








JULY

2015 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Youth Group 5:30—7:30	2	3	4 
5 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion <i>Second Sunday After Pentecost</i>	6	7 7:00 Men's Breakfast	8 6:30 Christian Education Volunteer Meeting	9 	10	11
12 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship Worship/Music Committee Meeting following worship <i>Third Sunday After Pentecost</i>	13	14	15 Youth Group 5:30—7:30	16	17	18
19 9:30 Fellowship Hour July Care and Serve meet 10:30 Worship/Communion <i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	20  August Newsletter Deadline	21 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 WELCA 6:30 Council Meeting	22	23 	24	25
26 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship Potluck following worship <i>Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</i>	27 	28	29	30	31 	



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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

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

Reflections from Pastor Deb

*Jesus works. Jesus works. Jesus works through you and me.
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2015 VBS Camp Discovery Theme in song; Concordia Publishing House

*Pastor Deb, Pastor Deb, What do you see?
I see Jesus working through you and me.*

Yes, I am unabashedly mimicking *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Bill Martin and Eric Carle for my reflections this month. Why? 1. Because as a former preschool teacher, this book continues to rank in the top 10 of my favorites. 2. Because I can't stop the VBS songs from running through my head, especially *Jesus Works*. 3. Because it fits!!! As I reflect back on this past month or so, I realized in a world filled with yuck there have been an amazing number of God sightings throughout this community.

I have seen the disciples of God being Jesus' "hands, heart, feet" in so many ways:

- *Chic and Nancy serving as Our Savior's Lutheran's voting members at Synod Assembly.
- *At the Synod Assembly hundreds of disciples coming together around the business of the Church. Much of that business centering around how we are called to be and are being the hands and feet of God.
- *Seven members of our Worship and Music Committee and/or OSL musicians attending the Jay Beech Pre-Assembly Worship Workshop so that we could learn more about how to engage worshippers and help them better connect with God and one another.
- *Members of OSL visiting others in the hospital and also letting me know when someone is in the hospital.
- *Council members stepping up as a team to make sure the grounds are taken care of.
- *Bob on his riding lawn mower volunteering his time to cut the grass as well as multiple others out and about with their weed eaters cutting grass where the lawn mower can't reach.
- *Members continuing on the God's Cupboard team making sure food is available for those who are hungry.
- *28 volunteers, both youth and adults, stepping forward to make sure children learn about Jesus at VBS.
- *Members stepping forward to support and help others during difficult times in their lives.
- *Multiple people using their gifts each Sunday morning to ensure worship happens at Our Savior's.
- *Nancy with her paintbrush giving new life to the office. Dan and others using their gifts to install a new window in the office that you can actually see through.
- *The Call Committee working faithfully and diligently on Our Savior's Ministry Site Profile, answering questions from Council members and submitting the MSP to the Synod Office as the call process continues.
- *Additional faith chests arriving at OSL ready to be presented to our newest members.
- *Parishioners checking in with their pastor to see how she is doing.
- *A whole community, including members of OSL, coming together to support a family who lost a loved one too soon.

And the list goes on and on...and this is only what I have seen. Jesus is at work through this community of faith and that is something to celebrate. The Holy Spirit is alive. Thank you to all of you for generously giving of you time and talents and allowing Jesus to work through you. Thank you for continuing to give financially to the mission of Our Savior's Lutheran so that Jesus can work not only through you but through hundreds and thousands of others as well. Together we are making a difference in this world!

Pastor Deb

JULY EVENTS

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Mark your calendar

July 1st and 15th

5:30-7:30pm



Youth Group will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

All youth 6-12 grades are invited to attend.

Christian Education Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 pm

OSL Fellowship Hall

Did you play a part in D.O.G. Night, Confirmation or Vacation Bible School this year at Our Savior's Lutheran? If you answered "yes", please plan to attend this debriefing gathering. All will have an opportunity to share what you felt went well this school year as well as where some changes could be made to make these ministries the best they can be for our children as we begin planning for next year. Please come if you are able! Your input is incredibly valuable and needed.

