



2017 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Worship/Communion Fellowship follows.  <i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	3 	4 Office Closed NO Men's Breakfast 	5	6 	7	1  8
Pastor Deb on vacation June 29th through Friday July 7th						
9 9:30 Worship. Fellowship follows. 10-12:00 Second Sunday Brunch At St Michael's Catholic Church <i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	10	11 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 WELCA Mini Retreat	12	13	14	15 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> LOSD </div>
LOSD Servant group will be staying at the church the 9th through the 14th						
16 9:30 Worship/Communion. Fellowship follows. 5:00 Council Meeting <i>Sixth Sunday Pentecost</i>	17 	18 	19	20 3-5pm Fairburn Hermosa Food	21	22 
LOSD Servant Adventure group will be staying at the church the 15th through the 21st						
23 9:30 Worship. Fellowship follows. <i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	24 August Newsletter Deadline	25 7:00 Men's Breakfast	26	27	28	29
Pastor Deb and Campers at NeSoDak Bible Camp						
30 9:30 Worship. POTLUCK follows. <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	31 					



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Monday & Wednesday 9:00–12:00 & 1:00–3:00
 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 –12:00
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Servant Adventure Reflections

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:40

"A refugee is a person who has fled his or her home country, and who cannot return due to a well-founded fear of persecution because of his or her race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group." International Institute of Minnesota.

On June 18 at 6:30 am, 11 youth and 3 adults boarded a bus in Rapid City bound for the Twin Cities for a week. No one truly had any idea what exactly we were if for but we knew that God had called us to this adventure and that our families and our family of faith believed in us enough to support us and made sure we got on that bus.

And what an adventure it was. We learned: about refugees and hunger, about ourselves, about each other, about youth and adults from other churches and about God. We had fun: the Minneapolis Zoo, the Mall of America, Target Field and Minnehaha Park as well as hotel room laughter. We ate: sometimes food we had never tried before. We worshiped and studied God's word: sometimes outside, sometimes in the hotel and sometimes on the bus. We worked: packing food, hearing stories and pulling weeds, many times pushed out of our comfort zone. We grew: in faith and love for each other, for God and for people whose lives are very different than ours - in ways we can't even put into words.

I knew there was no way I was going to be able to get this diverse group of people who went from the OSL Community Youth Group together all at one time and in one place again this summer to share their experiences. So instead I asked each of them to spend some time writing their thoughts by answering specific questions. Here are some of their reflections:

Some of the things we learned about refugees:

- *There are over 500,000 refugees living in a refugee camp on the border of Kenya and Somalia.
- *Some people can wait 20 years, if not their whole lives, to relocate from a camp.
- *Refugees have to flee from their home on very short notice sometimes taking nothing with them.
- *Language is a huge barrier.
- *Refugees receive assistance from the US government for only 90 days when they resettle here. This is the time they are given to find a home, job and learn a new language.
- *The process to resettle takes years and a person has to start over every time they are denied entry to a country.
- *There are over 20 million refugees in the world and only 2% are able to relocate.
- *The majority are very nice people who just want somewhere safe to live.
- *The publicity or media attention give to the refugee problem is terrible.

What is one thing you want to make sure the congregation knows about this trip?

- *There are many good people out there working to help one another. There are good people in the world and good things happening.
- *That it was a fun and learning experience.
- *The kids were amazing and that we learned to give in the name of love for God and every little bit of help, helps!
- *That refugees are some of the most kind and brave/strong people I know.
- *How we learned about refugees and donating and praying for them can help them through life.
- *We were able to pack enough food on Monday to feed 125 starving children for one year.
- *There are so many refugees and most have their lives torn apart and we need to help them as much as we can.
- *This trip would not have been possible without their support and contributions. **We are very grateful!**

More reflections to come next month....

Pastor Deb

OSL COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVANT TRIP TO MINNEAPOLIS MN JUNE 18-23, 2017 Sunday and Monday - more to come next month



LOOK OUT HOUSTON!
Here we come!!
2018 National Youth
Gathering Informational
Meeting

July 16 at 7:00 pm in the church
sanctuary for parents and youth
who will be completing grades
8-12 in May 2018.

OSL Community Youth Group Mark Your Calendars

Summer Outdoor Adventure.- July 19-21 - Plans are still being made for our 2nd annual camping trip. More info will be sent to the Youth.

