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November 2013 Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk

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

To be a regular participant in adult religious education.

It is important to talk to one another about what we read and learn in the Bible and about how it applies to our lives today. It is important to talk to one another about faith. During our confirmation program, before youth are confirmed, they write out their faith statements – what they believe. They do this after having two years of instruction to cover the Bible as well as the small catechism (Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, office of the keys). How many of you, as adults, would find it difficult to articulate what you believe?

As the busyness of life has taken over extra time for many people, it becomes harder to meet together. Periodically we offer small group Bible study, book study, or prayer time for adults. However, as much as many of you want to participate, it doesn't happen. What to do? Many parents are joining their children in their workshops on DOG Night. Not only do they get a chance to spend time with their children, but they also receive an opportunity to learn about faith alongside them. With the growth of technology, new opportunities for faith growth also abound. Many people will have a daily Bible verse or devotion come directly to their phone. Others will check their church website or Facebook page for inspiration. (Hint, check out our website at oslhermosa.com.)

Whatever is done is not done to show off to others or to mark a check off of our to do list, but is done in order to strengthen us in our relationships. When we spend time with God, we seem to be better able to see God in other people. Why? We are caring for ourselves and our relationship with God – what matters more than anything else. When our interior life is active, it affects our exterior life – our relationship with others.

Take a moment to think about how you would articulate what you believe. If you struggle with it, maybe it's time to give yourself a break so that you can take a moment to care for your relationship with a loving God.

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





at Our Savior's Lutheran

unday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dear God, I think about you sometimes, even when I'm not praying. Elliott						1 
3 9:30 Worship/ Communion All Saints' Day 11:00 Confirmation Class 24th Sunday after Pentecost	4 	5 7:00 Men's Breakfast	6 D.O.G. Night 5:30 Supper 6:00 Workshops	7	8	9 Serve at the Cornerstone Mission
10 9:30 Worship Cornerstone Service Blessing 11:00 Confirmation Class 25 Sunday after Pentecost	11  5-7pm American Legion Dinner	12 9:30 WELCA 6:30 Council Meeting	13 D.O.G. Night 5:30 Supper 6:00 Workshops	14	15 9-12 God's Cupboard	16
17 8:30 Worship/Music Committee 9:30 Worship/Communion 3rd Graders receive Bibles 11:00 Confirmation Class December Care & Serve 26th Sunday after Pentecost	18 DEADLINE for December Newsletter	19 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 WELCA	20 D.O.G. Night 5:30 Supper 6:00 Workshops	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship Stewardship Sunday 11:00 Confirmation Class Christ the King Sunday	25	26	27 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service NO D.O.G. NIGHT	28 	29	30 1:00 pm Decorate the church for Advent and Christmas season.



DEADLINE for December Newsletter is **November 18**. Please email osl@mt-rushmore.net or call the church (255-4662) by noon with any announcements or items to go in the December Newsletter.

*If you wish to use the church or borrow items from the church, there is an agreement form that you must complete. This form needs to be signed and approved prior to use. The forms are available in my office. Please plan ahead for this. Thank you.
Peg*

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!

Printer cartridges



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

November Events . . .



**SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR
BEFORE
GOING TO BED
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2**

November 3 is *All Saints' Day*. During the service you will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one to honor and remember them.

The Western Christian holiday of All Saints' Day falls on November 1, followed by All Souls' Day on November 2

A November festival of all the saints was already widely celebrated on November 1 in the days of Charlemagne.

The festival was retained after the Reformation in the calendar of the Anglican Church and in many Lutheran churches. In the Lutheran churches, such as the Church of Sweden, it assumes a role of general commemoration of the dead. In the Swedish calendar, the observance takes place on the Saturday between October 31 and November 6. In many Lutheran Churches, it is moved to the first Sunday of November.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are also closely linked with *Halloween*, which is shortened for the name "All Hallow's Eve". Various customs have developed related to Halloween. In the Middle Ages, poor people in the community begged for "soul cakes," and upon receiving these doughnuts, they would agree to pray for departed souls. This is the root of our modern day "trick-or-treat."



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. **November breakfasts are November 5th and 19th.**

3rd GRADERS TO RECEIVE BIBLES

November 17: *Receive your Bible during worship service.*



3:00pm—Bring your new Bible, as well as a parent/guardian, and join Pastor Becky for a time to explore and discover God's Word.

All women are invited to join us for our **Women's Bible study and WELCA meeting**



at 9:30 am, **Tuesday, November 19th** in the church fellowship hall.

Kathy Thompson will lead the Bible study.

Kathy Sunding will serve as hostess.

We welcome all women to join us.

