

2018

January

OSL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Office closed	2	3 No D.O.G. night	4	5 	6
7 9:30 Worship/Communion Fellowship Follows <i>1st Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8 	9 7:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30 WELCA	10 5:15-7 D.O.G. Night	11 	12	13
14 9:30 Worship 8:30-11:15 Second Sunday Breakfast <i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 	17 5:15-7 D.O.G. Night	18 3-5pm Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank open	19 	20
21 9:30 Worship/Communion Fellowship Follows 10:30 OSL Annual Meeting <i>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	22	23 7:00am Men's Breakfast	24 5:15-7 D.O.G. Night	25	26 	27
28 9:30 Worship/Potluck <i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	29	30 	31 5:30 D.O.G. Night Christmas Program 7:30pm Grief Recovery Seminar at OSL			





Monday thru Friday
8:30-2:30

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The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

*Howard Thurman, "The Work of Christmas," in *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*.

For many of us by the time January 1 comes along Christmas is nothing more than a 2017 memory. The gifts have been unwrapped and the garbage has been taken away. Leftovers are almost gone and bedding has been washed so guest bedrooms can be readied for the next round of visitors. Some have already packed away Christmas decorations as plans for New Year parties are being made. Christmas season it seems is over.

But yet it is not! The first day of Christmas is actually December 25. Christmas season is celebrated in the church for 12 days beginning on Christmas day ending on Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi to worship the King of Kings. (No, they did not arrive on the night of Jesus' birth.) However, the work of Christmas lasts all year long, does it not?

As I reflect back on the work of this family of faith in the past year, I know that the work of Christmas did not end on December 25, 2016. We stayed focused on our goals and met many of them. We reached out to share the love of God with people in our community and beyond as well as with each other. In little ways and in big ways, as individuals and as a congregation we helped to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Not because we wanted the glory for ourselves but because we wanted others to experience the grace, love, mercy and forgiveness of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We experienced highs in our lives. We experienced lows in our lives. But in everything we experienced Emmanuel, God with us!

So now we look forward to 2018 and wonder together what work of Christmas is God calling us to do this year, individually and a family of faith? Some of our work will remain the same – gathering on Sunday morning for worship and fellowship, continuing to engage the community through D.O.G. Night and OSL Community Youth Group opportunities, offering adult faith growing opportunities and serving wherever and however we are able. But is there other work God is calling us to do?

I am blessed to be a part of a family of faith that recognizes that the work of Christmas is not complete on December 26 but lasts 365 days. I am grateful that we can rely on the promise of Emmanuel, God with us. I pray we continue to be guided by the light of Christ and are open to hear and understand the work he has called us to do.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Pastor Deb Grismer



WELCA will meet on January 9th at 9:30 AM in the church basement. We will begin the morning with our bible study which is in the "Gather" magazine. We will be starting a new study, *"Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations"*. **Session One: Washing hands with distant hearts (Mark 7:1-8)** Pastor Deb will lead our study. There are extra Gather magazines in the church office. After our bible study we will have a short business meeting. Hope to see all of you there!!!



January
9th and 23rd



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.



February
CARE & SERVE TEAM!

Team members are:

Marie Kennedy
Greg & Kristin Neugebauer & family
Lois & Butch Rudd
Alicja Mead

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.

Second Sunday Breakfast

The whole community is invited!!
Sunday, January 14th
8:30-11:15

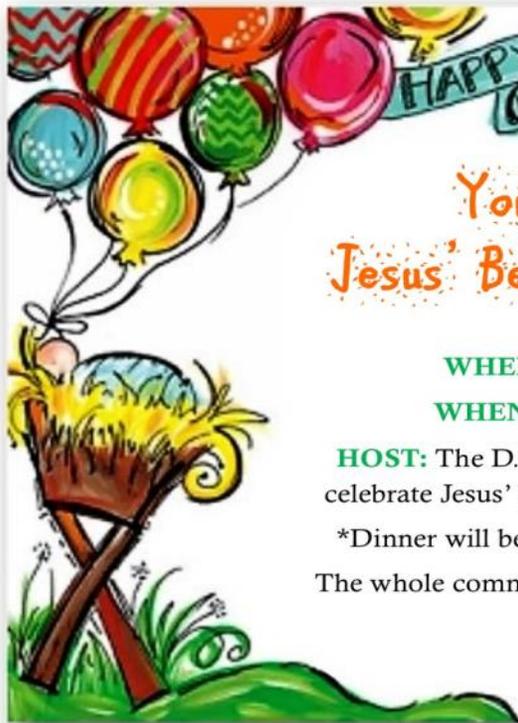
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Come and eat before/after the church service.



