

THE REPORTER



Luke 10:30-35 “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii^[a] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

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

The theme for our fall stewardship campaign this year is “Stewardship, what does God say?”. The bible story we will focus on is the parable of The Good Samaritan. Often times we read this parable as a story of how we are called to live as Christians. Looking closely at the parable you can see how this story encompasses all aspects of being a steward.

Stewardship of time: While the priest and Levite pass by the man, the Samaritan takes time to go and help the man who is lying in the ditch badly beaten and bruised.

Stewardship of talents: The Samaritan tends to the man, bandaging his wounds and caring for him.

Stewardship of money: After he has bandaged the man the Samaritan sets him on his own animal and brings him to an inn. At the inn the Samaritan takes two denarii and gives them to the innkeeper, saying “take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back”.

The Samaritan doesn’t do these things to earn favor with God, or others. He does them because he sees someone in trouble, and as Jesus says, he has compassion for the man. When we give, we don’t give because God needs our time, talents, or money. In faith Jesus frees us to time for the sake of our neighbor.

This month we are going to hear about the whole life of a steward. How we give of our time, and talents, and money.

In Christ,
Pr. Jared Rakness

Generosity & Missions

September Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$26,859.48
Actual Monthly Expenses: \$32,877.58
Actual YTD Income: \$312,216.04
Actual YTD Expenses: \$314,541.97

80+ Birthday

2 - Phyllis Thompson
9 - Gary Brendtro



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.

Horizon Grant

Do you, your ministry team, or group have a financial need for ministries that are not covered by our annually adopted WN church budget? If so, put your ideas and plans together now and submit your application with a description of your project and your requested dollar amount. Applications will be accepted until November 13, 2023 and the awarded grants will be available January 2023. Application forms can be found at the church office.



Horse Creek

We'll be making our Christmas delivery on Saturday, November 18 along with our mission partners from Benton and Willow Creek. You are welcome to join our small team to make the trip that day! The past couple of winters have been exceptionally difficult on the Rosebud, last year in particular. That fact has impacted our donation focus this year. It's our goal to bring warmth to every Horse Creek home this year, so in addition to 65 holiday meal boxes, 75 health kits from our health ministry team, Christmas gifts for all of the Horse Creek children, and quilts from our TPSY ladies for the Horse Creek elders, we are planning to have a truckload of wood delivered to the community to use for heating homes this winter.

We need YOUR help with the following list of donations:

1. 65 boxes of cereal, packages of toilet paper (enough for 2 rolls per box)
2. CLEAN WARM WINTER GEAR only, including winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots for people of all sizes and ages. Please LABEL bags as men, women, teen, child, etc. Please no other clothing at this time!
3. Bedding, blankets, quilts. Please LABEL with bed size (twin, full, queen, king so easier to distribute).
4. The names of all of the Horse Creek children are available today so you can choose a child to purchase a Christmas gift for. In the past we have suggested spending 15 to 20 dollars. You'll also have the option of sponsoring a nice teen toiletry kit for the kids ages 13 to 18. Last year we got that group blankets. There are about 50 kids in that age range, so we are purchasing supplies in bulk and would appreciate your sponsorship of those kits. Watch for more information about that next week. We'll need the wrapped and labeled gifts back here by Weds, Nov 15, 3 days before we go.

Please leave your cereal and toilet paper donations on the shelves in the entry and your winter clothing and bedding in the basement below the narthex. Thank you so much for your continued support of this mission! For questions, please contact Megan Faber, Cindy Johnson, or Kärin Renner.

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 Oct 10 after a brunch. Reflections on Being a Christian and a homonym quiz were presented by Joan Eitheim.

Treasurer's report with Harvest Supper report was presented by Sharon Hoekman. Reports were approved by motion and second. Current (and Future) Business:

1. A quilt embroidered by the late Robert Hempel and assembled by Glenna Swier will be presented to Mr. Hempel's granddaughter on her graduation.
2. Oct 22 school kits will be assembled with the help of fifth graders. Cinnamon rolls will be served that same date.
3. Nov 11 will be WELCA Thank Offering day with signup for a quilt drawing on Nov 5 and 12.
4. Fall WELCA Crossroad Conference Leadership Event will be Oct 21 (Saturday) at West Nidaros with registration starting at 8:30 am and program to begin at 9:00 am. A catered lunch will be served. This year's theme is "Build a bigger table, NOT a higher wall".

Prayer concerns include Linda Olinger, Pat Hartnett, Jan and Paul Anderson, Bob and Gail Carlson and the people of Israel. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Harvest Festival Thank You

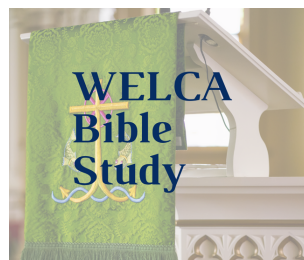
A huge thank you to everyone for their participation and support for the Fall Harvest supper. The event found us serving about 375 people from around the area! We appreciated all of the contributions made both in food and in donations to fund this annual project! Our proceeds help us fund our 2023 benevolent gifts to local ministries as well as to Share Christ's love to people around the world. This year's supper totaled about \$8500. We also use some of this money to support our 6th grade youth with camperships. If you haven't had an opportunity to donate, envelopes are still available or you may simply mail your gift to the church office or to Sharon Hoekman, 47147 258th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57107.

Thank you!

Women of West Nidaros Happenings



- 7 - Projects
- 14 - Brunch & Projects
- 21 - Projects
- 28 - Projects



22 - 1:30 p.m.

