

A Little Bit of Sunshine

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September 2025

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TOWARD FALL

Worship at Our Savior's

A reminder: **Sunday, September 7**, 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 10. We will resume on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:26 PM with Wednesday Supper at 5:16 PM!

Confirmation

**7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation:
Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 PM.**

On Wednesday evening, September 10, 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 upcoming Confirmation year. We'll go over some pertinent info for the year and hopefully fill out the acolyte and meal schedule for the year.. The meeting should take about 40 minutes and we'll collect registration forms and fees (\$30.00 per student).

We typically will meet about three Wednesday nights each month 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 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 almost 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). We typically have a short bible study and discussion followed up with weekly check-ins centering around our highs and lows. It is very laid back and set up to be an "attend when you can" kind of format. Our **first gathering** will be Wednesday Sept. 3 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 25/26. (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



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

Yes. Seasons change. So goes the rolling year, and so goes our life together. September always marks a time of change at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, as the calendar suddenly fills to overflowing with the return of Sunday School, Confirmation classes, Wednesday meals and worship, Youth Group gatherings, and a host of other ministries that have taken a breather during the summer months. It's always been a time of renewed excitement for our faith community, and that remains the case for September of 2025.

But with the beginning of this new season, another season comes to a close soon... namely, my time as your pastor. We celebrated Deacon Laura Campbell's 29 years with OSLC on that first Sunday in August, at our annual Worship in the Park. It was an incredible day, with over 350 on hand to recognize her immeasurable contributions to our life and witness together! (I have to say, these weeks since her departure for retirement have left me feeling like I'm missing a limb. And yet, the gratitude I feel for her partnership these last dozen years has a way of dulling the grief I feel at that partnership's close. For real.)

I'm starting to feel the reality of my own retirement creeping nearer, as I plan for my last Sunday with you on **October 12**, a day that I truly hope will be one of celebrating the last nearly thirteen years we've had together. (I'll save further thoughts on that whole reality for next month's newsletter. 😊)

What I'm *most* anxious to share with you in this newsletter is the great good news that your Church Council has already secured an Interim Pastor to guide you into the next season of OSLC's journey! **Pastor Randy Fett** will begin his work among you in October. What's really cool is the fact that Pastor Randy once served here as an Associate Pastor, from 1997 to 2004, so he already has an abiding connection to this place and its people. (Randy is actually coming out of retirement, after serving several interims in larger congregations, just because of his love and appreciation for OSLC... so I know you will be in good hands as you move towards imagining new leadership!) He will introduce himself a bit in the October newsletter, so stay tuned for that...

As we move now into this new season, my prayer for us as a congregation is that we dive fully into it, being about the business of building up in one another a faith in Jesus durable enough to see us through any and whatever change. After all, the one thing we know for a certainty is that "for everything there is a season," and, in all seasons, the Lord of the resurrection leads us.

In gratitude for you,

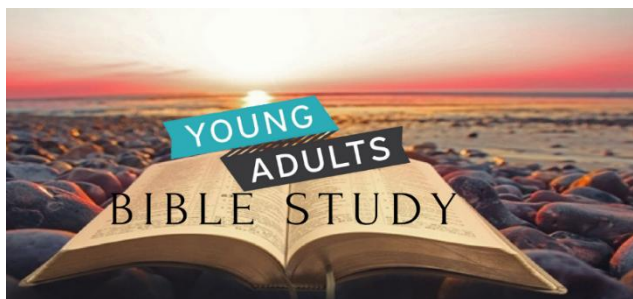
Pastor Stephan Sandness

Wednesday 5:16 PM Meals to resume on Sept. 17



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 17, 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. If your group is interested in providing a meal contact Pam Englund at (605-639-9988) or Julie in the church office (605-642-3715).



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.

First Communion Instruction

**Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 PM and
Sunday, September 21 at 1:00 PM
with First Communion
on September 28**

Each fall we invite a new group of young people to learn more about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We've mailed out an invitation to all kids entering fifth grade (or older are welcome, if they haven't previously been a part of the class) and their parents. We meet for two brief sessions, during which we explore the history and meanings behind the celebration of Holy Communion. (On a personal note, this is one of my favorite classes to teach! We have a good time!) These sessions are designed with



parent/child conversation in mind, so it's important that at least one parent be here with the student. (As a bonus, it really ends up being a good opportunity for adults to brush up on their own understanding of the Lord's Supper!)

