A Little Bit of Senshine

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The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Psalms 24:1 (KJV)

In the midst of another presidential election year, and all of the craziness and divisiveness that attends it, my mind has been going to our national motto: "E Pluribus Unum..." "Out of many, one." It's too easy for it to get lost in the business of choosing sides and denigrating the other. The genius of this nation is the irrefutable fact that out of many individuals, one nation stands... even in disagreement.

If you've never availed yourself of a trip to our nation's capitol, Washington D.C., I would commend it to you. It's actually not that big a city. If you go, take time to go to the top of the Washington Monument. Summer vacation several years ago afforded my family the opportunity to do just that. We took the elevator up about 550 feet to the inside of the peak, where the observation area is. On each of the four sides, there are small window portals one can look out of. The views are staggering! To one side is the White House, the home of the executive branch of our government. Moving to another window, the Reflecting Pool leading up to the Lincoln Memorial, and just beyond that and slightly to the side is the Jefferson Memorial. From another window you can look across the Potomac and see the Pentagon, the seat of our nation's military... and you can even pick out Robert E. Lee's home at Arlington, the site of our national cemetery. Then finally, out the other window one can clearly see the Capitol building, the home of our legislative branch of governance. From that same vantage looking down the Mall, you can pick out the Department of the Treasury (where your dollar bills are printed), the IRS building (where your dollars finally end up ©), the Department of Agriculture building, along with a number of museums that house the history of our country and of our planet. It's a lot to take in from one spot!

Taking in all of these sights, these seats of power and monuments to human ingenuity, struggle and fortitude, it's interesting how one can feel so small and yet at one and the same time feel a part of something so big...so much bigger than any one person, or even one generation. I guess that's why thousands upon thousands of visitors descend on D.C. each year. No matter how jaded we might sometimes become regarding our country's leadership or system of governance, we see something beautiful in the struggle, borne out there by our history, to be a democracy.

Have you ever stood on the edge of an ocean with a horizon that seemed to reach out to infinity? On that same vacation to D.C. we were allowed that very luxury, at Ocean City, Maryland... to be out in that salty, blue-green water and get thrown back onto the beach by waves four feet high... to sit and watch bottle-nose dolphins jump gracefully alongside passing boats. Here too, the hundreds and even thousands of folks lining the beach bore witness to that human desire to be next to something bigger than the self.

Although my travels didn't take me quite as far afield this summer, I did find time to attend the family reunion (my mother's side). That annual visit with about a hundred other folks who share the same history and legacy reminds me of the fact that I am a part of something bigger and deeper (and yes, often even more eccentric) than my little nuclear family.

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The thing is: I really needn't go anywhere to experience what I've been raising up here. As a part of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish, South Dakota, I am a part of something far bigger than myself... even bigger than my traditions, my past, my hopes and dreams. I'm a part of God's mission, which means I have a part to play in how God goes about realizing God's hopes and dreams for this world, today and into the future. It's pretty humbling, actually.

Here's the tricky part: There are millions of other "missions" out there in the culture, in the world, that would seek to enlist me by defining me as belonging to them rather than to the God who made me and who dies for the love of me. The biggest deception afloat out there is that somehow, we are individual "owners" of our lives. Scripture plainly teaches that the only true owner of anything is God (see Psalm 24, quoted at the top of page 1). We simply have the fortunate opportunity to take care of what is God's. What will we do with it? We can ignore who we are as God's holy people and cut God out of every aspect of our living save for one hour on Sunday mornings (thereby exhibiting dis-integrated lives) or we can claim our baptismal identity fully, by inviting Christ's lordship into every aspect of how we live. Do we put God in a box. (do we allow the world to put us in a box!) or do we use all of what we've been given (our money, but not just... also our passions, our work, our time, our parenting, our friendships, our worship) in ways that exhibit love for God and love for the neighbor?

