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September 2013 Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk

The Imprints of Faith – Passing on the Faith -- Every Adult Needs. . .

To be able to struggle with the language for God.



How important is it for a child to know their name? Our names give us our identities and connect us to our families and our communities. How more important is it to know God's name? Maria Harris has said, "Names and meanings of God need to be appropriate, appropriate to God, and able to be appropriated by us and our children (p. 43)." There are many names for God given to us in the Bible. We may have our favorite name for God, but are we open to exploring other Biblical ways in which to address God? A favorite name for God is "Father," or "Abba," as Jesus uses – which means "Daddy." Yet, that is not the only name for God in Scripture. Some call God Shepherd, Rock, Healer, Redeemer, Comforter, Creator, or Mother Hen.

There is a wide variety of names that we can explore with our children to understand the ways in which God can reach out to all of His children who may seem so different yet all are created in the image of God. Sometimes, depending on what we are experiencing in our daily lives, we may address God with a certain name or image. If we are struggling, it might help us to pray to God the Comforter. If we are seeking direction, maybe we call upon God the Shepherd to lead the way. If we are dealing with a lot of change in our lives, we pray to God the Rock who is our sure foundation.

Take a few minutes to think about the following and talk about them with your family:

What is your favorite name for God? Why? Do you know where it's used in the Bible?

Ask a friend, grandparent, or church member what their favorite name for God is.

What is a new name for God that you want to try in your prayers?

Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, in her children's book *In God's Name*, explores the different understandings and experiences behind the different names for God that allows us to grow into the mysteries of a God who has done everything for us.

The working list we are using is from a book entitled *Making a Home For Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children* by Elizabeth F. Caldwell and is actually entitled "Every Parent Needs." However, I think it can be said that it isn't just parents that need these things, but all adults. All of us are a part of a faith community. All of us promise to support and pray for those who are newly baptized, but how often do we think of acting on those promises? What better way to be able to pass on the faith than to know what we are passing on!

In Christ,
Pastor Becky

SEPTEMBER at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Worship/ Communion  15th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Labor Day Office closed	3 	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship "God's Work. Our Hand's" Sunday 3:00 Church Picnic/ Kaisers Grandparents Day 16th Sunday after Pentecost	9	10 7:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Council Meeting	11 5:30—6:30 D.O.G. Night Registration & Root Beer Floats	12	13 WELCA Women's Fall Retreat at Outlaw Ranch. Pastor Becky will be a speaker at the Retreat.	14 Serve at the Mission
15 8:30 Worship/ Music Committee 9:30 Worship/ Communion  11:00 Confirmation 17th Sunday after Pentecost	16	17 9:30 WELCA Pastors' conference in Buffalo	18 D.O.G. Night 5:30 Supper 6:00 Workshops	19	20	21  World Day of Prayer
22 9:30 Worship/ Communion Kaiser Baptism 11:00 Confirmation October Care & Serve meeting 18th Sunday after Pentecost	23 Deadline for October Newsletter	24 7:00 Men's Breakfast	25 D.O.G. Night 5:30 Supper 6:00 Workshops	26	27	28 4:00 Culpeper Benefit Custer County Fairgrounds
29 9:30 Worship Hauff Baptism 11:00 Confirmation 19th Sunday after Pentecost	30					



DEADLINE for October Newsletter is **September 23**. Please email osl@mt-rushmore.net or call the church (255-4662) by noon with any announcements or items to go in the October Newsletter.

The church office has a wish list. This will be an ongoing list throughout the year. If you would like to help contribute to this list, it would be much appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

- 20 lb copy paper
- Postage stamps
- Standard Staples
- Printer cartridges



CELL PHONE UPDATES
 If you have a cell phone or two, I would appreciate it if you would share the numbers with me just in case I need to reach someone quickly. They will be kept confidential if you prefer. Thank you. Peg

If you place a note or papers on my desk, I am asking that you put your name on it in case I have questions. Thank you. Peg



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00
 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 -12:00
Please stop in or call anytime

September Events . . .

