

MARCH

2015 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	
1 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion Confirmation Class after Worship <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	2	3 7:00 Men's Breakfast	4 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation 7:15 Lenten Service	5	6	7 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS SUNDAY  SPRING AHEAD SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR
8 8:30 Worship/Music Committee Mtg 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship 11:30-2:00 First Communion Mtg 1:00pm God's Cupboard Mtg <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	9	10	11 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation 7:15 Lenten Service	12	13	14
15 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion Confirmation Class after Worship LSS Annual Benefit Dinner 4pm <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	16	17 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 WELCA	18 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation 7:15 Lenten Service	19	20	21 
22 9:30 Fellowship Hour April Care and Serve meet 10:30 Worship 3:00 Bear Butte Conference Assembly Bob Tesch's 70 Birthday Party 2-4pm <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	23 April Newsletter Deadline	24 6:30 Council Meeting	25 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation 7:15 Lenten Service	26 3:00—6:30 God's Cupboard	27	28
29 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion Potluck following worship <i>Palm Sunday</i>	30	31 7:00 Men's Breakfast	1 (April) 5:30 Middle and Senior High students—Simple meal and preparation for Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome to come	2 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	3 7:00 Good Friday Service	4 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt



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Church Council Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.



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

Reflections from Pastor Deb

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

For the past month, the children and adults who are a part of D.O.G. night have been learning about Abraham and Sarah through drama, arts and crafts, storytelling and movies. We have been singing and moving to "Father Abraham", "Deep and Wide", "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" and other songs. We have been fed physically with wonderful meals, spiritually with God's Word and emotionally by gathering together as a family of faith being led by adults who truly love these children. We have been blessed and we have been a blessing to others through coloring Valentine pictures for the men and women who are living at the SD State Veteran's Home. I wish all of you could have seen the huge smiles form on the residents' faces when they received their pictures. We are truly blessed to be a blessing!

Blessed to be a blessing! These verses don't just pertain to those involved with D.O.G. night. This command to Abram and Sarai (later Abraham and Sarah) has been passed down through the generations of faith to us. I am sure many of you can relate in some form either literally or figuratively to these three verses from Genesis. Abraham did leave all that he knew, all that he was comfortable with, to go. He had no idea where this journey would take him. He had no idea what he would encounter along the way. He had no idea what changes he would have to make and what would stay the same. He just knew that God told him to gather up all he had and go and he had faith that God would lead and take care of him and his family along the way.

Now that is not to say that Abraham and Sarah didn't make some mistakes along the way. They did. They tried some things that didn't work out so well. They made a few wrong turns along the way which usually happened when they didn't trust God. But ultimately they were blessed to be a blessing and through them all of the families of the earth have been and continue to be blessed. We are part of this heritage.

Blessed to be a blessing! I have seen evidence of this pour out of this family of faith since my arrival. I have personally been and continue to be blessed by all of you. You are a congregation full of gifts and skills and talents and faith which you are sharing with others so that they too may be blessed. Thank you!

You, as a family of faith, have also been called on a new journey. You have been a part of a great journey with Pastor Becky. Now as you begin the search for a new pastor you are called into a new journey of which you don't exactly know the path. Where is God calling this congregation to go? How will you be asked to leave some of "we have always done it this way" behind so you can experience new ways to be a blessing to others? In what ways will you experience being uncomfortable along the way? Where is God leading you, both personally and as a congregation, next? I don't know the answers to these questions but it is an exciting journey and I am honored to be a part of it. Like Abraham and Sarah, we have been called to go and travel in faith. We are expected to keep our eyes focused on God's wishes and sometimes not our own wishes. The future is unknown but the promises remain the same. God will lead us and we will continue to look for ways that we can be a blessing to others.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Deb

Call Committee Update

The "Calling Committee" of Our Savior's first task is to fill out a Ministry Site Profile. To do this we need input from all of you our congregation.

