we wonder if we will make our budget. We do our best to empathize with those who are hurting even though we can't fully connect to their pain. How we desire to embody God's love and grace are our core values.

So I encourage you to share your stories. Just as important, I encourage you to listen to the stories of others. Then pay attention to what kinds of connections you notice about what we embody when we are at our best. Share what you notice with me, the staff and the council. This will help us as we continue to clarify our core values.

With thanks,
Pr. Jeremy

¹ Beaumont, Susan. 2019. *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going Leading in a Liminal Season*. Bloomsbury Academic.

Table Talk - Starting Wednesday, October 14, please join us as we expand our confirmation teaching session once a month to include children, youth, parents and adults. We will eat dinner together, as we have in the past, and then instead of different age groups going to their own education time, we will all stay together, have a large group teaching session followed by multi-generational discussions around the tables. We are calling this Table Talk Night and the hope is that we will strengthen the connections between individuals and generations through faith conversations. We will have a Table Talk Night once a month during the school year.

Dear Our Savior's,

I recently finished a stint working as the site director at Outlaw Ranch, Jeremy started as senior pastor at OSLC, our oldest started college at Augustana University, and our sons started school in the Spearfish School District, so we have been in foot-on-full-throttle transition mode! I will begin seminary at Luther Sem this week, and then I get to start serving alongside Jeremy on October 1st. Wahoo!

As Pastor Jeremy mentioned in a prior newsletter, when we find ourselves amidst times of intense change, it is important and healthy to take time for intentional reflection.

A couple weeks ago I found a sliver of time in my calendar to sneak up to my hometown to spend a few days with my mom and dad. Just me. No grandkids to contend with; I got all the spoiling.

It was lovely.

Each morning I walked with my mom and some of her friends—three septuagenarians and an octogenarian—and we covered the entire perimeter of the town in forty-five minutes. The last morning we culminated our walk together with a visit to the grand opening of the new cafe in town. A good friend of mine from high school joined, and we enjoyed fresh, plump, frosted cinnamon rolls with our coffee while waving happily to every patron who entered.

Small Town USA at its best.

The cafe is decorated with memorabilia that tells a story of the county's history through high school sports paraphernalia adorned walls. As with small towns all across the country, communities in that area have for decades dealt with dwindling enrollment that brings difficult decisions. School boards and stakeholders discuss how many school buildings can be supported, what is realistic as far as continued maintenance and upkeep costs, what is needed to support the vital bus routes that traverse many many miles on gravel and county roads, and on and on. The core of all these questions and conversations is the same:

Who are we? What is our identity?

We humans deal with identity questions constantly, whether consciously or subconsciously. These identity questions are arguably some of the toughest we face. Who am I? What defines me? What gives me purpose? To what community(ies) do I belong? How do I show up as my most true self in this world?

One thing I love about my hometown's new cozy cafe is how it highlights the beauty of change. Displaying so many seasons—and all of the people who experienced those various seasons—offers space for people to reflect and remember. The space not only does great job of honoring all of the classes of students who went to school in three neighboring towns, but by showcasing posters and photos of the several different school mascots and color schemes that have been proudly touted across generations, it recognizes that things indeed change, are always changing, and—wait for it—that change is normal, inevitable, and often very good.

So as I had the privilege of taking many walks down Memory Lane that week, my encouragement is for us—as individual members as well as one body of Christ—to take some time to reflect on how well (or maybe sometimes not so well) we manage change. Consider these questions and spend some time formulating answers.

- How do we honor our past while progressing forward?
- How do we honor the past without clinging to it?
- How do we prepare for and handle change/the future?
- What kind of growth have we noticed in our lives, as individuals and as a congregation?
- What are some seasons of growth we have experienced?
- What are areas we would love to ask God to help us grow in now?

It is fine—and fun!—to reminisce on good times, to think about and share stories about the past, as long as we do not stay stuck there.

Let's keep walking!

Jamie Duprey

“For everything, there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecc. 3:1).

Dear Our Savior’s Lutheran Church,

The temperature has finally cooled down to a crispy 68 degrees in southeast Iowa. My apartment is now full of boxes and my cat, Vesta, has been jumping into every empty box she can find.

I adopted Vesta during my time in Iowa, so this will be our first move together. She’s picked up on the different energy in the apartment—something is changing. She’s had her own reactions to this shift, but one reaction has really stood out to me—her natural curiosity.