With what's left of summer, I hope you find the time and opportunity to be reminded that you are indeed a part of something bigger... more marvelous and more grand than a life lived in isolation. After all, (to coin a phrase) we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

With Gratitude for You,

Pastor Stephan Sandness

Lunch @ The Living Room will be on break from May 23 – July, reconvening on August 8.



On **Sunday**, **August 4**, we'll be MOVING our worship service from the friendly confines of 1020 State St. to the Spearfish City Park off of Canyon St. We'll gather at the big picnic shelter near the band shell at 10:00 A.M. (note the time change from our normal 9:00 a.m. worship time)

Worship will be led by the Joyful Journey band, with Todd Tetreault sitting in on keyboards! (Yes, we're hauling him out of retirement for this one! ©)

After worship, we'll share a pot-luck picnic together! (yum.)

Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. (We'll try to have a few chairs on hand for those who can't bring their own, but those will be limited.) Bring voices tuned for worship, food to share if you're able... and a few friends and relatives would be nice, too!

Trea\$urer's Report As of June 30, 2024

Year-to-date Offerings: \$299,702.40 Year-to-date Expenses: \$295,174.36 Year-to-date Budget: \$328,942.38

August's "Love Your Neighbor" Tar will benefit: Lutheran Disaster Response

June's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$1,737.55 for Spearfish Clothe-A-Kid.

Friendship Ministry Extending the love of Christ from Friend to Friend



Friendship Ministry involves one caring person confidentially coming alongside another person—being available to listen and support. They are present through visits, phone calls, conversations at church or at home. Relationships may only last a time or two or continue for weeks or months.

If you are looking for a friend who cares, a Friendship Minister will be there for you! Call Nancy Christopherson at 605-645-2723 to request a visit or to get more information.



2024 Festival in the Dark

This year's festival was unique. The weekend before the festival I came down with COVID! By the Thursday before festival I was no longer contagious but the side effects sidelined me.

The pie booth was a success due to people stepping up. My sincere thanks and appreciation to Kris Stewart and Peg Holmquest who tag-teamed the booth and whatever else was needed at the last day. Without them it wouldn't have happened.

The efforts of the ladies and gents in the kitchen produced 102 pies, and a couple blisters for Scott. The home bakers came through as usual also.

This was a year of coming together for a common cause to benefit others. From the pie bakers, folks who came to help set up and breakdown, and all those who worked the booth or assisted in any way, you have my sincere gratitude.

Let's do this again next year! (minus any illness)

Aly Scheurenbrand

Save the date:

God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

Members and friends of Our Savior's Lutheran will have the opportunity to participate in a service activity that day. Watch upcoming worship bulletins and the September newsletter for specific information

Gather

Women's Evening Bible Study



After Certainty: a Biblical Guide.

by Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

Continuing...

Tuesday, August 20, 6:30 – 7:45 pm Compassion

We meet in the Fireside Room at OSLC.



Come BE PART of all the FUN!!!

High School Youth 9 - 12th graders - our primary way of communicating is through the Remind App. If you haven't already joined text @oslcy to the number 81010 Then starting in September you will begin to receive messages about our weekly gatherings and the events we do throughout the year.

SPEARFISH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

July was OSLC's month to serve as volunteers at the Spearfish Community Pantry. Each month the pantry provides nutritional assistance to 265 families which represent 680 individuals. With twelve churches providing volunteers throughout the year, OSLC schedule is the first two weeks of July and February.

Corrine Muske and George Vansco, Pantry Board Members, want to thank the following volunteers for assisting with the distribution of food during the first two weeks of July; Janet, Gary, Myrna, Karleen, Lana, Arnie, Nancy, Allie and Julia.

During our two weeks of service, our volunteers provided nutritional assistance to 145 families for a total of 398 people of which 115 were children.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to those OSLC members who continue to donate food and funds to the Spearfish Community Pantry.





Food needs for August:

Macaroni & Cheese, Pork & Beans, Grape Jelly, Jell-O Gelatin or Pudding, Applesauce, Hamburger/Tuna Helper

Money donations are always appreciated.