~"God's Work. Our Hands." ~ Sunday

September 8

"God's work. Our hands" Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate our 25th anniversary as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

On September 8th in worship, we will celebrate our mission and service ministries. We will also do a blessing of the hands as we think of all of the ways God works through us.

IT'S PICNIC TIME!

Herb and Rebecca Kaiser will be hosting our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 8 at 4:00pm at their home.

If you would like to help with the food, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Directions to their picnic grounds are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please take one



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!




All men interested in getting together for food and fellowship are invited to **Men's Breakfast** every other Tuesday morning at 7:00am at the church.
September breakfasts will be the 10th and 24th.

LIVE ~ LOVE ~ LAUGH
Bear Butte Conference
of Women of the ELCA

**Fall Retreat
at Outlaw Ranch
Friday and Saturday
September 13-14, 2013**

*Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.*
Psalm 126:2

Registration forms are now available
in the church office.



**Confirmation
Class**

Confirmation

7-8 Grade Confirmation -- Almost Here!

Our regular Confirmation classes will begin **September 15 at 11:00am** following worship. We will meet every Sunday at this time for 1 hour. We are in the year that we cover the Bible. We will be using the reform curriculum -- *Ancestors: Old Testament and New Testament*. Each session begins with a short video and will include work in our "Anti-Workbooks." We will cover the Old Testament Ancestors through Dec. 22 and then move into the New Testament Ancestors in January. There are 30 sessions. Attendance is essential. If you miss a Sunday, you will have to complete homework in order to receive credit for the missed session. This is different from how we previously led classes. We will discuss attendance as well as other guidelines when we meet. Letters will be mailed out with information. We do need to know who will be participating so that Bibles, Anti-Workbooks, and Catechisms can be ordered for those who need them. The Confirmation classes are for 7-8th grades, as well as any other youth who has not completed their Bible year. *(Last year was the Catechism year.)*

More September Events . . .

All women are invited to join us for our **Women's Bible study and WELCA meeting** at 9:30 am, **Tuesday, September 17** in the church fellowship hall. *Adare Diers* will lead the Bible study.

Carol Neugebauer will serve as hostess.

If you regularly attend WELCA, why not invite a friend; if you have not been to WELCA in a while, you are missed; if you have never come, please give it a try—it will be better if you are there!



We welcome all women to join us.

D.O.G. Night—DISCIPLES OF GOD **Wednesday, September 18** **5:30 - 7:00 pm**



Again this year we are using a curriculum called Workshop Cycles. We will present the Bible/faith stories in units. Each 4-week unit we will cover the same topic in different ways! Adults can volunteer for specific units so that they do not have to commit to the whole year. Each unique workshop gives many people an opportunity to experience

D.O.G. night. Even if you have never taught before, this is a way to give it a try! Each Workshop needs 1 adult leader and 1 adult helper. We also are in need of 4 others who will commit to a 4-week unit to travel with a group through their workshops. Although this role does not take any preparation, it is an extremely important one. (workshops subject to change.)

Unit 1: All About the Bible—Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, Oct 9

Workshops: Drama, Movie, Games, Art/Craft

Key Verse: "The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

Unit 2: The Body of Christ—Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6

Workshops: Story & Games, Art/Craft, Movie, Music

Key verse: "We, who are many, are one body in Christ." Romans 12:5

Unit 3: Advent - Be Alert, Shepherds! - Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 11

Workshops: Games, Drama, Art/Craft, Movie or Music

Key verse: "So the shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger." Luke 2:16

Even more September Events . .



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Each year on September 21 the World Council of Churches calls churches and parishes to observe the International Day of Prayer for Peace. September 21 is also the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace. The International Day of Prayer for Peace offers an opportunity for church communities in all places to pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, their families, communities and societies.

OCTOBER CARE & SERVE TEAM!