Summer Movie Night Lock-in - August 3 beginning at 7pm and ending 7am August 4
Kids Karni Val at the Fair - August 12 - 8:00 to 5:30. One day only this year.
Sign up for a shift!

Area Pre -National Youth Gathering Kick-off - 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran for youth and parents. Carpool from OSL at 5:45

All are welcome! Questions? Contact Pastor Deb at 605-890-0781 or pastordeb@oslhermosa.com or on Facebook

Needed: Additional Parts of the Body

Scripture tells us in multiple ways that there are many parts to the body of Christ and all of them are necessary for ministry to happen. Each of us have different gifts and skills and all of them are needed for ministry to happen. *Are you feeling called to become more involved in our family of faith?*

This community of faith is led by the elected members of the Church Council as well as the Pastor. The Church Council is responsible for many of the big picture decisions and works to keep the congregation moving forward in a healthy way in the ministry God calls us to do. As set out in our constitution, the Council has formed various committees to help with the work of the church. The members of these committees are appointed by the Council each year. Each Council member serves as a liaison to one committee. *Have you thought about serving on a committee?*

The following committees have been formed based on the mission of our congregation:

Mission Committee: (Liaison - Wyone Leonard) This committee provides members with opportunities to learn about and financially support various organizations and individuals, including choosing the Mission of the Month recipients. This allows our congregation to spread God's love far beyond our community.

Education Committee: (Liaison – Adare Diers) This committee oversees the Christian education opportunities within our congregation and community, including D.O.G. Night, VBS, Confirmation and adult studies.

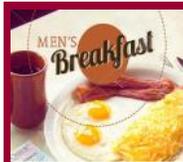
Property: (Liaison – Butch Rudd) This committee is responsible for maintaining and improving all of the property of the congregation, including the church building and grounds and parsonage and grounds (as needed).

Worship Committee: (Liaison – Marie Kennedy) This committee helps to plan and provide meaningful worship services for the congregation.

Youth Committee: (Liaison – Emily Dirkes) This committee is reforming and will be assisting the Pastor with the planning and implementing of activities for our 7th – 12th grade students in our congregation and community.

Outreach Committee: (Liaison – Gloria Olawsky) This committee is also reforming and will be responsible for welcoming new people into our congregation as well as finding ways to reach out with love and grace to our community.

We need you! Do you have a passion for any of these areas of ministry? Would you like more information about a committee? Are you willing to share your time and talents for one year as a committee member? If so, please visit with the committee liaison or Pastor Deb. It takes many hands to do God's work!



All men are invited to gather for food and fellowship at the **Men's Breakfast** every other Tuesday morning at **7:00** in the church Fellowship Hall. July dates are the 11th and 25th.

WELCA will have a mini-retreat on July 11, 2017 beginning at 9:30 AM. Our bible study is a 3 part study for the summer months entitled **"Ready or Not" Say goodbye to 'nice', Standing with the least of these, Upend the tables**. Pastor Deb will lead our study. She plans on consolidating all three sessions for our July meeting. There are extra "Gather" magazines in the church office. This will be a potluck brunch. Everyone bring something to share.



COME AND GET IT!

The whole community is invited

Second Sunday Brunch

**Sunday, July 9
10:00 - 12:00 am**

**Serving at
St Michael's Catholic Church**



Delicious Menu
Ham,
Cheesy Hashbrowns,
Pancakes,
Scrambled Eggs,
Fresh Fruit,
Pastries
Coffee, Milk, Juice



This month's breakfast is sponsored by Bible Camp Participants.

Freewill Donation to help cover their Bible Camp costs this summer.

Thank you for your support!

MAIN STREET SQUARE KID'S ZONE
JULY 20
5:30 - 9:00PM
HELPERS ARE NEEDED.
CONTACT LOIS AT 255-5299

AUGUST CARE & SERVE TEAM!
Care & Serve team to meet July 23.
Team members are: Marlene Dickchat, Dirkes Family, Wyone Leonard, and Stan & Joy Neugebauer. Additional volunteers will be needed. If you have not yet volunteered, please do so by contacting Peg or Conni Virtue.



LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
Save the Date
July 30
POTLUCK

"A Mighty Fortress - In Jesus, the Victory is Won"

Community Vacation Bible School June 12-16



We registered 60 kids this year for Vacation Bible School. We very much appreciate the participation of the families whose kids were here. They enjoyed the fun filled 5 days loaded with bible studies, arts and crafts, games, learning new songs, and of course snack time.



