

# THE REPORTER



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

Early this summer the staff met to plan for the coming year's ministry. As we reflected on the past year of ministry we talked through and made decisions for the 2023-2024. One of the new things that came out of our time together is this year's "One" worship services. Because we worship at different times during the year, we often don't all get to worship together as one congregation. Four times this year we will have "One" worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. On these Sunday's we will have the chance to come together as one congregation to worship together, celebrate milestones together, and talked about our shared ministry. For these Sunday's, there won't be Sunday school, as our focus will be on one share worship service, and worship will be followed by a meal. I am looking forward to these services and seeing our whole congregation worshipping together!

This month we also start our programming year, Sunday school kicks off on the 10, with all other ministry's starting that week. If you haven't registered your kids for Sunday school or confirmation, there is still time in the next few days to do so.

Even as I lament the end of another summer, I am looking forward to getting things started here at West Nidaros this fall. It will be good to get back into the rhythm of a normal schedule, and even better to see you all together again.

In Christ,  
Pr. Jared Rakness

A graphic for the "One Worship" event. The title "One Worship" is written in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, the date and time "October 1 | 9:30 a.m." and the location "Family Life Center" are listed in a blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the activities are listed in a smaller, italicized blue font: "Sunday School students sing", "3 y/o Pillow Milestone", "Welcome New Members", and "Brunch potluck following worship". The background of the graphic is a blurred image of white chairs.

# Generosity & Missions

## July Operating Fund

Actual Monthly Income: \$24,556.94  
Actual Monthly Expenses: \$35,329.67  
Actual YTD Income: \$229,051.11  
Actual YTD Expenses: \$250,957.26

## 80+ Birthday

11 - George Questad  
17 - Gene Thompson  
21 - Gail Carlson



**Ministry Teams** will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Dining Room.

If you are not a part of a team yet but would like to be, please contact the church office or just show up! Help us plan the upcoming programming year!



## New Member Orientation

Are you interested in joining West Nidaros? Or maybe just want to learn a little bit more before committing. We have two opportunities this fall to meet with the membership team to do just that. Wednesday, September 13 at 6 p.m., we will meet in the Heritage Dining Room or on Sunday, September 17 at 9:35 a.m. in the Martin Luther Room. If you do choose to join, we will welcome you during our One Worship on Sunday, October 1. Please contact the church office if you will be joining us for orientation or would like more information about West Nidaros.

## Book Club

*Maid. Hard Work, Low Pay, And a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land is our September book selection. Pick up a copy in the bag at the north end of the library. We will contact all who sign up for a book for meeting date - end of September. All are welcome!

"We need more books like MAID, with the view from behind the fridge and under the couch. Stephanie Land has something to teach us about both sides of the inequality divide. Highly recommended!"  
—BARBARA EHRENREICH  
Author and Editor, The New York Times Book Review

**maid**



stephanie land

## 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.

## The Growing Place

Nicole Questad has decided to take on a new career adventure by opening up "The Growing Place" preschool. This preschool will take place at West Nidaros Lutheran Church on Tuesday/Thursday mornings from September-May.



The age requirement for preschool is three by September 1st. I made the decision to step away from my teaching job at Tri-Valley because I wanted more flexibility to be home with my kids and help my husband with our multiple businesses. This preschool creates the best of both worlds-- being a teacher and being a mom and wife. I have fifteen students enrolled and have hired a classroom aid. The Growing Place will be offering lots of learning through hands on/real life experiences and play based learning. I think it is so important for children to experience things that they may not always experience at home, so implementing lots of hands on/real life learning is the goal for the preschool program. Questions? Please get ahold of Nicole Questad or email [TheGrowingPlace23@gmail.com](mailto:TheGrowingPlace23@gmail.com).

## The Chosen

The Chosen series showing will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room.



