

# THE REPORTER



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

Death has a way of grabbing our attention. When we encounter death, when death comes near us, it brings with it terrible suffering, grief, and pain. Even when death ends suffering, it still brings with it a terrible pain for those of us who remain. Death takes from us, it takes our loved ones, it takes our hopes, it takes our dreams for today and tomorrow. With death comes loss, the loss of our loved ones, the loss of our potential, even the loss of meaning. Death ends all, and no matter how much we try, we cannot make death meaningful.

In his book, "Where God Meets Man" Gerhard Forde writes, "For the frightening thing about death is that ultimately it has no meaning. It is the triumph of meaninglessness, of darkness, of nothing. That is what happened to Jesus. He "was crucified, death and buried". Thankfully, death does not get the final word over Jesus. "For it is, in the view of a theology of the cross only the resurrection that gives his (Jesus) death significance. He rose from the dead, he conquered the grave, the meaningless, and became the first fruits of the new."

When we gathered on Easter Sunday, we celebrated that death no longer has dominion over us; we celebrated the death of death because of Jesus Christ, who entered into the nothingness of death and in three days' time defeated it through his resurrection. All this he did for you, for you have been brought into both Jesus death, and his resurrection. This is the promise to which we cling in all things, but especially when death comes near, for we have the promise that death will not, death cannot hold us, because it has already been defeated by Jesus Christ!

God's blessings to you all.

In Christ,

Pr. Jared Rakness

# Generosity & Missions

## February Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$25,141.57  
Actual Monthly Expenses: \$37,105.17  
Actual YTD Income: \$60,775.98  
Actual YTD Expenses: \$65,139.10

## 80+ Birthday

1 - Jan Anderson  
3 - Don Swier  
6 - Don Nelson  
19 - Ron Walker  
24 - Margaret Tidemann

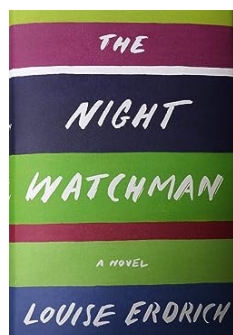


## New Member Orientation

If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more about becoming a member of West Nidaros, we are having an orientation meeting, Sunday, April 14 between services in the Martin Luther Room. For those deciding to join, New Member Sunday will be April 28.

## Book Club

Book Club selection for April is *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. Based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C., this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman.



All are welcome to pick up a copy on the north wall of the church library. We will plan to meet Monday, April 22, at 4 pm.

## 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](mailto:mew09@live.com).



# Tack, Pack, Snack, & Yak

## Women of West Nidaros Dates

- 2 - TPSY Projects
- 9 - TPSY Brunch & Projects
- 16- TPSY Projects
- 23 - TPSY Projects
- 24 - Bible Study @ 1:30 p.m.
- 30 - TPSY Projects

## WELCA Minutes

TPSY ladies met for delicious brunch on March 12. Joan Eitrheim provided a Books of the Bible word search challenge and also shared an Irish blessing.

Sharon Hoekman presented treasurer's report and it was approved. Our group decided to increase LSS donation as memorial gift for both women and men in our congregation.

Discussion on our Lenten soup supper March 13 with free-will offering being designated for our Heritage Kitchen Renovation fund. We are making three soups for our supper.

Prayer concerns were Langloss Family/JoAnn Oyen family(her sister died)/Jim and Betty Anderson/family friend of Claudia Krumm(Vickie N.) and we closed with Lord's Prayer.

We then worked on John 3:16 keychains and other various projects.

Submitted by Jolene W.

## April Happenings

- 3 - iFaith, Confirmation, Colorado Trip meeting, HS Ministry
- 7 - Sunday school, 3 year old/parent SS
- 10 - iFaith, Confirmation, HS Ministry
- 11 - Service project at the Mobile Food to You Pantry (more info to come)
- 14 - GIFT Sunday with Health Ministry
- 17 - iFaith as usual, NO Confirmation or High school ministry to make up for the service project night.
- 21 - Sunday school
- 24 - all student ministries end of year parties
- 28 - LAST day of Sunday school classes. Students will sing at the ONE WORSHIP service at 9:30 on May 5.

## Easter Keychains

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal Life."* John 3:16

This is the Easter gospel message in a single verse. Many of us have cherished this favorite verse from our childhood memorizing it in Sunday School of Confirmation. Diana Swier has once again enlisted the help of our TPSY group to create beaded keychains inspired by the promise of this Easter gospel message. Easter worshippers will be given this keychain to clip to a purse, or zipper or wherever to remind us of God's sacrificial gift of His son which demonstrated his love for us!

Diana also created the Psalm 23 keychains which were given during Lent to encourage our Lenten theme of "Christ, The Good Shepherd." This Psalm has been a comfort to so many as they pass through the valleys knowing that God's presence is with them.

Thank you Diana for encouraging us in our daily walk with Jesus!



## Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 5 will be our ONE worship service Sunday and Senior Recognition Sunday! Please send pictures of your graduating senior and what their plans are for the future by April 24 to [office@westnidaros.org](mailto:office@westnidaros.org).



