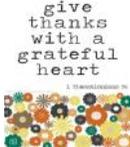
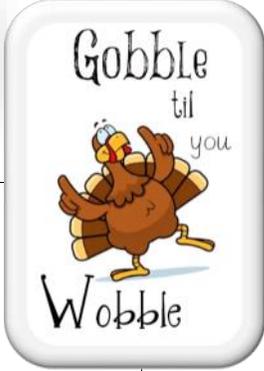


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12 9:30 Worship 8:30-11:15 2nd Sunday Breakfast 11:30-1 Youth Group meets at OSL <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	13	14 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 WELCA	14 5:30-7 D.O.G. Night	16 3-5 Fairburn/ Hermosa Food Bank	17	18
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26 9:30 Worship/Potluck Youth Group Meets- An afternoon at the movies <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	27	28 7:00 Men's Breakfast	29 5:30-7 D.O.G. Night	30		

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8:30-3:00
(Gone for lunch 11-11:30)

Cultivating The Attitude of Gratitude

Happy November, Fabulous Family of Faith,

The newsletter deadline is now past and I cannot procrastinate any longer. As I was working last night on the D.O.G. Night theme I was spending much time reflecting on living a thank-filled life. I really wanted to share something along this theme with you but I can't seem to slow down and organize my thoughts well enough to put them on paper so I turned to my seminary advisor and mentor The Reverend Doctor David Lose for inspiration and guidance. I offer to you the following post from his blog **...in the Meantime** (www.davidlose.net).

"What is gratitude? I suppose at its most basic level it's simply an awareness of blessing and a willingness or even eagerness to offer thanks for that blessing. But what precipitates that awareness? And if it's primarily an awareness or perception of blessing and good fortune, it strikes me that gratitude is likely available to us anytime and in all manner of circumstances.

Which brings to mind a statement by the Apostle Paul, writing to his beloved Philippian congregation: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." What strikes me about Paul's oft-quoted words is that Paul invites us to rejoice - another way, I think, of saying "give thanks" - always. When things are going well and not so well. When life seems rich and blessings abundant, and when they seem scarce. Indeed, Paul continues, saying, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:4,6)

It's a rather astounding injunction, when you think about it. Our lives often seem overwhelmed by worry, and yet Paul doesn't just suggest or counsel but actually commands that we do not worry but instead bring our requests to God with thanksgiving. Strikingly, Paul doesn't write this letter from a situation of ease or obvious abundance. Rather, he writes from prison.

Which reminds us again that gratitude is as much an attitude as it is an emotion. Gratitude, that is, can arise from a determined commitment to see the blessings of this life, a steadfast and practiced resolve of noticing and focusing on what is good. For in the end the issue isn't wealth or poverty, good fortune or bad, but rather the issue is attention - focusing on the manifold blessings all around us - and attitude - a commitment to not take blessings small and large for granted but rather to notice and give thanks for them."

I encourage you this month to really focus on cultivating the attitude of gratitude. Truly take time each day to be aware of at least one blessing from your day. Name even one little blessing that maybe has been taken for granted in the past and lift it to God with praise and thanksgiving. For some this will be an easy task. For others it might be more difficult as attitudes and thought patterns might need to change. For all of us it might become a transformational way as living as disciples of God.

I will start. On this day I am grateful for these blessings ...

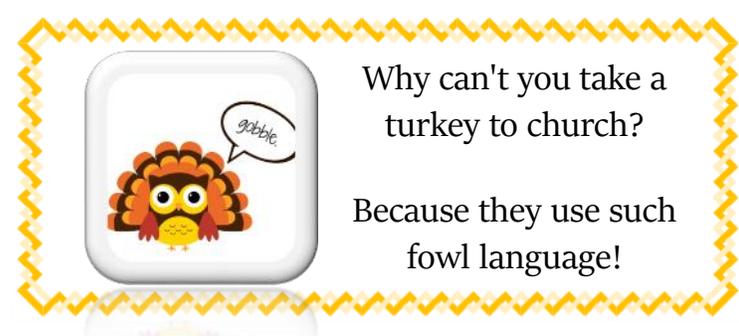
- ☺ All of the cards, gifts and kind words I received from my family of faith during Pastor Appreciation month. Thank you!
- ☺ The gift of extra sleep in the form of sleeping later in the mornings or naps when needed which is not frowned upon by my co-worker or my congregation.
- ☺ Hugs from children and smilies from infants.
- ☺ Brownie who does not allow me to sleep all day or sit on the couch all evening.
- ☺ Rod's understanding of the craziness of my schedule.

This is only a start as this list could go on and on. May your days and months be filled with an awareness of your blessings and the ability to let your worries and requests be made known to God with thanksgiving.