Delicious Menu

Biscuits and Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Fruit
Pastries
Drinks

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



You are invited to Jesus' Belated Birthday Party!

WHERE: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

WHEN: Wednesday, January 31st 5:30pm

HOST: The D.O.G. Night children invite you to come and celebrate Jesus' belated birthday with a celebration program.

*Dinner will be served immediately following the program
The whole community is welcome! Tell everyone to come and join in on the fun!

**HERMOSA/FAIRBURN
COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK**

**OPEN Thursday,
January 18th
3:00-5:00pm**



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



The Grief Recovery Method®
by The Grief Recovery Institute®

Grief Recovery Seminar

**January 31st
7:30pm**

This seminar will cover grief recovery myths, debunk the stages of grief, explore the ways grief impacts our health, outline the steps of the Grief Recovery Method, and give suggestions on how to help yourself and others navigate through the grief and loss process.

This seminar is a safe way to explore the process of grief and learn some ways to help alleviate the pain associated with grief and loss.

For more information or questions, call Margie Neugebauer, MA, LPC, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist^(R) at 303.590.4403 or margeneugebauer@gmail.com

January 21st

ANNUAL MEETING

Following the service

December Church Council Meeting Highlights

December 17, 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 Main

The agenda and Council Minutes from November 26, 2017 were approved.

***The Treasurer's Report - Reported by Mike.** The financials were reviewed, as well as the current mission plan for 2018 in preparation for the annual meeting on January 21, 2017.

***Property Committee- Reported by Butch.** Projections for projects needed completed in 2018 were discussed, for both the church and the parsonage.

***Worship Committee- Reported by Pastor Deb.** The Thanksgiving service at the UCC Church went well. Pastor Deb is in discussion with St. Michael's to possibly do community Lenten services. Christmas Eve services were discussed.

***Missions Committee- Reported by Gloria.** November's Mission of the Month was a huge success, both with financial giving and gifts purchased for needy families in our community. We were able to get gifts to 28 children and adults this year.

***Youth Committee- Reported by Pastor Deb.** Fundraising projects for the Youth Group were discussed. There will be a servant adventure trip planned for this summer for the youth that are not old enough to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Pastor Deb is working with some of the high school students to set up a time for 9th-12th graders. She is also working on setting up a time for those in their 20s and 30s to gather.

***Education Committee-** No report made this meeting.

***Outreach Committee-** No report made this meeting

***Pastor Deb's Report-** Thrivent Action Teams have been put in place to use their Community Action Cards. This year 35 cards have been applied for and approved with a total of \$8,750 helping projects within our church, community, and around the world. Pastor Deb discussed the outpouring of ministry that happened within our community during the Legion Lake Fire, and how the church can help in the future with emergencies.

The annual meeting was also discussed, along with possible congregation members to run for council positions.



Treasurer's Report

<i>Date</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Offering</i>
December 3	110	\$2930
December 10	103	\$1580
December 17	78	\$2180
December 24	74	\$1110
Christmas Eve Services	239	\$1785
Averages	101	\$1598

December's 'Mission of the Month' giving totaled **\$1678** in monetary donations, which will help Talon Gibson, and his family, with medical expenses.

Thank you OSL for your generosity!



Church Bulletin Bloopers

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

Our youth are working very hard to raise the funds needed to make this trip a reality. We are estimating we need about \$1500 per person for this 9 day adventure. This includes the registration fee, bus ride, rooms, food, and other expenses.

Please consider helping make this trip a reality for these kids and invest in our Youth's faith formation!

(For a list of the youth going, please see Pastor Deb or Josie.)

 \$25 **Stock Certificate** \$25

Youth's Name: _____
Purchaser's Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Total Donation: _____

Please fill out this portion and tear/cut off from certificate. Keep the stock certificate and return this portion with your donation to: Pastor Deb Griesmer, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, PO Box 136, Hermosa, SD 57744. *Checks can be made out to OSL Youth Group.

 "FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD." EPHESIANS 2:8

Thank you for taking stock in my faith formation by helping me get to the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston. I greatly appreciate your financial and prayer support.