Included in this newsletter is a survey which the committee would like you to fill out so we as a committee know what you would like in a new pastor and what our mission and ministry is right here in Hermosa for the next 5 to 10 years. This will also help those prospective Pastors looking at us and see what we have to offer them. Prayerfully take time as you consider your answers. After you have completed the survey please bring it back to the church and place it in the box marked Completed Survey. *The Survey can also be taken online at: <http://oslhermosa.com/survey/>*

Thanks in advance – Your Calling Committee

Call Committee: Alan Platt, Bill Dennert, Dennis Thompson, Becky Lowe, and Paula Warren

We ask that you keep our committee in your daily prayers and to please have patience/faith in the steps that we need to follow.

Come and See and Be a Part of Our Lenten Journey

As we continue our journey of faith from the stable to the cross, we are continually reminded that we are called to come and see what being a disciple of Jesus is all about and we are called to invite others to come and see as well. During this season of Lent, you are invited to be a part of two worship series – Restoring Relationships on Sunday mornings and Words of Life from the Cross on Wednesday evenings. The journey continues through Easter morning. May these series be tools that inspire you and others to come and see.



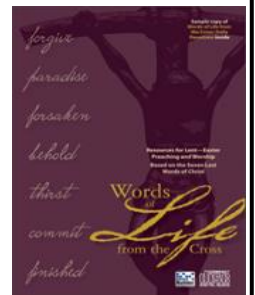
Sunday Mornings

9:30 am – Fellowship

10:30 am - Worship

Wednesday Nights

7:15pm - Worship



Lent is a time for self-examination, repentance, and confession. It's also a time to take stock of our relationships, both with God and with others. As sinful human beings, we feel the weight of broken relationships and long to restore them to wholeness. As we walk together toward the cross, we'll discover ways to restore our relationships through justice, faithfulness, trust, limits, love and forgiveness.

Christ offered up His life for the life of the world, and His final words form the theme of the series. Each word Jesus spoke imparts a blessing and is a word of Gospel.

On Wednesday evenings, Christ's final words will be expounded on as they interpret His words and work recorded in the Gospels as well as the Old Testament prophecies. Each Word of Christ proclaims His glory as we trust Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

MARCH EVENTS



LENTEN WORSHIP

Lenten services continue each Wednesday evening through March 25 at 7:15 pm. All are welcome.

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 months dates are March 3rd, 17th and 31st.**



Do you have a child of any age who wants to receive Holy Communion and you feel it is time for them to take part in this sacrament? Are you someone of any age who has been taking part in this sacrament already but would like to learn a little more about Holy Communion? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, you and your child(ren) are invited to be a part of First Communion Class at Our Savior's.

When: Sunday, March 8

About 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church beginning in the fellowship area

What to bring: *A dish to pass for potluck lunch (Pastor Deb will provide sloppy joes and drinks), your Bible, something to write with and a willing attitude to participate in various activities as we learn about the Lord's Supper. Children need to bring at least one adult with them as well.*

Please register in the church office or by emailing Pastor Deb at dlgrismer@gmail.com so we can make sure and have enough information ready to go.

First Communion Milestone will be celebrated during our regular worship service at 10:30 am on **March 15, 2015**. Invite your friends and family to worship with you on this special day.

God's Cupboard organization meeting is **Sunday, March 8, 1pm** at the church. Open to anyone interested .

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

We continue with the book of Genesis in March, studying *Isaac and Rebekah*.

Would you consider coming in once a week to help? We need volunteers to help with the meal or sit in on a class to help the teacher, or any other way you can help would be appreciated.

Lutheran Social Services Annual Benefit Dinner

Sunday, March 15

Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn

Silent Auction begins at 4:00pm and dinner and program at 5:15pm. There is no charge for the meal, but a donation to LSS will be requested. Reservations are necessary, please contact Marvin or Judy Bishop 255-4092.

The **WELCA Bible Study** will meet at 9:30 am, **March 17** in the church fellowship hall.



Adare Diers will be leading the bible study which comes from our "Gather" magazine. **Kathy Sunding** will be our hostess.

In April and May, we will again continue with our study of the "Old Testament".

Upcoming event for WELCA: the "Rypkema Bull Sale" is on March 28th and we will be looking for lots of volunteers. See story on next page.