Pastor Deb



WELCA will meet on November 14th at 9:30 am. We will begin our morning with our bible study: "The Apostles' Creed" – Session three: I believe in the Holy Spirit ...Pastor Deb will be leading our study. There are extra "Gather" magazines in the church office which have our bible study in them. We will also discuss our 2017-18 mission project. Hope to see you there.



Why can't you take a turkey to church?
Because they use such fowl language!



November 14th and 28th

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.

DECEMBER CARE & SERVE TEAM!



December team will meet **Nov. 19th** after fellowship

Team members are:

- Bill & Tammy Dennert,
- Joy & Stan Neugebauer,
- Chic Schneekloth,
- Jim & Nancy Schultes,
- Kevin & Luanne Vining, Dennis Beighley & Christine Wolcott

If you have not yet volunteered, please do so by contacting Joy Neugebauer, Conni Virtue, or Josie in the church office. Anyone not already on a team is always welcome to help serve any time they feel the want.

2nd Sunday Breakfast

The whole community is invited!!
Sunday, November 12th
8:30-11:15
Our Savior's Lutheran Church



Delicious Menu

- French Toast
- Ham
- Fruit
- Pastries
- Drinks

Freewill Donation will go towards sending our Youth Group to The ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston 2018

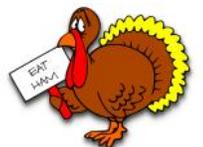
HERMOSA/FAIRBURN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

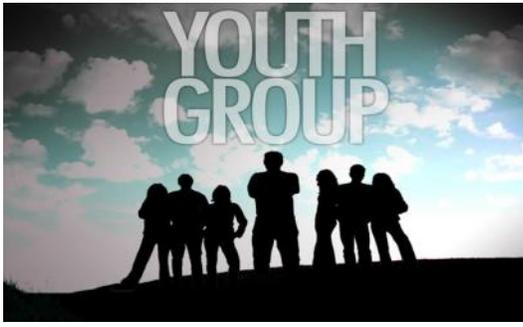
OPEN Thursday,
November 16th
3:00-5:00pm



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

GIVE THANKS...because you belong to JESUS...and you're not a turkey!





OSL Community Youth Group Gathering
Open to all 7th-12th grade youth!

Sunday, November 12th
Gather at OSL for activities
From 11:30 to 1:00

Sunday, November 26th
An afternoon at the movies. Let Pastor Deb know if you are going to be around and able to get together. Then we will decide if we want to watch a movie at the church, Pastor Deb's home or head to Rapid to see a matinee.



Eastern Star's Annual Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 5, 2017
11:00 am to 1:30 pm
Hermosa Masonic Center.

Prices are:
\$10 for adults
\$5 for children 6 - 12
children under 6 eat FREE



**Don't forget
to fall back!**

Sleep tight and enjoy
the extra hour!

**Sunday,
November 5th**



**"If the only prayer
you say in your life
is **THANK YOU**
it will be enough."**

- Meister Eckhart

**Rapid City Area Foster Care
and Adoption
Awareness Event:**

Are you interested in foster care or adoption?
Come on November 2, 2017,
and learn more about the process and meet all of the local
adoption and foster care agencies.

This is a free event and a meal will be served. The event
will be held at the Rapid City Arts Council at The Dahl,
located at 713 7th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota and is
sponsored by the collaboration Why Not You? Foster
One South Dakota, Lutheran Social Services of South
Dakota, Bethany Christian Services, Children's Home
Society, and Catholic Social Services.



*I wasn't expected;
I was selected!*

Adoption
help put love back into a child's life

To register go to:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foster-care-and-adoption-awareness-free-information-session-tickets-38018248605> and click on 'select a time'. There are two sessions to choose from, 12 pm or 6 pm. For additional information, please contact Shirley Conrad at Shirley.Conrad@LssSD.org or 605-390-4016.

Looking ahead for The Advent Season Mark your calendars!



Saturday, Dec. 2nd

1:00pm - Decorating the Church

Sunday, Dec. 3rd

9:30 Worship- First Sunday of Advent- Beginning of the "Together in Advent" series

Sunday, Dec. 10th

12:00-2:00pm - 'A Night in Bethlehem' Event- for the whole family!

Wednesday Dec. 20th

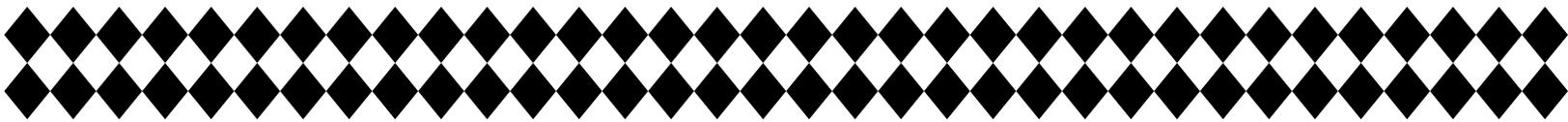
5:30 D.O.G. Night Christmas Program -the entire community is invited

Sunday, Dec.24

9:30am 4th Week of Advent service

4:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service (This service will include the children's impromptu skit)

7:00 Christmas Eve Worship Service



Holiday shopping is **HARD** when your kids are in tow!

