





# JANUARY

## 2016 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion  <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i>	<b>4</b> All financial reports due for Annual Report	<b>5</b> 7:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>6</b> 5:30 -7:00 D.O.G. Night 7:15 Education Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Youth Lock-In begins	<b>1</b> Office closed <b>8</b> Youth Lock-In ends 9:00am	<b>2</b> 9
<b>10</b> 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship 11:30 "Undecking the Halls" <i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 -7:00 D.O.G. Night 7:30 Council Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion 11:45 Worship/Music Committee <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 Men's Breakfast WELCA 8:45 Old Testament Bible Study	<b>20</b> 5:30 -7:00 D.O.G. Night	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship Welcome New Members Annual Meeting following worship Chili Cook-Off <i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<b>25</b> February Newsletter Deadline	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 5:30 - 7:00 D.O.G. Night	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 
<b>31</b> 9:30 Fellowship Hour February Care and Serve meet 10:30 Worship Potluck following worship <i>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Life is much like writing in ink : All you can do is read over your past and look forward to a blank page for your future that will soon be filled with words that can never be erased.</b></p> </div>					



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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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# Reflections from Pastor Deb

## *Treasures*

*"His mother [Mary] treasured all these things in her heart." Luke 2:51b*

Treasures. We all have them. Items that have great meaning to us for a number of reasons. They might have financial value or they might have sentimental value or both but no matter what we keep them close to us.

Treasures, however, aren't always something we can touch and feel. As with Mary, there are many things that we treasure in our hearts. Shared experiences. Words that are spoken. Special events we are able to see or be a part of. The feel of a newborn in our arms. Trips that are taken. Gathering with friends and/or family. Memories that will stay with us, close to our hearts so that we can draw upon them over and over again. These treasures are probably the most important ones that we can have. It is so important to slow down and note these experiences whether they happen at milestone times in our lives or as part of our everyday lives. Mary appeared to know this. These times were so important that even the Biblical writers noted them. I can imagine Mary pulling these treasures out as Jesus grew and matured. As things went well in her life and during the hardest parts of her life, including the cruel death of her son. I can imagine it because it is the same thing I do.

Looking back, what treasures were you able to collect in 2015? I am pretty sure that we all collected more things than we needed in 2015. What I am wondering about is what things will you treasure in your heart? As we finish up another year and rush forward into 2016, it is important that we take a moment to stop and breath and name and gather the memories and experiences of 2015 and treasure them in our hearts. What helped you to grow in life and faith? What held you back? How do these treasures affect the goals you may have for 2016 both personally and as a family of faith?

When I look back at 2015, I will most definitely treasure my time with all of you as an interim pastor at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Thank you for welcoming me into your lives and showering me with prayers and support. Thank you for helping me to learn the culture of this area and forgiving me when I made mistakes. Thank you for the gifts I have received throughout the year, including those I received at Christmas. Thank you for being part of my cloud of witnesses that have helped me to grow in life and faith.

My time as your interim pastor will be complete in January. My last day will be on January 31. It has been a great year. When I moved to Hot Springs, I came without a job trusting that God would find somewhere for me to be and He did. I am very grateful for this. As a family of faith you are ready for and in need of a regularly called full-time pastor. In order for this to happen, it is very important that I step away as your interim pastor. I trust God has a plan. Your call committee also trusts that God has a plan. They will remain hard at work. Ministry will continue to happen. You will continue to move forward as a family of faith. God is present and walking with you. More treasures will be collected. My prayers will surround you. This is most certainly true!

*Pastor Deb*



The gifts are unwrapped, the food is eaten and the relatives have all gone home. Christmas is over. The story is done. Right? **Wrong!** The Word was made flesh so that the story can go on and on. Join us post-Christmas as we continue the Christmas story and experience **God With Us.**

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 January 6th and 20th.**



**D.O.G. (Disciples of God) Night** Wednesdays, beginning with supper at 5:30pm and ending at 7pm.



Our curriculum this year is called **"Living Inside Out"** Where Kids Dare to Live Their Faith 24/7.