It does seem a little silly to talk about a cat. But, in her own way, rather than hiding, she’s become part of the moving experience—she diligently checks every box, sniffs every item coming out of the closets, and keeps an eye on me as I sort through my own items.

Transitions are always full of different reactions—nervousness for all the logistics that seems to pile on as one moves to a new state, sadness for the things that are ending, and excitement for new beginnings, relationships, and experiences. As I prepare for this new season in the Black Hills, the chill in the air reminds me of all the other changes that also occur around us—beginning a new year in school, starting college, maybe a career change, or everyday routines shifting or, even a shift as subtle as the days are becoming shorter again. We are always in a pattern of changing seasons—big, small, or even subtle.

Ecclesiastes 3 speaks to the wide breadth of human experiences that we encounter in a lifetime, not always just as individuals but as a collective humanity created and loved by God. There are times when we weep and times when we laugh. There are seasons of mourning and seasons of dancing. As I begin this new journey to plant new roots in South Dakota and at Our Savior’s, I am excited about these words—“there is a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted” (Ecc. 3:3) In every changing season, we can trust in God who is present in every way.

I am excited to be among you all at Our Savior’s in just a couple of weeks! In this season of transition, Vesta’s curiosity continues to remind me of this amazing journey that we are all beginning together with God present every step of the way. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for Our Savior’s and in Spearfish!

I look forward to this new season with you all and am already so incredibly grateful.

See you soon!
Pastor Maddy Tyler

Name Tag Order Forms Available

Members of Our Savior’s have generously donated funds to purchase name tags for those who would like them. Order forms are available in the office and on the usher’s counters outside the sanctuary. Please leave your completed form in the office or in the basket in front of the reception desk. We encourage you to get your form in as soon as you can. Wearing a nametag is not a requirement, but a wonderful opportunity to make new members and visitors feel welcome at Our Savior’s.

Updates to HVAC at The Living Room

We are blessed to be stewards of The Living Room and recently discovered and addressed the need to replace the heating, ventilation and air conditioning. The cost of this project was around \$35,000. Please consider an extra contribution to offset this needed cost and know we are grateful for your continued care of the congregation’s facilities!

First Communion Instruction

Thursday, October 15 at 6pm and Sunday,
October 18 at 1pm with First Communion
Sunday, October 25.

This fall we invite a new group of young people to learn more about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will mail out an invitation to all students entering fifth grade but want older students to know they are also welcome if they haven't previously been a part of the class. We meet for two brief sessions, during which we explore the meanings behind the celebration of Holy Communion. These sessions are designed with parent/child conversation in mind, so it's important that at least one parent be here with the student. This ends up being a good opportunity for adults to brush up on their own understanding of the Lord's Supper!



This year, our two classes will be held Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 P.M. and on Sunday, October 18 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 25. Please mark your calendar!

If you have a child *younger* than fifth-grade age who is showing an active desire to partake of the Sacrament, you as their parent may elect to bring them to these sessions and to receive the Sacrament. 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. I would love to have a conversation with any family who would like to have their children receive communion earlier than fifth grade.

~ Pastor Jeremy Duprey

Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar



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, October 5, Thursday, October 8
Monday, October 12, and Thursday, October 15**
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 when they are posted in the Fellowship Hall.
Thanks so much!



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 18 (9:30 am – Noon)
Wednesday, October 21 (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
Sunday, October 25 (9:30 am – Noon)
Wednesday, October 28 (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

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 to learn more about the mission and to shop the online store!

Music Ministry

Bell Choir Wednesdays, at 5:00 pm
Interested in joining?
Please come and talk with Steve Aalbu.

Senior Choir Wednesdays, 7:00 pm
Interested in joining?
Please come and talk with Deb Carr.

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

August's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$2,149.73 for Lutheran Campus Ministry @ BHSU.

Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study

"Bold faith on an unexpected journey,"
by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney

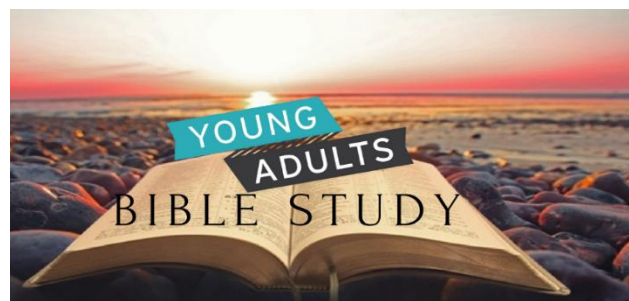


Continuing sessions:

- Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 pm
 - "Choosing loyalty, finding love"
- Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 pm
 - "Proclaiming resurrection in hope"

As a resource, we use the **Gather** magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Location – at The Living Room, 810 N. Yale (corner of Jackson and Yale).

RSVP to Sara Miles, 605-642-4955, if you are interested in joining this small group or if you have any questions.



Young Adults Bible Study Group

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 PM

Come as you are for a night of fellowship and discussion of the Word. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 PM at OSLC and childcare can be provided with advanced notice. Reach out to Brady Harr if interested or with questions (605) 641-5949 or bwharr@gmail.com.

Adult Enrichment: Opportunities for Fall 2026



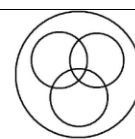
Many small group opportunities exist through OSLC for you to grow in God's Word and deepen your faith:

- Thursday Bible Study at The Living Room
- Three Women's Circle Bible Studies--Ruth, Deborah, and Esther
- Men's Fellowship
- *Two on Tuesdays* Women's Bible Study
- *Marthas Gathering* Women's Evening Bible Study
- Young Adults Bible Study

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

Friendship Ministry

Extending the love of Christ
from Friend to Friend



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

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

Confirmation

Wed. October 7: No Confirmation
14: Session 3 – Table Talk Night
21: Session 4
28: Session 5

October Acolyte Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 AM Worship

Jackson Gran & Landon Mayer, Keaton Davis

Sundays, 10:45 AM Worship

Ean Overby, Jon Heubrock

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

~ Chris Blain



7:10 PM, Wednesday Evenings
The Living Room, 810 N. Yale.

All freshmen through seniors.

On these gathering nights we discuss matters of faith, life and anything on your mind. It is a great hour of fellowship and faith formation. It is a very informal and meaningful evening and bringing a friend or friends is always welcomed.

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

Sunday Morning Transportation



Everyone is welcome to use the free Sunday morning transportation service. 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.

Daylight Saving Time ends...



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



ALL members and friends of Our Savior's are invited to share a photo of a loved one who has passed away to be displayed on the worship screens, November 1, All

Saints Sunday.

If you would like a photo of your loved one projected on the worship screens, **let Lisa know by calling 605-642-3715 (if we already have your photo) or by emailing your photo to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com.** If you do not have a digital copy, we can scan your photo for you. Please bring your photo to Lisa during office hours, no later than Monday, October 26.

SonShine Squad

The SonShine Squad will meet on Monday, October 5 at 9:00 am in the Church Library. If you or someone you know might like a monthly visit from one of our teams please call or text Cheryl W. at 605-673-1334.



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

✧ Pastoral Acts ✧

Baptisms

September 20 Fisher Marucs Stacey, child of Nathan & Baily Stacey

September 27 Theo Robert Ludens, child of Lauren & Slayton Ludens



ANGEL TREE

Save the Dates!

Looking for a special way for your family or group to share the love of Jesus this

Christmas? Provide a gift for a Northern Hills child in need, for a senior citizen who might otherwise not be remembered, for a parent/child at the Artemis house, and/or a gift card donation for children at Pine Ridge.

Our Pine Ridge \$25 gift card donation table will be set up for two Sundays: November 1st and November 8th and two Wednesdays: November 4th and November 11th.

Our Angel Tree tags will be available for two Sundays: December 6th and December 13th and two Wednesdays: December 2nd and December 9th.

Spearfish Community

Food pantry needs for October:

Saltine Crackers, Beef Stew or Chili, Chunky Soups, Canned Peaches or Mandarin Oranges, Canned Pasta Sauce, Small Jars of Jelly.

FAITH & CARE

Serving in Worship and Fellowship

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

Please check the schedule posted on the board near the kitchen for openings. To be added to this list for future scheduling, please contact Sommerlyn Clausen at 605-381-5422

Fellowship Time: Servers are needed as Snack providers and Coffee Servers. The sign-up sheet for these two positions is posted outside the Kitchen door. Questions? Contact Pam Englund at 605-639-9988.

