

# THE REPORTER



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

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

I recently listened to a sermon given for the retirement celebration for the first pastor I can remember. The sermon, delivered by his son who is not a pastor, was titled "Jesus Only". He told his son that over the course of 43 years of ministry, this was the title of every sermon he preached. Jesus only. Not with lofty words, or great earthly power and glory, but in weakness and in fear and much trembling we preach Jesus only.

The Apostle Paul tells the church in Corinth that he decided to know nothing among them except Jesus Christ and him crucified. This is the same preaching that Paul has handed down to each and every subsequent generation in the church, we preach Christ Alone, we know Jesus only. Everything we do is centered on this, Jesus only. Worship is Jesus only, Sunday school, bible studies, confirmation, and everything else we do is centered in Jesus only.

Why is this important, why does this matter? Because it is Jesus only who forgives our sins. It is Jesus only who sets us free from sin and death. It is Jesus only who taking our sins, entered death and destroyed it through his resurrection. It is Jesus only who gives us a promise that not only carries us through this life, but carries us into eternal life. Jesus only.

No matter the time of year, whether we are in the middle of our program year or in the midst of the warmth and quiet of summer. This one thing stays constant, Jesus only. May this promise, Jesus only stay with you, may it bless you and keep you, and may it sustain you and give you peace.

In Christ,  
Pr. Jared Rakness

# Generosity & Missions

## April Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$47,469.06  
Actual Monthly Expenses: \$34,436.85  
Actual YTD Income: \$156,043.58  
Actual YTD Expenses: \$139,093.63

## 80+ Birthday

### June

8 - Lorraine Rye  
14 - Betty Quarve  
25 - Lila Langloss



### July

17 - Nila France

## Baptism

Silas Baker Lopez

Parents: Natasha & Santiago Lopez

William Lee Whitsell

Parents: Nathan & Erica (Ramstad) Whitsell

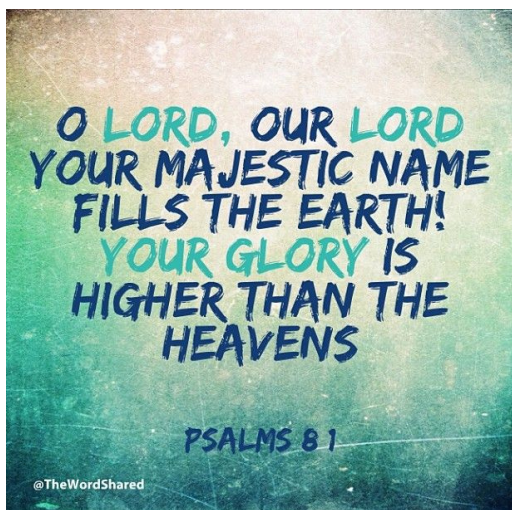


## New Members

Gary & Michelle Black, Tanner, Brooklyn & Dawson

## The Banquet

The West Nidaros service committee will be participating in serving at the Banquet this year in coordination with Benton church. We are serving at the Banquet West located at 710 N. Marion Rd. on Monday, June 5. Volunteers need to be 13 years or older. If interested in helping please reach out to Megan Faber at 605-521-3512 or [mew09@live.com](mailto:mew09@live.com). Also have a sign up located in the narthex. Thank you for your continued service!



## Baltic Food Bank Wish List

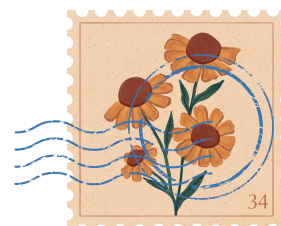
Coffee, Juice, Canned chicken, Tuna, Flour, Cookie Mixes, Cake Mixes, Syrup, Salad Dressing, Knorr Sides, Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Snacks, Sugar, Oil, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ketchup, Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Saltine Crackers, Snack Crackers, Spaghetti Sauce, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Personal Hygiene Items

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.

## Did You Know?

The Alliance Stamp ministry located in Fort Myers, Florida collects cancelled postage stamps. They Package them into packets for 100 or 500 and sold in lots of 50 pound boxes and sold to wholesalers who in turn sell them to stamp collectors. Funds raised from these sales go toward the cost of publishing Sunday school materials in Spanish for use in Latin America, Spain, and the U.S.