# Tack, Pack, Snack, & Yak

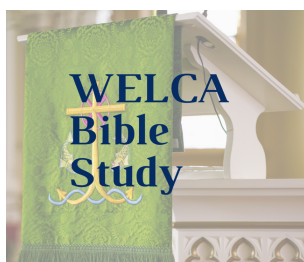
## WELCA Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Jolene Wehde after an enjoyable brunch. Devotions were given by Joan Eitrheim including some Christian "one-liners" from a newspaper article and prayer. No treasurer's report available. Offering was taken. McCrossan Boys' Ranch tour on July 28th was interesting and informative to those attending. Four quilts were given to them that day and they are always grateful for these donations. Shetek Lutheran Ministries sent a thanks for items donated for their annual Quilt Auction held June 24th. Joan Eitrheim made and donated several wall hangings, placemats and table runners which sold for total of \$285 for this event. Thank you Joan for your time and talents. Harvest Supper discussion included watching for SignUp Genius to be available by end of August for food donations and workers needed for the supper being held on Saturday, Sept. 23rd.--our annual church fundraiser. Discussion regarding making lefse for our supper was held and agreed upon--Thrivent card will be used for some baking supplies. Cookies for Campers will be held on Sunday, August 20th with several ladies offering to bring more cookies. Meal ministry meals are getting low--discussion about making more of these in the coming weeks. Bibles for 3rd graders will be presented on Sept. 17th. School supplies and bags have been purchased and will be packed in the early fall. Prayer concerns included Linda Olinger, Glenna Swier, Siemonsma family, Jason Becker family (Jason's father passed away), Joni Schuler's aunt Jenny, Hartnett family, Bob Carlson. Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

## Women of West Nidaros Happenings



- 5 - Projects
- 12 - Brunch & Projects
- 19 - Projects
- 26 - Projects



August 27 | 1:30 p.m.



Watch the weekly email for when "Cookies for Campers" fellowship following worship is happening.

**Harvest** **FESTIVAL SUPPER**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 4:30-6:30 PM

Bake & craft sale begins at 4:00 PM

**Featuring roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, salads, desserts & Norwegian goodies.**

Adults \$15 | Ages 6-10 \$5 | 5 & under FREE  
(carry-outs available)

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*children, youth & family*  
 ministry

**3rd Grade Milestone**

On Sunday, September 17, our 3rd grade students receive their first bible, The Adventure Bible, through the generosity of WELCA. Their parents fulfill the promise made at their child's baptism to "place in their hands the holy scriptures." Third grade students will now have God's Word at their fingertips.

**iFaith**

iFaith will also be starting back up on September 13 at 4:00 p.m. All 4th-6th grade students are welcome!

**Confirmation**

Confirmation for West Nidaros 7th & 8th grade students will kick off with orientation for students and parents on September 6 at 6 p.m. Lessons will begin the following Wednesday with 7th grade students meeting at 6 p.m. and 8th grade at 6:30 p.m. There will be no meal this year. You can register your student today at westnidaros.org or on the Church Center app.

**High School Ministry**

High School Ministry will start on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:05 p.m. in the youth room. we'll do something different each Wednesday night, so you'll have bible study or games and always food. High school ministry will have a Servant focus each month - For September it's the West Nidaros Harvest Dinner on Saturday, September 23. Please sign up at church to help in any way you can - serving, cleaning, setting up, making a dessert, etc. Thank you!



There will be a meeting on September 6 at 7:05 p.m. to choose the high school next summer trip! We are looking at doing a service trip this year so come find out what the options are! Students and parents are encouraged to come.

