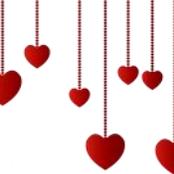
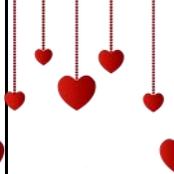


2018

February

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Monday thru Friday
8:00-2:30



Reflections from the Extravaganza!

“And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’” Revelation 21:5

I have good news for you! Because of Jesus, there is a way forward. Because of Jesus, there is a mission for us to participate in. Because of Jesus, there are promises fulfilled. And because of Jesus, there is a future for our church.

I don't believe those who tell us that the church is dying. Far from it. I believe our best days are ahead. I think we are in a process of being re-created into something new - a Re-formation. I'd be lying if I told you that I knew what the future looks like. I don't believe that any of us, individually, can adequately describe the future church. But we have faith that God's Holy Spirit will be at work and that God's mission will be fulfilled, with or without us.

This means that there is a way forward. And those of us who serve the church are called to trust, and to seek the path. Pastor Todd Buegler, Executive Director - ELCA YMN

Finding Forward - this is why I went to Houston! As a member of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, at the annual Extravaganza I joined almost 1,000 lay and rostered leaders who spend their days and nights working with children, youth and families to pass on the faith. We came across the United States, including Alaska and from a variety of contexts and congregations. We came to connect with others, learn from each other, renew and refresh our souls and bodies and deepen our own faith. We gathered together in large general sessions to worship and sing. To listen to speakers share their own personal and professional experiences in helping the church and society find its way forward. We gathered in smaller workshop spaces to learn, choosing from a variety of topics and presenters. We gathered to laugh and to cry. To pray and to be. To listen for God directing our paths forward in our ministry. Forward as a Church called by God to fulfill God's mission. This continuing education experience was fantastic! I can't really say I came back well rested but I did come back renewed, rejuvenated and more confident with so many thoughts and ideas racing around in my head. As the year goes on, I am sure you will hear about or experience many of them. I can't thank the congregation enough for supporting me in this opportunity to attend this conference. It was worth every penny spent and every ounce of energy invested. I can say without hesitation I am a better leader because of what I learned and experienced being a part of Extravaganza 2018.

It would be next to impossible to share everything I learned all at once. Instead I offer these soundbites of information to accompany what I posted on Facebook.

ELCA National Youth Gathering: I was excited for this trip before the Extravaganza. I am now over-the-moon ecstatic we are going to Houston in June. The theme of the Gathering is *This Changes Everything* and is based on Ephesians 2:8. The mission is faith formation in teens. This will be accomplished through amazing worship experiences, interactive learning, Bible study, service and fellowship. I am beyond grateful that 22 youth and 3 adults have committed to being a part of this experience. Every penny invested will be worth it. I expect lives will be changed and a new relationship with God will be built. We won't be the same people when we return. This will be an experience that goes on their faith timeline.

Speaker quotes and questions that I'm still chewing on:

In today's context it is safer to take risks than risk staying safe!

Ecotone is a transition area between two biomes. It is where two communities meet and integrate.

Focus on what you are for and away from what you are against.

Never despise chaotic beginnings.

God size vision!

We get to speak God into the everyday.

How do we explore the hard questions?

Violence and hate crimes have risen 86% in the past year.

We need to have a safe place for youth to have the freedom to learn and explore who they are.

How did we get here? How do we move towards there?

Creating spaces for encounter

It is not about what you do 'to' people, it is about how you walk with and learn from others.

And so much more....

Moving Forward with you,

Pastor Deb ☺



WELCA will meet on February 13th 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 continue our study, **"Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations". Session Two: Prepare the Way of the Lord (Luke 3:3-17)** 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 you all there.

HERMOSA/FAIRBURN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

OPEN Thursday,
February 15
3:00-5:00pm



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

February
6th and 20th



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.



March

CARE & SERVE TEAM!

Team members are:

Esther Downen and Roger Downen
Donley Hewitt
Mickey Twitero
John and Crystal Wiles and family

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, February 11
8:30-11:15

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



Delicious Menu

Breakfast pizza
Slow cooker Oatmeal
Sausage Patties
Fruit
Pastries
Drinks

Freewill Donation will go towards sending our Youth Group to camps this summer.



Outlaw Ranch (Custer, SD) Spring 2018 Retreats

Middle School Retreat (Grades 6th – 9th)

March 2-3, 2018 (Friday 7:00 p.m. through Saturday 5:30 p.m.)