Stew-ardship Sunday, November 24, 2013

What are the ingredients needed for the perfect, comforting stew on a cool, fall day?

What are the ingredients needed for a *stew-ardship Sunday*?

To find out, let's gather together for a celebration on **November 24th!** We will worship together at 9:30 am where a guest preacher will share with us how their faith in God has shaped their life. At 11:00 am, we will serve stew and homemade bread in the fellowship room. Each table will have a "*stew kit*" as it's center piece and one person from each table will go home with the gift of a future meal. There will also be "*talk points*" located on each table to encourage conversation as we enjoy our meal and fellowship time together.

Stay tuned as specific ingredients needed for this event will be included in upcoming worship bulletins.



Advent begins Sunday, December 1st.

Anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas, please join us on Saturday, November 30th at 1:00pm. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

D.O.G. Night—DISCIPLES OF GOD Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:10 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! 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 2: The Body of Christ—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



Confirmation Sunday, October 27, 2013
Confirmed students and their families

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Ty Neugebauer, Meghan Corr, Morgan Parys,
Pastor Becky Piper and Heath Hunsaker.

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Class **7 -8 Grade Confirmation**

Our regular Confirmation classes are 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.*)

All Around Our Community . . .



Annual Turkey Supper, Bazaar & Bake Sale November 2

Atonement Lutheran Church, 602 Auburn Drive, Rapid City, will hold their Annual Turkey Supper with all the trimmings, including lefse, November 2. Serving will be 4-7pm. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children five to ten years old. Children under five are free.



Marty's Mug is a small group for young adults (20-30 somethings) that gathers on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Tuesday of each month for fellowship. If you have questions contact Pastor Cassandra (pastorcassandra@sclc-rc.org).

Battle River Eastern Star's Annual Turkey Dinner Sunday, November 10 served family style 11:00am—2:00 pm



Hermosa Masonic Hall
Adults \$8.00,
Children 5-12 \$4.00
Under 5 FREE

Veterans Day Dinner Monday, November 11 5:00—7:00 pm

American Legion Post Home
Corner of Main and 2nd Street, Hermosa, SD
A.L. Post 303 will be serving a Veterans Day dinner consisting of Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken & Rice (gluten-free) Soup. Free will donations accepted for the dinner. Beverages available.

**PUBLIC WELCOME
TO ATTEND.**



God's Cupboard November 22 9:00am—Noon



Our community food pantry located at the church will be open on Friday, November 22nd from 9:00 am to noon. If you are interested in being a volunteer to work the open dates, please talk to Pastor Becky.



RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUTLAW RANCH

Fall Passionate Quilters –Outlaw Ranch, Nov 8-10 (full), 15-17, and 22-24. Gather up those quilting projects and head to Outlaw Ranch for a relaxed weekend of quilting, home cooked food, making new friends, and sharing creative ideas and expertise. Dates & Registration information at www.losd.org

Confirmation ADVENTure—December 6-7, 2013. Friday 6:30pm through Saturday 3:00pm. Topic: We will explore the real people of the Christmas stories: Mary, Joseph, Anna, Simeon, and even the shepherds! We will see that God came to live among ordinary people with the same hopes, dreams, fears and failures that we have today. The South Canyon Lutheran Church youth band will lead worship, and we will do a service project for camp. This retreat is designed to give confirmation students and leaders an energy boost, simply by offering a change of pace. Learn, relax, and have fun at camp! *Registration Deadline: November 22, 2013.* For more information, contact Outlaw Ranch: Phone: 605-673-4040 or Email: outlaw@losd.org.

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.

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.

DECEMBER CARE & SERVE TEAM!

December "Care & Serve" Team will meet during fellowship on **Sunday, November 17**. If you would like to help in December, please plan to join us.

December Care & Serve Team:

Council Host, Kevin Vining

Also serving: Marci Culpeper, Cleon and Adare Diers, Jim & Nancy Schultes, and Judy Stanley.



An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, "For Heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out!"

Welcome the newest members to our church family

Dale and Varro Friend

Remembering in our Prayers . .