2023-2024

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <p>10 - Kick off Sunday<br/>                 17 - Sunday school,<br/>                 3rd Grade bible milestone<br/>                 24 - Sunday School</p>   | <p>.....● SEPTEMBER<br/>2023</p> |
| <p>1 - One Worship at 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 SS Students sing, No regular SS class,<br/>                 3 yr old milestone<br/>                 8 - Sunday School, 3 yr old &amp; parent class<br/>                 15 - GIFT Sunday<br/>                 22 - Sunday School<br/>                 29 - Sunday School</p>   | <p>OCTOBER<br/>2023</p>          |
| <p>5 - Sunday school, 3 yr old &amp; parent class<br/>                 12 - Sunday school<br/>                 19 - One worship at 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 SS Students sing, No regular SS class<br/>                 26 - NO Sunday School</p>  | <p>.....● NOVEMBER<br/>2023</p>  |
| <p>3 - Sunday school, 3 yr old &amp; parent class<br/>                 10 - Sunday school - Christmas program<br/>                 17 - GIFT Sunday<br/>                 24 &amp; 31 - NO Sunday school</p>   | <p>DECEMBER<br/>2023</p>         |
| <p>7 - Sunday school, 3 yr old &amp; parent class<br/>                 14 - Sunday school<br/>                 21 - GIFT Sunday<br/>                 28 - Sunday school, 1st grade milestone</p>  | <p>.....● JANUARY<br/>2024</p>   |
| <p>4 - Sunday school, 3 yr old &amp; parent class<br/>                 11 - One Worship at 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 SS Students sing, no regular SS class<br/>                 18 - NO Sunday school<br/>                 25 - Sunday school, 5th Grade milestone</p>   | <p>FEBRUARY<br/>2024</p>         |
| <p>3 - Sunday school, 3 yr old &amp; parent class<br/>                 10 - GIFT Sunday<br/>                 17 - Sunday school,<br/>                 Kindergarten milestone<br/>                 24 - Sunday school, Palm Sunday -<br/>                 Students sing at 10:30,<br/>                 4th grade First Communion lesson<br/>                 31 - No Sunday School -Easter</p> | <p>.....● MARCH<br/>2024</p>     |
| <p>7 - Sunday school, 3 yr old &amp; parent class<br/>                 14 - GIFT Sunday<br/>                 21 - Sunday school<br/>                 28 - Sunday school</p>   | <p>APRIL<br/>2024</p>            |
| <p>5 - One Worship at 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 SS Students sing, No regular SS class<br/>                 Grad recognition &amp; Teacher appreciation</p>   | <p>.....● MAY<br/>2024</p>       |



### Council Minute Summary

Full minutes can be found next to the council bulletin board by the library.

Report of Property Manager: Sunday school rooms will be painted near future, balcony railing should be completed very soon, signs are going up in the church and outside, waiting for Builders Electric to get here with lights, approximate foundation bids have come in from Innovative (Fargo)/\$45K and Rapid Foundation (Rapid City)/\$55K – Innovative appears to be better quality for long-term; there bid is about \$10K higher. Dumpsters are in back of church and filling, Nicole Questad's room is making progress. Proposed to begin notifying the congregation for awareness. Begin informational meetings this fall. Double H Paving will come provide grade level.

### Unfinished business:

1. Building use request – Tae Kwon Do by June (Mike Bemboom has visited with her a couple times, \$100/month charge, one night/week on Tuesday's, Mike Bemboom designed mock basic contract through August 2024. MSC Chris Langloss/Cheryl Anderson to move forward.

2. Sunday school remodel – moving forward with upgrade project, estimated to be under \$10K MSC Cheryl Anderson/Jana Schneiderman

### New Business:

1. Financial Task Force recommendation – Lynette Kautz posted copy within council package. Discussion on the recommendations, further discussion as needed, Finance Committee needs to be established in the near future. Task the Endowment Committee to move the ELCA MIF w/a set deadline; create a meeting with this Endowment Committee to establish guidelines. Lynette purchase CD w/cash reserves/funds MSC Jennie Criddle/Cheryl Anderson. Lynette & Pastor begin getting names for Finance Committee.

2. Basement wall bids – covered in the Property Manager report

Report of Pastor – Sunday school starting, fall events kicking off, attendance has been great, signs have been posted around the church, working on a Vision Task Force team.

Thank You: Todd Myhre GPS and helped set up platts w/Cemetary Committee. Financial Task Force, Elise for her Admin setup

Next Meeting: Sept 17th/10:45 pm

Next Ministry Team Meeting: Sept 6th/7:00pm



*Kick-Off Week*

**WEST NIDAROS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, September 10**  
8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Worship  
9:35 a.m. | Sunday School

**Wednesday, September 13**  
4:00 p.m. | iFaith  
6:00 p.m. | New Member Orientation - HDR  
6:00 p.m. | 7th grade confirmation  
6:30 p.m. | 8th grade confirmation  
7:05 p.m. | High school Ministry  
7:00 p.m. | The Chosen - MLR

### Bible Study

Instead of Wednesday Bible study, there will now be one on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Jared. There will still be Bible study between worship on Sundays in the Martin Luther Room.