The theme for January is: **Spelunkers.** Focus will be on **Bible Exploration.**



## YOUTH LOCK-IN



Beginning at 7:00 pm  
Friday, January 8

Ending at 7:00 am  
Saturday, January 9

*Come one! Come all, 7th - 12th grade youth to our Winter Lock-in. It will be an evening of fun, food, fellowship and surprises. Sleep is optional. Bring a pillow, blanket, drink and a snack to share. (No candy, please. We will have plenty.) Some of our fun may be outdoors so bring along your cold weather outer wear!*

*Pastor Deb is looking for adult help, for even one shift in the evening. Please give her a call (890-0781) if you are able to help.*

The WELCA Bible Study meets **January 19th** in the church fellowship hall beginning at 8:45 with the ongoing study of the "Old Testament".



We will begin our regular meeting at 9:30 AM with our bible study, which is out of our women's magazine, "Gather". After the bible study we will have a short business meeting. *There is an extra copy of the magazine in the church office.*

Hostess - NEEDED.

Bible study leader - Paula Warren.

All women of Our Savior's Lutheran are welcome to attend our meetings.

## FEBRUARY CARE & SERVE TEAM!

*will meet during fellowship on*

**Sunday, January 31**

**February Care & Serve Team Leader TBA.**

If you would be able to help the Care and Serve Team, we are in need of volunteers. This includes: greeters, ushers, readers, communion prep and assistant, and fellowship servers. Whatever you feel comfortable doing is great. Just let one of our council members know so we can get you signed up.

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, January 24 at the 10:30 worship service, the family of faith at Our Saviors Lutheran will be welcoming new members to our community. If you are interested in becoming members of OSL or know of someone who might be, please contact Pastor Deb Grismer at 605-890-0781 or [dlgrismer@gmail.com](mailto:dlgrismer@gmail.com) so she can set up a time to visit with you. This visit will be a time of casual conversation where any questions you might have are welcome.

Not sure if you would like to join at this time but would like more information about OSL or the Lutheran denomination in general? Please also contact Pastor Deb and she will be delighted to set up a time to visit with you.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**When:** January 24 following worship

**Where:** OSL Sanctuary

**Who:** All OSL worshippers are invited to attend.

*All OSL members will be given the opportunity to vote on important congregation matters.*



Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending and actively participating in this important annual business meeting of the congregation. It will be a time to look back on the past year as well as look forward to the future of your family of faith. Written reports will be shared and informal discussion will be held. Important voting will take place on the mission plan as well as electing new council members. Your input is needed. As an added bonus, all are invited to stay for the Chili Cook-Off afterwards.

**In preparation for the meeting, treasurers of church organizations are asked to please have your books ready to be turned in for review by JANUARY 4.**



Your family of faith is looking for several members who are interested in helping lead this congregation by serving on the Church Council. As we look toward the annual meeting and the future of this congregation, please prayerfully consider using your gifts in this way to do God's work. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested,

please visit with one of your current Council members: Bill Dennert, Jack Corr, Crystal Wiles, Greg Neugebauer, Russell Jensen, Adare Diers or Kevin Vining.



We will have our **Chili Cook-off** following the Annual Meeting on January 24. Not only do we get to eat the best of many different types of Chili, but there will be judging for the 1st place winners who will be presented with a trophy.

Are you handy with a shovel? Your ministry is needed! Volunteers are needed for snow removal on the sidewalk around the church building. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Dan Martin and Bernie Flug for volunteering to clear out the parking lot.





**Friends and Family enjoying cake that was presented to the Confirmands before worship service.**



**Displayed below are the faith statements each student must complete as part of their studies in their confirmation class.**



**Nicholas Sundings' Faith Project**



**These students had completed their classes and were confirmed on Sunday, December 13. Pictured above back left: Pastor Deb Grismer, Sawyer Corr and Cody Corr. Pictured above front left: Jay Neugebauer, Jamie Neugebauer and Nicholas Sunding.**



**Christmas Eve Children's Message play - The Birth of Jesus**

**Low Family reading the Gospel**

**Christmas Eve Services Musicians**



**Jenna Ostensen and Peg Tesch**



**Nathan Leonard and Conni Virtue**



**Judy Bishop and Paula Jensen**



**TJ Mead and Peg Tesch**

HERMOSA COMMUNITY  
FOOD BANK

**'GOD'S CUPBOARD'**

**OPEN January 21  
3:30-5:00pm**



***Located at Pop's Grocery***

All donations are very much appreciated.

*A special thank you to Our Savior's for their donations that enabled us to put together 15 Christmas boxes of food for those in need.*

For information please contact Lois Rudd at 255-5299.

