

# THE REPORTER



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

It's hard to believe that we are close to wrapping up our 2022-2023 programming year. This past year has been a good and challenging year. I feel like we've finally gotten back to normal, even though that normal might look a bit different than before Covid. Worship attendance continues to get back to our pre-covid levels, however we've now seen a shift in numbers between the services with our earlier service often being our larger worship service. We've run a full year of Sunday school and confirmation along with our other programs. All in all, it feels like things have gotten back to normal.

As normal as things may seem, there are also things that are different. One area that needs work is our volunteer ministries. This includes getting volunteers to read in worship, usher, greet, do name tags, help with communion, and run the audio/video and worship slides. Another area that needs work is with our ministry teams (KMA's).

This summer we are working to get our family life groups back up and functioning to help us connect people to the volunteer opportunities. Our goal is by fall to have them up and running. We are also working to get our ministry teams up and going again. This includes getting old and new members to fill those positions that help shape and lead our ministry. Our goal is to have all of this up and running by this fall.

If you would like more information or are interested and willing to volunteer or serve on one of our Ministry Teams, you can email me or Elise in the office or grab us after worship.

In Christ,  
Pr. Jared Rakness

# Mission & Generosity

## March Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$46,774.05  
Actual Monthly Expenses: \$44,389.01  
Actual YTD Income: \$108,574.52  
Actual YTD Expenses: \$104,656.78

## 80+ Birthday

15 - Marilyn Johnson



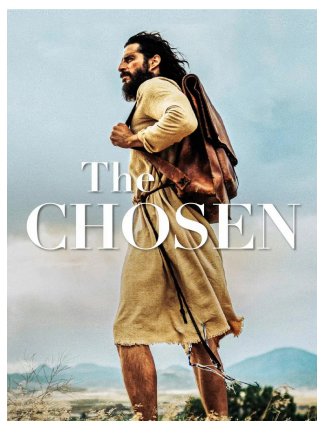
## New Members

Mckayla & Hayden Kerkaert, Kaylor Austin & Julianna Langemeier, Emma Christopher & Renee Egan, Lucas Nathan & Jodi Hoyt, Lincoln & Coulson Lars & Katherine Olson, Carl, Lena, Ingrid & Linda

## The Chosen

If you haven't already heard of the series *The Chosen*, consider coming Wednesday evenings to church to see what the buzz is about.

It is about Jesus and the 12 disciples that were chosen and closest to him. It can bring the gospels alive in a new and different way. Each segment is an hour and discussion following. Join us on Wednesday at 7p.m. in the Martin Luther room. Bring a friend!



## Baltic Food Bank Wish List

Ramen Noodles, Boxed Potatoes, Knorr Sides (Pasta and Rice), Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Sugars, Pancake mix, Brownie Mix, Oil, Flour, Sloppy Joe, Saltine Crackers, Snack Crackers, Taco Seasoning, Spaghetti Sauce, Boxed Noodles, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper

Monetary Donations are welcome – Please mail to:  
PO Box 244, Baltic, SD 57003

## Have you checked out our QR Code yet?

Have you seen this box on the church pews or the back of the Sunday announcements yet? This is our QR Code! It will bring you to a Link Tree that will keep you connected to West Nidaros. All you need to do is open up your phone app and "scan" the QR code, and it will bring up a link to click on.

Included in the Link Tree is a Time & Talent form, a connection card for visitors and interested new members, our website,

and a spot to get connected to Church Center. Church Center is our app where you can access the church directory, your giving, church groups you are a part of, and the church calendar.

If you have any questions about any of these links, please contact Elise in the church office and she will help you out!



## Connect with Us!

**Ministry Teams** will meet on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Dining Room. If you are not a part of a team yet and would like to be, please contact the church office or just show up! Help us plan the upcoming programming year!



# Summer Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m.

In person & livestream

May 14 - September 3

# Tack, Pack, Snack, & Yak

| May                   |
|-----------------------|
| 2 - Projects          |
| 9 - Brunch & Projects |
| 16 - Projects         |
| 23 - Projects         |
| 24 - Bible Study      |
| 30 - Projects         |

## ALL ARE WELCOME

Women of South Dakota WELCA are all invited to attend the 36th Synodical convention this year at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City. The dates are June 21-23. The Key verse for this year is from 1Cor. 16:14 "Let all that you do be done in love." If you are able to attend, you may want to find more info at [sdsynod.org/ministries/WELCA](https://sdsynod.org/ministries/WELCA) or talk with Sharon Hoekman or Jolene Wehde for registration forms.

## Gift Cards

Need to shop for your graduates? We have Walmart and HyVee gift cards available after church at the entry table. Maybe you want to stock up on groceries for your receptions or for your upcoming camping trips! Gift cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 increments.



## WELCA Minutes

The meeting of the Women of the Evangelical Church, West Nidaros, was called to order by Jolene Wehde on April 11 after a brunch.

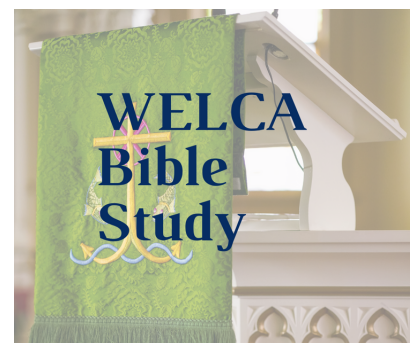
Meditations by Joan Eitheim were on Easter, the day that Satan and death were defeated.