Closing ceremony on Friday to wrap up a great week

Enjoying hot dogs and friendship at the closing of the week.



Offering collections for the week are going for personal hygiene kits for the Pine Ridge Center. The kits included a toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, shampoo, wash cloth, and a bath towel.



The Praise Team helped to kick off VBS on Sunday, June 11 by wearing the crowns and helmet.



We want to thank Pastor Deb and all of our volunteers and youth who helped to share the good news that "In Jesus - the Victory's Won"! We had over 25 volunteers and youth helpers this year.

June Church Council Meeting Highlights

The Church Council met on June 25 with the following members present: Greg Neugebauer, Marie Kennedy, Butch Rudd, Adare Diers and Wyone Leonard. Also present were Mike Baschnagel and Pastor Deb Grismer.

The following items were discussed and/or actions were taken by the Council:

*The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. At this time we are sitting strong financially. Discussion was held on ways to keep the congregation better informed about how the congregation is doing financially.

* Follow-up discussion was held concerning the special meeting of the congregation which was held earlier that morning. The position description for the Administrative Assistant position was approved with the understanding that adjustments could be made to it as needed.

*The Mission Committee has chosen Prison Congregations of America to be the Mission of the Month for July. Mary Mortenson from PCA will be a part of worship on July 16.

*Adare reported that Vacation Bible School had another successful year. We are very thankful for all of the volunteers that make this ministry possible.

*Pastor Deb reported all those who went on the Servant Adventure had a great week. The group is very thankful for the support and prayers of the congregation and community.

*Butch reported that the Property Committee has been very busy. Some of the projects they completed recently included the spreading of the millings, staining of decks, siding, steeple and fence. The flower pots look fantastic. The sprinkler system has been checked and two underground leaks were found. Assorted repairs were made in the church. They are also starting to look for quotes for new windows and siding on the parsonage. This is not an immediate project but only a place to start. A huge thank you to all those who worked on these projects.

*Pastor Deb reported the TV in her office stopped working several months ago. She uses this for various education events and asked if it could be replaced. The Council approved spending up to \$350 for a new TV.

The next Church Council meeting is July 16th at 5:00 pm.




A special thank you goes to all of our volunteers who have been keeping the grounds looking so nice and fresh and the flowers are so beautiful as always. It takes a lot of work to keep things looking so nice.

Reminder: Would you like to use electronic giving through the Simply Giving program? If so, forms are available in the church office!

Have you checked out our website? You can find out how to contact Pastor Deb or the Office, read our Mission and Vision, the church's history, Book of the Month Club, Youth Ministry, Sermon Sneak-peek, and view the video of the church services and more.
Our website is: oslmermosa.com.

Treasurer's Report

Date	Attendance	Offering
June 4	78	\$2,314
June 11	84	\$1,547
June 18	57	\$1,815
June 25	81	\$1,549
June weekly averages	75	\$1,806

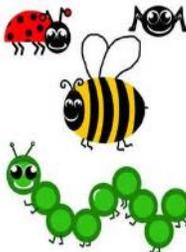
June's 'Mission of the Month' giving, totaled \$1,136 to help with pay for expenses from the extensive fire damages not covered by insurance for Richard and Janice Jasmer (Pastor Deb's parents).

**HERMOSA - FAIRBURN
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**

**OPEN Thursday,
July 20
3:00-5:00pm**



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



We would like to thank Anderson Pest Pro's for spraying inside and outside the church to help control the insects during and after VBS. They also sprayed at the parsonage. They gave us a deeply discounted rate due to our being a church. If you need their help you can call them at 605-454-0391.



THE REFORMATION

OBSERVING 500 YEARS

Politics

When we hear the word “politics” we don’t necessarily have positive word associations. The actual definition of the word “politics,” though, is the process of making decisions applying to all members of a group. More narrowly, it refers to organized control, or governance, over a human community. Luther recognized that politics, government, is a means by which God works in this world. He understood this is what Jesus was getting at when He talked about being wise as a serpent. (Matt. 10:16)

Understanding that God works in and through politics and politicians does not mean that the people involved in these vocations are without sin, however. Politics by nature is trying to figure out how to love your neighbor as yourself, which is doing ethics. And good government, as the Apostle Paul stated, is a gift from God. (Romans 13:1) The role of secular leaders is, and was during Luther’s time, to bring peace and prosperity across the land so the people can hear the proclamation of the Gospel and serve their neighbors who are in need.

