



2017 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30-6:30 DOG Night Celebration	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship/Communion Fellowship to follow <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 	8	9 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 WELCA	10 6:00-7:00 DOG Night Volunteer Appreciation	11	12	13 10:00-12:00 Set up Mothers Day Brunch at American Legion 4:00-7:00 Food Pantry Fundraiser
14 9:30 Worship Fellowship to Follow <i>Mothers' Day</i>  <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	15 <i>Mothers' Day Brunch 10:00-12:30 at the Legion Hall</i>	16	17 6:30 Women & Justice Round Table Discussion	18 Food Bank Open 3-5pm	19	20
21 9:30 Worship/Communion Fellowship to follow  June Care & Serve Team meets during fellowship <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	22 June Newsletter Deadline 6:00 Coun- cil Meeting	23 7:00 Men's Breakfast	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship Recognition of Graduates Potluck follows worship <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	29 Office Closed 	30	31	1	2	3 <i>Brock/Leonard Wedding</i> ----- <i>Synod Assembly</i> -----



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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

Reflections

By Pastor Deb

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the three-fold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20 (The Message)

Be a Dandelion!

I stumbled upon the following devotion by Janice Kempe in my Women's Devotional Bible many years ago and it has stuck with me ever since. I take it out and share it every year when the dandelions begin to appear as a reminder to myself and to each of you that we are called to be dandelions.

DANDELIONS! No matter how carefully I try to pull one up, I never get the whole thing. The root stays deep in the ground, threatening to grow up and blossom again.

But despite their bad reputation, dandelions are pretty little flowers with their yellow strands all tucked neatly into the center. And truly they are the most beautiful of all flowers when presented clutched in a child's dirty little hand. No one gets yelled at for picking them. Perhaps they grow only to be used and enjoyed by children.

Dandelions are ignored or attacked, never nurtured or cared for, and yet they always bloom profusely. They demand no pampering or special attention to yield their bright blossoms; they pop up in fields, in lawns, and between cracks in the sidewalk, even in the best neighborhoods. Can you imagine trying to grow them in a garden? They'd sneak through the boundaries and pop their sunny yellow faces up in the surrounding lawn. They would never stay put!

Christians should be more like dandelions. Our sunny yellow faces should be a reminder that simple faith has deep roots that are impossible to dislodge. Our vast number would show the world that even though we are not fancy or pampered we are evident everywhere, even in the best neighborhoods.

We should be as easily accessible as a dandelion. Jesus was. We need to get out of our gardens and jump across the boundaries that keep us where people expect to find us. We need to show our sunny yellow faces in all the spots that need a little brightening up – the crack in the sidewalk or the lawn of a country club.

I would add to this analogy. Our Christian roots are very deep - over 2,000 years deep. Our roots as Lutherans are also very deep. This year we are celebrating 500 years of reformation. I would assume that dandelions have needed to change somewhat over time to adapt to the context and environment in which they grow in order to continue to bloom profusely. So have we as Christians and as Lutherans. Our church continues to reform - adapting and changing so that we can continue to be evident in people's lives everywhere.

Once dandelions are picked and separated from their roots, they die quickly. I would argue that is the same for Christians. Yes, I know everything and everyone dies eventually. However when we separate ourselves from our Christian roots, our family of faith, we die inside more quickly leaving a void that one tries to fill with other things of this world. Our lives no longer reflect the love of God. Our numbers diminish and God's love and grace and mercy does not reach as many people.

So let those pesky, yellow flowers be a reminder to you this spring and all year long to **be a dandelion**. Continue to never stay put where people expect you to be. Jump some boundaries and spread God's love with your bright yellow sunny faces wherever you go!

Pastor Deb Grismer



D.O.G. Night **Disciples of God**

End of Year Celebration
May 3rd 5:30 - 6:30

Family members are invited
to join the children for
supper and fun.



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.

May dates are the 9th and 23rd.

GRADUATION MILESTONE

High School Graduates from our congregation will be recognized during our service on Sunday, May 28. Included among the young people who will be celebrating graduation from high school this month are Meghan Corr, Ty Neugebauer, Morgan Parys and Paige Seidler.



If you would like to help mark this milestone as well as shower these graduates with the love and support of their family of faith, the OSL Education Committee invites you to sign the card for each graduate that is in the narthex and/or bring a gift for the graduates and place it in their baskets. The gift doesn't need to be big nor does it need to be wrapped. These baskets will be presented to the graduates on May 28. Thank you for the role you have played in the lives of these graduates. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this time of transition. Congratulations to our high school graduates!