There is a box for your stamps located on the shelves just south of the main door in the West Nidaros Narthex.

**Ministry Teams** will meet on Wednesday, June 7 and July 12 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!



# 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 May 9 after a brunch. Reflections on Mothers' Day and Memorial Day were presented by Joan Eitheim. Treasurer's report presented by Sharon Hoekman was accepted by vote after a motion and second.

Three benevolences sponsored by WELCA were discussed:

- Collection of Crossroads Bookstore (1220 W 41st St, Sioux Falls) receipts to be deposited in a container in church library. These will be redeemed for cash for benevolence purposes.
- Collection of cancelled stamps which are redeemed for cash. Deposit in a basket on shelves just south of door to narthex.
- Collection of Bibles (new or pre-read) to be distributed as needed. See Cindy Johnson for details.

Sharon Hoekman presented thank you notes from various local recipients of our quilts. Our planned quarry tour on May 23 and May 30 was discussed.

Prayer concerns: Linda Olinger.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Lorraine Hafstad

## WELCA Conference

"All are Welcome" to join with the SD synodical WELCA from June 21 - 23 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City. This annual event will begin with a Vesper service at the Chapel in the Hills on June 21st and programming at Calvary on the 22nd and 23rd. The theme verse is from 1 Cor. 16:14 "Let all you do, be done in love." For more information, check with Sharon Hoekman or Jolene Wehde. Pre-registration is recommended by June .

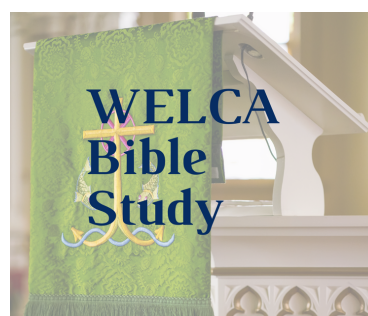
## Women of West Nidaros Happenings

### June

- 6 - Projects
- 13 - Brunch & Projects
- 20 - Projects
- 27 - Projects

### July

- 4 - No Meeting
- 11 - Brunch & Project
- 18 - Projects
- 25 - Projects



- June 28 - 1:30 p.m.
- July 26 - 1:30 p.m.

Watch the WN Weekly for when Rolls for Campers will be served following worship during fellowship time.

## Shetek Quilt Auction

The 37th Annual Shetek Quilt auction will be held on June 24 at Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp. There is a preview of auction items from 8:30 - 10 and the auction begins at 10:30. There is a poster with more information on the bulletin board.



## SAVE THE DATE

Harvest Dinner | September 23



 WEST NIDAROS  
*children, youth & family*  
ministry

### iFaith SUMMER Edition!

**WHO:** students who have completed 4th-6th grade

**WHEN:** June 21 & 28, July 12 & 19

**WHAT:** Morning service project, afternoon FUN!

**HOW:** Registration can be found at [westnidaros.org](http://westnidaros.org) or on the church center app! Please register by June 11.

#### THE DETAILS:

On June 21, July 12 & 19, we'll meet at Feeding South Dakota at 8:50 a.m. (4701 N. Westport Ave. Sioux Falls). Students **MUST** wear closed toed shoes (NO sandals or cros). *Please go to [feedingsouthdakota.com](http://feedingsouthdakota.com) to fill out their volunteer waiver.* We'll be done working at 12:00. Students need to bring a lunch that we'll eat when we're done.

On June 21 & July 12, we'll go to a Sioux Falls pool at 1:00. Bring your pool pass if you have one. Otherwise, church will cover the cost. We'll leave Terrace Park at 3:30 and return to church at 4:00.

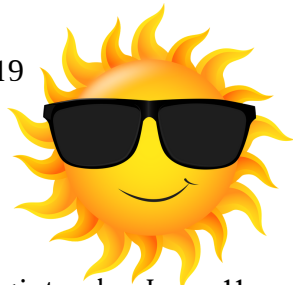
On June 28 our service project will be at church (cleaning Sunday school rooms, restocking the children's worship bags, picking up garbage outside, etc.). We'll eat our bag lunch and go to Thunder Road for 2 hours (package paid for by the church). We'll return to church around 3:30.