AUGUST CARE & SERVE TEAM!

will meet during fellowship on

Sunday, July 19th

August Care & Serve Team Leader is Jack Corr. *Helpers will be needed.*

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 July 7th and 21st



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



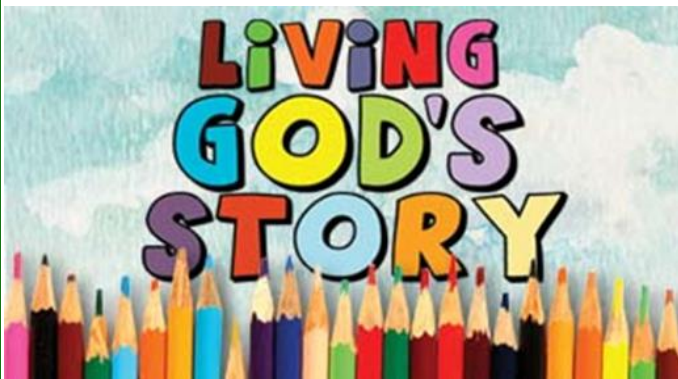
Adare Diers will be leading the bible study. Any ladies that would like a little extra bible study, we will be meeting at 8:45am to continue study of the "Old Testament". At 9:30am time we will have the study from our WELCA magazine, "Gather", along with our business meeting.

Lois Rudd will serve as our hostess.

All women are welcome to all or some of our busy morning.

What are your plans for the summer?

We hope they include being a part of worship on Sunday mornings at Our Savior's where we will be Living God's Story all summer long.



One thing that makes a great story even better is the potential to find ourselves in it. It becomes our story. That's certainly true of God's story! This summer we'll break open some of the best known and least known stories found in the pages of the Bible. In them, we'll discover the truth about God and the truth about ourselves. And because stories shape our lives and fire our imaginations, each week we'll be challenged to not only hear the story, but live it!

Hermosa Community Food Bank 'God's Cupboard'

**OPEN July 23
3:00-6:00pm**



Located at Pop's Grocery

For information please contact Lois Rudd at 255-5299 or Joy Moore at 255-5028.



Sunday, July 26 will be our next potluck dinner immediately following worship service. Hope you can attend, and pass the word along.

2015 South Dakota Synod Assembly Report

The theme of which was “LISTEN! God is calling”

Bishop Zellmer opened the Assembly stating: “If we don’t get our children involved, there will be No Church!

This was my first Synod Assembly. A gathering of over 500 working hard on our behalf to keep and find new programs, ministries, missions, campus outreach, and financing help for seminary students.

OSL is in the Bear Butte Conference which includes Outlaw Ranch.

65% of seminary students have at some time participated in outdoor activities such as Lutherans Outdoors.

60% of the Synod attendees, some 500 plus people, have participated on Outdoor Activities. Camping, etc. We are asked to consider the Lutherans Outdoors for our families.

Speaking was a pastor from the Lutheran Church in Camaroon discussing their work. They minister to 2500+ and growing fast.

Celebrating 25 years of ministry for the Lutheran Church in Nicaragua, now our Companion Synod.

Upcoming events:

Germany trip	Nov 3-12, 2015
Discovery Hope Bible Study	June 27, 2016
Golf tour	July 13, 2016
Workshop in Huron	August 11, 2016
“God’s Work Our Hands” in Rapid City	August 13, 2016

There were many more worthwhile topics brought up, including the necessary and mundane.

Can we each consider doing more for our church? Maybe just one time or as our time allows—even in some small way, or our own special or simple talent?

Listen, God is Calling!

Chic Schneekloth



Praying and Caring for One Another

Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Peg in the church office.