Congratulations also to the 8th grade graduates, including our own Shalie Weaver, as well as all those who are graduating from college, vocational school or another place of higher education. We are extremely proud of all of you!!!

Women of the ELCA



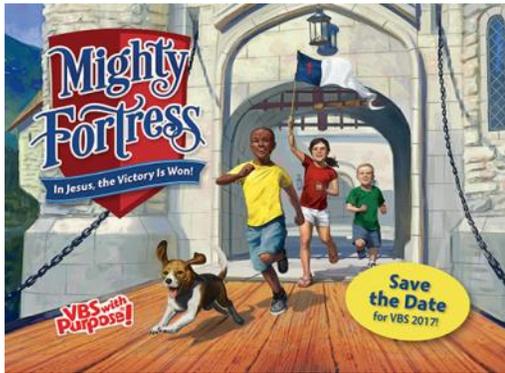
Our May WELCA meeting will be on May 9th beginning at 9:30 am. Our Bible study is a Devotional: "Ten prayerful reflections for our faith journey" which will be led by Pastor Deb. Our hostess will be Paula Warren. All women are welcome.

If anyone is interested in going to the WELCA triannual gathering, July 13-16 in Minneapolis, MN please contact Pastor Deb or Paula Warren.

JUNE CARE & SERVE TEAM!

The June Care and Serve Team will meet during fellowship time to sign up to help will worship and fellowship during the month of June. Team members are: Mike & Diana Bachnagel, Chris & Tina Novak & Family, Judy Stanley, Larry & Jenett VanDreissen.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. If have any questions or to be added to the month of your choice, please contact Conni Virtue, Joy Neugebauer or Peg in the office.



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON!

June 12 - 16 9:00 - 11:30

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Registration forms available at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hermosa UCC or St. Michael's Parish

Theme: A Mighty Fortress - In Jesus, the Victory is Won

At ***Mighty Fortress***, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation – their fortress and sure defense. **So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!**

The Education Committee is looking for volunteers to help with this community event! Contact Gloria Olawsky, Becky Lowe, Adare Diers, Tanya Cooper or Pastor Deb Grismer or OSL Church Office at 605-255-4662 if you are available to help for part or all of the week! Adults and 7th - 12th graders are needed to be leaders.

Congratulations Spring Raffle Winners!

Winner of the grand prize Star Quilt was Stan Neugebauer.

Other winners include:

Ace Gift Card - Butch Rudd

Longhorn Gift Certificate - Kayleigh Martin

Scheels Gift Card - Kay Elliot

Cabela's Gift Card - Grace Lawrence

Runnings Gift Card - Shelley Martin

Jolly Lane Gift Card - Chic Schneekloth

Thank you to all who participated in the Spring Fling Raffle. \$1,170.00 was raised to help pay for our new riding lawn mower and weed eater.

Let's Talk!

Join us for a talk
around the table at



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
May 17 - 6:30 p.m.

Women and Justice: One in Christ

Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations toward a Social Statement

Seven questions for discussion:

1. Why do we need to talk together?
2. What problems do women face, and what does justice require?
3. How is sexism personal, and how are we the body of Christ together?
4. What does economic sexism look like, and how can we seek equity for all?
5. How can we address violence against women and girls?
6. Why do words and images for God matter?
7. How do we challenge the misuse of Scripture against women and girls?

**SOUTH DAKOTA
SYNODICAL**

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

30th ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 23-24, 2017

**"KATIE LUTHER:
NURTURING THE
REFORMATION"**



"Whatever you do, put yourself into it, as done for the Lord and not your masters."

Colossians 3:23

Trinity Lutheran Church
403 Broadway Ave.
Yankton, SD

Registration forms available in the church office

Look What's Happening Around our Community!

HERMOSA/FAIRBURN

Community Food Bank Fundraiser

Saturday, May 13

at the Fairgrounds Beef Building

4:00-7:00 Baked Potato Bar

(Freewill Donation)

5:30 Dessert/Basket

Auction



EVERYONE WELCOME

We are seeking Desserts and
Baskets for the Auction!

All donations appreciated.

*Just bring your donations to the
beef building the day of the event.*

Plan to attend a new event in the community!