October "Care & Serve" Team will meet during fellowship on Sunday, September 22. If you would like to help in October, please plan to join us.

October Care & Serve Team:

Council Host, Larry VanDreissen.

Also serving: Gary & Connie Hunsaker, Herb & Rebecca Kaiser, Jan Dietrich, Jason & Conni Virtue.



Kimber Lynn Kaiser—September 22
Leia Rebecca Hauff—September 29

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUTLAW RANCH

Family & Faith Time Retreat
September 28-29, 2013

Bring the entire family - children, parents, grandparents, and singles - to experience quality time together outdoors centered in Jesus Christ! Home cooked meals, outdoor recreation, a service project, youth activities, campfire worship with s'mores, and an adult speaker on "Faith Time at Home" are just a few of the things you will enjoy.

Register on-line at www.losd.org or call 605-673-4040.



CULPEPER MEDICAL BENEFIT

Saturday, September 28
4:00PM

Custer County Fairgrounds



Plans are to have tables for Texas Hold-Em Poker and Bingo for the non-poker players. Huge prizes for the winners. We will also have auction items, a bake sale and free will donation for the supper. Please watch for sign up sheets for soup, chili or stew, pies and baked goods for the sale. Desserts or cookies and bars for the dinner. Also, if you have silent auction gifts to donate, that would be greatly appreciated.

For more info, please contact *Roger and Betty Dikoff* at 255-4411, *Dan and Shelley Martin* at 255-5515, or *Shelley* at *Pop's Grocery* at 255-5977.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful benefit.



CARE & SERVE TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

We are in need of people to sign up to help with the monthly Care & Serve teams. If you and your family are able to help, please contact Peg in the office, to be included on the Care and Serve list for the month that works best for you.

On the next to the last Sunday of each month, the "Care & Serve" Team for the following month gathers during fellowship time to complete the chart for assisting with worship and fellowship for the next month. Members of the team have the opportunity to sign up to usher, greet, read scriptures, prepare and/or serve communion, bake communion bread, acolyte, power point tech, and serve for fellowship time, and serve at the Cornerstone Mission.

As you see, there are lots of different jobs, and each of us have different gifts, so no one needs to feel obligated to do anything you are not comfortable with. Please sign up and offer whatever gifts, time, and talents you feel called to share.

Sign up on the list on the bulletin board or call Peg at the church office, 255-4662 to join the Care & Serve Team of your choice.

God's Cupboard



This is the name of our emergency food pantry that is located at the church. If you know of a family or an individual from the community that is in need of food or other essentials, please have them contact Pastor Becky for a private conversation/consultation. Pastor Becky would like to meet with each family or individual so all can receive specific help and prayer. If you would like to volunteer please contact Pastor Becky at 255-4662.



GRANDPARENTS



**Few can bring the warmth
We can find in their embrace,
And little more is needed to bring love.
Than the smile on their face.**

**They've a supply of precious stories,
Yet they've time to wipe a tear,
Or give us reasons to make us laugh,
They grow more precious through the years.**

**I believe that God sent us Grandparents
As our legacy from above,
To share the moments of our life,
As extra measures of His love.**

Happy Grandparents Day September 8

Remembering in our Prayers . . .

David Vining, Stony Fritz, Madison Bies, Dee Ann Hagen, Jerry Puckett, Dennis McMillin, Cookie Whitney (Dawn Tesch's mother), Jim Culpeper, Esther Downen, Diana Flug's mother, Donna Starr, Jessalyn (niece of Carla O. & Trent K.), Bill Row (Betty Ott's son-in-law), Clay Ewing (Jack Corr's cousin), Char (friend of Evjen's), Bonnie (Linda S. sister-in-law), Justin (Russell Jensen's nephew), John (Doug Whitfield's uncle), Tyler Hill (Tina Novak's cousin), Nancy (Carpenter's daughter), Cynthia (friend of Diana L.), Tom (friend of Diers), Rosie (friend of Betty Dikoff), Geraldine Pedersen (Tiffany Kaiser's grandmother), Terri (Jenett VanDreissen's sister-in-law), Wanda & Jim (cousins of VanDreissen's), Jessica (relative of Zuerleins), Gary & Donna Halverson (friends of Van Dreissen's), Larry Gardner (friend of Marci Culpeper), Ken (Judy B. & Karen L.'s dad), Vera (Esther D.'s sister).