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones. Including the family and friends of: **Rob Whitehead.**

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including: **Archie; Kenzie Green; Dan Miller; Clarice; and Jamie Bell.**

We pray for those in special circumstances, including: **Members of our military and their families: Those affected by acts of nature, including the people in areas affected by floods, tornados, and fire; and those affected by acts of violence.**

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Bill Birnbaum; Lena Volk; Ron Piper; Amy Perry; Patricia & Bill; John Guthmiller; Michael Carter; Arthur Kohn; Glen Hogan; Bernie Quaschnick; Ralph & Lois; Dan Colgan; Jerry & Tom; Dee Ann Hagen; Nancy; Geraldine Pedersen; Jessica; Gary & Donna Halverson.**

Vacation Bible School Pictures





Snack Leaders

Camp Site Leaders



The Squirrels



The Rabbits



The Bears



The Raccoons



Treasurer's Report

June 7	76	\$1,816
June 14	83	\$2,107
June 21	93	\$1,477
June 28	70	\$1,952
June averages	81	\$1838

June Offerings \$ 7,352
June Expenses \$ 5,497
Total Offerings YTD \$49,904
Total Expenses YTD \$37,329
June Mission \$ 285



LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN.

Custer County Fair will be held August 6-9. There will be a community church service this year. We will **NOT** be having worship service on August 9 so that we can join the whole community of faith at the County Fair worship service.



Sunday, Sept 13 at the Kaiser Ranch. A hayride will begin at 2:30pm and the picnic will follow beginning around 4:00pm.



More details will be available closer to the date.



A **Progressive Dinner** is being planned for **Sunday, October 4, 2015**. We will need 3 host families (for appetizers, salad, and desserts).

Anyone interested in attending or willing to be one of the host families, please call **Rebecca Kaiser at 255-4203**.

This was quite a hit a few years ago when we did a progressive dinner. There was a lot of great food and some great fun in visiting and getting to know each other better.



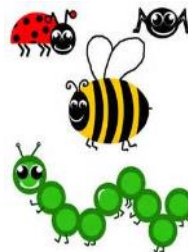
What a wonderful group of volunteers we had for VBS this year. Thank you to those who offered their time to help teach, assist, round up curious wanderers, help little ones make their snacks,

make their crafts, teach them to dance, play games, make posters and sets, and all of the behind the scenes items that start right after last year's VBS ended.

Thank you to the campers who participated in our mission giving. We were able to raise over \$100 for Outlaw Ranch's boat ramp project. It will be fun to see this completed next summer and know you played a part in this! Jesus is at work through you!

Most important is Pastor Deb who did much more than several people put together to make this happen. We are so grateful for your presence. Thank you God.

BIBLE SCHOOL WAS GREAT!



A special thank you goes to Anderson Pest Pro's for spraying inside and outside the church to help control the insects during and after VBS. They gave us a deeply discounted rate due to our being a church.

I would like to thank those who helped to work on the office. Nancy Schultes painted the walls. Dan Warren, Cleon Dires, and Darrell Zuerlein installed a new window (that I can see out of). And a donation of a *Thomas Kinkade* wrap picture of a country church. Please take time to stop in and see the transformation. It is so comfortable and bright to work in. Thanks again to all who helped on these projects.

Peg

DID YOU KNOW? The youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence was 26-year-old Edward Rutledge. The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin. He was 70. Most of the signers were in their 30s and 40s.

Mission of the Month for July

The Family of Rob Whitehead

Rob Whitehead was diagnosed with colon cancer in July of 2014. Until that time he was a loving husband and father with 4 young children at home, living east of Hermosa and providing for his family by driving truck out of North Dakota. After he was diagnosed with cancer, he was not able to work as he had to be in Rapid City for treatments once a week. He was also treated at Mayo Clinic, MD Anderson in Texas, and the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Chicago, where he and his wife Lindsay spent the last month of his life. Rob died in June, 2015.

If you would like to help the family with medical and living expenses, please drop a donation in our Mission Donation box in the fellowship hall, or in the offering plate. (Please write checks Our Savior's with "Mission" in the memo line.)



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



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