

PASTOR BECKY PIPER

November 24, 2014

Our Savior's Lutheran Church members:

It has been with great pleasure that I have served as your pastor since 2009. Through this time we have served one another, the Hermosa community, and beyond in God's name.

We have followed the mission of the congregation as we added on to the church so that we were better able to provide space for our ministries. Vibrant Faith ministries helped us to explore how we can connect the church and our homes. Our presence on social media has expanded. Through it all, Our Savior's Lutheran Church continues to grow and reach people with the grace of God because you allow God to work through you.

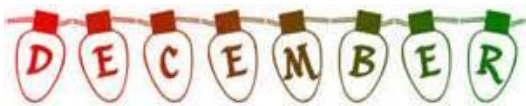
I am informing you that I will be accepting a new call. I will be joining David to be co-pastors at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City in February 2015. This is a new form of pastoral leadership for them and I know that you will keep them in your prayers during this time of transition as we will keep your transition in our prayers. My final Sunday with you will be January 11, 2015.

You will continue to grow in faith and service during the upcoming years. I have no doubt that you will prayerfully call your next pastor to join you in your upcoming ministry adventures and God will continue to do great things through you.


Sincerely yours,

Pastor Becky Piper

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2014 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation	4	5 6
7 9:30 Worship/Communion Grounds Committee Meet 11:00 Confirmation Class 11:00-2:00 HABA Winter Carnival <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	 8	9 7:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Council Meeting	10 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation	11 2:00 and 7:00 K-4th grade Musical Hermosa School	12  13
14 8:30 Worship/Music Meeting 9:30 Worship/Communion 11:00 Confirmation Class 11:30 Youth Group Ice Skating trip <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	15 5:00-6:00 Hermosa School Community Caroling	16 9:30 WELCA 9:30 Bear Butte Conf. at Trinity in Rapid City LCM at noon	17 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation	18 1:30 Hermosa School Choir & Band Concert	19 All reports are due for Annual Report 9—NOON God's Cupboard
21 9:30 Worship/Communion 11:00 Third Grade Bible class December Care and Serve meet <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	 22 December Newsletter Deadline	23 7:00 Men's Breakfast	24 5:00 Jingle Bell Service 7:00 Traditional Christmas Eve Service	25 Office closed 	26 27
28 9:30 Worship of Scripture & Song 11:00 Confirmation Class <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		



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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
605-255-4662

December Events

Advent Themes for this season



November 30 *Light*

December 7 *Joy*

December 14 *Peace*

December 21 *Love*

Each Sunday of Advent, you are invited to share a Christmas ornament that fits the theme of the day. Decorating the tree with those ornaments will be a part of our advent wreath lighting during the children's message. All of the ornaments can be picked up after Christmas.

All men interested in getting together for food and fellowship are invited to the **Men's Breakfast** every other Tuesday morning at 7:00am at the church. **This month December 9th and 23rd.**



Youth News

Who: Youth 6th grade through 12th grades

What: Ice Skating

When: Sunday, December 14th, 11:30 am

Where: Main Street Square, Rapid City

Why: Fun, Fun, Fun!

Cost: \$5 adult (age 13 & up), \$4 youth (age 12 & under); and \$3 skate rental

We will leave from church on Sunday at 11:30 am after worship. Please bring money for lunch/snack and ice skate rentals. **The first 8 youth who sign up will receive a FREE ice skating package (includes one-time ice time and ice skate rentals)!** We will figure out carpooling when we know the size of the group. Parents/Guardians -- please let me know if you are willing to help and attend.

The WELCA Bible Study will meet at 9:30 am, **December 16** in the church fellowship hall.



All women are invited to join us. Our next WELCA meeting will be December 16th at 9:30 AM.

Everyone bring a goodie to share to celebrate the Christmas season. Our bible study will be postponed for a month and Paula Warren will have a Christmas reading.

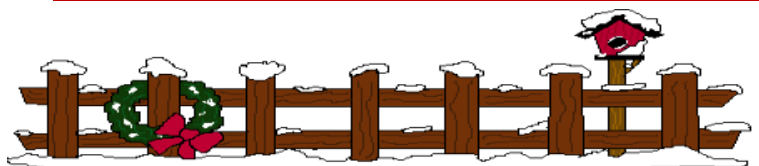
Confirmation Class

A reminder to our confirmation students that we will continue to offer the same class on Sunday and Wednesday so that you have two opportunities.

We meet at 11:00 am on Sundays or 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. The final class on the Lord's Prayer will be November 30 and Dec. 3. Our final session in December will be December 7 and 10: "Was Jesus of Nazareth God? Did Jesus know he was God?" We will not meet again until January 4th and 7th.

