

THE REPORTER



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

Romans 5:1-3: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through his we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God"

On the last Sunday of the month of October, Lutheran churches around the world take time to remember the reformation of the church through the work of an Augustinian monk named Martin Luther. On the last day of October, Luther went public with his complaints about what the church was doing by nailing his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg Germany.

Luther's criticism of the church of his day centered on the forgiveness of sins. At this time the church had turned the forgiveness of sins into some that could be bought through indulgences or paid for through works and purgatory. In short, the forgiveness of sins ceased to be the free gift that Jesus Christ gives sinners.

Forgiving sinners, while they are yet sinful, has been the center of the problem, it was a problem for the Pharisees when Jesus did it, and it has been a problem for the church ever since. The problem is this, we want justice in the form of the scales being balanced. But the promise of forgiveness that Jesus gives doesn't balance the scales, it throws the scales out entirely. Which means there isn't anything you can do to earn or deserve forgiveness. It is truly a free gift given to you by Jesus Christ himself. The absolution maybe spoken by your pastor, or your friend, but the words are given by Jesus Christ. The forgiving is done by Jesus alone.

This is what the gospel is, it is the good news that Jesus freely and abundantly forgives sins. Luther knew this to be the center of what the church is and does. The church was established for this work, the work of reconciling sinners with God. Now some 500+ years removed from Luther, and 2000 years removed from Jesus establishing the church, we continue to do the same work, the work of Jesus, the work of forgiving, the work of mercy and grace and giving peace with God. And we will continue this work until the day Jesus Christ returns!

In Christ,
Pr. Jared Rakness

Generosity & Missions

August Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$56,305.45
Actual Monthly Expenses: \$30,717.53
Actual YTD Income: \$285,356.56
Actual YTD Expenses: \$281,574.79

80+ Birthday

21 - Arthur Fritz



September Baptism

17 - Emery Ann Muston



Parents - Sam & Jayda Muston

New Members (being welcomed October 1)

Jane & David Heard

Curt, Bridget, & Isabella Mares

Linda, Marcus, Brooke, Evelyn, Beckham & Ensley Steineke

Danny, Paige, Leena & Patrick Lueders

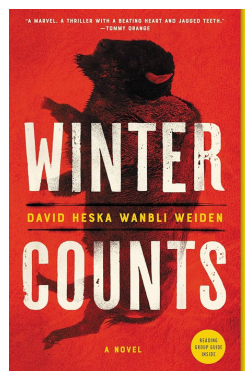
Book Club

We will be reading *Winter Counts* by David Heska Wanbli Weiden for our October Book Club.

Virgil Wounded Horse is the local enforcer on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. When justice is denied by the American legal system or the tribal council, Virgil is hired to deliver

his own punishment, the kind that's hard to forget. But when heroin makes its way into the reservation and finds Virgil's nephew, his vigilantism suddenly becomes personal. He enlists the help of his ex-girlfriend and sets out to learn where the drugs are coming from, and how to make them stop.

Pick up a copy in the WN Library (black bag at the north wall). We will discuss the book Monday, October 23rd at 4 pm. All are welcome.



Horizon Foundation Grant Request

Watch the Wednesday Weekly email and Sunday announcements for information!

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.

Operation Christmas Child

There are now 3 ways for you to participate in Operation Christmas Child. You can affect a child's life dramatically by filling a box with hygiene items, toys, school supplies and many more options.

1. Take a box from our shelves at the entrance door and choose a boy or girl and the age group.

Fill the box and add a note for the child with your name if you want to. Return to church by Oct.22

2. Buy items for a box for either girl or boy and any age. Items must fit in a shoebox. Bring items to church and put on shelves by the main entrance. Our church youth will do the appropriate packing.

3. Go to Samaritans Purse and click on Operation Christmas Child. You can donate for a box or they direct you to an Amazon site that you can build and purchase items just for this mission.

Some items are not allowed and a list can be found on Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child or on the pamphlets on our shelves near the boxes. No liquids, candy or toy weapons are some examples. A tract *The Greatest Journey* is put in the box which is a discipleship course where they learn to know and share about Jesus Christ through 12 exciting lessons.