Donations can be sent to:

Spearfish Community Food Pantry

131 Yankee St, Spearfish, SD 57783

Lunch at The Living Room is back on!



On Thursdays at noon, every week (beginning on Thursday, August 8) I'll be hosting **Lunch at the Living Room**, a time of study in God's Word, during which you can eat your lunch

that you've brought with you. (If you think I'm cooking for you... think again[©]) We'll meet at The Living Room, our Campus Ministry building on the corner of Jackson and Yale, and spend the noon hour taking a look at the appointed scriptures coming up in worship. The purpose is to think together about what God might be speaking to us, so we might speak "a word in due season" to one another.

We'd love to have you join us! Pastor Stephan Sandness

Word Walking

Come join us on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am this summer for a 45-minute Dwelling in the Word Walk.



- Meet on the sidewalk South of the Pavilion near the Fish Hatchery for opening prayer and to hear one of the Scripture texts assigned for the following Sunday. Walk a lap in silence, considering what you heard perhaps a word or phrase that caught your attention.
- Meet again at the gathering spot to hear the text a second time. Take another lap, sharing your thoughts about the text with the persons near you.
- Meet again to hear the text a third time, and then take another lap, being still and present to God.
- Finally meet again to close with the Lord's Prayer, share prayer requests, and enjoy fellowship time before departing as you wish.

Questions? Contact Deacon Laura at oslc1@rushmore.com or 642-3715



Senior Ministry

You are invited to a celebration in your honor!!

"Bless the Years" Sunday August 18, 2024

A time *to honor* the elders of our congregation who are eighty years and older (and those who will turn eighty this year).

Join us for coffee at the church following the 9:00 AM worship so we can *celebrate with you!*

In Christ, Senior Ministry Committee

The Lord is our light!





If you registered, you should have recently received the information about your new Secret Sister in the mail! Please remember your Secret Sister daily in prayer, and send her a note or a card in August!

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Baptisms

July 21 Kiera Faith Bushor, child of Luke &

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July 21 Sawyer Allen Snow and Layla Olivia

Nadine Snow, children of Cody & Mary

Snow

Funerals

July 2 Vernon Sailer, Spearfish, SD

Sunday Morning Transportation



Need a ride to church on Sunday mornings? Call the church office (605-642-3715) by 2 pm Friday afternoon to reserve a ride.



Aug. 4 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

Aug. 11 1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Aug. 18 Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Aug. 25 Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69



August 2024

I hope many of you have taken some time for yourselves to enjoy the beautiful place we call home. Spearfish is one of GOD's special plans. No matter if you like to hike, camp, fish, or just sit on your front porch with your coffee you can find some quiet time to talk to him. Love it here.

We will be getting things lined up for Julefest in the next couple of meetings, sounds strange but there is a lot to be done.

Reminder September 5 will be our Salad Lunch & General Meeting 12:00 pm. Ruth Circle will be in charge of the Program & Hostess. Be thinking of who you want for Election of Officers.

September 6-7 will be the Fall Retreat and Workshop at Outlaw Ranch. Get your registration in soon.

Kitchen Duty July/August is Deborah Circle Next Board Meeting August 14

May GOD'S Blessings Be With You All

~ Mary Goddard

WELCA Calendar

Aug. 14, 9:30 AM WELCA Board Meeting Sept. 4. 9:30 AM **WELCA Board Meeting** Sept. 5, 12:00 Salad Luncheon w/General Meeting and Election of Officers PΜ WELCA Fall Retreat @

Sept. 6 & 7

Outlaw Ranch

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle

August 19, 10:30 AM Brunch Potluck, City Park

Esther Circle

No Meeting until September

Ruth Circle

August 15, 10:00 AM Leader: Lori Deibert

Hostesses: Barb Gauger & Roberta Koehler

HELLO BEAUTY FULL!

