

# THE REPORTER



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

As we close out another year of programming here at West Nidaros. I want to say thank you to all who volunteer their time and talents to make the ministry here work. We have so many wonderful dedicated people who make sure that we are able to provide ministry to people of all ages.

Thank you to:

- All of our Sunday school volunteers, teachers, and helpers
- TPSY for all that you do week to week and day to day
- The property committee for keeping the building in good shape
- The Funeral Team for being there for families at difficult times
- The Bereavement team for caring for families in grief
- All members of our Ministry Teams for your leadership
- The Media Team (few though they are) for making sure we have sound and livestream
- For our ushers, for helping us in worship
- For our communion setup team for making sure we have everything we need for the Lord's Supper
- For the Home Communion Team's for making sure our homebound receive the Lord's Supper every month
- For the Altar Guild for making sure our worship space is ready
- Our Musicians for leading us in worship

Finally, thank you to all of You! Thanks for all of the little and big things you all do for the sake of the ministry at West Nidaros. As they say it takes a village, and that is certainly true for our ministry here. I may have left something off this list, if I did I apologize, but please know that we value each and every one of you and the work you do here!

God's blessings to you all.

In Christ,  
Pr. Jared Rakness

# Generosity & Missions

## March Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$57,727.46  
Actual Monthly Expenses: \$37,298.47  
Actual YTD Income: \$118,503.44  
Actual YTD Expenses: \$102,456.68

## 80+ Birthday

2 - Lorraine Hafstad  
5 - Glenna Swier  
20 - JoAnn Oyen



## New Member

Russell Parker

## Funeral

17 - Betty Anderson

## Book Notes

Check out the Library for new titles added recently. Betty left us a wonderful gift with all the work she put into our library. Hopefully you can find some selections for your summer reads!



## 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

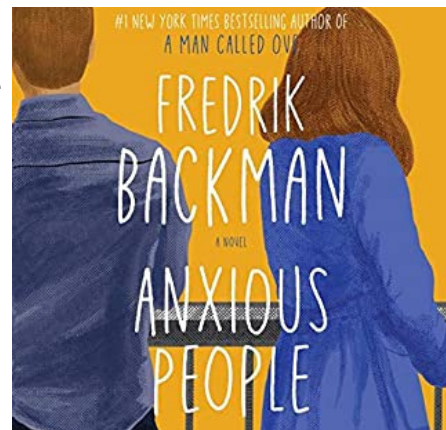
Monetary Donations are welcome – Please mail to:  
PO Box 244, Baltic, SD 57003

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.

## Book Club

May Book Club selection is Frederick Backman's *Anxious People*.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* and “writer of astonishing depth” (The Washington Times) comes a poignant comedy about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.



Rich with Fredrik Backman’s “pitch-perfect dialogue and an unparalleled understanding of human nature” (Shelf Awareness), *Anxious People*’s whimsical plot serves up unforgettable insights into the human condition and a gentle reminder to be compassionate to all the anxious people we encounter every day.

All are welcome to check out a book from black bag, north shelf of library. We will plan to meet Monday, May 20 at 4 pm.

West Nidaros Lutheran Church

*One Worship*

May 5, 2024  
9:30 a.m. | Family Life Center

Morning will include:  
Graduation Recognition  
SS student sing  
Spring Potluck Picnic

## ONE Worship Potluck

West Nidaros properties team will be providing pork loin sandwiches & hotdogs. Please bring a side to share!

## Summer Worship Schedule

Summer worship schedule will run from May 12 through September 1. We will have one worship at 9:30 a.m.

# Tack, Pack, Snack, & Yak

## WELCA Minutes

Following a delicious brunch our meeting was called to order by Jolene Wehde.

Devotions by Joan Eitrheim focused on the relevance of Psalm 23 to modern life. And she presented guidelines from a grandmother to her granddaughter

Treasurer's report was presented by Sharon Hoekman and accepted as read.

Coming events - Cinnamon rolls will be served on April 21, donations from same will go to youth campership fund.

-Grocery cards for both Walmart and Hy-Vee will be sold on the third Sunday of each month (this month will be April 21)and can be purchased at any time through church office.

-Crossroads Conference Spring Gathering will be April 20 at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

A Love Gift of \$50 will be donated by our group to be given to Family Connections. And an offering of \$100 will be given to the Conference.

- Senior quilts will be presented on May 5 to 16 graduating seniors.

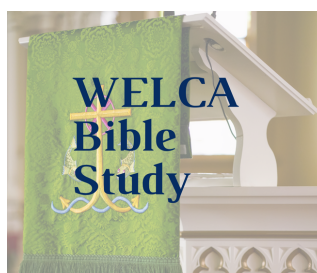
-Heritage kitchen remodeling was discussed. A committee will be meeting to evaluate and plan.

Prayer concerns include Betty and Jim Anderson, Linda Olinger, Patsy Burke and Louise Kvale.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Lorraine Hafstad



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



22 - Bible Study @ 1:30 p.m.



Watch WN Weekly email for upcoming dates!



Available in the church office during week and select Sunday mornings.