This year, our two classes will be held Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 P.M. and on Sunday, September 21 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, September 28. Mark your calendar!

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you have a child *younger* than fifth-grade age who has been showing an active desire to partake of the Sacrament, you as their parent may elect to bring them to these sessions as well. We already have a number of children partaking of Holy Communion earlier than fifth grade. (We aren't constitutionally, confessionally or scripturally bound to any particular age with regard to readiness for Communion. History has dictated our custom, with some Christians communing early and others later. Parents in conversation with me can determine their child's readiness.)

~ Pastor Stephan Sandness

Sunday, September 7

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

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 (please, no liquid body wash), Dark Color Washcloth

Please drop off items by Friday, September 5.

- Adopt-a-Highway Fall Cleanup, September 14** – meet at the church at 12:45 pm.

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

*Lutheran Campus Ministries @ BHSU*

July's Love Your Neighbor Jar raised \$727.41 for Lutheran Disaster Response and \$1,703.38 Spearfish Community Food Pantry.

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**SPEARFISH COMMUNITY
Food Pantry**

Needs for September:

Jelly, rice, pancake mix, peanut butter, spaghetti, pancake syrup.

Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study



"Money, Stewardship and Generosity" by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin

Three sessions:

Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 pm

– "Money – What do we treasure?"

Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 pm

– "Stewardship – How do we tend our treasure?"

Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 pm

– "Generosity – A wideness in God's mercy"

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.



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 14.

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 14 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.

**Julefest Scandinavian
Christmas Festival and Bazaar
December 6, 2025
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 22, Thursday, September 25
Monday, September 29,
and Thursday, October 2
beginning at 8:30 AM

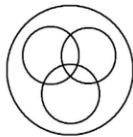
Sessions will be held in the church kitchen. *No experience necessary!* There are many different things to do - so we have a job for everyone! It is always a lot of fun.

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!

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.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

August 10 **Mason Dean McNeese**, child of Meg &
Quillen McNeese



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 5 (9:30 am – Noon)
Wednesday, October 8 (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
Sunday, October 12 (9:30 am – Noon)
Wednesday, October 15 (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!

**Adult Enrichment:
Opportunities for Fall
2025**



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
- *Marthas Gathering* Women's Evening Bible Study
- *Young Adults Bible Study*

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



SENIOR MINISTRY Fall Event:

When: Friday, SEPTEMBER 26
8:50 AM meet at church

What: Trip to Chapel in the Hills
Lunch @ Pizza Ranch
Ellsworth Air & Space Museum
Rapid City

Cost: \$10 on the day of event

Sign up: Sundays September 14 and
21. Or call the Church Office at
605-642-3715

Limited Seats

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.

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.

The SonShine Squad

will meet on Tuesday, Sept 2, at 1:30 pm. If you are interested in joining the SonShine Squad as we visit our home bound folks of OSLC, please call or text Cheryl W at 605-673-1334. If you or someone you know would enjoy a visit from one of our teams, contact me at the same number.

Julefest Scandinavian Christmas Festival and Bazaar December 6, 2025 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

September 2025

How did you feel about your first day back at school? Anxious? Excited? Nervous.... All of the above? I was always excited for school to start, and I find myself many years later being as excited about this fall with WELCA! WELCA provides many opportunities to grow in faith, understanding, and develop deeper friendships with other women in our congregation!

September starts off with the Fall Salad Luncheon/General Meeting on September 4 from 11:30 – 1:00. Deborah Circle has arranged for Paula Culver to be the luncheon speaker. She has been and is a foster parent. Paula will share information about her experiences being a foster parent and about the Black Hills Foster Parent Association. A brief General Meeting will follow the luncheon and speaker.

This is quickly followed by the Fall Retreat on September 5 & 6 at Outlaw Ranch. Information about the conference will be included in the next newsletter update. Many women will be attending the retreat and be renewed and refreshed in their faith.

Regular Circle meetings – are starting! Deborah circle meets on the 2nd Monday at 10:30 AM; Esther Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday at 1:00 PM; and Ruth Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday at 10:00 AM. A study leader in each circle guides the Bible study for the month from the Gather magazine. (Gather is the magazine of the Women of the ELCA and is located online at <https://www.gathermagazine.org>). This fall our study will be on “Money, Stewardship, and Generosity”. The first article in the series is about Money and study questions will discuss and explore the question, “What do you treasure”? Please come and join in!