This retreat provides middle schoolers the opportunity to step away from their routines and take a deep breath in God's creation. Our retreat theme is "Bread." We will explore how God sustains us and how we can care for our local community and our world. Bring your youth to bake bread from around the world to be shared during communion, to worship together, and to share in uncovering who and whose we are through Bible Study and devotions. Adventure boldly at Outlaw Ranch with hiking, group games, delicious snacks and hot chocolate.

Scrapbooking and UFO (Unfinished Projects) Retreat

March 16-18, 2018 (Friday at 10:00 a.m. to Sunday at 2:00 p.m.)

Whether you scrapbook, knit, stamp, embroider, draw, make jewelry, or enjoy other crafts and projects, it can be hard to find the time to actually finish something. This retreat offers you the time, space, and fellowship to work on your passions. Bring your own projects and tools and honor your gifts by spending time on them, sharing ideas and techniques, going for a walk in the woods, and meeting new friends. You can stay at Outlaw for the weekend or commute!

Women's Retreat

April 6-8, 2018 (Friday at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday at 11:00 a.m.)

"Nourishing Body & Soul" Come to Outlaw Ranch for a time to breathe, unwind from the stress and demands of daily life, and renew your faith. Experience faith practices that will help us nourish our souls, such as devotional Bible reading, hospitality, prayers around the cross, praying while walking, and end-of-day reflection. Take time in God's beautiful creation to deepen friendships and focus on things that are important in our lives. Come. Find kindred spirits. Give yourself the gift of time and renewal. Led by Laura Campbell and Penny Steinken.

Elementary Adventure Day (Grade K-6)

Sunday, April 22, 2018 (1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

Bring yourself and a friend to an afternoon of fun at camp. Games, worship, singing, crafts, hiking, hayrides, campfire, s'mores, and supper will provide you a fun introduction to camp. Parents are welcome, too.

Passionate Quilters Spring 2018

April 27-29, 2018 and May 4-6, 2018

Gather up those quilting projects and head to Outlaw Ranch for a relaxed weekend of quilting, home cooked food, making new friends, and sharing creative ideas and expertise.

K-5 Parents & Grandparents Overnight

June 22-23, 2018. This is a summer weekend. (Friday 4:30 p.m. to Saturday 4:30 p.m.)

Come, explore camp through worship, singing, crafts, Bible study, games and much more! This program offers a chance for K-5th grade campers and parents/ grandparents to pack all of the fun and adventure of camp into 24 hours. It's a blast you don't want to miss.

To Register Contact Outlaw Ranch:

*For more information and to register, go to www.losd.org *Email: outlaw@losd.org

*Address: 12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd, Custer, SD 57730 * Phone: 605-673-4040

Annual Meeting Highlights

Members of OSL met on January 21, 2017 following worship for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting was led by Council President Geg Neugebauer. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office.



The following 2017 reports were approved as printed in the Annual Report:

- *2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
- *2017 Treasurer's Report
- *Committee and Team Reports

Pastor Deb Grismer thanked the congregation for their fantastic ministry and for stepping out in faith in the community. She highlighted how much the D.O.G. Night program has grown, from an average of 50 kids a week last year, to an average of 80 children this year. She shared her goals for the church, and for herself as a Pastor, for 2018, including a possible 2nd service during the week, visiting with more families in the community, and empowering members of the congregation to handle more details so she can be out in the community more. The congregation verbally thanked her for her involvement in every committee.

President Greg Neugebauer thanked the committee leaders and members. He also thanked Marie and Adare for their time on the Council. He also thanked Marvin and Peg for their service to the church.

Old business was briefly discussed. The preschool partnership with the YMCA is still an offer the church would like to see happen if the YMCA ever wants to try for the preschool in Hermosa again.

New business included: approval of the 2018 Financial Mission Plan, election of new Church Council Members, discussing two members of the Church Council attend the Synod Assembly, the 60th Anniversary Celebration later this year, Constitution review, and the mention of a parsonage project to upgrade windows, doors and siding.

Several members were thanked for their service throughout the meeting, including Dan & Kevin for plowing the snow, Pastor Deb for sharing amazing bible studies at the WELCA meetings, and Chic & Nancy for the beautiful flowers this summer.

A big CONGRATULATIONS our newly elected Church Council Members!!!

- Rodney Clark (3 year term) - Serving as Vice President
- Mike Baschnagel (3 year term) - Serving as Treasurer
- Larry VanDreissen - Alternate
- Suzan Heidelberger (1 year term)



Treasurer's Report

Date	Attendance	Offering
January 7	75	\$2588
January 14	102	\$2351
January 21	54	\$832
January 28	55	\$1382
Averages	72	\$1788

January's 'Mission of the Month' giving totaled **\$528** in monetary donations, which will help our community member John Hanlon, after loosing his friend and home to a fire.

Thank you OSL for your generosity!



The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge-- Up Yours"

Back By Popular Demand!!!

