





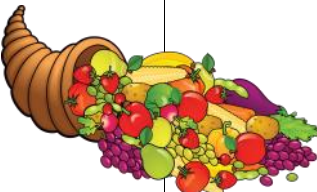



NOVEMBER

2015 at Our Savior's Lutheran

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion All Saints Day <i>All Saints' Day</i>  | 2 | 3 | 4 5:30 -7:00 D.O.G. Night | 5  | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship 11:45 Worship/Music Committee <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost</i> | 9 | 10 7:00 Men's Breakfast | 11 5:30 -7:00 D.O.G. Night  | 12 | 13 | 14 9:00 - 3:00 Directory Pictures will be taken |
| 15 8:00-10:00 Directory Pictures 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion 3-5:30 Youth Group <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>  | 16 | 17 WELCA 8:45 Old Testament Bible Study 9:30 Regular Meeting | 18 5:30 -7:00 D.O.G. Night | 19 | 20 | 21  |
| 22 9:30 Fellowship Hour December Care and Serve meet 10:30 Worship Third Grade Bibles given <i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> | 23 December Newsletter Deadline | 24 7:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Council Meeting | 25 NO D.O.G. Night 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service | 26 Office Closed  | 27 Office Closed | 28 1:00 Decorate the church for Advent |
| <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> Pastor Deb will be on vacation from November 23 until December 4 </div> | | | | | | |
| 29 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship No Potluck due to the holiday <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> | 30 |  | | | |  |



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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 last Tuesday of each month.

Reflections from Pastor Deb

God's Trustees

STEWARDSHIP. When and why did that become such 'bad' word when used inside a place of worship? Think about it for just a minute. In a place where it should be safe to talk about any subject through the lens of Scripture and living our faith, hairs start to rise and defenses come up as soon as the word stewardship and/or money come out of the pastor's mouth.

The best reason that I can come up with is that all of us at some point and time have had a bad experience around the theme of stewardship and it scarred us for life. J So, together as a family of faith, let's take some time this year to actively set aside our past stewardship experiences and try to hear what God has to say in a fresh way.

Steward – someone who has been entrusted with the property or person of another. He/she is asked to provide proper care (to manage) on behalf of the other person (the owner). We are God's stewards. We are God's trustees. The stewardship we exercise at work, at home, in the community, and in the church is really a stewardship from God. In each of these arenas we are privileged to demonstrate and live out the fact that we have been placed here by God to live and act as a manager, a trustee, for Him. Think about it. *GOD REALLY TRUSTS YOU to make decisions, to manage things, to take care of people and things for Him!* Pause and let that sink in. Trust inspires responsibility. This is a pretty awesome responsibility.

Breathe. It is okay. Before you have a panic attack, remember the great thing about this privilege is that God provides a wide variety of the resources we need to live as His trustees. These resources include gifts and skills we have been given and developed, our time here on earth, possessions we have, people we know and, yes, our finances. He has also gathered us together as a community of faith, with each of us having varied resources and called us to work together to take care of all that He has created. We have been given a mission to carry out as individuals and as a church. It is important that we take time to think about and talk about what we need to do to carry out that mission and then each be willing to do our part as God's trustees to move forward toward completing God's plan for us and for all of His children.

That's really what this theme of stewardship is all about. That's not so bad, is it? Thank you for your willingness to walk with me as we navigate this call to be good stewards together.

Pastor Deb

Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries

Sunday,
November 1



Sunday, November 1st

All Saint's Day

During the service you will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one to honor and remember them.

D.O.G. (Disciples of God) Night

Wednesdays, beginning with supper at 5:30pm and ending at 7pm.

There is a new curriculum this year called "Living Inside Out"

Where Kids Dare to Live Their Faith 24/7.



The theme for November is: **Wilderness Trail: Respect!**



Youth Group Gatherings

Open to all 7th - 12th
Graders

Sundays from 3:00-5:30

November 15 – Digital Scavenger Hunt and Service Project – *We will be outside moving around so dress appropriately.*

December 13 – Christmas Party



All men are invited to gather for food and fellowship at the **Men's Breakfast** every other Tuesday morning at **7:00am** in the church Fellowship Hall.. **This months dates are November 10th and 24th.**

The **WELCA Bible Study** meets **November 18th** in the church fellowship hall beginning at 8:45 with the ongoing study of the "Old Testament."



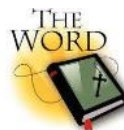
Adare Diers will present the bible study.

This Fall, we have begun a 3-session study on speed and slowness, "Slow Faith". We will be examining how the Kingdom of God moves slowly, yet we are asked to move with ever greater speed.

In November, we will be studying session 3, "Tempo Giusto". A copy of our 'Gather' magazine is in the church office. Feel free to pick this copy of and join us.