Tack, Pack, Snack, & Yak

WELCA Meeting Minutes

TPSY group enjoyed a delicious brunch on Tuesday, Sept. 12th followed by a brief meeting.

Devotions were prepared by Joan Eitrheim and read by Jolene W.--reminding us that God can use us to our full potential. We aren't the message but we should be the messenger.

Treasurer's report was prepared by Sharon Hoekman and approved.

Offering was taken.

Plans for our lefse-making day Sept. 21st were discussed and also more information about our Harvest Supper Sept. 23rd and the need for more food items and workers. Everyone encouraged to come to the supper and bring their families and friends.

Pastor Jared announced a congregational meeting for Sept. 24th for vote on further upgrades for the church and encouraged everyone to come and vote.

Prayer concerns for Linda Olinger, Duane Tidemann's great-granddaughter, daughter of Jane and Dave Heard, and Elise's father Dale.

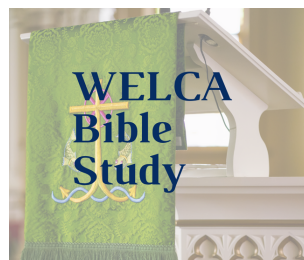
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Thank you to ALL who contributed to our Harvest Supper held Sept. 23rd. We appreciated all who donated food and bake sale/crafts/farmers market items and those who worked before, during and after our supper. We hope you also were able to eat with us. Monies will be used for camperships and some of our other local and global mission projects. A more complete report will be in the November newsletter. God Bless and thanks for "Sharing Christ's Love With All". Women of West Nidaros

Women of West Nidaros Happenings



3 - Projects
10 - Brunch & Projects
17 - Projects
24 - Projects
31 - Projects



25 - 1:30 p.m.



Sunday, October 22
between services!
\$1 a roll

Council & Congregational Meeting Minute Summary

September 17 Council Meeting

Unfinished Business:

1. Basement Wall bids. Innovative will be councils recommendation.

New Business:

1. Congregational meeting: Scheduled for September 24 at 11:45 after second service. Will need 25 voting congregation members for a quorum.

2. FLC Use request: Geraets Family requesting FLC use the evening of Dec 22 and the day of Dec 23 . Motion to approve Jared Q/ Second Mike W, approved

For Your Information: Guest Pastor on Reformation Sunday will be Pastor Lahrs

Thank you: Lynette for all he hard work keeping financial things organized. Matt & Lynette for cleaning up the front of the church. And a big THANK YOU to all the Sunday School teachers!!

September 24 Congregational Meeting

29 members present

Presented the west basement wall repair plans from Innovative Basement Solutions. After 15% discount the quote is \$54,295.99. Approximately \$16,000 down payment will be needed. Council recommended Innovative because of the extra solid layer of foam applied to the exterior of the wall as well as because they will complete all the work, not sub-contract any out. The project will be from the west entrance of the church and proceed south, then east then south to the FLC wall. A new sump pump will be installed in our current pit.

Also presented was an estimate from H&H Paving for re-grading the area between the Sanctuary and the FLC with crushed asphalt to get water away from the buildings. That estimate was \$22,650.

After some discussion, Mike Buchmann made a motion to accept the Innovative Basement Solution and H&H quotes with a cap of \$80,000 in case of unforeseen incurred costs. Second by Jennie Criddle. There was no request for further discussion. A vote was called by show of hands. The motion passed unanimously.