Annual Valentine's Day Prime Rib Dinner

Saturday, February 10, 2018

5:30pm

Our Savior's Lutheran



Sponsored by the OSL Community Youth Group with all proceeds going towards their summer trips. Tickets are available at Pop's Grocery, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, from OSL Community Youth Group members, or from Pastor Deb Grismer.

** Limited tickets available. Tickets need to be purchased by February 7, 2018. Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door.



A Tribute To Our Congregation

This is a tribute to Our Savior's Lutheran Congregation, also known online as OSL and it is doing quite well.

Thanks for your volunteering and for your tithing Congregation,

We can feel the love within our hearts filled with exaltation.

Also 80 children is the count for our soon to be D.O.G. Night Presentation,

thanks to Pastor Deb, and yes, volunteers from our Congregation.

I realize this tribute is a bit short and incomplete, but now it's time to move along with scripture, prayers and our songs.

January 28, 2018 Shared during worship



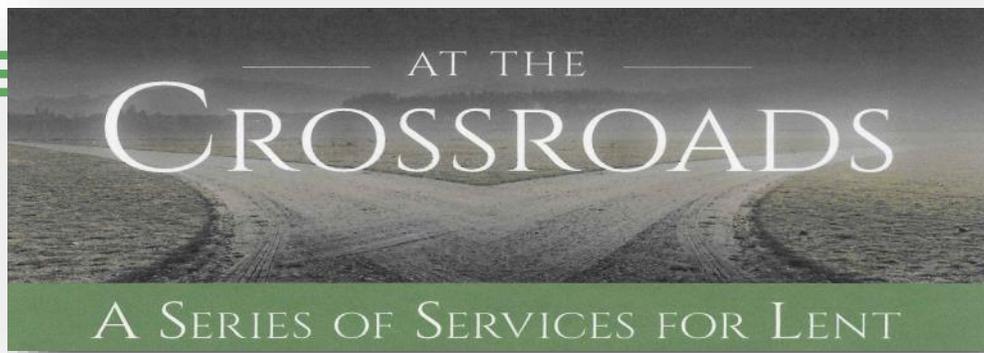
Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers.

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 **Archie Clifford** (Tammy Dennert's father.)

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

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Don Aduddell, 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.)



Join us for 'At the Crossroads,' a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. The series will start on Ash Wednesday and cover confession, betrayal, judgement, compassion, declaration and obedience.



Ash Wednesday Services will be held at OSL on Wednesday, February 14th.

7:00am Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Communion and Imposition of Ashes.
(Breakfast will follow)

7:15pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

In addition to our Sunday Lenten Services at OSL...



This year St. Michael's Catholic Church and OSL will be partnering together to provide midweek Community Lenten Services. This year focuses on the "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John for the sake of intentional reflection on and proclamation of God becoming flesh. This service will include the Holden Evening Prayer.

Midweek Community Lenten Services Schedule

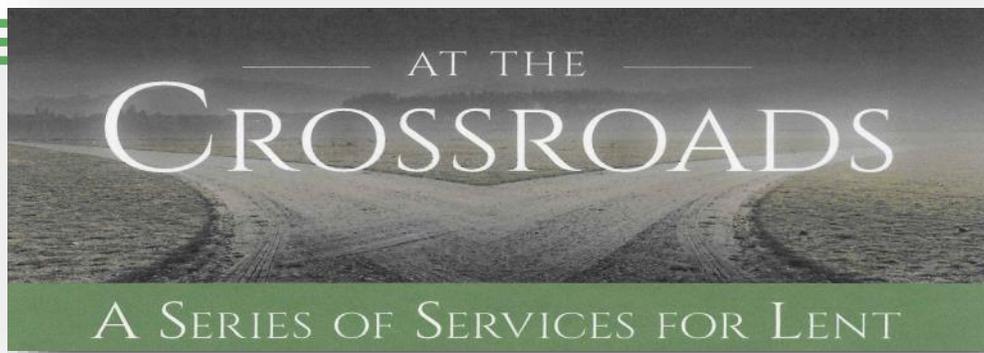
Thursday, February 22: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's

Thursday, March 1: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at Our Savior's Lutheran

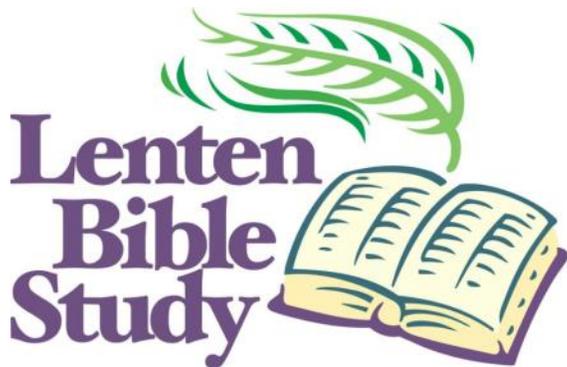
Thursday, March 8: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's

