

THE REPORTER



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

This has been one of the strangest winters I can remember. Last year at this point we had feet of snow on the ground, but this year what snow we have gotten is already gone, save for the piles in the parking lot. It seems like spring has come early this year, just like Lent and Easter are early. As we begin March we are already close to half way through Lent, and speeding our way to Holy Week and Easter.

We began lent in Mark's Gospel this year, which as one of my old seminary professors once remarked, Mark is the Gospel with its foot on the gas. Mark, like spring weather this year, isn't waiting or filling his Gospel with extra stories. Mark is moving quickly to one place, the cross, the place where Jesus took all of our sins and death into himself.

The signs of death are all around us during the winter months. The grass is brown, the fields barren, the tree bare. But with spring comes the promise of new life, the promise of green grass and fields, and trees that proudly display their colorful leaves.

Jesus did not come to bring death, he came to end death, he came to bring new life. Mark can't wait to get to this point in his telling of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Good News is too much to hold back, for death itself has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection.

God's blessings to you all.

In Christ,
Pr. Jared Rakness

Generosity & Missions

January Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$35,634.41
Actual Monthly Expenses: \$28,033.93
Actual YTD Income: \$35,634.41
Actual YTD Expenses: \$28,033.93

80+ Birthday

7 - Janis Haagenon
13 - Paul Anderson



February Baptism

18 - Jett James Renner
Parents: Dan & Abby Renner



Souper Bowl of Caring Scoreboard:

Cookie Jar \$692.03
Soup Cook-off \$474.00
Well done, TEAM! \$1166.03

Thank you for your participation and commitment to tackling hunger! The Baltic Food Bank and Feeding South Dakota will split your generous donations! Congratulations to Sheryl Engler (1st place for Aloha Chili) and Nicole Questad (runner-up for Corn Chowder) for winning the Soup Cook-off competition!



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.

Mobile Food Bank

The West Nidaros Missions and Outreach Group will be volunteering at the Charis Mobile Food Bank in collaboration with Benton on Thursday April 11 at Messiah New Hope Lutheran (5001 E Madison St, Sioux Falls). We are in need of volunteers for the event as well as donations.

For volunteers we need 3 to work set as well as distribution from 4:15-7:30 and then 10 volunteers for distribution from 5:15-7:30.



Under the age of 12 can volunteer with adult present with them. Donations needed are cereal, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo. There will be designated boxes in narthex area to put donations. If willing to volunteer for event will be sign up in narthex area or you can email Megan Faber at mew09@live.com. Please also feel free to reach out with additional questions regarding the event!



Tack, Pack, Snack, & Yak

Women of West Nidaros Dates

- 5 - TPSY Projects
- 12 - TPSY Brunch & Projects
- 19- TPSY Projects
- 26 - TPSY Projects
- 27 - Bible Study @ 1:30 p.m.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

The women at TPSY are putting together health kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to assist us, we are collecting new bath towels, regular size bar soap, and single packaged toothbrushes. These items can be brought to the basement quilting tables or give them to Sharon Hoekman or Jolene Wehde. Thank you in advance for any donations!

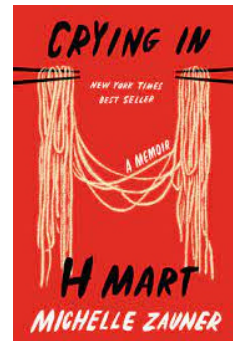
Easter Flowers

Altar Guild will be selling Easter flowers March 10 and 17 for the beautification of our church this Easter season.



Book Club

March book club selection is the memoir *Crying In H Mart*. Michelle Zauner tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Eugene, Oregon; of struggling with her mother's particular, high expectations of her; of a painful adolescence; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond, late at night, over heaping plates of food.



As she grew up, moving to the East Coast for college, finding work in the restaurant industry, and performing gigs with her fledgling band—and meeting the man who would become her husband—her Koreanness began to feel ever more distant, even as she found the life she wanted to live. It was her mother's diagnosis of terminal cancer, when Michelle was twenty-five, that forced a reckoning with her identity and brought her to reclaim the gifts of taste, language, and history her mother had given her.

All are welcome - books are in the black bag on north wall of WN Library. We will meet Monday, March 25 at 4 pm in the church library to discuss the book.



HE IS RISEN!

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 | 6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 | 6:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31 | 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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children, youth & family
ministry

March Happenings

- 3 - Sunday School, 3 year old/parent.
- 6 - Lent worship @Willow Creek
- 10 - GIFT Sunday
- 13 - Lent meal & worship @West Nidaros
- 17 - Sunday school, Kindergarten Milestone
- 20 - Lent worship @Benton
- 24 - Sunday school, students sing
- 28 - Maundy Thursday worship - First Communion
- 31 - Easter Sunday - no Sunday School

GIFT Sunday

March 10 is PAJAMA DAY AND BREAKFAST

CEREAL BAR! Turn your clocks ahead and don't worry about losing an hour to get dressed and eat breakfast before coming to church!

We'll feed you! There will be a service project to do while eating your cereal. ALL are welcome to join the cozy fun!



First Communion

March 24 is Palm Sunday and will be the First Communion lesson for 4th grade students and their parents during Sunday school.

4th grade students will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28 at the 6:30 worship service.

Family and friends are welcome to attend this milestone for our 4th grade students.



Ministry Team Meetings

Ministry teams won't meet formally in March due to Lent worship. Teams are encouraged to meet on their own.

Next Wednesday meeting will be April 3 at 7 p.m.

Confirmation Camp

Current 6th grade students can now be registered for confirmation camp at Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp. Register at okobojo.org using the code "24WNOKJH1".

Camp will take place June 9-14. Camp is FREE thanks to the generosity of the Women of West Nidaros.



Palm Sunday Breakfast

High school students going on the summer backpacking trip to Rainbow Trail will serve a fundraiser breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 24. Free will donation.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 5 will be our ONE worship service Sunday and Senior Recognition Sunday! We would like to celebrate ALL graduates from high school, college, technical school, etc. Please contact the church office with the names of ANY graduate that we can honor! Thank you!

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"
LENT 2024

March 6 - Willow Creek
March 13 - West Nidaros
March 20 - Benton

Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Worship at 6:30 p.m.



MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 8:30am Worship 9:35am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball	4 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm Book Club 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study	5 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	6 9am-4pm Office Open 5:30pm Lent Meal 6:30pm Lent Worship @ Willow	7 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 3pm Stretch & Pray 5pm Exercise Class 5:45pm Pickle Ball	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed
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31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:30am Worship 10:30am Worship						



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Worship:

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Livestream at 10:30 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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