Another sure sign of fall is that the sign-up sheets for Lefse will be appearing soon! No experience is necessary, and it is a fun time of working together! Dates are Monday September 22; Thursday September 25; Monday September 29 and Thursday October 2!

Please always feel free to call if you have any questions (605)-645-1493. I am looking forward to fall and all of the joys of a new season.

Lori Laughlin
WELCA President



WELCA Fall Salad Luncheon and General Meeting

Thursday, September 4 @ 11:30 AM

*Speaker: Paula Culver
Black Hills Foster Parent Association*

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. Hosted by Deborah Circle.



Circle Meetings

<u>Circle Study Leaders</u>	<u>Deborah Circle</u>
September 3 (Tuesday) @ 10:30 AM	September 8, 10:30 AM Leader: Arlene Hindbjorgen Hostess: Kellie Pummel
<u>Esther Circle</u>	<u>Ruth Circle</u>
September 11, 1:00 PM Leader/Hostess: Janet Baker	September 18, 10:00 AM Leader/Hostess: All

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*



Children's Ministries

PARENTS AS VOLUNTEERS

As September rolls in and we begin another year of Children's Ministries, we are seeking additional volunteer support. We will be asking parents to consider volunteering as a co-teacher or substitute in your children's classrooms. **We aim for two co-teachers per classroom and a dependable substitute list.** The plan allows for flexibility, as some classrooms may require two teachers each week while others may not.

Sunday School Class 9:45 – 10:40	Team Teachers	Substitute List
Little Lambs	Abi Case & <i>teammate needed</i>	Amber Schweigert, Diane Wendt, <i>more needed</i>
PreK/Kindergarten	Kenadi Hayford & <i>teammate needed</i>	
1 st /2 nd Grade	Sydney Haugland & Anne Miller	
3 rd /4 th Grade	Barb Baker & <i>teammate needed</i>	
5th/6 th Grade	Amanda Moser, Ashley Zeigler, Britney Routh	
Wednesday school 5:40 – 6:20	Team Teachers	
All Kids Elementary	Erin Delahoyde & <i>teammate needed</i>	Karyn Scott, Deana Weise
5th/6 th Grade	Amanda Moser, Ashley Zeigler, Britney Routh	

Parents should volunteer to teach Sunday school because it offers a unique opportunity to strengthen their own faith, deepen their connection with their children, and positively impact the lives of other children. Teaching Sunday school allows parents to grow in their understanding of the Bible, develop their communication skills, and contribute to the spiritual development of the next generation. (From Concordia Publishing House blog)

To Volunteer: Contact Miss Beth at bethn2005@gmail.com or call/text to 605-381-8695 or find me any Sunday or Wednesday and I will get you hooked up! OR you can just show up for Volunteer Training September 7th at 10:45am downstairs.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 RALLY DAY!

Blessing Tags: Students, teachers, and education staff will receive blessing tags at both the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services.

9:45 – ALL KIDS & THEIR PARENTS & FAMILIES will meet in the sanctuary for MUSIC, PRAYERS, & FUN!

10:00 – We will visit classrooms downstairs to sign in and meet the teachers.

- Sunday school is offered for kids from age three – 6th grade
- Parents, please stop at the registration table to update information and complete a short survey

September Calendar

The September Calendar is stocked full of events!!

September 7 – RALLY DAY & Back to School Blessings! [Return to two worship services at 8:30 & 10:45]

September 14 – First day of Sunday school at 9:45 in the Sanctuary

September 14 – **Third Grade Bibles** and **Preschool Bibles** during either worship service

**PreK Bibles are presented to children who are age three by September 1, 2025*

September 17 – First night of Wednesday school at 5:40pm; Supper at 5:15

September 18 – **Fifth Grade** First Communion Class with Pastor Stephan at 6:30pm
(Thursday evening).