Thankoffering Sunday

We are planning on celebrating our Thankoffering service on November 12. At this service you will be able to see a list of our mission projects. We decided to thank you with a quilt giveaway. You may sign up at the worship service on Nov. 5 or the 12 to make sure your name is included in the drawing. Some of our finished quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary at that worship service.



Council Meeting Minute Summary

Full document of the meeting minutes can be found by the church council bulletin board in the hallway by the church library.

- Treasurers Report: CD Update. \$230,000 put into a 5 month CD at a rate of 5.25%. Matures on March 5, 2024 at One American Bank. Also applied for credit cards for office staff.
- Congregational meeting review: \$80,000 approved for basement wall repair project. Down payment of \$16,XXX was sent to Innovative Basement. We are scheduled for March and should take approximately one week. Next meeting work on a plan for paying for the project.
- Fundraiser Sales in Church entry way: Discussed the possibility of groups such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts sitting at a table in the entryway before and after services. Could be opening up to many more groups and may become a distraction from church. Topic tabled until November meeting.
- Thank You: Dean Fischer for the wheelchair ramp. Tim Tiaht for replacing the tree. Matt Meyerhoff for spraying and talking to the Confirmation class. EMT's and first responders for their help at the accident.

 WEST NIDAROS
children, youth & family
ministry

November Happenings

- 1 - iFaith, Confirmation, High school Ministry
- 3-5 - Okoboji Recharge
- 5 - Sunday School
- 8 - iFaith, Confirmation, High school Ministry
- 12 - Sunday School
- 15 - iFaith, Confirmation, High school Ministry
- 19 - ONE Worship - Sunday school sings
- 22 - No Programming
- 26 - No Sunday school
- 29 - iFaith, Confirmation, High school Ministry
(NOTE: November 12th was a scheduled GIFT Sunday and is now changed to Sunday school).

Affirmation of Faith

Congratulation to these 9th grade students who confirmed their faith on Sunday, October 29:
Parker Atwood, Morgan Bunde, Owen Bunde, Kadence Davey, Kendra Eggert, Connor Glasford, Mason Harstad, Cole Hendrixson, Brady Jewett, Chase Jones, Nina Keller, Layla Kirkvold, Kendall McAreavey, Bergen Rakness, Daniel Ramstad, Mercedes Schulte, Jackson Williams

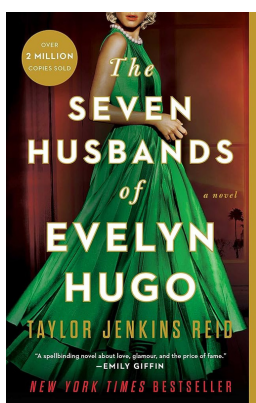
"Simply Christmas" Sunday school program will be on Sunday, December 10 during the 10:30 worship service in the Family Life Center. Hot cocoa bar and apple cider provided.

BAND STUDENTS!

You are invited to be part of the Christmas program on December 10th. You'll play 2 songs directed by Kristi. Practice will be Nov 5, 12, Dec 5 and the morning of the program. Please let Jessi know if you're interested in playing and what instrument you play! Thank you!

Book Club

Our November book selection is *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. This historical fiction is all about the life of a legendary Hollywood actress, Evelyn Hugo (fictional), and her seven marriages. At the center of the story is Evelyn, a complex woman who has mesmerized the world with her beauty and talent, and is finally prepared to reveal the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. When Monique Grant, an unknown journalist, gets a chance to interview her for a tell-all autobiography, she discovers that there is more to Evelyn than meets the eye as the actress recounts her upbringing as the daughter of Cuban immigrants in Hell's Kitchen, New York, through to her career at the pinnacle of Hollywood's Golden Age. As the story unfolds, Monique starts to question if Evelyn's past is more connected to her own than she initially thought. The novel, which is full of twists and turns, includes the revelation of Evelyn's greatest love.



Pick up a copy of the book in the black bag in the WN library. All are welcome. We will meet to discuss the book Monday, November 27 at 4 p.m.

Reformation/All Saints Adult Choir

Choir will sing on Reformation Sunday (Oct. 29) and All Saints Sunday (Nov. 5). Rehearsal will be before worship those mornings.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday, November 4!

Thanksgiving Weekend | November 26
One Worship at 9:30 a.m.
No Sunday school or Bible Study

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November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:30am Worship 9:35am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball</p>	<p>6 9am-4pm Office Open 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>7 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo</p>	<p>1 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith 6 pm Confirmation 7pm HS Ministry 7pm Ministry Team Meetings</p>	<p>2 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 3:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class</p>	<p>3 Office Closed BSA Troop 57 Lock-In Okoboji Recharge</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 8:30am Worship 9:35am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball</p>	<p>13 9am-4pm Office Open 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 9am TPSY (Brunch) 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo</p>	<p>15 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith 6 pm Confirmation 7pm HS Ministry</p>	<p>16 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 3:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class</p>	<p>17 Office Closed</p>	<p>18 <i>Horse Creek Trip</i></p>
<p>19 <i>ONE Worship Stewardship Sunday</i> 9:30am Worship (FLC) w/meal to follow 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball</p>	<p>20 9am-4pm Office Open 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>21 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo</p>	<p>22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9am-4pm Office Open 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study</p>	<p>23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Office Closed</p>	<p>24 Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:30 am Worship 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball</p>	<p>27 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm Book Club 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>28 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo</p>	<p>29 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith 6 pm Confirmation 7pm HS Ministry</p>	<p>30 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 3:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class</p>		

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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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