Sunday, May 14 10:00 – 12:30
American Legion Hall
East Edge of Hermosa, SD

Delicious Menu

Egg Bake Scrambled Eggs
Chicken & Rice Casserole
Pasta with Marinara Sauce
Ham Baked Potatoes
Soup & Salad Bar
Dinner Rolls, Pastries & Desserts
Drinks

Cost: Freewill Donation

*A time to gather with family and friends for a
great home-cooked meal and fellowship while cele-
brating the women in our lives.
ALL ARE WELCOME!*

*Sponsored by OSL Community Youth Group
Proceeds to help fund mission trips*

HERMOSA - FAIRBURN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

OPEN Thursday,
May 18
3:00-5:00pm



Located at Heartland Hair, 300 E Main St. Hermosa
For information please contact Lois Rudd at 255-5299.

Memorial Day Services



will be held Monday, May 29 at
Fairburn Cemetery at 8am
Hermosa Cemetery at 9am

followed by coffee and treats at
the American Legion Hall on the East edge of
Hermosa on Hwy. 40

It just got easier to help raise money for Hermosa School!
There is a container at the church to collect the following items for the

Hermosa School Fundraising Program:

Box Tops for Education

NEW! Our Family brand food UPCs

Country Hearth & Village Hearth bread UPCs

Labels for Education (Campbell's Soup UPCs)

Family Thrift & Prairie Market Receipts

Pop's Grocery Shoppe Receipts (September through February only)



**HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY!**



THE REFORMATION

OBSERVING 500 YEARS

Here I Stand: Confessing Your Faith

To be a disciple of Christ is to be called to confess your faith. Jesus set this pattern when he asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" and Peter confessed "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:15) After Peter's confession, Jesus identified just how it is disciples arrive at a confession -- it is given to them by God himself. The first disciples were commissioned by Jesus to go and make more disciples, which in turn brings about more confessions by teaching (confessing to) all nations. (Matthew 28:16-20) Confessions of faith come in a variety of lengths and forms; and they use different language. But they are, at their core, all answering Jesus' fundamental question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Martin Luther's life and career reflects what happens to a disciple, even a disciple who arrived on the scene 1500 years after Jesus' Great Commission. Luther found himself confessing his faith in a variety of forms and settings; and often when life itself was at stake. But confess Luther did, because Luther had been given the gift of faith in Christ - a faith given to him by God himself. And once he had that confession on his lips he could not stop confessing it. He confessed to his colleagues in disputations and academic settings. He confessed while on trial in front of princes, bishops and an emperor. He empowered his colleagues to confess at the Diet of Augsburg, taking what he taught and making it the foundational understanding of what it means to call yourself a Lutheran. Lastly, he empowered everyone who sat in the pews to be next in line for giving witness to the Gospel of Jesus.

This month we will look at several of Luther's confessions of faith: the Heidelberg Disputation, the Diet of Worms, the Augsburg Confession, and his understanding of the royal priesthood.

The Challenge Is On!!

Accomplish something millions have said is a life goal - read the entire Bible in 90 days. The Worship Committee challenges the family of faith at OSL, along with anyone else who would like to join us, to spend the summer reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelations in just 12 pages a day. Alone this is a difficult task but if we ban together and support each other we can turn an aspiration into an inspiration. This whole-church challenge will shape our worship services and include weekly small group and Bible studies, prayer groups, reading guides and other tools to assist you along the way.

Children can join in by reading Bibles printed at their level or by being read to by others. If reading through the whole Bible is overwhelming, you can choose to read 90 Bible stories instead. You can take your Bible with you when you travel to keep up with your reading, knowing others are reading right along with you reminding you that we are all part of one family of faith.

Participant guides, which will be used in the Bible studies along with your daily reading, will be available for purchase. You can use a Bible you already own or purchase the NIV Bible specifically printed for this challenge. *More information and sign-up sheets are on display in the area by the main entrance.* You can also visit with Pastor Deb.

The challenge will begin on June 1. Are you up for it?



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 of **Ruth** (Susan Deutscher's sister).

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including: **Kathy Carpenter, Emily Deutscher** (Susan's sister), **Heidi** (Hunsaker's niece), **Peg Tesch** and **Dennis Hempler** (Dixie Clark's brother).