CALLING ALL VETERANS

of our congregation!!

We would like to display your photo on our wall in the Fellowship Hall in honor of Veterans Day. We need your picture! Photos and information may be dropped off at the office, emailed to Sherry Kloeckl at sherry_lk@yahoo.com, or text to 605-641-3744, **no later than Wednesday, October 28.**

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

Thanks! *Sherry Kloeckl*

Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar December 5, 2026 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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

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

Bake! Dig out your favorite recipes! Scandinavian, German, Swedish, or whatever, people love our baked goods. Lots of people let us do their Christmas baking for them, especially cookies and candies. Pastries and pies go great, too. Homemade pickles, jellies and jams are also a big hit!

Remember the Antique Boutique when you are cleaning out your attic, closets or basement.

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

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

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

-Julefest Committee



I love autumn. The cool morning and nights; the crisp air; the colors in the canyon, apple cider, carving pumpkins - celebrations of the harvest. Pause, breathe, and give thanks to our Lord.

The fall salad luncheon on Thursday, September 10, provided an opportunity for women to gather in friendship and celebration. Thank you to Ruth Circle for hosting this year's luncheon! Matt Tramp from Esther's Rising provided the program! This is a ministry focused on offering assistance and training to young girls who have been victims of sexual trafficking and we will be sharing any updates as we receive these.

The general meeting for WELCA was conducted following the luncheon. Offices up for election were as follows: President, Treasurer, Discipleship Mission, and Stewardship Mission. Each position serves a two-year term with the term of serving starting in January of 2027. Lori Laughlin was elected as President; Karol Johnson will serve as Treasurer; Dianna Rommen – Director of Discipleship; and Janet Baker as Director of Stewardship.

The fall retreat at Outlaw Ranch was on Friday September 11 and 12. A group of 11 woman from Our Saviors attended along with 3 former members who have since moved to North Dakota. The theme for the retreat was, "Grace and Gratitude". It was a beautiful autumn weekend, and all enjoyed the opportunity to sing and worship together.

One of the long-standing traditions of Our Savior's Lutheran is our annual Julefest held this year on **Saturday, December 5**. A Julefest Committee has been formed and has met several times to start planning for this year's Julefest. This year we will be celebrating our **30th Anniversary of Julefest!** Be looking for additional baking dates to prepare and for additional information about this upcoming celebration!

As a part of this year's Anniversary Celebration the Julefest Committee is looking for photos/ memories you may have from previous years! Be on the lookout for your Julefest photos.

Lefse making has been scheduled for Monday Oct 5; Thursday Oct. 8; Monday Oct 12; and Thursday, Oct. 15 starting at 8:30 am. It is a lot of fun and there is something for everyone to do! Please sign up or come for as long as you can! Signup sheets are posted in the fellowship hall!

Lori Laughlin, President
605-645-1493

WELCA Calendar

Oct. Kitchen Duty	Deborah Circle
Oct. 7: 9:30 AM	WELCA Board Meeting
November 22	Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday
December 5	Julefest

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle

October 12, 10:30 AM

Leader: Joan DeWall Hostess: Judy Woodworth

Esther Circle

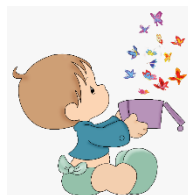
October 8, 1:00 PM

Leader: Colleen Kelly Hostess: Anda Johnson

Ruth Circle

October 15, 10:00 AM

Leader & Hostess: Donna Dettman



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.

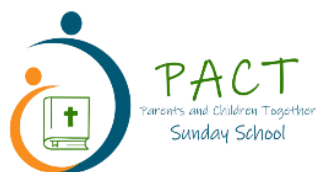
Each kit should contain:

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.***

PACT CLASS STARTS OCTOBER 4!

PACT: Parents & Children Together



Who: Children ages 0-3 (who are not in Sunday school yet) and their parents.

When: The 1st & 3rd Sunday each month at 9:45a.m., in the NURSERY.

What: this class will hear a simple Bible story, engage in fun activities and meet other parents of young children. No registration is needed.

CONNECT 5TH & 6TH GRADE SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SCHOOL



Open Invitation: Join the 5th/6th Grade Teaching Team!

To make this year amazing, we are looking for a few wonderful parents to form a **co-teaching team** for our 5th/6th grade class. It is a rewarding way to support your child and get involved during the class block!