REGISTER NOW for the WELCA FALL **RETREAT at Outlaw**



Ranch! Join us for a time of Fellowship & Faith at the Bear Butte Conference WELCA Fall Retreat!

4PM Friday September 6 – 2PM Saturday 7, 2024 Check-In: Friday 4:00 – 6:00pm; Supper is served at 5:30pm.

Registration forms are located on the table by the reception desk. There will be a registration event on Sunday July 28 after worship! I'm looking forward to spending time in the Word,

in nature, and with YOU at this retreat! Beth Nielsen, BBC WELCA President

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full".

Theme: John 10:10

RUTH CIRCLE INVITES YOU TO:

- 1. Check out a "backpack" in the Fellowship Hall.
- 2. Fill a "backpack" with school supplies listed on it.
- 3. Check in the returned "backpack" by Aug. 15 at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

Lutheran World Relief school bags are sent where the need is the greatest all over the world. In some places children must have supplies to attend school.



The backpacks should include:

4 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper (8" x 10 ½", no loose-leaf paper); 1 blunt scissors; 1, 12-inch/metric ruler (30 centimeters on one side & inches on other); 1 pencil sharpener; 5 unsharpened pencils with erasers (#2); 5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band; 1 2 ½ inch eraser; 1 box of crayons (16 or 24 crayons)

Place all items in "backpack". All bags should be returned no later than August 15.



Children Ministries

As summer begins to wind down, our minds and plans turn to the ministry activities that fall brings. Just this morning, Pastor Stephan, Deacon Laura and I met to develop the schedule of events through Christmas Eve! Class lists for Sunday school, Wednesday school, and Confirmation classes are starting to take shape, lessons are being ordered and sorted, and there has even been a passing thought about the Christmas program..!

We are looking for a few volunteers for Sunday school and Wednesday school. We lost our All Kids Wednesday school teachers as they decided to go ahead and graduate from High School and go off to college. I'm looking for one or two people to take over this class. The class is for students Kindergarten through 5th grade and uses an all-ages curriculum. Many of the students have siblings in confirmation so it would be a great fit for a parent that has kids in both areas.

Sunday mornings, we need a support volunteer for the preschool classroom. We have a teacher but she will need an extra set of hands to help in the classroom. This would be ideal for a tween or teen, or a parent of a preschooler. If you are interested, please let Miss Beth know atoslcyouth@rushmore.com.

KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE Wednesday, August 21 at 5:30pm, in the conference room.

For many children, kindergarten is the first time they are away from their parents or a special caregiver all day. Come help us mark this Milestone with a special Pizza Party before school starts. We share a meal, create a craft, and learn some special ways to connect with each other at the end of our separate days. Please contact Miss Beth at oslcyouth@rushmore.com to ensure your kindergartner is on the invitation list!

CRADLE ROLL ~ A Ministry by Mail

We are looking for one or two volunteers to add to our Cradle Roll team. We meet every other month. Volunteers have a roster of 7-10 families of children from newborn through 3 years old. Newsletters are mailed to the families monthly; cards and music CDs are sent periodically. All material is provided to the volunteers along with tips and tricks to organize the mailings too. Cradle Roll volunteers like this ministry because it is "behind the scenes" and can be done on one's own time.



MORE ABOUT CRADLE ROLL:



Cradle Roll is one of the ministry tools we offer to support families as they begin their child's Christian education. Cradle Roll team members mail "SPLASH!" an informative newsletter about the spiritual, emotional, and physical development of infants and toddlers. The Cradle Roll team members continue to connect with the family and provide newsletters, birthday cards, etc. throughout the first three years

Important Dates for FALL calendars

September 8 – Back to Sunday school & School Blessings

September 15 – First day of Sunday school

September 15 – Milestone Ministry: Third Grade Bibles and Preschool Bibles

*PreK Bibles are presented to children who are age three by September 1, 2024. If your preschooler has not received a story book Bible, please let Miss Beth know so they can be included on this year's list.