D.O.G. Night—Disciples of God Wednesdays ~ 5:30—7:00pm Last DOG Night December 17

We leave the book of Genesis during December to focus on the "Jesus is Born" unit for Dec. 3 and 10. Remember that each unit has a memory verse for your child and sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please sign your name when you have told the memory verse to an adult. The verses are always on the fellowship tables and lists are available to take home. We also are sending a "Family Conversation" sheet home for each unit to help you dig deeper into our Bible stories. We will return on January 7th for a 4-week unit on "Noah's Ark."



**God's Cupboard
December 19th
9:00am—Noon**



Our community food pantry located at the church will be open on the third Friday of each month, from 9:00 am to noon.

If you are interested in being a volunteer to work the open dates, please talk to Pastor Becky.

JANUARY CARE & SERVE TEAM!

will meet during fellowship on

Sunday, December 21st

Council Host, Alan & Cindy Platt

January Care & Serve Team: David & Alisa Bender, Don & Vicky Bender, Dick & Susan Deutscher, Roger & Betty Dickoff, Larry & Linda Fritz, and Dennis & Kathy Thompson.

ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS!

Do you have an instrument you play? Do you have a hymn you wish you could play or sing for special music? Do you need someone to accompany you? We are always excited to have someone share their gifts with the congregation. Please let Conni Virtue or any of the pianists/organists know if you would like to play or call Peg in the office and she can help you connect with the person who is playing. As always if there is anyone who plays piano or organ and would like to play occasionally in church, please let Conni Virtue know.



~ ~Items needed for God's Cupboard ~ ~

pancake mix (add water only), canned fruits, boxed potatoes, and cereal. We do not need canned vegetables at this time. Thank you to everyone who donates items and money to stock the shelves of God's Cupboard.

We also appreciate our volunteers who work to keep God's Cupboard open each month. In November, we had an increase in use and are anticipating more use this month as well.



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 5:00pm—Jingle Bell

Christmas: a shorter worship service (with jingle bells for kids to play) that includes an impromptu Christmas story, holy communion served continuous style, and ends with candle lighting.

December 24, 7:00pm—Traditional Christmas Eve Worship with holy communion and candle lighting.

Are you interested in becoming a council member? **NOW** is your opportunity to help your church. We will be having our Annual Meeting, January 18, with election of officers. If you want to put your name in, please contact council president, Alan Platt, or any of our current council members so we can get you added to the list.

The church copier has lasted us almost 10 years. It needs to be replaced now as soon as possible. Anyone using the copier, must use it sparingly. No changes can be made to the setup now.

Please check with Peg if you have any questions. Preliminary estimated cost for a new machine-comparable to the current one is \$3,000 to \$5,000. That is a broad range, with lots of shopping, comparison, and discussion to yet take place. We will keep a lookout for a good, certified used machine, but do not intend to cut corners. If you would like to donate towards this expense, please contact Pastor Becky or Marvin Bishop.





HERMOSA ARTS & HISTORY ASSOCIATION (H.A.H.A.)

**Invites you to join us at the 3rd Annual Winter Carnival.
Sunday, December 7 from 11am-4pm.
Santa Claus, 11:30-1:30,
games, fun, crafts & bake sale.
Soup & dessert FREE WILL offering.
To be held at the
Hermosa School Gymnasium.**



HAHA has asked OSL to provide some music at their fundraiser December 7. Anyone who would like to sing is welcome. The songs will be mostly Christmas carols. We will be singing at the Hermosa Elementary School from 11:30am till about noon. We will have a rehearsal December 6 at the church at 10:00am. Contact Carla with questions, 255-5142.



PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, *January 18, 2015*. A chili cook-off is being planned. Watch for details in the January Newsletter.



In preparation for the meeting, treasurers of church organizations are asked to please have your books ready to be turned in for review by January 2.

Those responsible for reports of activities for committees and groups, please email reports to osl@mt-rushmore.net or have written reports in to the church office no later than December 19. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Two 3 year positions on the church council will be open as well as an alternate. Alan Platt and Larry VanDreissen have completed their terms. If you are interested in being nominated to serve on the council, please let a council member know. At this time we have two people running for council: Adare Diers, Greg Neugebauer, The present council members are: Bill Dennert (1), Russell Jensen (1), and Jack Coor (2), Dan Martin, and Crystal Wiles (2), Alan Platt and Larry VanDreissen.



Remembering in our Prayers . . .