# Church Center App "How To"

You can find the app in your phones "app store" for both Droid and Apple phones.

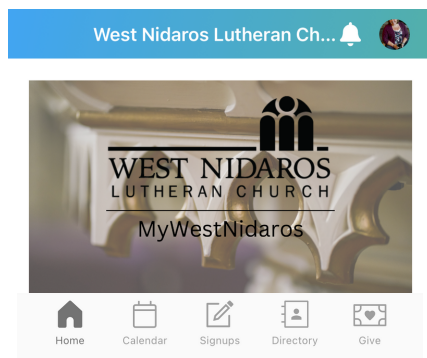


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## Why should I download the Church Center App?

- Stay up to date with up coming events and announcements on the homepage or calendar.
- Click on the little picture icon in the top right hand corner to access your information and all the ways you are involved or could be involved.

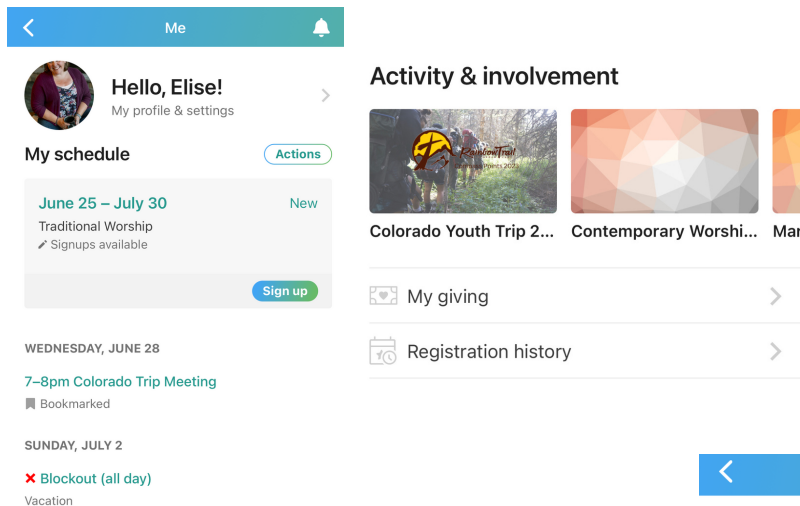
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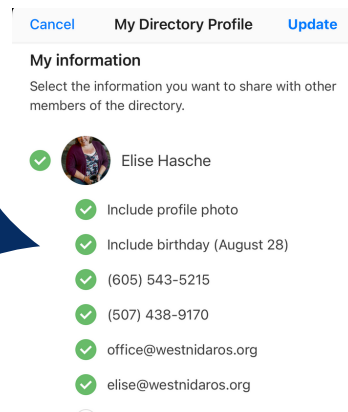
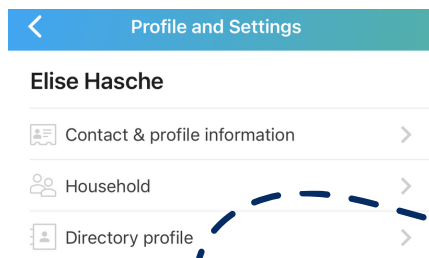
Menu

- Connect with the groups you are a part of (i.e. Family service groups, etc)
- Easily access the church calendar
- Sign up to serve on Sunday mornings

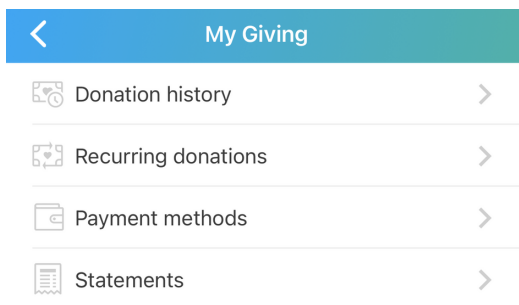


- You get to determine what information in shared with the congregation!

