



# 2015 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>9:30 Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:30 Worship/Communion</b>  <i>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 7:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>8</b> C.C. FAIR Continues
<b>9</b> <b>NO CHURCH SERVICE</b> County Fair Church service at 9am Parade begins at 11am Custer County Fair ends <b>Youth Lock-in at church from 5:30pm—8am</b>  <i>Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>9:30 Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:30 Worship/Communion</b> Worship/Music Committee Meeting following worship  <i>Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 Men's Breakfast  9:30 WELCA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9:30 Fellowship Hour</b> August Care and Serve meet <b>10:30 Worship</b> Blessing of the Bags  <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<b>24</b> September Newsletter Deadline	<b>25</b> 6:30 Council Meeting	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:30 Fellowship Hour</b> <b>10:30 Worship</b> Service of Healing <b>Potluck following worship</b> <i>Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i>	<b>31</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*  
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### Church Council for 2015:

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

# Reflections from Pastor Deb

## **Everything Has Its Time**

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*

*What gain have the workers from their toil? have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by. Ecclesiastes 3:1, 9-15*

True story. July 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm. I rush into Hobby Lobby to return a few items and quickly peruse the store for ideas to put in the birthday present box for my brother. As I enter the store, I am confronted by July 4th clearance items. I expected that. 10 steps ahead there is a display of back-to-school related items. Unfortunately, I figured I would see these things as well. Right turn and 10 more steps later and there are aisles and aisles of fall items, including Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations, 40% off. Huh? Then 20 more steps and I have come to the Christmas decoration aisles. WHAT!?!?! And I haven't even moved from the very front of the store yet! I have been bombarded by months' worth of seasons all at once. Man, according to this (and other) store(s), I am sooooo far behind that I will never catch up. I feel a slight panic attack coming on as I hurry to gather the items I need to purchase so I can rush to my next stop. And the cycle continues.

### **WAIT. STOP. BREATHE IN. BREATHE OUT. READ ECCLESIASTES 3.**

I need this reminder! There are seasons and times for every matter and God has made everything suitable for its time. No matter how hard retailers try to convince us otherwise, God doesn't intend for all of the seasons and times to happen all at once, piled on top of each other. They are spread out so that we may eat, drink and take pleasure in our toil. I don't believe God wired us to be rushing about from one thing to the next, so busy with stuff that we forget what is most important - stopping, breathing and spending time with God in worship with a community of faith and in solitude. I know. This is much easier said than done! So I offer to you the following prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book. I have copies of this hanging in various places to remind me that not everything needs to be done at once.

Pastor Deb

**Lord it is night.**

**The night is for stillness.**

**Let us be still in the presence of God.**

**It is night after a long day.**

**What has been done has been done,**

**what has not been done has not been done. Let it be.**

**The night is dark.**

# AUGUST EVENTS . . . . .

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 August 4th and 18th*



## CALLING ALL YOUTH!

*Mark your calendar !!!*

August 7-8—Helping with Kids Games at Custer County Fair.

August 9 - Youth Lock-in beginning at 5:30pm at the church until 8:00am Monday morning. Bring your own drink and a snack to share. *All youth 7-12 grades are invited to attend.*



## CUSTER COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 6-9 HERMOSA SD

**OSL KIDS GAMES AT THE FAIR!!!!**  
Plan to attend and bring your family for fun and games.

**August 7 & 8 from 11am—4pm.**

*Any youth who are able to help please contact Pastor Deb.*



There will be a community of faith church service this year at the County Fair. Therefore, OSL will **NOT** be having worship service on August 9.



Looking for children to ride our OSL float for the big fair parade on **Sunday the 9th.**

Meet at the church parking lot by 10am. **Bring your singing voice and prepare to have a blast. We will sing VBS and D.O.G. Night songs.**

The **WELCA Bible Study** will meet at 9:30 am, **August 18th** in the church fellowship hall.



**Kathy Thompson 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 we will study "God Loves a Cheerful Giver" from our WELCA magazine, 'Gather', along with our business meeting.*

**Joy Neugebauer will serve as our hostess.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

August marks the beginning of school. We will have a special **Blessing of the Bags** on August 23rd during our morning worship. All students, whether entering school for the first time, headed back to college, or anywhere between, and all teachers and school staff, please bring your backpack, briefcase, etc., and come for a special blessing as you begin the new school year.



## SEPTEMBER CARE & SERVE TEAM!

*will meet during fellowship on*

**Sunday, August 23**

**September Care & Serve Team Leader is Marvin Bishop.** Team members are Karen Lescarboursa, Chris, & Becky Lowe and family, Gloria Olawsky, and Bob & Peg Tesch.