**Better Choices Better Health**

This is a self-management workshop for anyone who lives with a chronic condition or for caretakers of someone who has a chronic condition. Workshops go 6 weeks 2 ½ hours and are led by trained leaders.

The emphasis of the curriculum is not designed to help people learn more about the chronic conditions but rather *to learn skills and tools to better manage those conditions.*

You will learn such skills as managing your symptoms, communicating better, dealing with anger and depression, designing a healthy eating plan, managing pain and fatigue, problem solving, relaxation and stress management, and appropriate use of medications.

This program is being instituted in South Dakota by the SD Department of Health and SDSU Extension.

Other partners include SD Department of Social Services, Regional Hospital, Avera and Sanford Health Systems, and numerous other organizations.

Workshops in Hermosa and Custer will be scheduled for late January or early February.

You may register at this website, [www.betterchoicesbetterhealthsd.org](http://www.betterchoicesbetterhealthsd.org).

For more information, check the website or call Vicki Palmreuter at 303.521.7935 or Margie Neugebauer at 303.590.4403 or email; [margeneugebauer@gmail.com](mailto:margeneugebauer@gmail.com).

**OSL Pastor Call Committee -**

Please keep our church and your Call Committee in your prayers as we continue to work at hiring a new Pastor for Our Savior's. If anyone has questions about our process please contact one of the committee.

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



*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.

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

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Dick Deutscher Ralph & Lois; Geraldine Pedersen; Don Aduddell; Steve Hammer; Jerry Puckett; Matt Roby; Kevin Davisson; Chelle Sorensen-Schnefcik; Clarice.**

## Treasurer's Report

December 6	79	\$2,743
December 13	129	\$3,033
December 20	82	\$1,529
December 27	53	\$1,332
<b>December averages</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>\$2,159</b>

<b>December Offerings</b>	<b>\$9,790</b>
<b>December Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,267</b>
<b>Total Offerings YTD</b>	<b>\$102,009</b>
<b>Total Expenses YTD</b>	<b>\$70,797</b>
<b>December Mission</b>	<b>\$269</b>

*Thank you! To all who participated in the Christmas Eve Services. It takes a lot of behind the scenes work to make sure that our services are the best that we can do. We have the volunteers in our church family that make that happen. Christmas Eve services takes much more planning and people to make this the best service for our church and the entire community.*

The ninety-five year old woman at the nursing home received a visit from one of her fellow church members. 'How are you feeling Mary?' the visitor asked. 'Oh,' said the lady, 'I'm just worried sick!' 'What are you worried about, dear?' her friend asked. 'You look like you're in good health. They are taking care of you, aren't they?' 'Yes, they are taking very good care of me.' 'Are you in any pain?' she asked. 'No, I have never had a pain in my life.' 'Well, what are you worried about?' her friend asked again. The lady leaned back in her rocking chair and slowly explained her major worry. 'Every close friend I ever had has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went.'

LOOKING AHEAD AT  
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN.

Coming  
Soon!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.**

Beginning the first Sunday in February (**February 7**), the worship time at Our Saviors Lutheran will change back to 9:30am with fellowship following at 10:30am. Thank you to the worshippers at OSL for your flexibility this past year as we adjusted the worship time to meet Pastor Deb's schedule.

**A very special Thank You** to all who purchased the poinsettias for the alter. They made the church look so festive and beautiful.



If you have not picked up your flower, please do so as soon as possible for they will die without your loving care.

### **GO TO CHURCH WILLIAM**

On a sunny morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sunday. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to church! Get up!"

From under the covers came mumbles, "I don't want to go!"

"What do you mean?" she said. "That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to church!"

"No!" he shot back. "I'll give you two reasons. I don't like them and they don't like me!"

"Nonsense," she told him. "I'll give YOU two reasons to go. First, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the PASTOR!"



## Mission of the Month

### Bibles for the Growing Church

**Share the good news!** New, growing Lutheran churches around the world need Bibles in their own language to preach, teach, study and share in God's promise of steadfast love.

Through ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, the Bibles are sent to churches around the world for \$12.00 each.

As followers of Christ and as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) we believe that God is calling us to help meet needs of our church and the world. Together, we can do more than we ever could alone, making a huge collective impact.

*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***  
***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"***