Luther was not naive, however. In Luther’s time, as in ours, there were people who wanted to silence the Gospel. Luther was adamant that when someone is prohibiting the Gospel from being preached in your neighbor’s ear, then the gloves come off. Then you must take action against those who are at fault.

Spreading The Message: Education

Over the ages, people have recognized the most effective way to change the culture of a society is through the education of the next generation. History shows that Martin Luther understood this well. In fact, his life’s work was done in an educational setting, and some of his earliest proposals had to do with a thorough reformation of the educational system. Luther’s vision is what people in our time speak of as intergenerational. He recognized that education took place in the home as well as schools for children and universities for young adults. In fact, Luther was one of the first in Western culture to advocate that not only boys but also girls begin their schooling in kindergarten. In addition, he wrote several pamphlets and treatises about why parents should keep their children in school - a concept that was not well accepted at the time.

This emphasis on education had a twofold effect on the Reformation. First of all, the ability to read and write gave the next generation access to receiving and spreading the Gospel message themselves. The people sitting in the pews were not as dependent upon a clerical class to mediate their relationship with God.

Secondly, the educational movement empowered young and old, men and women, to think for themselves in matters of faith and institutional governance. Luther understood that an educated laity would shift the balance of power in the church so that the people sitting in the pews were not simply subject to the decisions and dictums of the clergy. In fact, they could hold their leaders to higher standards and expectations.

Luther’s focus on education extended from the home to the universities to the professional clergy. He wrote the Small Catechism as a way to teach entire families the basic doctrines of faith. He pushed government officials to support and fund educational institutions for all ages. He was instrumental in establishing an educational process that would revolutionize educational standards for pastors serving in congregations of all types and sizes. All of this work flowed out of Luther’s concern for the spiritual well being of his flock - and he now understood his flock to include a lot more people than he had ever anticipated.



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 **Cindy** (Karen & Judy’s aunt), **Marlene Haivala**, and **Larry Mintzclaff**.

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including: **Bill Cross** (Dan Warren’s friend), **Irene Willoughby** (Esther’s sister), **Donley Hewett**, **Kathy Carpenter**, **Emily Deutscher** (Susan’s sister), **Heidi** (Hunsaker’s niece), and **Dennis Hempler** (Dixie Clark’s brother).

We pray for those in special circumstances, including: **Lutheran Outdoors in SD** administrative and camp staff and campers, **All who are affected by dry weather**, including ranchers, farmers and fire firefighters.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Suzan Heidelberger**, **Chelle Schefcik**, **Jack Virtue** (Jason’s father), **Jerry Jasmer** (Pastor Deb’s uncle), **Don Aduddell**, **Donita Kindt**, and **Jessica Bradley**.

MISSION OF THE MONTH PRISON CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA



Mission: Prison Congregations of America, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to collaborate with Christian denominations and prison officials so that prison congregations are established in state prisons across America. Currently there are 31 prison [congregations](#) in 14 states, representing 9 denominations.

Prison Congregations Are Needed in America:

- To respond to the Biblical command in Matthew 25 to "visit the imprisoned."
- To provide American mainline congregations a viable means to effectively engage in ministry within prison walls.
- To assist Christians, both lay and clergy, in sharing personal ministries of Christian love, care and nurture with prison inmates.
- To allow Christian inmates a community of faith through which they might grow and share in their faith and be supported in Gospel evangelism.

When asked why Our Savior's should support PCA, Mary Mortenson, Director of Prison Congregations replied, in part:

Through the relationship that Our Savior's has had over the years with Prison Congregations of America, you have supported efforts to plant prison congregations all over the country. It is through these congregations that inmates have been given the chance to mature in their faith, to learn to care about the world outside themselves, and who, through the congregation, have been able to practice skills like hospitality, leadership and healthy problem-solving - all critical to successful reentry. The Gospel message we share with inmates is the same one that is shared with us: God loves us, when we're at our best and when we're at our worst, and everything in between. Further, God will never leave us - never.

To learn more about PCA, please visit www.prisoncongregations.org. if you would like to support this mission, please drop your donation in the Globe offering or in the offering plate. Write checks to Our Savior's with "Mission" in the memo line.



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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."*