*OSL Community Youth Group
is here to help!*

December 9th and 16th

5:00-8:00pm

Dinner provided for children

Drop off your children at OSL, and enjoy an evening of peaceful shopping, wrapping presents, or maybe just having a nice date-night out.

Minimum donation of \$2.50 per child/hour



*All donations will go towards sending our youth to the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering, or other summer trips

*Questions? Please feel free to contact Josie in the church office at 255-4662 or Pastor Deb at 890-0781

D.O.G. Night Happenings

DISCIPLES OF GOD



**D.O.G. Night is open to all children in the community
Ages 4 through 8th grade
Every Wednesday from 5:15-7**

Please help pass the word around. There are a lot of new families moving into the area, and the school has so many new children. We would like everyone to know about this great night for the kids.

COMING IN NOVEMBER -
Showing Our Thanks.

We will see how people showed their thanks to God in Bible stories and current life stories as we discover ways we can live a "thank-filled" life.

Food - Fellowship - Fun - Faith Growth

October Church Council Meeting Highlights

October 22, 2017



Members present: Greg Neugebauer, Wyone Leonard, Adare Diers, Emily Dirkes, Gloria Olawsky, and Butch Rudd

Also present: Pastor Deb Grismer, Mike Baschnagel, and Josie Roe

The agenda and Council Minutes for September 17, 2017 were approved.

***The Treasurer's Report - Reported by Mike.** It was discussed where the budget currently is compared to the plan set forth for the year. OSL completed a propane pre-buy with Custer Gas Company. Additional questions were answered. Council members will take the projected 2018 Mission to their committees and get a better idea of funds they will need for the next year.

***Property Committee- Reported by Butch.** The flooring in the downstairs basement is still an on-going project. The new thermostats were installed in the church. It was decided the missing shingles on the shed was not a priority right now. The sprinkler system was also discussed.

***Worship Committee- Reported by Pastor Deb.** The dates of Reformation services were discussed. Nov. 5th is All Saints' Sunday. We will be putting together a list of passed loved ones to honor on this Sunday. The Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Hermosa UCC Church on Nov. 22nd. The services and schedules for the Advent Season were also discussed.

***Mission Committee- Reported by Wyone,** The chair person has been changed from Nancy to Joy. The money from the October Mission of the Month was discussed and the care packages will be assembled soon. November's Mission will be the Angel Tree, and December's Mission will be a medical benefit for Talon Gibson and his family.

***Youth Committee- Reported by Pastor Deb.** The 2nd Sunday Breakfast was very successful, raising \$400+. More was discussed about taking the youth to the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston. The youth group were leaving that day on a secret road trip to prepare them for the Natl. Youth Gathering.

***Education Committee- Reported by Adare.** There will be a short meeting for D.O.G. night leaders to discuss the structure and see if it is working for everyone. It was discussed how successful the children's ministry is, and we have had new children come every week since we started back this season.

***Outreach Committee- Reported by Gloria.** The Trunk or Treat event was discussed.

***Pastor Deb's Report-** Pastor Deb thanked everyone for the kind words, card, and gift cards for Pastor Appreciation. She has completed her term on the SDSM&T board. She will be volunteering in the classrooms at Hermosa School a few days a week. She will also be buying her plane tickets this week for the Extravaganza in Houston. The youth group will be selling greeting cards as a fundraiser starting soon.

Treasurer's Report

Date Attendance Offering

October 1	68	\$2205
October 8	82	\$1715
October 15	70	\$1640
October 22	76	\$2435
October 29	78	\$1675

October Averages **75** **\$1934**

October's 'Mission of the Month' giving totaled **\$781** in monetary donations, plus all the wonderful items donated, which will help create care packages for soldiers and their units over-seas, as well as providing supplies to the Cornerstone Mission's Homeless Veterans' Ministry.

Thank you OSL for your generosity!



Church Bulletin Bloopers

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



The church office will be closed on:

November 10th - for Veteran's Day
November 23rd - for Thanksgiving

Twas the Nite of Thanksgiving

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But I just couldn't sleep
I tried counting backwards,
I tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned -
The dark meat and white
But I fought the temptation
With all of my might

Tossing and turning
With anticipation
The thought of a snack
Became infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen,
Flung open the door
And gazed at the fridge,
Full of goodies galore.

