

THE REPORTER



Grace and peace to you from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the church we use what we call the church calendar, which gives us the season of the church year. It begins with Advent and then Christmas, Lent and Easter. Between these seasons, we have what is called Ordinary Time the color for this time is green.

Since Covid began in early 2020, finding ordinary time hasn't been very easy. Going from a full schedule to nothing to slowing opening has been the reality for the last few years. What I've found is that I miss "ordinary". Ordinary with its consistent calendar and schedule. Ordinary with its natural rhythms that we grow accustomed to. What I've found is that finding that ordinary rhythm hasn't been very easy.

This year however feels different, in that it almost feels ordinary. At church we've been busy planning for the fall, getting calendars filled, making plans for Sunday school, worship, confirmation, adult education and more. For the first time in a long time, I pray that this fall we are back on ordinary time. Time that is consistent, time that we know and understand.

Thinking about ordinary, this month look for the fall schedule. We will begin our ordinary schedule on kick off Sunday (the second Sunday of September). We will have orientations for confirmation in early September. Even though this it feels like we are back to ordinary, as is normal there will be a few changes this fall. Bible study will now be on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Confirmation will be split into two sections, the 7th graders will meet from 6:00-6:30 p.m., and the 8th graders will meet from 6:30-7:00 p.m., there will be no meal before confirmation this year. Youth group will be from 7:00-8:ish p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The rest is ordinary to our normal schedule!

As the summer gives way to fall, I pray you enjoy the last bits of summer, and are refreshed and renewed to begin our ordinary schedule this fall.

In Christ,
Pr. Jared Rakness

Generosity & Missions

June Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$24,714.11

Actual Monthly Expenses: \$42,913.48

Actual YTD Income: \$204,518.42

Actual YTD Expenses: \$215,428.29

80+ Birthday

18 - Marv Wieman

21 - Robert Oyen

23 - Frances Getz

27 - Pat Hartnett



Funerals

July 27 - Jerry Hartnett

Ministry Teams will meet on Wednesday, August 2 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Dining Room.

If you are not a part of a team yet but would like to be, please contact the church office or just show up! Help us plan the upcoming programming year!



New Member Orientation

Are you interested in joining West Nidaros? Or maybe just want to learn a little bit more before committing. We have two opportunities this fall to meet with the membership team to do just that. Wednesday, September 13 at 6 p.m., we will meet in the Heritage Dining Room or on Sunday, September 17 at 9:35 a.m. in the Martin Luther Room. If you do choose to join, we will welcome you during our One Worship on Sunday, October 1. Please contact the church office if you will be joining us for orientation or would like more information about West Nidaros.

The Chosen

The Chosen series showing will start back up on Wednesdays in August at 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room.

Baltic Food Bank Wish List

Coffee, Juice, Canned chicken, Tuna, Flour, Cookie Mixes, Cake Mixes, Syrup, Salad Dressing, Knorr Sides, Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Snacks, Sugar, Oil, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ketchup, Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Saltine Crackers, Snack Crackers, Spaghetti Sauce, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Personal Hygiene Items

Monetary Donations are welcome – Please mail to:
PO Box 244, Baltic, SD 57003

The Baltic Food Bank is open to all residents of Baltic and Crooks. It is open the second Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., as well as the fourth Saturday of every month from 10:30-11:30 a.m., as well as by emergency appointment by calling 605-529-5032.

Time & Talent

As we gear up for a new school year, we want to know what your Time & Talents are that you are willing to share at West Nidaros.



Please take some time to fill out the Time & Talent survey found on our Church Center app or at westnidaros.org.

Thank you to all who donated your unused Bibles and devotional materials. We sent 35lbs to Love Packages in Illinois to be sent to countries where people want and need them. Please continue to put those Christian materials in the box designated in the shelves beside the main door. Any questions please call Cindy Johnson 359-1758



Tack, Pack, Snack, & Yak

WELCA Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Women of the Evangelical Church, West Nidaros, was called to order by Jolene Wehde on July 11 after a brunch. In recognition of our recent Independence Day Joan Eitrheim read several prayers for our nation’s restoration and a commentary which defined this nation as a “vision of hope for the world”.

Sharon Hoekman presented treasurer’s report which was approved.

Jolene Wehde reported on her participation in SD WELCA Synodical Convention in Rapid City on June 21 and ff. Their motif was “all are welcome here”.

