







# April

## 2015 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>NO D.O.G. Night</b> 5:30 Middle and Senior High students—Simple meal and preparation for Easter Egg Hunt.	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 Maundy Thursday Service</b> 	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 Good Friday Service</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 Easter Egg Hunt</b> 
<b>5</b> <b>8:00 and 10:30 Easter Services</b> <b>9:15—10:15 Easter Brunch</b> 	<b>6</b> Registration open for Synod Assembly	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation <i>Deadline to register for Woman's Retreat</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 Worship/Music Committee Mtg <b>9:30 Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:30 Worship</b> <b>New Member Gathering</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>15</b> 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                         Women's Retreat at Outlaw Ranch                          4/17—4/19                     </div>
<b>19</b> <b>9:30 Fellowship Hour</b> May Care and Serve meet <b>10:30 Worship/Communion</b> Confirmation Class after Worship <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 	<b>20</b> May Newsletter Deadline	<b>21</b> 9:30 WELCA 6:30 Council Meeting	<b>22</b> 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night & Confirmation	<b>23</b> 3:00—6:30 God's Cupboard	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:30 Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:30 Worship</b> <b>Potluck following worship</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>29</b> 5:30—7:00 D.O.G. Night <b>Closing Night</b>	<b>30</b>		



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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

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

# Reflections from Pastor Deb

## ***And the Call is to Community...***

I write this article in the midst of planning for Holy Week while listening to Michael Card's song "*The Basin and the Towel*". I am once again struck by the powerful words of this song. Jesus' ministry is truly one of community. He did not come to save one or two people individually. He came to save a whole community and he calls us to be a part of that community.

A co-worker stopped me recently and said "I am not really religious but more spiritual. My husband and I worship God on our own. Is it really important that we go to church?" I get this question a lot. There is usually more to the question than meets the eye. 😊 My response is honest, simple and from the heart.

Is it important to go to church? As a pastor one would expect me to say "yes, absolutely" end of response. But that does not reach the depth of this very important question. Is it important to go to church and be a part of a community of faith? Yes, I believe it is. Not just as a pastor but more so as a child of God. Not because it is the law. Not because you receive gold stars or brownie points for earning your way to heaven. It is important because God calls us to be part of a community of faith. In order to grow in life and faith, we need to hear the word of God and participate in the sacraments. We need to surround ourselves with other believers who can support us and pray for us and model for us our faith. We need to do the same for them. We need to gather to build each other up so that we can go out into our communities, no matter where they are, to be the hands and feet and voice and face of God to those we encounter every day. We gather in worship because God is a relational God and calls us to be in relationship not only with him but with others. We gather together in worship because sometimes I can't pray or believe or have the strength to go another day and I need you, my community of faith, to pray for me and believe for me and carry me until I can walk upright again. We gather in worship because it is NOT all about us as individuals. It IS about us as a community, working together as one body of faith with Christ as the head. Can I worship God alone? Absolutely. That is part of my devotion time. Can I commune with God in nature? You bet. That is also important. Can that be all I do? No way because then you have a one note faith and you don't have the opportunity to become the whole child of God that God wants you to be.

*And the call is to community...* We gather in worship hoping to gain enough strength to make it through the next six days before we will gather again to be refilled and rejuvenated and head out into our every day lives again. We gather in worship because others need us to be there. We gather in worship because God calls us to be there.

Thank you, my faith family, for gathering together each week in worship as part of one community.

God bless,

Pastor Deb

## Call Committee Update

This past month we asked that you complete a survey in which the committee could learn 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.

We want to thank you for prayerfully taking time as you considered your answers. After receiving the surveys we will now compile them and continue with our next steps forward to our goal of finding a new pastor.

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.*



### NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Our Savior's Lutheran? If so you are invited to be a part of our spring new member gathering. We will share in a simple meal together, visit about what it means to be a Christian who is a Lutheran and a member of an ELCA church as well as a part of the family of faith at OSL. You will be given an opportunity to formally join this community of faith but this is not a requirement. You can simply come to learn more. Invite your family and friends to join us.