September 21 – **Third Grade** Bible Class with Pastor Stephan at 9:45 in the Quad downstairs

September 21 – **Preschool Bible** Class with Miss Beth at 10:00am in the Little Lambs room

September 21 – First Communion Class with Pastor Stephan at 1:00pm and Bread making

September 28 – First Communion Milestone Event in worship at either service



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 12, 2025 - 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 Pastor Stephan at 6:35 pm. Members present were Andy Binder, Sherry Kloeckl, Pam Tyma, Laura Bosworth, David Pummel, Lana Main, Deming Haugland, Pastor Stephan Sandness. Attending via ZOOM were Mike Steffen, Karson Klein. Special guest Pastor Randy Fett.
2. **What's on top:** Members spoke about summer vacations, country songs, fishing, jobs, and back to school schedules!
3. **Devotions:** Pastor Stephan read from Hebrews the 11th Chapter. Perseverance comes before us - Clouds of witnesses remains. He remembers the pep talks from his college cross country coach using these texts as he begins his transition and reflection.
4. **Action Item-**The agenda was approved as presented. Deming Haugland moved. Pam Tyma seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Action Item-**Approval of June and July Council minutes. Sherry Kloeckl moved to approve as presented. Pam Tyma seconded. Motion carried.
6. **Action Item-** June/July Treasurers reports were presented by David Pummel. Nothing extraordinary was noted, dedicated accounts are all looking good. June income was \$43,872.84 with expenses of \$46,966.70. YTD income sits at \$310,069.37 with expenses of \$303,930.89. Leaving us with a current surplus of \$6,138.48. Laura Bosworth moved to approve report as presented. Deming Haugland seconded. Motion carried. July income was \$44,451.96 with expenses of \$49,555.13. YTD income sits at \$354,521.33 with expenses of \$353,486.22. Leaving us with a surplus of \$1,035.11. Deming Haugland moved to approve as presented. Laura Bosworth seconded. Motion carried. Added note, all fellowship chairs are bought and paid for! A hearty thanks to all that made this "comfortable" upgrade happen for us all!!
7. **Ministerial Staff Reports:** Only one this month! Pastor Stephan reported on a beautiful service in the park with 350 in attendance. Weather was perfect, food was great and fellowship was a blessing for our faithful Deacon Laura's send off into retirement. He returned from vacation to officiate at seven funerals. He stated how in awe of the funeral kitchen committee he is and the job they do in ministering to the families and friends of the grieving. How our fellowship hall becomes a family reunion of sorts. Job well done ladies! He has also done several baptisms, with a wedding scheduled in September. August began the wrap-up transition that will lead into the busy month of September. Beginning of school, confirmation, and then full hand off to our Interim Minister in October. Confirmation and youth group will be led by Chris Blain.
8. **Committee Updates-** Mission Team: Clothe A Kid shared church's donation was \$7700. Diaper drive for Pine Ridge has been completed. Hygiene kits donations are being collected and will be assembled 9/7/2025. They will kick off Wednesday meals 9/17/25. Senior Ministry held their picnic in June with 50 attending. Bless The Years, honoring those over 80, will be 8/17/25. They are planning the fall outing for 9/26/25.
9. **Action Item:** Two bids were reviewed for removing and replacing the asphalt in the parking lots. One from Sacrison Paving for \$7800 for a larger portion and one from Black Hills Asphalt for a smaller portion for \$4740. Funds to cover this expense will come from the Repair/Replace line item. Motion to approve made by Mike Steffen. Seconded by David Pummel. Motion carried.

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10. Introduction of Interim Pastor Randy Fett-

Pastor Randy introduced himself and role of the interim pastor, how the call process works. He presented his Interim Ministry Proposal to the council for consideration in the hiring process. Pastor Fett then left the meeting. There was a motion to approve his resume by Sherry Kloeckl, seconded by Pam Tyma. Motion carried. The Executive council will move forward with the contract completion.

11. Meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:20 followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Kloeckl

Trea\$urer's Report

As of July 31, 2025

Year-to-date Offerings:	\$354,393.82
Year-to-date Expenses:	\$353,486.22
Year-to-date Budget:	\$451,097.50

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!**

Servers are needed as:

- Welcome center hosts
- Ushers
- Communion assistants
- Snack providers
- Coffee Server



This QR Code link to SignUp Genius will allow you to sign up at your convenience.

Job Descriptions are posted by the Church Kitchen for your information. Questions or need help signing up? Contact Sommerlyn Clausen at 605-381-5422

Music Ministry Transition

In this season of change at OSLC, we bid farewell to Carissa Deming, who has served as our Senior Choir and Bell Choir Director since January of 2022. She has been an incredible gift to our worship life, and we wish her an abundance of blessings as she moves on to pursue her career at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa! Below are her words to you...