Gobbled up turkey
And buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots,
Beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling
So plump and so round,
'Til all of a sudden,
I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling,
Floating into the sky
With a mouthful of pudding
And a handful of pie.

But, I managed to yell
As I soared past the trees....
Happy eating to all -
Pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump.
May your potatoes 'n gravy
Have nary a lump,

May your yams be delicious
May your pies take the prize,
May your thanksgiving dinner
Stay off of your thighs.



Join us for a Community
Thanksgiving Service!

Everyone is welcome!

WHERE: Hermosa UCC Church
WHEN: Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30

We hope to see everyone there!



YOU ARE INVITED!

We are getting married on November 18th! And we would like to invite the entire congregation of OSL to join us in a celebration party after our ceremony!! We will be providing light appetizers, but you are more than welcome to order off the menu. (Kitchen closes at 9)

Where: The Gaslight Restaurant and Saloon, Rockerville SD
When: Saturday, November 18th @ 6:00pm

We hope to see you there! -Josie Roe and Donavon Main



A Veteran's Prayer

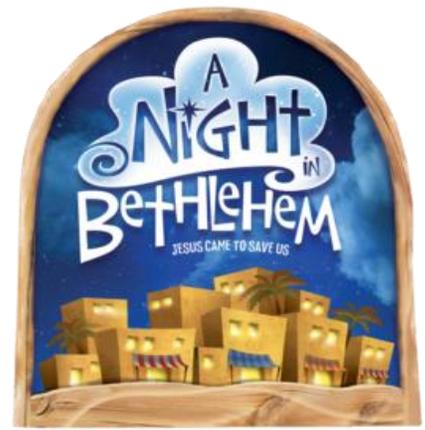
We honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Remembering All Saints

Who have gone before us...

Sunday, November 5th will be All Saints' Sunday. If you have a loved one that has passed away in the last year, and you would like their name read, a candle lit for them, and their memory honored, during our service that day, please let Pastor Deb or Josie know as soon as possible.



Mark your calendars for
December 10th!

OSL will once again be hosting our "A Night in Bethlehem" event! It's fun for the whole family! Stay tuned for more information coming very soon!

TWO TROUBLE MAKERS

A couple had two mischievous little boys, ages 8 and 10. They were always getting into trouble, and their parents knew that if any mischief was happening in their little town, their boys would get the blame. The boys' mother heard that the local Pastor had been very successful in disciplining children and asked if he would meet with her boys. The clergy man agreed and asked to see them individually.

The mother sent the younger boy in first to meet with the Pastor, a large man, with a loud booming voice. The Pastor asked the boy in a stern voice, "WHERE IS GOD?" The young boy's mouth dropped open, and he just sat there not being able to say anything. The Pastor asked again, "WHERE IS GOD?" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. So the Pastor shook his finger at the boy, and yelled, "WHERE IS GOD?" The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran straight home and hid in his closet.

The older brother found him and asked him what had happened. The younger brother caught his breath and said, "We are in REAL BIG trouble this time! God is missing, and they think we did it!"

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



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 Josie in the church office.



We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of **Bill Cross** (Dan Warren's friend) and **Paul Harvey** (Kristin Neugebauer's dad.)



We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including **Pastor Duane Neugebauer**, **Kayla Riley** (Roger and Betty Dickoff's daughter), **Jay Conard** (Peg's nephew), **Talon Gibson** (Tenaya Gibson's son), **Janice Neugebauer**, **Hank Holwegner**, **Bart Banks**, and **Bernie Quaschnick**.



We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Larry Fritz**, **Kelly Edwards**, **Elizabeth** (Carla's friend), **Glenyce** (Carla's cousin), **Heidi** (Hunsaker's niece), **Dennis & Leona Hempler** (Dixie Clark's brother), **Dorothy Schneekloth** (Chic's sister-in-law), and **Beverly Conrad** (Peg's sister.)



“Tis the Season of “Thanks” giving”

You are invited to wrap others in God’s love during this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas by helping local families celebrate Christmas in their homes. We are working with the Hermosa School this year to help families by providing gifts for under the tree and food to fill empty cupboards.

There are two ways you can help:

1. Take a leaf (or two) from the tree in the main entryway and purchase the gift written on the leaf. Bring the wrapped gift or gift certificate WITH THE LEAF ATTACHED, back to the church by Dec. 3.
2. Give a financial donation to the Mission of the Month. These donations will be used for gift certificates to give families to empower them to purchase needed items for their families to celebrate Christmas.

To contribute financially, please drop your donation in the Globe offering or in the offering plate. Please write checks to Our Savior’s with “Mission” in the memo line. December’s ‘Mission of the Month’ will be a medical benefit for Talon Gibson and his family.



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

D.O.G. Night
(Disciples of God)
Children's Ministry
Every Wednesday
5:15-7 PM



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