Why you'll love being on the team:

- **It is incredibly easy:** The *Connect* curriculum is totally plug-and-play. There is even a short introductory video for every single lesson. You will learn right alongside your student!
- **Ultimate flexibility:** By building a team, you can rotate weeks. You won't need to teach every week. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY BOTH!**

Ready to say "YES" to volunteering? Have questions? Reply directly to this email and let's

Children & Young Families Ministries

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- October 4 - PACT Class in the Nursery at 9:45am
- October 7 - No Wednesday school or Confirmation
- October 11 - No Sunday school
- October 12 - 8:30am Family Friendly Lefse Making!
- October 15 - 6:00pm First Communion Class
- October 18 - PACT Class in the Nursery at 9:45am
- October 18 - Volunteer meeting at 10:45am
- October 18 - 1:00pm First Communion Class - Breadmaking
- October 25 - First Communion at either worship service
- October 25 - 2:00 - 4:00pm Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat



Sunday October 25, 2-4pm

Trunks needed!

Decorate your trunk in a church friendly spookiness and to get ready for all the ghosts and ghouls that appear!



Planning meeting
Sunday October 4th at 9:45



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: OSLC Conference Room

Devotions: Andy Binder

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: Meeting called to order by Andy Binder. In attendance: Pastor Jeremy, Deana Wiese, David Pummel, Reed Haug, Dudley Feige, Deming Haugland, Colleen Kelly, Laura Bosworth, Jane Klug, Lana Main and Brady Harr.
2. Devotions – Andy Binder provided devotions to the Council. Romans 15:7 says, 'Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God'.
3. Action Item – Approve Agenda. Motion to approve by David, seconded by Deming.
4. Action Item – July Council Minutes. Motion to approve by Deana, seconded by Laura.
5. Action Item- Name Tag Presentation: Dorothy Ritz made a presentation and suggestion that name tags be used to assist the congregation in continuing to get to know each other better and assist in the welcoming of visitors. Dorothy's group is willing to pay for all costs of the name tags; which are plastic and have either a pinned or magnetic backing. Name tags would be sent to all members of the congregation. Wearing a name tag is optional. Council members discussed and expressed no objections. Pinned name tags would be used for people with pace-makers and congregants would choose which backing they wanted.
6. Action Item- Dawn Romero talked about Grief Share; a thirteen-week group grief program. The program is a Christian and support-based group. The program would be open to everyone in the entire community; and all Spearfish congregations are being encouraged to have the program. Two leaders would be selected for the OSLC congregation to facilitate the group. Someone can join the group at any time throughout the 13-week term. Total cost for OSLC would be \$312. Council members asked questions and learned the dynamics of the program.
7. Action Item – The council reviewed July Treasurer's Reports. July Income: \$40,578.11. July Expenses: \$56,001.32. YTD Income: \$326,706.20. YTD Expenses: \$325,413.37. Motion by Lana to approve the July Treasurer report. Second, by Brady. Motion carried.
8. Ministerial Staff Reports – Pastor Jeremy has been meeting with as many groups as he can to learn about who is involved, the purpose of the group and how the group functions. Pastor Jeremy has been very impressed with all that is going on at OSLC; and the energy of this congregation. Weekly staff meetings have been reestablished. Continuing efforts to create a clear job description for each position is going to be a priority. A Worship and Arts Committee is being considered for reestablishment. People have expressed interest in helping choose music, to think through options for worship and be a sounding board for considered changes. Another idea discussed with OSLC staff is trying out the Narrative Lectionary (NL). NL is a four-year cycle of biblical readings. On Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The NL should increase biblical literacy by providing a reading plan that follows a continuous narrative from the bible, helping to understand the connections between stories. Pastor Jeremy also expressed honor in being a part of baptisms, pre-marital counseling, elder care facility worship services (weekly), home and hospital visits, visioning/discernment conversations, planning meetings and fellowship gatherings. The selection of an Associate Pastor is critical to help Pastor Jeremy in these endeavors with OSLC's faith community.
9. Committee Updates:
Education Committee (Deming): Large envisioning meeting has been completed. The education committee is preparing for fall programming with confirmation, Sunday school, and Wednesday Word. The education committee meeting is going to try a monthly Table Talk Night and plan to have large group teaching time for all ages followed by time to discuss subjects at tables of multi-generational groups.
Mission Committee (Colleen & Deana): Pastor Dan Johnson of Pine Ridge communicated the needs for students and provided a link to their Amazon wish list. This information is found on the OSLC Facebook