Faith Lutheran Valley City, ND, Michala (cousin of Martins'), Chic Schneekloth, Bill Meister (Adare Diers father), Jan Rasmusson (friend of Gillespie's), Dee Preston, Dee Ann Hagen, Dennis McMillin, Jim Culpeper, Bill Row (Betty Ott's son-in-law), Char (friend of Evjen's), Nancy (Carpenter's daughter), Cynthia (friend of Diana L.), Tom (friend of Diers), Rosie (friend of Betty Dikoff), Geraldine Pedersen (Tiffany Kaiser's grandmother), Wanda & Jim (cousins of VanDreissen's), Jessica (relative of Zuerleins), Gary & Donna Halverson (friends of VanDreissen'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 John Kramer (Esther Downen's nephew), 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 OCTOBER

Date	Attendance	Offering
October 6	0	3000.00
October 13	72	3080.00
October 20	81	2201.00
October 27	113	1858.00
October average	89	2534.75

October Offerings YTD **\$10,139**
 October Expenses YTD **\$ 9,039**
 General Offerings YTD **\$93,213**
 Expenses YTD **\$98,296**

Mission of the Month **\$ 408.86**



I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, food, phone calls, visits, and kindness during my hospital stay and since I have been home.
 Lois Rudd

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers and concerns in the illness and death of my sister-in-law.



Jenett & Larry VanDreissen

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with cleaning the office and getting files sorted and updated. We have good storage now and the bookshelves look so nice. It is really nice to be able to ask for help and there are always those willing to step up to the task.
 Peg



'Twas the Night of Thanksgiving

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,
 I tossed and I turned.
 My food all digested;
 my stomach still churned.
 The thought of some turkey
 with stuffing and pie....was
 too tempting for me to repress or deny.
 I ran to the kitchen, threw open the door,
 and loaded my plate full of goodies galore.
 Turkey, cranberries and yams piled high
 I barely had room for some leftover pie.
 My stomach grew huge and my face got all red.
 I couldn't get back up the stairs to my bed.
 I bit off more food than I guess I could chew.



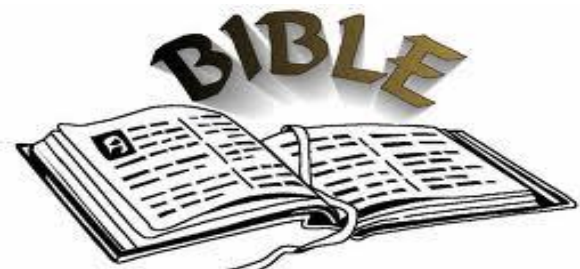
Birthdays

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|---------------------|----|
| Doug Whitfield      | 1  |
| Jason Virtue        | 3  |
| Tammy Dennert       | 9  |
| Corban Piper        | 12 |
| Denny Tesch         | 18 |
| Crystal Wiles       | 19 |
| Tammy Jo Schlechter | 25 |

Do you know the definition of the word "Bible"?

The devout cowboy lost his favorite Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later, a cow walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the cow's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"  
 "Not really," said the cow. "Your name is written inside the cover."



**B**asic **I**nformation **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth

# Mission of the Month for November Black Hills Storm Relief



## **The Need**

An early October snowstorm hit the Black Hills of South Dakota dumping feet of snow taking out trees, power, roads, and tens of thousands of livestock. It is believed that 5 percent of the roughly 1.5 million cattle in Western South Dakota have been killed. It is estimated that this will be a multi-million dollar hit to the area.

We, the South Dakota Synod, will continue to support and pray for the numerous families, ranchers, communities, and churches that have been effected by this disaster.

## **How You Can Help!!!**

### **Volunteer**

Volunteers are still needed for debris removal, chain saw teams, carcass removal, and fence repair. Volunteer resources currently requested: pick ups/trailers, front-end loaders, heavy equipment for carcass removal, snow cats, and generators. **Call the United Way Black Hills Disaster Update Center at 211 or 1-877-708-4357 to volunteer.**

### **Send a Donation**

The need in after the storm is great and your financial gifts will help the recovery process for ranchers and families in need. If you or your congregation would like to make a donation to the efforts, you may do so through Lutheran Social Services:

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota  
705 East 41st Street, Suite 200  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-6048  
Phone: 605-357-0100, 800-568-2401  
Email: info@lsssd.org

*Please write "Black Hills Relief" on the memo line.*

### **Have you or someone in your congregation been impacted by the blizzard?**

Funds are available to help with immediate needs like feed, fuel, fence repairs, or groceries.

Support is also available for emotional distress and counseling resources.

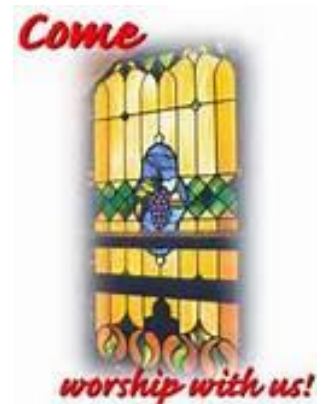
**Call the United Way Black Hills Disaster Update Center at 211 or 1-877-708-4357 for assistance.**

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

***D.O.G. Night***  
***5:30-7:10pm***



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