All women are invited to join us.

APRIL CARE & SERVE TEAM!

will meet during fellowship on

Sunday, March 22

April Care & Serve Team Leader is Crystal Wiles. Her team is: Bushman family, Franklin Kraus and Richard Stinson, Darwin and Bernie Schock. **Additional helpers will be needed.**

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

2015 Survey

Priority
1-5
(5 is high)

Skill
1-5
(5 is high)

Ministry Area

Description

Priority	Skill	Ministry Area	Description
		Worship Leadership	Place high value on carefully planned and well-conducted worship services.
		Social Ministry	Enable persons to become aware of community needs and participate in action and
		Children's Ministry	Teach and relate to preschool and elementary age children.
		Ministry to Youth and Young Adults	Teach, work and relate well with high school youth and young adults.
		Teaching Adults	Teach and Lead adults in faith development.
		Administration	Provide oversight of the organization and work of staff, committees, etc.
		Community Work	Motivate persons to cooperate in community activities
		Ecumenical Work	Stimulate cooperation in local inter-church and inter-faith programs.
		Stewardship	Inspire and motivate persons in developing and using individual and group resources in the service of the church.
		Evangelism	Reach out with the Good News of Jesus the Christ.
		Visitation	Support and nurture persons by visiting with them in settings other than church
		Preaching	Hear both law and gospel as it applies to the lives of people.
		Ministering in Crisis	Support persons in the midst of crisis.
		Counseling	Assist persons facing problems or decisions.
		Participant in the Larger Church	Provide leadership to programs of the ELCA through the synod and church-wide organizations as well as other affiliated institutions.
		Financial Management	Work with accounts, figures and budgets.
		Inter-personal Climate	Exhibit and inspire a spirit of community.

		Recruit and Equip	Enlist, equip and motivate leaders to carry out the work of the organization.
		Interpreter of Theology	Communicate a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and Christian theology from a Lutheran perspective.
		Innovator	Envision and implement new approaches, activities and projects.
		Utilizing Conflict	Analyze and utilize conflict situations to strengthen community life.
		Planner	Engage in visioning, long-range planning, and goal setting.
		Sharing Leadership	Work mutually with volunteers and colleagues in a staff situation.
		Family Life/Self Care	Expect the pastor to, and allow time for, cultivating home and personal life.
		Study Habits	Expect the pastor to, and allow time for, following a regular schedule of reading and studying.

NEW
DATE
AND
TIME

God's Cupboard March 26th 3:00—6:30pm



Our community food pantry located at the church will be open March 26 from 3:00—6:30pm.

We appreciate our volunteers who work to keep God's Cupboard open each month. If you are interested in helping to work the open dates, please contact Lois Rudd at 255-5299 or Joy Moore at 255-5028.

Do you know the story of the white pit? Where is it's location in the church.

RYPKEMA BULL SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 28

The **WELCA** ladies will be serving the lunch at the bull sale again this year. Anyone who would be willing to bake cookies for the lunch would be appreciated. Please watch for the sign up sheet for the cookies. Please **NO** frosting on the cookies. Please take the cookies to the church and put in the freezer and mark them *Bull Sale* or have them at the church no later than 9:30am, on the day of the sale.

We may also need help with some of the other food items. This information will be available at a later date.

Thanks so much for all of your donations. This is WELCA's biggest fund raiser for the year.

Holy Week Begins

Palm Sunday, March 29—*Worship at 10:30 am*
Wednesday, April 1—*5:30pm Simple meal and prepare for Easter Egg Hunt. NO D.O.G. Night*
Maundy Thursday, April 2—*Foot washing and Communion at 7:00pm*

Good Friday, April 3—*Worship 7:00pm*
Saturday, April 4—*Easter Egg Hunt—10:00am*
Easter Sunday, April 5—*Easter Worship*
Services: 8:00am & 10:30am.

A potluck breakfast will be held from 9:15-10:15

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 will meet after worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays or 6:00 pm on Wednesdays.

We will complete the study of the "Apostle's Creed", then begin "The Ten Commandments".