Chic Schneekloth will serve as hostess.

All women are invited to attend and take part in our discussions.



3RD GRADE BIBLES

We invite the families of 3rd graders to attend worship on November 22nd to receive a Bible and a blessing. We hope that you will also join us after worship to learn more about your bibles.

DECEMBER CARE & SERVE TEAM!

will meet during fellowship on

Sunday, November 22

December Care & Serve Team Leader is Kevin Vining. Team members are: Bill & Tammy Dennert, Stan & Joy Neugebauer, Jim & Nancy Schultes, Chic Schneekloth and Kevin & Luanne Vining. **We will have two extra services on Christmas Eve, and will need extra people. If you would like to volunteer contact Kevin or the office.**

God's Trustees

Managing all of Life and Life's Resources for God's Purposes!

"Stewardship...that's about budgets and fund-raising. Right?"

WRONG! Few biblical teachings are more misunderstood than stewardship. Although stewardship education is not easy, it is vitally important for the ministry of God's church. We will journey together through Scripture and discover in a deeper and maybe different way what it means to be trusted by God with all that He has created. By the end, we will have grown in faith as well as in the awareness of the joyous privilege of being God's trustees!

- Nov. 1: Trustees! People with a Purpose! (We will also honor the Saints who have gone before us at this service.)
- Nov. 8: Trusting and Trustworthy
- Nov. 15: Trustees, Let Love Shine Through!
- Nov. 22: To God Be the Glory



IT'S PICTURE TIME

It is time to create a new pictorial directory for Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Sage Studios has agreed to capture all of the wonderful smiles of our congregation and will be photographing OSL members for a new directory on **Saturday the 14th, and Sunday the 15th of November**. What a perfect opportunity for you and your family to get a new professional portrait and to help us create a beautiful and up-to-date directory listing for our church and its members. It has been a long time since our last directory, so we would like to have everyone participate this year.

It is also the perfect item to order any gifts or cards for the holidays. Russell Jensen of Sage Studios has agreed to offer a discounted rate on any prints ordered and a portion of all sales will go toward the printing cost of the directory.

Sessions are limited, so hurry and sign up for one of the first available times today. Sessions are free and all images will be available for purchase online the following week and at a special OSL discounted rate. Sign up sheets will be posted and you can contact the church office to schedule for a time that is right for you and your family.

Call or Sign up today. Church office at 255-4662.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly...

Or decorate the church with _____? I am not sure but we can find out. The Worship and Music Committee invites you to join them on **Saturday, November 28 at 1:00 pm** and help to prepare our place of worship for the Advent and Christmas season. If you are unable to be there but would like to help by decorating a specific area, please contact *Conni Virtue* and let her know.



Preparing for CHRIST-mas

In case you haven't noticed, the countdown to Christmas has begun all around us. This means once again we are preparing for Christmas. But where is Christ in the midst of this? Join us this Advent, beginning November 29, as we look to the writings of Luke and see how John the Baptist and Mary might help us to prepare to welcome Jesus the Christ now and in the future.



**Battle River Eastern Star's
Annual Turkey Dinner
Sunday, November 8
11:00am -2:00pm**



Served family style

Hermosa Masonic Hall
Adults \$9.00
Children 6 - 11 \$5.00
5 and Under FREE

Tell your friends and hope to see you there.

Veterans Day Chili Feed Dinner

Wednesday, November 11~4:00-7:00pm

American Legion Post

303 Main & Second, Hermosa

A.L.Post 303 will be serving a Veterans Day dinner consisting of Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken & Rice (gluten-free) Soup. Free will donations accepted for the dinner. Beverages available.

PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Come and support the Veterans.



- the rest of the story.

Being Lutheran - Worship

A foundation of faith for everything we do

I don't know about the rest of you but for me confirmation was a few years ago and I have to admit I don't remember a whole lot of what we were supposed to be learning. I entered seminary with a pretty solid basic understanding of what it means to be a Christian who is Lutheran but I knew I had much more to learn. Even today, I still have wonderments. Assuming I am not alone, I thought it might be fun to include a time of learning in the Newsletter once in a while called *Being Lutheran*. This month's topic is worship.

The following was taken from the national ELCA website:

For Lutherans, worship stands at the center of our life of faith. Through God's word, water, bread and prayer we are nurtured in faith and sent out into the world.

Connected with and central to everything we do, worship unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue and helps us grow in faith. It grounds us in our Christian and Lutheran roots, while demonstrating practical relevance for today's world.

While some of the approaches to worship may differ from one ELCA congregation to another, we hold certain things in common. Central to our worship life is the presence of God through word and sacrament. The word proclaimed and the sacraments —both Holy Baptism and Holy Communion — are called the means of grace. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in these means through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we describe worship as a "gathering around the means of grace."