Hello all,

It is with a full heart that I share some news with you. As many of you know I've been working on completing my Masters degree in Adult and Higher Education Administration and Leadership over the past few years, and I officially graduated this summer. Finishing my degree allowed me to pursue leadership positions within the TRIO grants world, and after much thought and prayer, I have accepted a new position as the TRIO Student Support Services Grant Director at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and will not be returning as the Senior Choir Director this coming year.

This was not an easy decision. Leading the Senior and Bell choir has been such an honor and has brought me such joy. I've loved every Sunday and Wednesday of singing, ringing, laughing, and praising God together. Your music and fellowship have touched not only the congregation but also my heart in ways that I will carry with me forever. The dedication, warmth, and faith you bring to every rehearsal and worship service have made directing both choirs an absolute blessing.

I will miss our time together dearly, but I also trust that God has wonderful things in store for each of you and for the beautiful music ministry at OSLC. Thank you for letting me be a part of it for the past few years. 💖

Sincerely yours,

Carissa Deming

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





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 or follow" our facebook page.

www.facebook.com/oslcspearfish

Scriptures

- Sept. 7 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33
- Sept. 14 Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10
- Sept. 21 Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13
- Sept. 28 Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

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!

Office Notes:

The church office and the Good Shepherd Clinic will be closed Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

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

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Northern Hills Area CASA
promotes and protects the
best interests of abused and
neglected children through
the advocacy efforts of
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Discover how you can make a
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16, at 6:00 PM at our office.



For more information, call
605-722-4558 or
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New Volunteer Orientation: September 25; 6:00 - 7:00 PM

New Volunteer Training: September 29, October 6, 9, 13, 16, 20; 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Courtroom Training: October 23; 5:00 - 7:00 PM

YOU can change a child's story!

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office Closed Good Shepherd Clinic Closed	2 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 10:30 AM Circle Study Leaders 1:30 PM SonShine Squad 5:30 PM Education Comm. 6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study @ OSLC	3 9:30 AM WELCA Board Mtg. 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	4 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 11:30 AM WELCA General Meeting & Salad Luncheon 12:30 PM Quilters	5 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR <div> WELCA Bear Butte Conference Women's Fall Retreat, Outlaw Ranch </div>	6
7 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service Rally Sunday "God's work. Our hands." Back to School & Sunday School Blessings	8 10:30 AM Deborah Circle 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	9 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Finance Comm. 6:30 PM Church Council 6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study	10 6:00 PM Confirmation Orientation No Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	11 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilters 1:00 PM Esther Circle	12 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	13 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship 4:00 PM Wedding Marissa Hight/Hunter Terhark
14 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service 12:45 PM Adopt-a-Highway Fall Clean-up Presentation of 3-Year-Old and 3rd Grade Bibles	15 10:30 AM Senior Ministry Committee 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Pastor's Day Off	16 8:30 AM Fix-it Group 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Marthas Gathering Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study	17 10:00 AM Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Worship Service 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	18 10:00 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilters 6:30 PM First Communion Class, Pt.	19 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR Newsletter Items Due	20 
21 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Education Hour 9:45 AM Third Grade Bible Class with Pastor Stephan 9:45 AM Pre-K Bible Class With Miss Beth 10:45 AM Joyful Journey-led Worship Service 1:00 PM First Communion Class, Pt. 2	22 8:30 AM Lefse Making 1:00 PM Yarn Ministry 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Clinic Autumnal Equinox Pastor's Day Off	23 8:30 AM Fix-It Group 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Two on Tuesday Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study	24 10:45 AM Edgewood Vista Worship Service 5:15 PM Confirmation 5:16 PM Wednesday Supper 5:40 PM Wednesday School 6:26 PM Wednesday Word 7:10 PM HS Youth @ TLR	25 8:30 AM Lefse Making 12:00 PM Lunch @ TLR 12:30 PM Quilters	26 6:00 AM Christian Business Men's Group at TLR 7:00 AM GSC Board Mtg. 8:50 AM Senior Ministry Fall Outing	27 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship
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Worship:

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. 17*)
6:26 PM Wednesday Word

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prayer, fellowship and service through Jesus Christ.