Treasurer's report by Sharon Hoekman was accepted. A committee consisting of Pat Kayser, Sheryl Engler and Sharon Hoekman to evaluate and make recommendations for remodeling of the Heritage Kitchen was formed. Other insights are welcome. A committee to explore how West Nidaros could better serve our community was suggested. Sharon Hoekman would be WELCA representative.

Upcoming:

- Crossroads Conference will be held Sat, April 15 at Renner. Shirley McCormick and Jolene Wehde will serve as West Nidaros representatives.
  - Cinnamon rolls will be served between services on Sun, April 23.
  - Senior Recognition will be Sun, May 7, complete with presentation of quilts to our seniors.
- Prayer concerns include Bob Carlson and Linda Olinger. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**WELCA Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Dining Room.



**"The grass withers, the flowers fade,  
but the word of our God will stand forever."**

**Isaiah 40:8**



 WEST NIDAROS  
*children, youth & family*  
ministry

**May Happenings:**

May 7 - Last day of SS; Senior Recognition  
Sunday, Breakfast

**High School Graduates**

We will be celebrating the following graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 7 during the 10:30 a.m. worship:

Landon Bartels,  
Stephanie Buchmann,  
Nolan Carls, Mikaila  
Fluth, Aidan Heitkamp,  
Mason Hendrixson,  
Bailey Humpal, Sierra  
Kappes, Levi Langloss,  
Lawson Loiseau, Matthew Muston, Owen  
Neeley, Gage Olson, Holden Rise, Mayson Rise,  
Brookelyn Stieben, Jacie Wendland, Megan  
Wenzel



**Thank You!**

Thank you to all of the wonderful Sunday school teacher and confirmation small group leaders who gave of their time and energy to teach, support, and endure the students of West Nidaros! This ministry could not happen without you!

**Summer Activities to Look Forward to:**

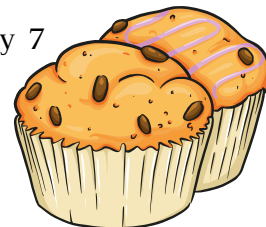
- June 11-15 - Confirmation Camp at Okoboji Bible Camp
- July 8-15 - Compass Points Adventure Trip at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
- TBD - Vacation Bible School
- TBD - iFaith Summer Edition

Watch the West Nidaros Weekly email for updates on these activities and more as they come available.



**Breakfast Fundraiser**

Please join us on Sunday, May 7 between services in the Family Life Center for a breakfast of egg bakes, muffins, & fruit. All proceeds will help send students to Colorado this summer.



**Butter Braid delivery**

If you ordered a Butter Braid, delivery will be Thursday, May 4. If you ordered in church, you can pick it up the following Sunday or during office hours.

**Compass Point Trip Meeting**

There will be a short trip meeting on Sunday, May 7 following the 10:30 worship service. Please bring your forms if you haven't done so already!



# May 2023

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| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                     |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|-------------------------|
|   | 1<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>6-9pm BSA Troop 57  | 2<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>9am TPSY<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray                                 | 3<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>7pm Ministry Team Meeting   | 4<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>2:00pm Stretch & Pray<br>5:00pm Exercise Class<br>5:45pm Pickle Ball  | 5<br>9am-noon Office Open<br>10am Schneiderman Home School Group         | 6<br>Yde Baptism        |
| 7<br><i>Communion/Last SS/ Grad recognition</i><br>8:30am Worship<br>9:35am Education Hour<br>10:30am Worship (FLC)<br>2pm Piano Recital<br>2:00pm Exercise Class<br>3:00pm Pickle Ball | 8<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>6-9pm BSA Troop 57  | 9<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>9am TPSY<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray                                 | 10<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>7pm The Chosen   | 11<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>2:00pm Stretch & Pray<br>5:00pm Exercise Class<br>5:45pm Pickle Ball | 12<br>9am-noon Office Open<br>10am Schneiderman Home School Group        | 13<br>2pm Piano Recital |
| 14<br><i>Communion/ Mother's Day</i><br>9:30am Worship (Baptism)<br>2:00pm Exercise Class<br>3:00pm Pickle Ball   | 15<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>6-9pm BSA Troop 57 | 16<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>9am TPSY<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray                                | 17<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>7pm The Chosen   | 18<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>2:00pm Stretch & Pray<br>5:00pm Exercise Class<br>5:45pm Pickle Ball | 19<br>9am-noon Office Open<br>11am Sawatzky Funeral<br>Wenzel Grad Party | 20                      |
| 21<br>9:30am Worship<br>10:45am Council Meeting<br>2:00pm Exercise Class<br>3:00pm Pickle Ball  | 22<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>6-9pm BSA Troop 57 | 23<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>9am TPSY<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray                                | 24<br><i>Newsletter Deadline</i><br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>1:30pm WELCA Bible Study<br>7pm The Chosen | 25<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>2:00pm Stretch & Pray<br>5:00pm Exercise Class<br>5:45pm Pickle Ball | 26<br>9am-noon Office Open<br>10am Schneiderman Home School Group        | 27                      |
| 28<br>9:30am Worship<br>2:00pm Exercise Class<br>3:00pm Pickle Ball   | 29<br><i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>                            | 30<br>8am Pickle Ball<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>9am TPSY<br>10:30am Newsletter Assembly<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray | 31<br>9am-3pm Office Open<br>7pm The Chosen   |  |  |                         |

## Connect with us!

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

Facebook: @WestNidarosLutheranChurch



Instagram @westnidaros



Worship:

9:30 a.m. In person & Live stream (starting May 14)

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fridays: 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

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