Youth Signature

In return for your donation:
*I will send you a postcard from Houston during the Gathering.
*If possible, email/text updates and photos from the Gathering.
*You are invited to attend our Stockholders' Dinner on July 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. This event will include a simple but fun meal along with participants sharing about their Gathering experience.
*I will do my best to make the most of this faith building experience to deepen my relationship with God and others as well as learn as much as possible.

 HOUSTON WE HAVE A GATHERING 2018 JUNE 27 - JULY 1
Investing in our Youth's faith formation

You have an opportunity to purchase stock in our youth!

There are 22 8th-12th grade youth (from the OSL Community Youth Group and the Trinity Youth Group in Edgemont) going to Houston next summer for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. **Yes, 22 children!!!!** And 4 lucky adults that get to accompany them. Once in Houston, they will be joined by 30,000 other youth and their leaders to learn, serve, worship, sing, and connect with God, others, and our world in a very unique way.



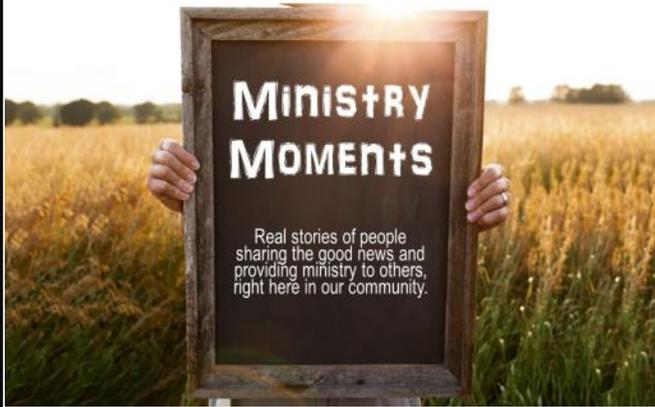
Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of **Gus Erickson** (friend of Pastor Deb) and **Amber Schock** (friend of Pastor Deb.)

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including **Suzan Heidelberger**, **Crystal Swenson** (friend of Pastor Deb), and **Baby Darius** (son of Dakota and Blake Hunsaker).

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Val** (Steve & Patti Pendegrift's sister-in-law), **Bernie Quaschnick**, **Rodney Shay**, **Talon Gibson** (Tenaya Gibson's son), **Kelly Edwards**, **Glenyce** (Carla's cousin), **Dennis Hempler** (Dixie Clark's brother), and **Heidi** (Hunsaker's niece.)

Introducing “MINISTRY MOMENTS”



We have received a lot of feedback about how much the Christmas holiday meal at OSL meant to people. Thank you to the Dennerts for making that dinner happen. What an amazing example of “being the light” in our community, during this Christmas season. Everyone involved said the food was great, and the company was even better.

*Sharing the good news, and providing ministry can happen anywhere...and it’s contagious. If you see or hear of any “ministry moments” when you are out in the community or with others, please email Josie or Pastor Deb with that story, so we can share it as well.



Photo credit: Aaron Brownson, South Dakota

We could say ‘Thank You’ one hundred times and it wouldn’t be enough. The amount of love, generosity, and compassion that was shown during the Legion Lake Fire was amazing. The outpouring of people and donations that came in to the church in one day was remarkable. We live in a wonderful community full of wonderful people. A special ‘Thank You’ also goes out to all the firefighters, responders, and pilots that worked to tame such a violent fire. We are praying for an amazing spring, that will show the beauty from the ashes.



Thanks to all of you who sent cards and called after the death of my sister, Anne. They were all appreciated more than you know.

-Adare



Mission of the Month

Cornerstone Rescue Mission



According to a December 23 post by KOTA TV News, there are usually 90 men a night housed at the mission on Main Street. But when it gets cold, they see an uptick in that number by as many as 50 people, some sleeping on mats on the floor wherever they can fit. Nobody is turned away in the cold.



The Women and Children's home provides shelter and assistance to an average of 350-400 homeless women and children annually, and provides a yearly average of 9500 overnight stays. The home allows these women and children a chance for stability and healing while becoming self-sufficient and independent.

For less than \$25 a day, they can provide three meals, clothing, shelter, case management, transportation to and from jobs, provision for personal needs items, and Biblical counseling. Your contribution can significantly impact the lives of those in need.

For more information on the Cornerstone Rescue Mission and their ministries, please visit their website at www.cornerstonemission.org.



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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)
Every Wednesday 5:15-7pm

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