Cindy, Donley, Mary Jo Hall, Kerry & Peg (Mikkey's brother-in-law & sister), Adare, Mikkey, Lisa, Jaime, Paul (Kristen's father), James (Joan's nephew), Butch, Diane Flug's mother, Ryan, Ian & Christina (Lescarbours family), Bernie (Shelley's brother), Rob & Lindsey Whitehead, Lena (Deb VanSambeek's mother), Ron (Esther's nephew), John (Carol Neugebauer's brother-in-law), Ralph & Lois, Dan (Betty's brother), Varro & Dale, Colleen (Larry's F. sister), Bill (Adare's father), Jerry and Tom (Cleon's friends), Bruce (Becky K's friend), Dee Ann, Nancy (Carpenter's daughter), Geraldine (Tiffany's grandmother), Jim (VanDreissen's cousin), Jessica (Zuerleins relative), Gary & Donna (VanDreissen's friends), Ken (Judy & Karen's dad), Vera (Esther's sister).

All men and women serving our country in the military, especially Brian (Lemer's son), Alayna (Judy Bishop's granddaughter); Chase (Jenett & Larry VanDreissen's grandson); 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

November 2	97	\$2,599
November 9	82	\$1,038
November 16	59	\$1,405
November 23	107	\$1,467
November 30	66	\$1,407
November averages	82	\$1,583

November Offerings \$ 8,727
November Expenses \$ 8,377
Total Income YTD \$103,118
Total Expenses YTD \$107,209
November Mission \$614

The Care and Serve list for the year 2015 is available now. If you were on last year, that is what is on there this year. We need new people or others who have not donated their time for awhile to help us out. Contact one of the council members.

Thank you to everyone who participated in picking out worship music and hymns. We have already used many of your ideas!

Worship/Music Committee



Third grader Corban Piper receives his bible from Conni Virtue as Pastor Becky looks on.

On Sunday November 23 we welcomed six new members. Pictured standing left to right are: Pastor Becky Piper, Margie



Neugebauer, Chase Fairbanks, Cassidy Powell, and seated David Vining. Duane Neugebauer was not pictured. Welcome to all of you.

Pour Justice to the Brim!

Through our LWR Coffee Project, a partnership between Lutheran World Relief and Equal Exchange, Lutherans can enjoy delicious fairly traded products while supporting small-scale farmers across the world. Farmers earn a fair price for their crops, have access to affordable credit, and can invest in education, health care and sustainable agriculture, building a better future for their families.

In addition, for all fairly traded coffee, tea, and cocoa purchased through the LWR Coffee Project, Equal Exchange gives \$.20 per pound back to Lutheran World Relief for projects supporting small-scale coffee farmers.

Lutheran World Relief works with partners in 35 countries to help people grow food, improve health, strengthen communities, end conflict, build livelihoods and recover from disasters.

Equal Exchange is a democratically organized worker-owned co-operative dedicated to building a new model of trade based on fairness, environmental sustainability and strong relationships between farmers and consumers.

Your WELCA purchase these items at no profit to them for you to purchase. Please look these items over in the basement area and give them a try. You will be supporting the small-scale farmers across the world.

Thank you

Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, and food before and after my back surgery.

Jaime Lescarboursa

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The decorations are beautiful and all of your hard work shows throughout the church.

Church artifacts

I am putting together a list of any items that have been gifted to the church. If you or a family member donated items to the church from the beginning to present, please let me know. From the table the bulletins are on to the brass candle holders and pitcher (currently in the office on the bottom shelf). If you know when they were donated, by whom, and what the story is behind the item donated, you can email me, place a note on my desk (with your name on it), or tell me in person. It is important to know the history of these items as they are an important part of our church's history. I will then compile them in a brochure that will be available to anyone. Thank you. *Peg*

Mission of the Month for November & December GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is a church that is called to do God's work in the world. Together as the ELCA, we do more than we could ever do alone to care for those around the world who live with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Good Gifts are a creative way to do just that. Each gift changes at least three lives: the life of the person helped by your gift, the life of your friend or loved one, and your own.

A cow, a couple of goats, ten chicks, two pigs, a duck, farming tools—plus training and marketing support—can help a family farm its way to a fresh start. With new tools and techniques, crops will grow bigger and stronger than ever before. Eggs, milk and meat from farm animals will provide enough food to eat and sell on the market, helping a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.

In 2011, we raised enough money to buy 2 Family Farms, plus several animals. This year our goal is to raise \$2145 to buy three Family Farms! To support this mission and give a gift that makes a difference, you may purchase a specific animal in honor of someone and send the person a card informing them of the gift, or just drop your donation in the offering plate or in the Mission Box in the fellowship hall. (Please write checks to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and mark them "one duck," "one pig," etc. or simply "Mission.")

To learn more about this mission, see the display at church or visit www.elca.org/goodgifts on the web.

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

D.O.G. Night
Wednesdays
December 3, 10, 17
5:30—7:00

may you know
the comfort & joy
of God's
presence this
Christmas
season & always!
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Our Mission: "We welcome others to join us in worshipping and serving Christ"