## Hermosa Community Food Bank 'God's Cupboard'

**OPEN August 27th  
3:00-6:00pm**



*Located at Pop's Grocery*

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



POTLUCK DINNER

**Sunday, August 30 will be our next potluck dinner following worship service. Hope you can attend, and pass the word along.**

**Your Call Committee** here at OSL has come to its next step in calling a new Pastor. Representatives from our SD Synod office and our conference need to meet with our committee, council and the members of OSL. This is an information gathering time for the Support to Ministries Committee and our congregation. Questions are asked to gain a clear picture of the congregation's needs in their pastor. For this reason, it is important that all groups of the congregation are represented at the meeting, including Sunday School teachers and leaders, musicians, board members, WELCA, youth and their leaders, and committees to name a few. **Remember though, ALL who are involved with the ministry at OSL are invited to be a part of this gathering time.**

The purpose of the study is to give many members of the congregation an opportunity to describe their needs, to tell their story. We will focus on the congregation's concern for mission and ministry.

The meeting is set for **AUGUST 11TH at 6:30 PM at OSL** in the sanctuary. **Please, everyone mark your calendars and plan on attending!!!**

### *Prayer is Powerful!*

There are enough new people and members to our congregation that we decided to explain the purpose of our "Prayer Chain Calling List". When you know of a prayer concern for health or other reasons, please notify one of the prayer chain team leaders—Karen 255-5850, Joy 255-4212, or Peg in the office 255-4662, of your request. (Be sure you have permission of the person or someone in the family that you are requesting prayers for.) The first team leader to hear of a prayer need, notifies our pastor prior to calling the their list.

The list is posted on both bulletin boards.

Remember, *prayer is powerful!*



One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't, dear," she said, "I have to sleep with your daddy." A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice saying, "The big sissy."



### *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: **Randy Linn (wife Christina and son-in-law of Leo & Sharon Hundtoft); Bill Meister (Adare Diers father); and Tosha Menken.**

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including: **Dale Friend; Jerry Puckett; Archie; Dan Miller; 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: **Kenzie Green; Clarice; Bill Birnbaum; Bernie Quaschnick; Ralph & Lois; Dan Colgan; Jerry & Tom; Gary Halverson.**



# Treasurer's Report

July 5	61	\$2,585
July 12	71	\$2,965
July 19	93	\$1,024
July 26	78	\$1,913
<b>July averages</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$2,122</b>

<b>July Offerings</b>	<b>\$8,294</b>
<b>July Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,921</b>
<b>Total Offerings YTD</b>	<b>\$59,198</b>
<b>Total Expenses YTD</b>	<b>\$41,407</b>
<b>July Mission</b>	<b>\$121</b>

**GOD WILL MAKE EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR LIFE IN HIS TIME**

He will drop flowers of grace in the garden of your heart so all will see the beauty that is your life in Christ.

A special thank you to Chic Schneekloth Nancy Schultes for all of her hard work so we can enjoy the beautiful flowers she planted this spring and has tended to. God has certainly shown us what beauty flowers can bring to us.

## JESUS IS WATCHING YOU!!

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark, saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light back on and began searching for more valuables. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you." Totally rattled, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yes," the parrot confessed, then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who do you think you are, anyway?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses!" the burglar laughed. "What kind of stupid people would name a parrot 'Moses'?"

The bird promptly answered, "The same kind of people who would name a Rottweiler 'Jesus'!"



LOOKING AHEAD AT **Coming Soon!**  
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN.

## D.O.G. (Disciples of God) Night Kick-Off

Wednesday, September 9

5:30 - 6:30ish pm - Our Savior's Lutheran Church

*An event for the whole family*

D.O.G. Night is a community Christian Education ministry that is open to all children in our community 4 yrs old - 8th grade. The whole family is invited to come to this kick-off party to eat together, sing together, gather information and register for fall!

*Questions? Contact Pastor Deb or Gloria Olawsky*

## God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

On **September 13, 2015**, ELCA congregations from across the United States will be leaving their buildings to go out into their communities to serve. Our Savior's Lutheran will be part of this movement. Multiple afternoon service projects in and around Hermosa are being identified and organized by the Mission's Committee. Your hands are needed to help complete these projects. Block off your calendar now and be prepared to make a difference here and now. More information to follow!

Sunday, Sept 13 at the Kaiser Ranch. A hayride will begin at 3:30pm and the picnic will follow beginning around 5:00pm.

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.*

*Bob and Peg would like to thank everyone for their prayers and phone calls after our car accident in MN, and also Bob's accident on the mower. We feel so blessed that we have so many friends who keep us in their thoughts and prayers.*

*Thank You!*

*Bob and Peg Tesch*



## Mission of the Month South Dakota Synod Seminary Scholarship and Debt Reduction Fund

The South Dakota Synod has been blessed by the ministry of great pastors throughout the years. We are now faced with a time when the number of pastors retiring or leaving this Synod is far greater than the number of students entering seminary or coming to our Synod upon graduation.

According to the Luther Seminary website, the approximate costs for the 2015-2016 school year for a single student, including tuition, living expenses and books, total \$35,578 for full-time study. Many students already burdened with collage loans are not able to afford seminary on their own. Our mission for this month is to assist current and future church leaders with this financial load so they are better able to follow their call into ministry and proclaim the Gospel.

*To contribute to this mission, please drop your donation 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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***Worship Time***  
***Sunday 10:30 am***  
***1st & 3rd Sundays***  
***Communion***



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