To come: Cookies will be served in lieu of cinnamon rolls on July 16 coffee hour.

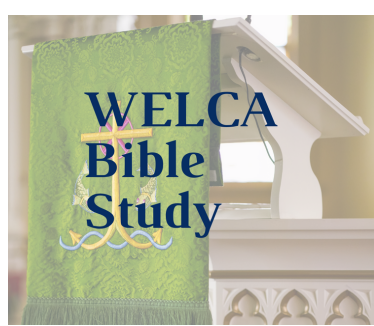
School supplies will be purchased shortly for overseas school supply donation. Suggestion was made to apply for Thrivent card next mid-June to pay for school supplies.

Prayer concerns included Linda Olinger, Bob and Gail Carlson and Paul and Jan Anderson. Meeting was closed with the Lord’s prayer.

Women of West Nidaros Happenings



- 1 - Projects
- 8 - Brunch & Projects
- 15 - Projects
- 22 - Projects
- 29 - Projects



August 23 | 1:30 p.m.



Watch the weekly email for when “Cookies for Campers” fellowship following worship is happening.

SAVE THE DATE

Harvest Dinner | September 23

Join West Nidaros and Benton Lutheran Churches for

Worship in the Park

Sunday,
August 13, 2023

NEW HOPE
PARK
in Crooks

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Worship
Free lunch following
worship

Students & teachers are invited for
a blessing of the new school year!

Please bring a lawn chair.



 WEST NIDAROS
children, youth & family
ministry

I'm SO excited to welcome our students for another year of Sunday school! We begin our Sunday school year with 3 major milestones:

1. On Sunday, September 17, our 3rd grade students receive their first bible, The Adventure Bible, through the generosity of WELCA. Their parents fulfill the promise made at their child's baptism to "place in their hands the holy scriptures." Third grade students will now have God's Word at their fingertips.



2. At our One Worship service at 9:30 on October 1, we will bless our new 3 year old students by giving them a Prayer Pillow as they begin their Sunday school journey. This Prayer Pillow is a soft, snuggly reminder that God is always with us and always hears us when we pray.

3. On Sunday, October 29, our 9th grade students will Affirm their Baptism by proclaiming their faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed.



The students in these classes are three, four, eight, nine, fourteen, or fifteen years old. This is a wide range of ages where they are experiencing God and growing in faith in amazing ways!

We are seeking adults to come alongside our students in preschool through 6th grade and be a co-Sunday school teacher. You do NOT have to know ALL the answers. My favorite answer to tell students is, "that's a great question! Let's ask Pastor Jared!" Each class has at least 2 teachers, so you can teach together or take turns. The curriculum follows the church lectionary and scripture lessons each week. The message students hear in church is the SAME as the lesson they have in Sunday school. Sunday school teacher training is Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. Please let me know if you're willing to be a co-teacher this year.

"So deeply do we care for you that are not only willing to share the gospel of God, but our very selves because you have become so dear to us." 2 Thessalonians 2:8

Love in Christ,
Jessi Rakness * Director of Faith Formation * 605-413-8412 *jessirakness@gmail.com

Confirmation

Confirmation for West Nidaros 7th & 8th grade students will kick off with orientation for students and parents on September 6 at 6 p.m. Lessons will begin the following Wednesday with 7th grade students meeting at 6 p.m. and 8th grade at 6:30 p.m. There will be no meal this year. Watch for a letter with all the details of what this year will look like. You can register your student today at westnidaros.org or on the Church Center app.

High School Ministry

High School Ministry will start on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:05 p.m. in the youth room. However, we will meet on September 6 at 7:05 p.m. to choose the next summer trip! We are looking at doing a service trip this year so come find out what the options are!

iFaith

iFaith will also be starting back up on September 13 at 4:00 p.m. All 4th-6th grade students are welcome!