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page. All gifts from Amazon go directly to the kids. Personal hygiene products are also being collected, and kits will be assembled by the congregation between services on September 27th. The program Clothe-a-Kid was another huge success, raising \$8200. Thank You to all who contributed. Mission Team will serve Wednesday evening meal on September 23rd. The Mission Committee began discussion on the Angel Tree. The Mission Committee encourages the use of OSLC social media to inform and communicate to the congregation of current and upcoming missions.

Friendship Ministry: The council discussed Dawn Romero's presentation on Grief Share. Motion to move forward by Brady, seconded by Jane. The council also discussed Dorothy Ritz's presentation on name tags: Motion to approve made by David, seconded by Colleen.

Lutheran Campus Ministry: Brady has been working on ideas for grants through the synod and involving matching donors. Considering fund raising ideas. Augustana provides mini grants evolving from a large grant they received. LSS also provides grants. Brady Harr is doing his research on available grants for OSLC. The council talked about air conditioning needs at The Living Room. The HVAC unit is freezing up and probably needs replacement or fixing. There is some money already budgeted for The Living Room improvements. Discussed The Living Room parking lot improvement and possibility of grant money covering part of the cost. Expect to get bids on the parking project in the next couple of months.

Personnel Committee: New council member Jane Klug volunteered to be on the Personnel Committee, as it aligns with her career. Jane was welcomed during introductions at the beginning of the council meeting. Welcome, Jane!

10. Action Item – Full-Time Bell Choir Director 2026/2027 Proposed Wage Increase: Discussion on bringing the Bell Choir Director up to the same wage as the Music Director; as the Bell Choir Director spends much time maintaining bells, practicing and preparing for service. The Music Director currently makes \$818 per month, and the Bell Choir Director makes \$302 per month. Motion made to approve wage increase by Brady, seconded by Deming. Motion carried.
11. Action Item – Associate Pastor Updates: Pastor Maddy Tyler is visiting this coming week, and the Lantis cabin has been graciously offered for her stay. She will be participating in the worship service this coming Sunday (8/23). Various OSLC members will be providing assistance and guidance while Pastor Maddy is visiting Spearfish. Pastor Jeremy has spoken with her, and plans are being finalized for her visit.
12. Motion to forward Pastor Maddy Tyler as the new Associate Pastor to the congregation. The congregation will vote after the worship service on August 30th. Motion by Colleen, seconded by Jane. Motion carried.
13. Info Item – Joint OSLC & Lutheran Campus Ministry Update. Discussed moving forward with the third open position at OSLC. Focus thus far has been on filling the Associate Pastor position; which once filled will allow focus on the third position currently open. There has been some interest expressed in the third position.
14. Info Item- The Living Room Parking: The council discussed The Living Room parking lot improvement and possibility of grant money covering part of the cost. We will get bids on the parking project in the next couple of months. Andy provided an overhead view of The Living Room property and showed where the parking spaces will be. Estimate 15-18 parking spaces could be created. The old shed currently on the property will have to be removed. If anyone is interested in the shed, contact Andy.
15. The council adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dudley Feige
Church Council Secretary

Trea\$urer's Report

As of August 31, 2026

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$390,321.54
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$366,720.83
Year-to-date Budget	\$442,817.90



Fall 2026

Sunday September 20
was Our Savior's

scheduled event to spend some time cleaning our environment for the Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program. This event usually coincides with "God's work. Our hands." weekend. We're not much about bragging, but Gods Work was in full force on Adopt-A-Highway Sunday with some much needed moisture for the northern hills area. If we knew that scheduling this "clean the ditches" event would bring much needed rain, we would have scheduled it in June or July.

Our fall location for cleanup is eastbound I-90 from mile marker 8 to Exit 8 (McGuigan Road). After some considerable discussion and bribery, Julia and I decided to spend Tuesday afternoon, September 22, scouting for hidden treasures along I-90. On occasion the DOT walks the ditches before mowers arrive so our area was quite clean. Although nothing of importance was discovered, we did manage to fill four trash bags with pop/water bottles, car parts, tire pieces and paper items (no cash).