**When:** Sunday, April 12 following our 10:30 am worship service

**Where:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church fellowship hall

**What to bring:** Yourself and family, if desired, along with your questions and wonderments.

*The meal will be provided. We ask you call the church office at [605-255-4662](tel:605-255-4662) to register or email at [osl.mt-rushmore.net](mailto:osl.mt-rushmore.net) to register so we make sure we have enough food and handouts. Feel free to call and visit with Bill or Tammy Dennert, Marvin Neugebauer or Pastor Deb Grismer if you have any questions.*

# APRIL EVENTS . . . . .



Wednesday, April 1—**NO D.O.G. Night**

*7th-12th Grade Youth Gathering—Simple meal and prepare eggs for Easter Egg Hunt at 5:30*

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 between services.*

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4

10:00am at the church

*Bring your own basket.*



*All are welcome!*



The WELCA Bible Study  
will meet at 9:30 am,  
April 21 in the  
church fellowship hall.



Susan Deutsher will be leading the bible  
study which comes from the  
Gather magazine

Joy Neugebauer will be our hostess.

*All women are invited to join us.*

## MAY CARE & SERVE TEAM!

*will meet during fellowship on*

**Sunday, April 19**

**May Care & Serve Team Leader is Russell Jensen. His team is: Wyone Leonard, Alicja Mead, Stan & Joy Neugebauer, Additional helpers will be needed.**

## D.O.G. Night—Disciples of God

**Wednesdays ~ 5:30—7:00pm**

As we conclude our series with the book of Genesis in April, we will learn about Joseph and his brothers. This will be the final Bible story we focus on for this school year. We have had a great year learning from God's people in Genesis and how their stories and our stories connect.

**All D.O.G. Night families are invited to come for our final night on April 29 at 5:30.** We will share a meal together, head to class as families, then gather for closing service about 6:30ish. Thank you for sharing your children with us this year.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT WITH D.O.G. NIGHT THIS YEAR.** Thank you for giving of your time and talents to help pass on the faith to the children of our community. It truly takes a village. The seeds you have planted will grow!



POTLUCK DINNER

**Sunday, April 29th** will be our next potluck dinner following worship service. Hope you can attend and pass the word along.

**God's Cupboard  
Community Food Bank  
April 3rd and 23rd  
3:00—6:30pm**



Our community food pantry located at the church will be open April 3rd and April 23rd 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 April 23, please contact Lois Rudd at 255-5299 or Joy Moore at 255-5028.

***Confirmation Class***

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

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's breakfasts will be Apr 14 and 28.



**It's Picture Time!**

It is time to create a new pictorial directory for Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Russell Jensen of Sage Studios has agreed once again to provide us with beautiful family portraits. What a perfect opportunity for you and your family to get a new and professional family portrait and to help us create a beautiful and up-to-date directory listing for our church and its members.

As a local, full-service studio, Sage Studios is going to be providing each family a FREE portrait session along with the opportunity to purchase gift prints and holiday cards at a reduced cost. Sage Studios also recognizes that many families prefer to have outdoor portraits. This year you will have the opportunity to schedule an outdoor session so that you will have beautiful artistic and authentic portraits to choose from for your finished prints.

Session times will be available starting in May so start thinking about what to wear. Clothing suggestions and some beautiful sample images are available on Sage Studios website at [www.sagestudiosllc.com](http://www.sagestudiosllc.com). You can also contact Russell and his staff at [sagestudios@mac.com](mailto:sagestudios@mac.com) or 605-255-4977.

**How did the picture of Jesus the Shepard find its way to our church?**

**Why go to Church?**

If you're **spiritually alive**, you're going to love this!  
If you're **spiritually dead**, you won't want to read it.  
If you're **spiritually curious**, there is still hope!