NEWS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Day of Prayer – Retreat – Reflection

A Day of Prayer and Reflection will be held on Tuesday, March 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Duane and Margie Neugebauer's home at 24651 Whitetail Ridge Road, Hermosa.

The theme of the day will be "A Time to Love" based on Ecclesiastes 3:8. The day will include small group discussion, meditative and contemplative prayer forms, input on the theme, input on 'the journey of love for Lent', and closing with an Examen of Consciousness.

This is intended for all women of the community. Bring a friend and enjoy a day of quiet contemplation on love. Donations will be taken for the materials and lunch. For questions and to register, contact Margie Neugebauer, margeneugebauer@gmail.com or 303.590.4403.

10th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, March 15

11:00am—1:00 pm

United Church of Christ

This dinner is for the purpose of Gifting to the Heifer International Program.

This is a free will donation event.

St Patrick's Day Dinner, Auction & Raffles

*At Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral Basement
Rapid City*

\$8 per Adult, \$4 per child (4-12)

Unlimited Irish Beef Stew, Salad, Bread, Drinks and Assorted Desserts

This is a Fund Raiser for New Church & Parish Hall for St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hermosa.

Bear Butte Conference Assembly

March 22 at 3:00pm

Atonement Lutheran Church Rapid City

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

at HERMOSA MASONIC HALL

From now through March 29, the Masons will be serving a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and eggs cooked to order every Sunday morning from 7:00-12:00 at the Masonic Hall in Hermosa. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$7.00.

Women's Retreat at Outlaw Ranch

A weekend for women to spend quality time with other women in the beautiful Black Hills.

April 17-19, 2015

"Rubber Band Emotions"

Face it ladies - God, in His infinite wisdom, created us with a whole slew of emotions that are often tangled together like a wad of rubber bands. We will get together and try to untangle these emotions, name them and claim them as part of who we are and then turn them over to God and God's unending grace. With help from Patsy Clairmont and her book "I Second That Emotion," we will spend the weekend laughing, reflecting, rejoicing, and recognizing that we are in this business of a turbulent emotional life together.

Resource Person:

Our session leader for the retreat is **Pastor Deb Grismer** from Hot Springs, South Dakota. Pastor Deb, Brownie (the dog) and her rubber band wad of emotions moved to Hot Springs last fall to join her husband and begin a new adventure in her life as an unemployed, empty nester. She is currently working as a chaplain at the South Dakota Veteran's Home and is filling the rest of her time with whatever other opportunities God throws her way.

Registration:

Cost includes two nights lodging, 3 meals Saturday, brunch on Sunday and all programming.

Lodge or Barn- \$107, Cabin - \$89

Commuter - \$71

\$45.00 Deposit per person (Deposit is non-refundable in case of cancellation) **Please register by April 8, 2015.**

For more info, contact Outlaw Ranch:

12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd, Custer SD 57730 Phone: 605-673-4040 Email: outlaw@losd.org

Other events coming up at Outlaw Ranch:

Elementary Adventure Day—April 6

Passionate Quilters—May 1-3 and May 8-10

K-5 Parent/Grandparent Overnight—June 19-20

Youth Camp Grades 3-6—June 7-12

Youth Camp Grades 6-8—June 14-19

Adventures Grades 7-12—several dates still open

Black Hills Horse Riders Grades 7-12—June 28-July 3

Early Bird Rates are in effect until April 15, so take advantage and get registered soon.

Remembering in our Prayers . . .

The family of Vera (Esther's sister)

The family of Mary Jo Hall (Denny and Alisa's aunt)

Ralph 7 MJ (friends of Tesch's), Bill Bertram (Neugebauer's cousin), Amy Perry, John Colgan (Betty's father), Rob & Lindsey (friends of Becky K), Michael Carter (Lisa's brother), Paula Jensen's father, Arthur Kohn, Glen Hogan (Herb Kaiser's brother-in-law), Archie (Tammy Dennert's dad), Paul (Kristen's father), Bernie (Shelley's brother), Ron (Esther's nephew), John (Carol's brother-in-law), Ralph & Lois, Dan (Betty's brother), Varro & Dale, Bill (Adare's father), Jerry & Tom (Cleon's friends), Dee Ann, Nancy (Carpenter's daughter), Geraldine (Tiffany's grandmother), Jim (VanDreissen's cousin), Jessica (Zuerleins relative), Gary & Donna (VanDreissen's friends).