There is also a basic pattern for worship among Lutherans. We *gather*. We encounter God's word. We share a *meal* at the Lord's table. And we are *sent* into the world. But we do not think about worship so much in terms of what we do. Worship is fundamentally about what God is doing and our response to God's action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther believed in the importance of gathering together as a community of faith to worship and that Word and Sacrament were the central focus of the service. He also recognized the importance of communities of faith being able to shape worship services according to their context. Basically, as long as what was done didn't affect the Gospel and were neither commanded nor forbidden in God's Word, Luther was indifferent to ceremonies or church rites that might be introduced into the Church. The result – every time members of the ELCA gather together for worship the flow of the service will feel the same but the exact way that the parts of worship are done may be different.

The Worship and Music Committee of OSL recognize that people are engaged in worship in different ways. In an attempt to meet the needs of our worshippers, three different styles of worship will be planned each month. All of these styles of worship are very Lutheran and God will be present as we gather together each week to worship and praise God, support one another and grow in faith.



Pastor Appreciation Sunday October 11
Pastor Deb Grismer was presented a gift certificate from Larry Vandreissen, on behalf of the church family.



Moses arrives at D.O.G. Night Wed., Oct 4. Come and join in and learn God's message. Wednesday's 5:30 - 7:00pm

October 4th a Progressive Dinner was held at various homes. The dinner began at the Dier's home with salads.



Next stop was Kaiser's for main meal.



Last stop for the night was at Gloria Olawsky's for dessert.



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: **Harold Tramp**, (Joan's brother-in-law); **Dan Miller**.

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including: **Rodney Clark; Ken Diers; Roger Downen; Clarice**.

We pray for those in special circumstances, including: **Military members, Law Enforcement officers, First Responders, those affected by floods and forest fires, and those fleeing their homelands to escape violence.**

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Ralph & Lois; Geraldine Pedersen; Don Aduddell, Steve Hammer, Joy Moore; Jerry Puckett; Matt Roby.**

Treasurer's Report

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| October 4 | 64 | \$2,916 |
| October 11 | 68 | \$1,716 |
| October 18 | 83 | \$1,878 |
| October 25 | 69 | \$1,495 |
| October averages | 71 | \$2,001 |

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| October Offerings | \$8,005 |
| October Expenses | \$5,464 |
| Total Offerings YTD | \$83,163 |
| Total Expenses YTD | \$58,905 |
| October Mission | \$294 |

Thank you, thank you, thank you! A thousand times thank you to the congregation for the beautiful card and Kohl's gift card I received for Pastor Appreciation Month. (My wardrobe also thanks you.) It was truly a surprise. Thank you also to those who continued to surprise me with cards and a variety of gifts as well as extra hugs and kind words. I am so blessed to be a part of this community of faith!
Pastor Deb

A **HUGH** Thank you goes to Chic for donating our new freezer, his name is Roger. Roger will bring us nice things.



Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back to the church on Sunday, Nov. 1

OSL Calling Committee -

Your Call Committee is in the process of receiving Pastor's names and profiles. As the Call Committee receives these profiles we will review each one carefully with prayer and discernment. This process could still take us 6 months to 2 years. Please keep our church and your Call Committee in your prayers. This is your Call Committee: Paula Warren, Becky Lowe, Alan Platt, Bill Dennert and Dennis Thompson. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or concerns.



Soldier's Prayer

*Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers
Protectors of our land.
Servants called to battle
When our country takes a stand.*

*Our country's prayers are with them
No matter where they roam
Please listen when they are lonely
And return them safely home.*

HERMOSA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

'GOD'S CUPBOARD'

**OPEN November 19
3:00-6:00pm**



Located at Pop's Grocery

The food bank is running low on food items such as canned fruit, chunky soup, sugar, flour, cereal, crackers. Any donations are very much appreciated.

For information please contact Lois Rudd at 255-5299.

Mission of the Month for November Veterans Honored Interment (VHI)

This month the Mission's Committee invites you to support to support Veterans Honored Interment, an organization that provides honorable and dignified burial vessels for fellow veterans and their spouses. These simple caskets and urns are made by veterans for veterans to honor and thank them for their service one more time. Caskets and urns are provided at no cost to qualified veterans and their spouses. This program is fully funded through donations from families and others like you. Brochures with more information are available at OSL. This group operates out of one of the buildings at the MJF State Veterans Home in Hot Springs. You are invited to stop by and see their work at any time.



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Worship Time
Sunday 10:30 am
1st & 3rd Sundays
Communion
Coffee Hour 9:30

D.O.G. NIGHT
5:30 - 7:00pm



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