*Why Go To Church?*

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



## 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 Interim Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hermosa, 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.**

***SIGN UP NOW!***

### **For more info, contact Outlaw Ranch:**

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

Ron (Esther's nephew), Amy (Wyone & Joy's sister), Ralph & MJ (friends of Bob & Peg), Amy Perry, John Colgan (Betty's father), Rob & Lindsey (friends of Becky K), Michael Carter (Lisa's brother), Arthur Kohn, Glen Hogan (Herb Kaiser's brother-in-law), Archie (Tammy Dennert's dad), Paul (Kristen's father), Bernie (Shelley's brother), Lena (Deb VanSambeek's mother), 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

March 1	101	\$3,002
March 8	91	\$1,305
March 15	86	\$2,327
March 22	90	\$1,210
March 29	119	\$1,927
<b>March averages</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$9,791</b>

**March Offerings**                 **\$9,791**  
**March Expenses**               **\$5,094**  
**Total Income YTD**           **\$21,744**  
**Total Expenses YTD**       **\$25,701**  
**March Mission**               **\$304.30**



In the church office on the counter is a black stacker. Each stacker is marked with the forms for use. We do have forms for those wanting to use the church or for use of church items to be borrowed. Please check well in advance with Peg to see if there is a conflict of dates for use. These forms must be returned prior to use for approval. Place the completed form on the desk in the stacker marked 'Peg's In Box'. **Everyone is required to use the forms.**

## What is "Prayer Shawl Ministry"?

Simply put, a Prayer Shawl is a soft, warm shawl or lap robe knitted or crocheted, which is given to a person who is ill, has suffered a loss, or is in the midst of a crisis.

Before the shawl is delivered, it is prayed over by the ministry team who created it and/or the pastor. The shawl is then taken to the person prayed for. If you know of anyone who is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact Karen Lescarboursa at 255-4840 or the church office at 255-4662.

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There are forms in the office or contact Marvin Bishop if you have questions.



## The Story of the "Jelly Beans"

*Little jelly beans*

*Tell a story true.*

*A tale of our Father's love*

*That's just for me and you.*

**RED** is for the blood he gave.

**GREEN** is for the grass He made.

**YELLOW** is for the sun so bright.

**ORANGE** is for the edge of night.

**BLACK** is for the sins we made.

**WHITE** is for the grace He gave.

**PURPLE** is for the hour of sorrow.

**PINK** is for our new tomorrow.

*Now that you've heard the story*

*You know what each color means.*

*The story of our Father's love*

*As told by jelly beans.*

*So when you see jelly beans*

*on this Easter season,*

*stop and remember,*

**Jesus is the reason!**

The upstairs sanctuary of our church was built in 1963. About that time, Bennie Spring, Don and Walter Neugebauer went to a church that had been closed in the Watertown area to pick up pews that were given to our church. The pews were loaded into the back of a truck. They filled oats around them to keep them from rubbing together and scratching each other. One of the remaining pews sits in the entryway of the church today.

They also gave us the *picture of the Good Shepherd* that now hangs in the sanctuary. In 1997, when the new entry and bathroom were added to the church, Don Shaeffer framed the picture and it was hung where it is today.



Every church has volunteers who work tirelessly for the ministry. They don't do it for the recognition or the fanfare. They're motivated by a deep devotion to Christ-like service and a love for others. But that doesn't mean they don't appreciate an occasional pat on the back or a round of applause.



# Mission of the Month

## HERMOSA BASEBALL PROGRAM

The Hermosa baseball program has teeball, coachpitch, baseball and girls softball teams. Approximately 80 boys and girls from the Hermosa area participate in the program. Some of these kids can't afford to pay for their \$25—\$30 registration fees or to buy a baseball mitt for playing. Our mission for this month is to help cover the cost of entry fees, t-shirts, or equipment for players so that every child who would like to play ball can have that opportunity. All donations are greatly appreciated.



*You may support the children in our community by dropping your donation in the Mission Donation box is on the counter in the fellowship hall, or drop a check in the offering plate to Our Savior's with "Mission" in the memo line.*

Donations of used baseball equipment (shoes, gloves, etc.) in good shape would also be appreciated. Please drop them off at the church.



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

***D.O.G. Night***  
***Wednesdays***  
***5:30—7:00***



**HAPPY  
EASTER**

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