## Butter Braid Sales

Students heading to Colorado this summer are selling Butter Braids! You can order until April 7 and will arrive April 24. You can order straight from one of the students or head to [westnidaros.org](http://westnidaros.org) and click on the link to order online!

## 2024 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ALTAR GUILD'S BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR CHURCH

Paul & Jan Anderson	In Memory of our grandson, Lucas Sundal, and In Celebration of family
Sean & Sara Berg-Bauder	In Honor of our boys, Otto & Oslo
	In Memory of my dad, Charles "Chuck" Berg and Aunt, Charlene Fersdahl
Boadwine Family	In Memory of our mother and father, Esther & Bill Boadwine
Gary & Mary Brendtro	In Memory of our parents, Lincoln & Stella Brendtro and George & Alice Kelly
Bob & Gail Carlson	In Celebration of our great-grandson, Jett
Shirley Dunlap	In Memory of loved ones
Sheryl Engler	In Memory of my parents, Elmo & Marcene Ostgaard
Leo & Phyllis Falconer	In Celebration of our family
Ron & Margie Hegge	In Honor of Ron's brother, John & sister, Pat
Chris & Phyllis Hanisch	In Celebration of our grandson, Adler Timothy Oyen
Glen & Sharon Hoekman	In Celebration of our family and In Memory of our parents
Ken & Holly Johnson	In Memory of friends and family
Kent & Cindy Johnson	In Celebration of The Risen Christ
Wyn & Char Johnson	In Memory of Wyn's mother, Marilyn Johnson
Denny & Linda Kappes	In Celebration of our family
Keller Family	In Celebration of our family and In Memory of mother, Lorraine Redves
Bob & Claudia Krumm	In Memory of Claudia's parents, Armond & Aileen Hanson
	In Memory of Bob's son, David, and parents, Herman & Bertha Krumm
Chris & Becky Langloss Family	In Memory of our dad and grandfather, James Langloss
Darin & Connie Larson	In Celebration of our family
John & Kelly Merry	In Memory of Kelli's mom, Elaine Wieman, and John's parents, Howard & Reda Merry
	In Celebration of our granddaughters, Elaina and Madison Merry
Justin & Katie Murphy Family	In Memory of Katie's brother, Ryan Albertson
Don Nelson	In Memory of my wife, Marlene Nelson
	In Memory of our son, Dennis Nelson
Monte & Carla Oyen	In Memory of our parents, Herbert & Katherine Swason and Ivy & Lois Oyen
Jeff & Linda Oyen	In Memory of Linda's father, Maynard Wagner & granddaughter, Joslyn Grode
	In Celebration of our grandson's, Ridge Grode and Adler Oyen
Robert & JoAnn Oyen	In Memory of our parents and siblings
	In Celebration of our great-grandsons, Ridge Robert Grode and Adler Timothy Oyen
George & Donna Questad	In Memory of Donna's daughter, Jody Myhre, and our parents
Dale & Jill Rye	In Memory of Dale's father, Norris Rye
Larry & Joni Schuler	In Celebration of our family
Todd & Dana Sundal	In Celebration of Easter
Don & Glenna Swier	In Memory of our parents, Ivy & Lois Oyen and John & Fannie Swier
	In Celebration of our family
Margaret Tidemann	In Memory of my husband, Bob Tidemann
Gaylon & Jolene Wehde	In Celebration of our family
Marv Wieman	In Memory of my wife, Elaine, and special brother, James Langloss
Julie Yde Family	In Memory of Jan Robert Yde and Jorgen Yde



# APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed 6pm BSA Troop 57	2 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	3 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith 6pm Confirmation 6pm Trip Meeting 7pm High School Ministry 7pm Ministry Team Meeting	4 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 3pm Stretch & Pray 5pm Exercise Class	5 Office Closed	6
7 8:30am Worship 9:35am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball	8 9am-4pm Office Open 6pm BSA Troop 57	9 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	10 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith 6pm Confirmation 7pm High School Ministry	11 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 3pm Stretch & Pray 5pm Exercise Class Food to You	12 Office Closed	13
14 8:30am Worship 9:35am GIFT/Bible Study/New Member Orientation 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball	15 9am-4pm Office Open 6pm BSA Troop 57	16 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 9am TPSY 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm iFaith NO Confirmation or HS Ministry	18 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 3pm Stretch & Pray 5pm Exercise Class	19 Office Closed	20
21 <i>Rolls for Campers</i> 8:30am Worship 9:35am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:45am Church Council 2:00pm Exercise Class 3:00pm Pickle Ball	22 9am-4pm Office Open 4pm Book Club 6pm BSA Troop 57	23 9am-4pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 9am TPSY 10:30am Newsletter Assembly 11:30am Stretch & Pray 5:45pm Taekwondo	24 9am-4pm Office Open 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study 4pm iFaith 6pm Confirmation 7pm High School Ministry	25 9am-2:30pm Office Open 9-11:30am Growing Place 3pm Stretch & Pray 5pm Minnehaha Funeral Home Annual Meeting	26 Office Closed	27
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## Connect with us!

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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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