If you are interested in some outside exercise this Spring after our mild winter, watch for our next event in Spring 2027. One never knows what treasure is waiting to be found.



OSLC Quilters

Our Quilters gather every Tuesday morning at the church for quilting and fellowship and they would love to have you join them!

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

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

Got Fabric? The Quilters are grateful for donations of cotton fabric used for the tops of the quilts, cotton sheets (plain or printed) or flannel sheets that are used for the backing. They also need blankets, mattress pads, and non-working electric blankets which are used to line quilts. ***Please - no comforters, "fluffy/thick" mattress pads, pillows, or clothing.*** Donations are accepted during church office hours, Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Scriptures

- Oct. 4 Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
- Oct. 11 Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct. 18 Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
- Oct. 25 Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46
Or Reformation Sunday:
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

2026-27 Church Council:

President: Andy Binder
Vice President: Deming Haugland
Treasurer: David Pummel
Secretary: Dudley Feige

Denise Bakke, Laura Bosworth, Brady Harr, Reed Haug, Colleen Kelly, Jane Klug, Lana Main, Lillian Miles, Elijah Overby, Pam Tyma, Deana Wiese



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

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

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

www.facebook.com/oslcspearfish

Not on facebook...?



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 with up-to-date email addresses and phone numbers.

Thanks for helping us all stay connected!

New Bible Study For Young Fathers

When: Sundays at 5pm.

Where: Home of Jansen Culver

10244 Homestake Rd,

Spearfish SD 57783

Led by: David Culver

This study is designed to help men grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ and learn to bring Jesus' character, Word, and ways into the everyday life of their families. Our goal is to become men whose lives help point our families toward Christ: men who listen before speaking, serve rather than demand, discipline with wisdom and grace, forgive readily, pray faithfully, and make decisions according to God's truth rather than the values of the world. As we grow in Christ, our families should experience the fruit of that growth, creating homes where faith is lived out, relationships are strengthened, and the next generation are encouraged to follow Jesus.

Meeting at the home of Jansen Culver (10244 Homestake Rd, Spearfish SD 57783) at 5pm starting October 4.

Office Notes:

The deadline for submission of items for the November newsletter is **Thursday, October 22**. Please send your newsletter items to Lisa at oslc4@rushmore.com

Ways to give electronically:

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give online



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

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

Check out our website for the monthly newsletter, calendar and much more... www.oslcspearfish.com.

Has your address or phone number changed? Please let us know at 605 642-3715 or e-mail Julie at oslc@rushmore.com

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

Cantón Tzanchaj
Santiago Atitlán

Dear Godparents,

Hello! It's a pleasure to greet you again. I hope that everything is going well for you.

I want to tell you everything about what I've been up to so far this year. We started school on January 12th, and I am in my final year of high school. I'm studying to be a bookkeeper. During this time, we've had a lot of pressure on us with our homework, especially in our capstone project and accounting class. This week, we're handing in our Life Project in our capstone class.

At the start of the school year, we had to find a business or institution to do an internship with later this year. Thanks to God, I've been accepted at the Hospitalito Atitlan. This week, we start our first lab as a requirement to prepare for our internships.

I'm doing well in all my classes. My favorite class is Business Ethics, because they teach us how to act in each area where we'll work. Earlier this year, we celebrated Friendship Day with my classmates. We made fruit cocktail and had a field day.

This year, I want to improve my study habits. My goals for the year are to not fail any of my classes, stay on top of my homework, attend the Reading Circles and my tutoring sessions, and graduate.

In my free time, I like to take walks to help myself to relax and clear my mind. I also like to read, and if I have time, I watch some tv. Something I like about the Reading Circles is that we get to choose the books we want to read. The tutoring sessions help me to stay on top of my homework and answer any questions I have. We also do lots of activities that are related to my classwork.

My scholarship has been helpful in many ways, including paying my school tuition, purchasing school supplies, and paying for transportation to get to and from school. My family and I are very grateful for your support. Thanks to your generosity, I have been able to continue my education.

I have five siblings, and four of us are going to school. My parents and siblings are very supportive of my schooling, and they encourage me to keep putting in my best effort.