 WEST NIDAROS
children, youth & family
ministry

October Happenings

- 1 - Sunday school students sing (no regular SS class)
- 4 - iFaith, Confirmation, High school Ministry
- 8 - Sunday School
- 11 - iFaith, Confirmation, High school Ministry
- 15 - GIFT Sunday (no regular SS class)
- 18 - iFaith, Confirmation, High school Ministry
- 20 - Okoboji Recharge sign-up deadline
- 22 - Sunday School
- 25 - No regular programming, Celebration of Passage, Wreath orders due
- 28 - 9th grade confirmation retreat, Trunk or Treat
- 29 - Affirmation of Baptism, Sunday school

Trunk or Treat Community Event

This years Trunk or Treat event is happening at the NEW Tri Valley Elementary School parking lot in Crooks on Saturday, October 28 from 11:30-1:30. Bring your car, truck, tractor, side-by-side, school bus, combine, fire truck - ANY vehicle to hand out candy to trunk or treaters! More information to come!



GIFT Sunday

This school years first GIFT Sunday will be on October 15. Instead of our regular Sunday school classes, everyone is invited to join us in the Family Life Center for a time of growing in faith together!

iFaith

Did you know that we have programming for 4th-6th grade students? Every Wednesday, iFaith meets from 4-5 p.m. in the Family Life Center for snacks, games, and a lesson. Both Baltic & Tri-Valley have buses that will drop them off directly. If you have any questions, contact Jessi.

9th Grade Confirmation

We have 17 students who will be affirming their faith on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Before that however, they will be meeting on Saturday, October 28 from 9am-noon to present their faith projects as well as rehearse for the next day. If you can't find your faith project directions, contact Elise in the office.

Okoboji Recharge

Confirmation students are encouraged to sign up for a weekend retreat at Okoboji Bible Camp on November 3-5. It is a fun weekend of games, campfires, food, and worship! Register your student at okoboji.org using the hold code 23WNFR2. Total cost is \$109 per student (to be paid to the church). Please contact Pr. Jared or Elise if you need any assistance in paying for the week. Please sign up by October 20. There will be another opportunity to go in the spring.



High School Summer 2024 Trip

The summer 2024 trip will be going to...Grosse Pointe Wood, Michigan, right on the shores of Lake St Clair by Detroit through Group WorkCamps. There we will be doing home repair on a variety of homes. The dates will be approximately July 5-16 (which would include a fun day before arriving). Final travel days will be finalized soon. \$100 non refundable deposits are due ASAP as we have our first fundraiser ready to go!



Wreath Fundraiser

Students who are participating in this years service trip will be selling Christmas wreaths until October 25. Wreaths will arrive the week after Thanksgiving. If you are interested, find a student who is selling or find Elise to purchase one! Thanks for your support of the West Nidaros Youth!

Reformation/All Saints Adult Choir

An adult choir will be forming to sing on Reformation Sunday (Oct. 29) and All Saints Sunday (Nov. 5). Let Kristi know if you are interested in joining and she will get you the music. Rehearsal will be October 8 & 15 as well as before worship.

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October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>ONE Worship</i> 9:30am Worship w/potluck to follow 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball	2 9am-4pm Office Open 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study	3 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	4 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith 6 pm Confirmation 7pm HS Ministry 7pm Ministry Team Meetings	5 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 3:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7 <i>Renner Baby Shower</i>
8 <i>Communion</i> 8:30am Worship 9:35am SS 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball	9 9am-4pm Office Open 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study	10 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	11 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith 6 pm Confirmation 7pm HS Ministry	12 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 3:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14
15 <i>Mission Sunday</i> 8:30am Worship 9:35am GIFT/Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:45am Church Council 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball	16 9am-4pm Office Open 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study	17 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	18 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith 6 pm Confirmation 7pm HS Ministry	19 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 3:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	20 <i>Office Closed</i>	21 <i>WELCA CrossRoads leadership Conference</i>
22 <i>Rolls for Campers</i> 8:30am Worship 9:35am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball	23 9am-4pm Office Open 4:00pm Book Club 6pm BSA Troop 57 6:30pm Bible Study	24 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 9am TPSY 10am Newsletter Assen. 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	25 9am-4pm Office Open 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study 6pm Celebration of Pas-sage	26 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11am Growing Place 3:00pm Stretch & Pray 5:00pm Exercise Class	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28 9am-noon 9th grade Confirmation Retreat 11:30-1:30 Trunk or Treat
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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

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