August Faith & Care Group (#3)

Eric & Ashley Anderson Rodney & Jill Barkley James & Lanette Cermak Bryce & Lanna Christensen Sommerlyn Clausen Mike & Erin Delahoyde Sandy Donahue Rick & Paula Farley Dennis & Dayle Finke Chris & Alexis Geuke Deming & Sydney Haugland John & Rosie Heinert Diane Helmberger
Kathy Helmer
Jan Holz
Curt & Lois Jacobs
Nathan Jagim
Jeremy & Amber Keller
Mike & Deb Kimbell
Jeff & Sherry Kloeckl
Jerry & Bonnie Langum
Dave & Mary Lervick
Rocky & Lexi Maier
Adam & Christina Miles

Patty Moe
Chris & Heidi Olson
Jami Olson
Todd & Karen Otterberg
Brad & Lynn Pohlman
Brendan & Brooke Rotert
Pat Rotert
Tom & Bonnie Schramel
Mike & Laura Turner
Seymour & Lawana Volk
Andrea Wager
Cheryl Wormstadt



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

Anyone (beyond this group) is encouraged to sign up! Email sommerlyn.mortensen@gmail.com that you want to receive the link!

Welcome Center Hosts (2):

Arrive 30 minutes before the service begins. Stand by the Welcome Centers (one on each side). Warmly greet each group as they arrive.

Ushers (2):

Arrive 30 minutes before the service begins. Stand by counters by the glass doors of the Sanctuary (one on each side). Welcome each family group or individual as they enter, hand them a bulletin, and assist them to find a seat if necessary. Count all heads in the room and record the number on the chart at the counter. At the time of communion, begin at the **front** and release one row at a time. If there are people in the Southeast section, start them first. Be the last to go up for communion.

Communion assistants (2):

During the Offering, go to the Sacristy behind the altar and wash your hands with soap and water.

Pick up a cup for wine. Then come out and stand by the bell cabinet during the Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer. Pastor will serve you communion. He will then give you a tray of bread (wafers). There are also gluten free wafers in small containers on the rail. Follow the pastor's lead to move to the front of the rail. As each person comes to you, place a wafer on their open hand (without touching the person) saying, "The body of Christ, given for you." If the person asks for gluten free, give them one of the bread containers from the rail. Upon finishing, hand the tray back to the pastor.

Snack providers (4):

Bring 4 dozen cookies or bars to the church kitchen by 8 am on Sunday morning (or on Friday by 3 pm prior to your Sunday).

Coffee Servers (2):

Check in with the Kitchen Coordinator (Pam Englund) by 8:15 am to familiarize yourself with the kitchen and to get instructions. She will have coffee and lemonade prepared. Keep the cookie trays in the kitchen until right before serving. Return to the kitchen after communion. Put cookie trays and coffee urns on the serving table. Be ready to serve at 9:30 am. Serve coffee as people come through the line. Near the end of coffee hour, assist the Kitchen Coordinator with cleanup as instructed—putting things away, washing dishes, wiping down tables/chairs.

Office Notes:

The Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed August 5 and 12.

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

Our website contains the monthly newsletter, monthly calendar, and much more...Check it out at: www.oslcspearfish.com.

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

 $\underline{oslc@rushmore.com}.$

Prefer not to receive a paper copy of our newsletter? Let us send you an email with a link to our newsletter when it is 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!

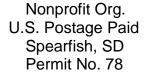
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Beth Nielsen, Director of Children's Ministries

Julie Lee, Office Manager Lisa Williams, Receptionist

Worship: Summer schedule

Sundays 9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

Live stream at 9:00 AM or watch later! Connect through our web site.

Wednesdays 6:26 pm Wednesday Word - Resumes August 7

Church Office located at 1020 State Street Church Phone Number: 605-642-3715

Kitchen/Quilting Phone Number: 605-722-0660

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