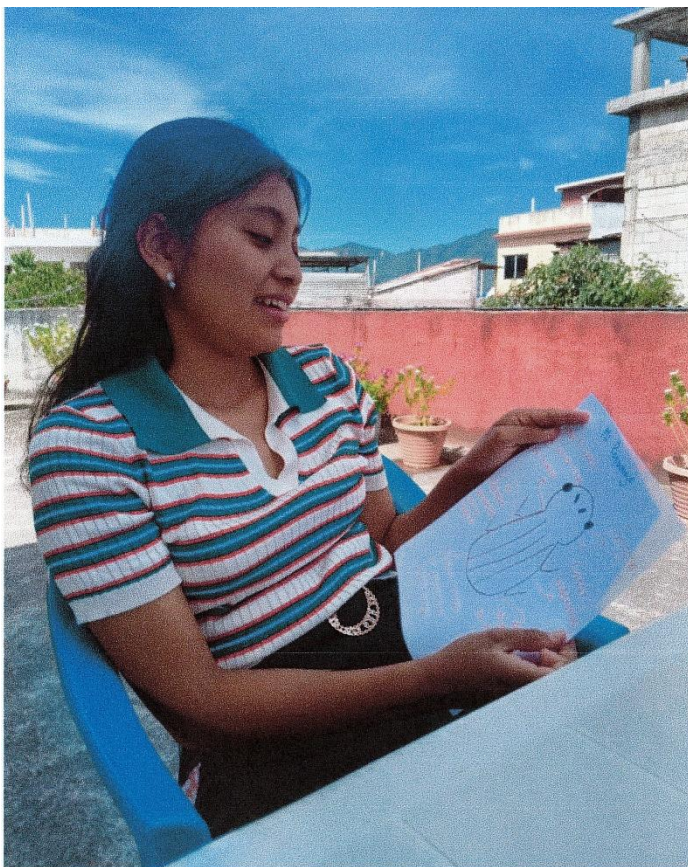
With much love and care, I send you a big hug from afar. Thank you again for your support. I hope to write to you again soon.

Yours truly,

Marta Concepción Cali Damián
Your Sharing the Dream scholarship student from Guatemala.



Marta & the other high school scholarship students in Santiago work during a recent Reading Circle activity.



Marta shows off her work during a recent Reading Circle



October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 PM The Living Room Bible Study 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice	2 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal Buckman/Wegh <i>Pastor Jeremy's Day Off</i>	3 3:00 PM Wedding McKenzie Buckman & Brady Wegh @ OSLC by Pastor Randy 4:00 PM Wedding Holly Monsterman & Dawson Mayer @ The Barn at Aspen Acres by Pastor Jeremy
4 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM PACT Class in Nursery 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service	5 8:30 AM Lefse Making 9:00 AM SonShine Squad 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic	6 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Education Comm 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	7 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg NO Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper NO Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	8 8:30 AM Lefse Making 12:00 PM The Living Room Bible Study 1:00 PM Esther Circle 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice <i>Pastor Jeremy's Day Off</i>	9 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Pastor Jeremy's Day Off</i>	10 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
11 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service No Sunday School 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service	12 8:30 AM Lefse Making 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry <i>Good Shepherd Clinic~Closed</i> <i>Native American Day</i>	13 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM Mission Comm. 6:00 PM Finance Comm. 6:30 PM Church Council 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study	14 5:00 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word NO Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR <i>Sharing the Dream Craft Sale</i>	15 8:30 AM Lefse Making 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM The Living Room Bible Study 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice 6:00 PM First Communion Class, Pt.	16 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <i>Pastor Jeremy's Day Off</i>	17 
18 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM PACT Class in Nursery 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School Volunteer Meeting 1:00 PM First Communion Class, Pt. 2 <i>Sharing the Dream Craft Sale</i>	19 10:30 AM Senior Ministry Committee 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic	20 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study @ TLR	21 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Worship Service 5:00 PM Bell Choir 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:00 PM Senior Choir 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR <i>Sharing the Dream Craft Sale</i>	22 12:00 PM The Living Room Bible Study 6:00 PM Joyful Journey Practice <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	23 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg. <i>Pastor Jeremy's Day Off</i>	24 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
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Worship:

Sundays 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Education Hour
10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service
Live stream either service or watch later! Connect through our web site.

Wednesdays 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper (*resumes Sept. 23*)
6:26 PM Wednesday Word (*resumes Sept. 23*)

Staff: Jeremy Duprey, Senior Pastor
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