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Jack Virtue** (Jason's father), **Jerry Jasmer** (Pastor Deb's uncle), **Suzan Heidelberger, Cindy** (Karen & Judy's cousin), **Don Aduddell, Donita Kindt, Jessica Bradley.**



APRIL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 20, 2017

The Church Council met on April 20 with all members present. Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

The following actions were taken by the Council:

- *The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. Treasurer Mike Baschnagel is working hard to get the new accounting system up and running.
- *There will be a clean-up day on April 21 beginning at 3:00 pm for inside and outside the church.
- *The new riding lawn mower and weed eater will be purchased before April 21.
- *The Mission of the Month for next month will be Camper Scholarships for those attending a Lutheran Bible Camp.
- *The final night of D.O.G. Night will be May 3. Friends and families are invited to attend the final celebration.
- *About 37 children and multiple adults attended the Easter Egg Hunt. Multiple adults came early to help hide eggs and help with the hunt. Their help was greatly appreciated.
- *Easter services went well. Many people expressed appreciation for the wonderful Good Friday service. The musicians have been wonderful in volunteering for the extra services. We are very grateful for those who lead worship services through music.
- *Peg's surgery went well and she is currently at a rehab facility. We do not know when she will return to work. Joy continues to do a wonderful job in Peg's absence.
- *Pastor Deb will not be in the office April 18-20. She will be working offsite and available by phone and email.
- *The Youth Group will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Brunch for the community at the Legion Hall.

Next Council meeting will be May 22 at 6:00 pm.

Attention please: The Church Council is looking for a volunteer to be the recording secretary at council meetings. This person will not be a member of Council. He/she will simply take minutes and email them to Adare Diers who will disseminate them to the Council. This will allow all Council members to actively participate in the Council meeting. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Deb.



Minneapolis Servant Journey Update

Thanks to the hard work of multiple youth and adults and the generosity of this family of faith as well as the community of Hermosa, 12 youth and 3 adults will climb into vehicles in the wee hours of the morning on June 18 and head to Minneapolis for the week. There we will join other youth groups and walk alongside refugees and immigrants who are building new lives in the United States. While there we will learn from others as we help at a day camp, serve meals at a food pantry, hear stories from refugees and immigrants, worship with international communities as well experience some fun activities that the Twin Cities have to offer.

Our goal is to raise \$12,500 for this trip. As of the end of April \$9,834.99 has been raised. Our next fundraiser is the Mother's Day Brunch. If you would like to help out by directly contributing to our journey, please contact Pastor Deb.

The Servant Journey crew thanks you for your generosity!

Reno Lowe, Trevor Hartshorn, Shalie Weaver, Jenna Ostenson, Calli James, Taylor Neugebauer, Maysyn Sorenson, Madi Ramsey, Grace Brose, Jamie Neugebauer, Reece Lowe, Sara Fischer, Becky Lowe, Rod Grismer and Pastor Deb Grismer

Thank you!

What a busy month April was at Our Savior's!
What a wonderful family of faith we have here!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES, including musicians, those who furnished Easter flowers, and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you to all who mowed, trimmed, pulled weeds, cleaned the shed, hauled everything away, cleaned closets and refrigerators, arranged and decorated the fellowship hall on, etc. on CLEAN UP DAY.

Thank-you to everyone who helped make the WELCA BEAR BUTTE CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY such a great day.

To everyone who participates and supports the mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church: Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Date	Attendance	Offering
April 2	86	1843.00
April 9	112	2730.50
April 16 total	167	2612.00
April 23	75	1753.00
April 30	80	1448.00
April weekly averages	104	2077.30

April's Mission of the Month giving totaled \$989.54, far exceeding our goal of \$600. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation as well as the D.O.G. Night participants, we are able to provide seeds to 66 households! God is good!

MISSION OF THE MONTH CAMPERSHIPS



Why should attending a Bible camp be part of my child's summer?

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (LOSD) is dedicated to quality faith experiences and hospitality for all, and has been for more than 65 years. Christian camping allows each person to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation. Campers live and play in a nurturing environment, which in turn leads them to build a stronger faith foundation, discover personal gifts, develop new skills, as well as connecting with others and building life-long relationships.

The four LOSD camps (*Outlaw Ranch, Joy Ranch, NeSoDak and Klein Ranch*) are viewed as some of the leading outdoor camps across the nation for dynamic and innovative Christ-Centered ministries.

A majority of lay and rostered church leaders today attribute their leadership and faith development to their experience at camp.

The Mission Committee is passionate about encouraging and supporting children who want to go to camp. They do not want the cost of camp (around \$500/week) to get in the way. A campership fund is available at OSL but funds are low. This year at least six children and two adults associated with the ministries of OSL as well as Pastor Deb will be attending a LOSD camp. Next year we hope the number will increase. Are you able to assist in financially supporting their way? All Mission of the Month donations during the month of May will go toward camperships.

To support this mission, drop your donation in the offering plate, the Globe Offering, or the Mission Box in the fellowship hall. (Please write checks to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and write "Mission" in the memo line). Thank you for your support!



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

Our Mission: "We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."