**Senior Recognition Sunday**  
 Dear Graduate--As you approach your high school graduation day, your West Nidaros Family would like to celebrate with you. May 5 will be Senior Recognition Sunday during the ONE Service at 9:30 a.m. You will be presented with a hand-made quilt by our quilting group. PLEASE COME TO THE DOWNSTAIRS DINING ROOM BY 9 A.M. ON MAY 5 WHERE YOU WILL CHOOSE A NUMBER WHICH DETERMINES THE ORDER OF QUILT SELECTION.  
 You and your family are also invited to stay for pork sandwiches and potluck meal after the service in Family Life Center.



WEST NIDAROS  
*children, youth & family*  
ministry

THANK  
YOU

**THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS!**

West Nidaros has AMAZING Sunday school teachers! We want to say THANK YOU for ALL they do on Sunday, May 5.

**Summer iFaith**

Summer iFaith will be on Tuesdays this year starting May 28 for students who have completed 4-6 grade. We meet at Feeding South Dakota at 9 a.m., have a bag lunch and then head to a fun activity in the afternoon. Watch for more information and dates!

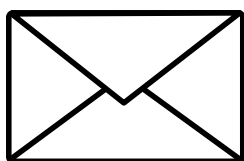


**Vacation Bible School 2024**

Mark your calendar for VBS on July 21-24 from 6-8 p.m.

**Envelope Fundraiser**

Through the month of May, you have the opportunity to help send our high school students to Colorado this summer. In the hallway heading down to the Heritage Dining Room are 100 envelopes numbered 1-100. Choose any number and put that amount of money in the envelope (#25=\$25). Then drop the envelope off in the church office. 100% of the money will go towards the trip! Thank you for your continued support of the youth here at West Nidaros!



**ONE Worship**

Sunday school students will sing at our final ONE WORSHIP SERVICE on Sunday, May 5 at 9:30. Students will sing the chorus of "I Will Carry You" by Ellie Holcomb while the band sings the verses. We will also be celebrating graduating high school seniors & Sunday school teachers!




Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors!

- McKenzie Atwood
- Brianna Bunde
- Hannah Dosch
- Carson Eggert
- Logan Ellison
- Bryson Graff
- Niklas Graff
- Lauren Grinde
- Cyrus Jorgensen
- Haley King
- Isaac Langloss
- Madeline Larson
- Cody Lofswold
- Austin Reuter
- Cael Rollag
- Mya Watkins



# MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>5 ONE Worship  <b>9:30am</b> Worship  <b>10:30am</b> Potluck  <b>1-5pm</b> Piano Recital  <b>2-6pm</b> Vanderwall                      Baby Shower</p>	 <p><b>WEST NIDAROS</b>                      LUTHERAN CHURCH  <i>Sharing Christ's Love with All!</i></p>		<p>1  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open  <b>7pm</b> Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>2  <b>9am-2:30pm</b> Office Open  <b>9-11:30am</b> Growing Place  <b>3pm</b> Stretch &amp; Pray  <b>5pm</b> Exercise Class</p>	<p>3                      Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p>
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<p>12  <b>9:30am</b> Worship                      2pm Exercise Class</p>	<p>13  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open</p>	<p>14  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open  <b>9-11:30am</b> Growing Place  <b>9am</b> TPSY  <b>11:30am</b> Stretch &amp; Pray  <b>5:45pm</b> Taekwondo</p>	<p>15  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open</p>	<p>16  <b>9am-2:30pm</b> Office Open  <b>9-11:30am</b> Growing Place  <b>3pm</b> Stretch &amp; Pray  <b>5pm</b> Exercise Class</p>	<p>17                      Office Closed  <i>Merry wedding rehearsal</i></p>	<p>18                      Merry Wedding</p>
<p>19  <b>9:30am</b> Worship                      2pm Exercise Class</p>	<p>20  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open  <b>10am</b> Staff Meeting  <b>4pm</b> Book Club</p>	<p>21  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open  <b>9am</b> TPSY  <b>11:30am</b> Stretch &amp; Pray  <b>5:45pm</b> Taekwondo</p>	<p>22  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open  <b>1:30pm</b> WELCA Bible Study</p>	<p>23  <b>9am-2:30pm</b> Office Open  <b>3pm</b> Stretch &amp; Pray  <b>5pm</b> Exercise Class</p>	<p>24                      Office Closed</p>	<p>25                      Ardis Jons Funeral</p>
<p>26  <b>9:30am</b> Worship                      2pm Exercise Class</p>	<p>27                      Memorial Day                      Office Closed                      Memorial Day Services</p>	<p>28  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open  <b>9am</b> TPSY  <b>10:30am</b> Newsletter Assembly  <b>11:30am</b> Stretch &amp; Pray  <b>5:45pm</b> Taekwondo</p>	<p>29  <b>9am-4pm</b> Office Open</p>	<p>30  <b>9am-2:30pm</b> Office Open  <b>3pm</b> Stretch &amp; Pray  <b>5pm</b> Exercise Class</p>	<p>31                      Office Closed</p>	

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Summer Worship:

9:30 a.m.

Livestream at 9:30 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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