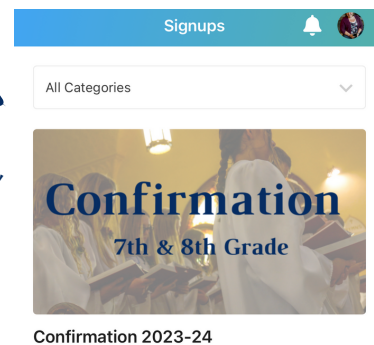
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- Easily manage your giving!  
Just click on "Give" in the bottom right hand corner and set up your giving!  
Or if you are already set up and want to manage your giving, go to your "My Giving" page under your profile.



- Register for Faith Formation, Youth Ministry and other upcoming events! Click on "signup" on the menu to see available registrations.



*Having a hard time setting up your app? Stop by the church office and Elise will be happy to help you!*



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# September 2023



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                                   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
|   |   |  |   |   | 1<br><i>Office Closed</i>                           | 2                                     |
| 3<br><i>Communion</i><br>9:30am Worship   | 4<br><i>Office Closed</i>   | 5<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>9-11am Growing Place<br>9am TPSY<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray<br>5:45pm Taekwondo                                 | 6<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>6pm Confirmation Orientation<br>6pm SS Teacher<br>7pm Ministry Team<br>7pm Summer '24 meeting       | 7<br>9am-2:30pm Office Open<br>9-11am Growing Place<br>3:00pm Stretch & Pray<br>5:00pm Exercise Class                               | 8<br><i>Office Closed</i>                           | 9                                     |
| 10<br><i>Kick Off Sunday</i><br><i>Communion</i><br>8:30am Worship<br>9:35am SS<br>10:30am Worship                | 11<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>6pm BSA Troop 57<br>6:30pm Bible Study | 12<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>9-11am Growing Place<br>9am TPSY<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray<br>5:45pm Taekwondo                                | 13<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>4pm iFaith<br>6pm New Member Orientation<br>6 pm Confirmation<br>7pm HS Ministry<br>7pm The Chosen | 14<br>9am-2:30pm Office Open<br>9-11am Growing Place<br>3:00pm Stretch & Pray<br>5:00pm Exercise Class                              | 15<br><i>Office Closed</i>                          | 16                                    |
| 17<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:35am SS/New Member Orientation/Bible Study<br>10:30am Worship<br>11:45am Church Council | 18<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>6pm BSA Troop 57<br>6:30pm Bible Study | 19<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>9-11am Growing Place<br>9am TPSY<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray<br>5:45pm Taekwondo                                | 20<br><i>Newsletter Deadline</i><br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>4pm iFaith<br>6 pm Confirmation<br>7pm HS Ministry<br>7pm The Chosen | 21<br>9am-2:30pm Office Open<br>9-11am Growing Place<br>3:00pm Stretch & Pray<br>5:00pm Exercise Class<br>6pm Harvest Supper Set up | 22<br><i>Office Closed</i><br>Harvest Supper Set up | 23<br><b>Harvest Supper</b>           |
| 24<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:35am SS/Bible Study<br>10:30am Worship  | 25<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>6pm BSA Troop 57<br>6:30pm Bible Study | 26<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>9-11am Growing Place<br>9am TPSY<br>10:30am Newsletter Assembly<br>11:30am Stretch & Pray<br>5:45pm Taekwondo | 27<br>9am-4pm Office Open<br>1:30pm WELCA Bible Study<br>4pm iFaith<br>6 pm Confirmation<br>7pm HS Ministry<br>7pm The Chosen   | 28<br>9am-2:30pm Office Open<br>9-11am Growing Place<br>3:00pm Stretch & Pray<br>5:00pm Exercise Class                              | 29<br><i>Office Closed</i>                          | 30<br><i>Shatter/Wendland Wedding</i> |

## 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

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