On July 19 after Feeding SD is done at 12:00, we'll eat our bag lunch on the way to Wild Water West. We'll swim until 3:30 and return to church at 4:00.

We are in need of drivers to and from sites. You do not need to stay, just transport students! Please contact Jessi if you can help out!

### Confirmation Camp

Students who are heading to Okoboji Bible Camp for confirmation camp will be carpooling to camp on Sunday, June 8. We will meet at West Nidaros at 2:30 p.m. Please let Elise know if you will be driving!



### Vacation Bible School

**WHEN:** July 23-26 | 6:00-8:00 pm

**WHO:** students who have completed preschool through 3rd grade!

**WHAT:** Each night we'll have music, games, craft, snack, and a lesson about a miracle that happens in the bible.

**HOW:** Registration can be found at [westnidaros.org](http://westnidaros.org) or on the church center app.

#### Theme: IT'S A MIRACLE!

Sunday, July 23 we'll have a catered dinner for **EVERYONE** starting at 5:00 in the Family Life Center. We'll have food, yard games, and fellowship! **ALL** are welcome!

Students 4th grade and older and adults are invited to volunteer to lead a group from station to station or to lead a station (crafts are planned and purchased for you; oversee the inflatable game; or put out the snack are already purchased).

### Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Trip

We have 11 students and 2 adults heading to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in July for a week of hiking in God's creation and experiencing community in a new way.

Please keep this group in

your prayers as they travel and have this experience together.

McKenzie Atwood, Brianna Bunde, Logan Ellison, Levi Langloss, Isaac Langloss, Cody Lofswold, Karsten Moller, Konner Moller, Holden Rise, Austin Reuter, Brookelyn Stieben. Adults are: Becky Langloss and Michelle Moller



### **Congratulations to Dr. Mary Brendtro**

Mary Brendtro was recognized with a DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award this year from Augustana University. Mary's career spans over 57 years including being a department head at Augustana and heavy involvement with the South Dakota Nurses Association.

The sculpture she received is called the Healer's Touch and is carved out of serpentine stone by artists in Zimbabwe.

Congratulations Mary!



### **FUN ALL CHURCH SUMMER EVENTS**

JUNE 25, 2023 | 11 AM

## **WEST NIDAROS PICNIC POTLUCK**

Join us for a summer picnic potluck following worship. We will be grilling burgers and hotdogs, you provide the sides!  
There will be yard games and fun for all!

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KICK OFF**

WHEN: Sunday, July 23 | 5 p.m.

WHAT: Catered meal to kick off the start of VBS. There will also be an inflatable and yard games.

WHERE: Family Life Center

WHO: Everyone is welcome! Plus it's FREE!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Worship in the Park

August 13 | Sunset Park in Crooks

### **Summer Book Notes:**

We usually take the summer off, but this year took May off from book club due to availability of our next read. We will be reading

*Transcendent Kingdom* by

Yaa Gyasi.

*Transcendent Kingdom* is a deeply moving portrait of a family of Ghanaian immigrants ravaged by depression and addiction and grief—a novel about faith, science, religion, love. Exquisitely written,

emotionally searing, this is an exceptionally powerful follow-up to Gyasi's phenomenal debut ("Homegoing"). It's the story of a family that immigrated from a small town in Ghana to Alabama in order to pursue their own version of the American dream. They struggle to adjust, assimilate and integrate into the mainly-white Alabama society.

The books will be available June 25 (possibly earlier) in the black bag in church library and due back middle of August. Those who sign up for a book will be contacted regarding meeting date/time (end of July). If you download the book and don't take a hard copy, please sign your name on the sheet so you can be contacted with book club details. Happy reading!



# June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9am-2:30pm Office Open 2:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	2 Office Closed	3
4 Communion 9:30am Worship 10:30am Whitsell Baptism Lunch 10:30am Lorraine Rye 95th Birthday	5 9am-4pm Office Open 5:00pm Exercise Class	6 9am-4pm Office Open 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray	7 9am-4pm Office Open 7pm Ministry Team Meetings	8 9am-2:30pm Office Open 2:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	9 Office Closed	10
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Confirmation Camp @Okoboji						
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## Connect with us!

Website: [westnidaros.org](http://westnidaros.org)

Facebook: @WestNidarosLutheranChurch



Instagram @westnidaros 

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

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