Giving Hope to Children Around the World

Fourteen years ago, Jargalmaa thought it was just another school day when her teacher made a surprising announcement. She told the class that a local church was hosting a special event and they were all invited. Jargalmaa didn't know it at the time, but the Operation Christmas Child outreach she attended at age seven would change the rest of her life. "It was such an exciting day. There was worship, and there were so many children" she said. "When I received my gift, it had everything." Jargalmaa rejoiced over her first gift ever. This pretty stationery inside would be immediately put to use in the upcoming school year. Her favorite item was a set of hair clips that she proudly showed to her classmates and even shared with her teacher. Now as an adult, Jargalmaa still looks back on that day with fond memories. (*head to westnidaros.org/mission to read more of Jargalmaa's story*)



Operation Christmas Child is coming again this November. We would like to try something new to see if we can increase the number of boxes our congregation donates. We will have boxes for you to take and fill yourself in October but starting now we can all contribute what you are able. There will be containers labeled OCC on the shelves by the front door that you can add to. As an example, if you see a sale on items such as girls hair clips, bands, combs or related item-- buy a bunch. Any small item that fits in a shoebox that a child from ages 2-14 would like would be used. In November, we will fill boxes with the items and add what is needed. With all the end of summer clearance sales you can find items for \$1. Working as a team we can fill more shoeboxes. Suggestions for items to fill a shoebox will be on the shelves too.

We would also like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God's love. Jargalmaa said. "What's written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody's life." And, there's no telling how God will use a changed life! What a simple way for each of us to do this. Any questions please call Cindy 605359-1758.



July Council Meeting Minutes Summary

For a full copy, please go to westnidaros.org/publications or a paper copy can be found by the church council bulletin board by the library.

Report of Property Manager: all lights are in – waiting on Builders Electric to come put them in. Glass Doctor came and looked at the balcony; it does not meet code. Current estimate is \$4,352.05 to add glass railing on top of existing wood balcony, height is 16 ¼". Anderson's were out and sprayed for mice. Basement water issue – Rapid Foundation Repair previously provided a bid 1 year ago/we would need a current estimate prior to making any further decisions

New Business:

- 1.Extra Fund Use – Glass Doctor quote (above in Property Mngr Report) -MSC Cheryl Anderson/Jennie Riddle take from Undesignated Memorials
- 2.Sunday School Room Remodel – Jennie Criddle working w/Jessi Rakness & Nichole Finnesand on this project. Some things have been purchased and some are in quote status. Awaiting some final approvals to complete the project.
- 3.Update TVs on Carts – Pastor Jared estimates \$800 for new TV and cart (purchase 1 for now), MSC Jennie Criddle/Chris Langloss
- 4.Speakers in Cry Room – Pastor Jared has it; now it's connecting it properly
- 5.Possibly add more lighting – Chris Langloss will get another bid when Builders Electric comes out

Report of Pastor: working with members of history committee to update/maintain record of Art Moe money donations, cemetery plot photo will be placed in hallway near library area, 7th & 8th grade confirmation classes will be split to focus more on appropriate items, Pastor attending Horse Creek Thursday July 20, VBS begins this upcoming Sunday July 23rd

Thank You: Becky Langloss & Michelle Moeller for attending Rainbow Trail Camp

Next Meeting: Aug 20th/10:45 pm

Next Ministry Team Meeting: Aug 2nd/7:00pm



CONFIRMATION CAMP
@ OKOBOJI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP
JUNE 11-16, 2023



SUMMER IFAITH - VOLUNTEERING AT FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA



COMPASS POINTS ADVENTURE @ RAINBOW TRAIL LUTHERAN CAMP
JULY 8-15, 2023



Newsletter cover picture is the peak picture from the trip as well!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 23-26, 2023



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am-4pm Office Open 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray	2 9am-4pm Office Open 7pm Ministry Team Meetings	3 9am-2:30pm Office Open 2:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5
6 <i>Communion</i> 9:30am Worship	7 9am-4pm Office Open 5:00pm Exercise Class	8 9am-4pm Office Open 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray	9 9am-4pm Office Open 7pm The Chosen	10 9am-2:30pm Office Open 2:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13 <i>Worship in the Park</i> 9:30am Fellowship 10am Worship 11am Lunch	14 9am-4pm Office Open 5:00pm Exercise Class	15 9am-4pm Office Open 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray	16 9am-4pm Office Open 7pm The Chosen	17 9am-2:30pm Office Open 2:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19
20 9:30am Worship 10:45am Church Council Meeting	21 9am-4pm Office Open 10:00am WELCA Crossroads Meeting 5:00pm Exercise Class	22 9am-4pm Office Open 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray	23 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9am-4pm Office Open 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study 7pm The Chosen	24 9am-2:30pm Office Open 2:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26
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Summer Worship:

In Person & Live Stream at 9:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fridays: Closed



Sharing Christ's Love with All!

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