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

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

Treasurer's Report

February 1	73	\$1,643
February 8	70	\$1,627
February 15	95	\$2,067
February 22	80	\$2,906
February averages	80	\$2,060

February Offerings \$ 7,590

February Expenses \$ 6,192

Total Income YTD \$15,910

Total Expenses YTD \$13,501

(this includes annual insurance expense of \$4,044)

February Mission \$245

Copier purchase is fully funded

Carol Neugebauer lost her sister a year ago last fall. After receiving some cash donations, Carol thought of what best could be served with those donations. Her sister loved to paint mountain scenes. So what better way to honor her sister than to make a quilted mountain scene wall hanging for the church. It is so beautiful and no better place to have it hanging than in our church sanctuary. It is hanging on the wall across from the organ just above the light switches. Take a look at it and thank Carol for her loving work to honor her beloved sister, Gladys.

On February 8, 1959, a groundbreaking ceremony was held. Construction began on a basement structure. In just 13 days the work was completed by the men of the congregation. Good Friday Services on March 27, 1959, were held in the newly built basement structure of the church. The alter, pulpit and baptismal font that was used came from a disbanded church north of Quinn/Cottonwood, the home congregation of Helen Rittberger. You can find the alter sitting in the newer portion of the fellowship hall.

WHO— GOD.

WHAT—HE LOVES YOU.

WHERE—EVERYWHERE.

WHEN—ALWAYS, FOREVER, WITHOUT CEASING.

HOW—TOTALLY, COMPLETELY.

WHY—BECAUSE YOU ARE HIS CHILD.



Our thanks go out to all of you who supported the **Third Annual Valentine's Dinner** at Our

Saviors Lutheran Church. Many of the improvements and projects at the Church have been funded by the proceeds from this annual dinner.

We also want to thank all of you who helped make these dinners a success. It could not be done without you. Especially those of you that did the cooking and the clean up as well as the waiters. Special thanks to the Junior and Senior High students, you were awesome, you just did what needed to be done without being told. The future of the Church is in good hands.

A big thank you to the *Jensens—Sage Studios* for the photography, *the Martins - Pop's Grocery* for the food, *LuAnne Vining* for her very awesome decorations, and last but not least thanks to our very talented entertainer, *Richard Stinson*.

You are invited to

Bob Tesch's



Birthday Blowout Bash

Sunday, March 22, 2015

2:00 – 4:00pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

386 Main Street

Hermosa, South Dakota

Come help us celebrate



Mission of the Month for March



ELCA WORLD HUNGER/ BUCK-A-CHICK

More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry. As Christians, we are called to respond. Our donations to ELCA World Hunger help families escape hunger for good.

During the month of March we encourage every child in our congregation and DOG Night to be involved by participating in Buck-a Chick. For \$1, children and other members can purchase and decorate a paper chick for themselves or in honor of friends and loved ones. We will hang the chicks around the church for Easter. Each dollar provides a family in need with one chick. Soon, the chick will begin to produce eggs. Its eggs make nutritious, protein rich meals, and can be sold at the marketplace for income—helping a family escape hunger for good.

Learn more about “Buck-a Chick” and ELCA World Hunger at www.ELCA.org

You may support World Hunger by purchasing coloring sheets for your children, grandchildren or friends, have them decorate them and leave or bring them back to church—or simply dropping your gift in the Mission Donation box in the fellowship hall or in the offering plate. (Please write checks to Our Savior's with “Mission” in the Memo Line.)



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NEW TIME
Worship Time
Sunday 10:30 am
1st & 3rd Sundays
Communion

D.O.G. Night
Wednesdays
5:30—7:00

Lenten Services
Wednesdays
7:15pm



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