All men and women serving our country in the military, especially Bjorn (friend of Veronica), Chase (friend of Novotny (Jack Corr's cousin), Alayna (Judy Bishop's granddaughter); Jackie Fitzgerald; Holly (Cindy Platt's niece), 235th Military Police, Thad (Jim Schultes' son-in-law); Scott Dirkes; Cory, (Jason Virtue's brother); David VanVleck (employee /friend of Dan Warren); Chase, (Jenett & Larry VanDreissen's grandson); Jesse Lynch; Brian, (Marvin & Judy Bishop's son); Janna, (Sharon & Leo Hundtoft's granddaughter).

Please help us keep the prayer list current by letting Pastor Becky or Peg know when you would like to have someone's name added or removed from the list.

Treasurer's Report

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR JULY

Date	Attendance	Offering
July 7	75	\$2854
July 14	71	\$1878
July 21	93	\$1117
July 28	82	\$1695
July Average	80	\$1886

General Offerings YTD **\$65,678**
Expenses YTD **\$68,399**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING FOR AUGUST

Date	Attendance	Offering
August 4	72	\$2333
August 11	47	\$724
August 18	89	\$2522
August 25	81	\$1962
August Average	72	\$1885

General Offerings YTD **\$73,219**
Expenses YTD **\$78,451**
Budget Income YTD **\$79,795**
Expense Income YTD **\$81,145**

Thank you to everyone who has been working on the ground maintenance this summer. To those who have mowed and trimmed. To those who installed the sprinkler system. To those who did the landscaping in the front and office. To those who installed the new fencing. To those who planted flowers and have watered them. And to all the others who helped in some way to improve our grounds. This shows how God's handiwork through others, benefits us all. We have been getting many compliments and are very proud to have a warm and welcoming place to worship.



Thank you to Pastors' Becky & David, and the church council members for allowing us to have the "McCoy Benefit" at Our Savior's Lutheran. Thank you to all who baked yummy bars & cookies, to all whom contributed to the benefit one way or another. Marvin Bishop said it was a great benefit & was happy how it turned out, so if *Marvin is happy, we're happy*. God Bless everyone who supported the benefit.

Dan & Shelley

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Leía's open house. We feel so blessed to have our precious little girl. We feel so loved by so many!!! Thank you.

Darin, Rebecca and Leía Hauff



We would like to thank all the parishioners, family and friends for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during our time of need. God was with us. Thank you.
Chuck and Mikkey Twitero

Birthdays

~~~~ *September 2013* ~~~~

Kathy Carpenter 4th  
Becky Piper 13th  
Wacey Ferguson 16th  
Conni Virtue 21st  
Joshua Piper 24th  
Linda Swendsen 24th  
Easton Tesch 26th  
Marci Culpeper 29th  
Alicja Mead 29th  
Jerry Puckett 29th  
Aiden Jensen



# **D.O.G. NIGHT 'Disciples of God'** **REGISTRATION & ROOT BEER FLOATS**



**For all kids 4 years old—8th grade**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**5:30 -- 6:30pm**

Parents and Guardians must attend to sign their children up  
and fill out contact information.

**Come to REGISTER, SIGN-UP, LEARN WHAT'S NEW  
and have an ICE CREAM FLOAT!**

***(No meal served)***

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***Worship Time***  
***Sunday 9:30 am***  
***1st & 3rd Sundays***  
***Communion***

***D.O.G. Night***  
***5:30-7:00pm***  
***beginning Sept 18***



Our Mission: "We welcome others to join us in worshipping and serving Christ"