Thursday, March 15: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at Our Savior's Lutheran

Thursday, March 22: 6:30pm (with supper at 6:00pm) at St. Michael's



In addition to our **Sunday Lenten Services at OSL...**



Monday Nights (starting February 19th)
5:30pm

Tuesday Mornings (starting February 20th)
7:00am and 8:30am

Pastor Deb will be hosting a 5 week bible study at OSL that will follow our Sunday Lenten Services, "At the Crossroads." We will gather together and discuss betrayal, judgement, compassion, declaration, and obedience. Bring a friend!



Beginning Ash Wednesday, through the season of Lent, OSL will have a prayer journey set up throughout the church. Stop by OSL, pick up a map, visit different sites throughout the church and go on a pilgrimage of prayer. You can journey at your own pace and each site will include something unique. The awesome prayer labyrinth that Pastor Deb won while she was in Houston will be one of our sites! Come anytime the church is open and start your own prayer journey!



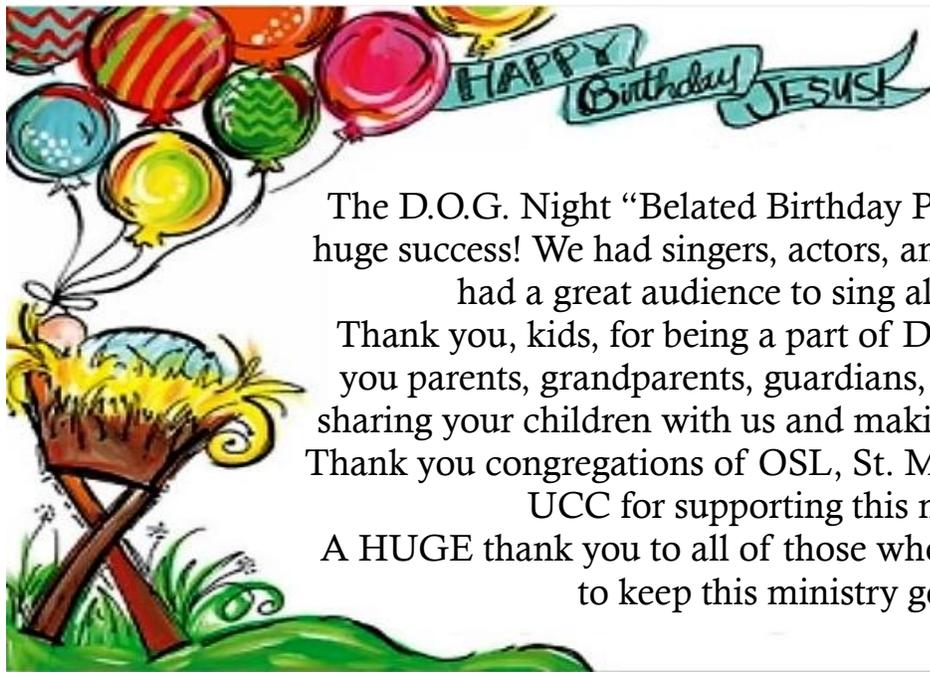
Sunday, February 11th 11:30-1:00pm

Gathering at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday, February 25th 1:00-4:00pm

"An Afternoon at the Museum"

We will meet at the church and head to the Hermosa Museum for a time of service, learning and fun. Wear comfortable clothes that can get a little dusty.



The D.O.G. Night “Belated Birthday Party for Jesus” was a huge success! We had singers, actors, and gift givers. And we had a great audience to sing along with us!

Thank you, kids, for being a part of D.O.G. Night. Thank you parents, grandparents, guardians, and other adults for sharing your children with us and making sure they are here. Thank you congregations of OSL, St. Michael’s and Hermosa UCC for supporting this ministry.

A HUGE thank you to all of those who volunteer their time to keep this ministry going.





Mission of the Month



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Personal Care Kits

Our Savior's WELCA is putting together personal health care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are shared with people all over the world who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. This month our Mission will be to team up with WELCA and DOG Night to support this project. "Give Hope through a Bar of Soap"

Lutheran World Relief is a nonprofit organization that helps families in the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive.

Money donated will be used to purchase any supplies needed to complete the kits and help with postage.

ITEMS FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS

- 1 towel, light or medium weight, dark color, minimum 20" x 40", maximum 27" x 52"
- 2 regular size bars of soap
- 1 Adult toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 nail clipper

*Please give new items only, do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name, items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Place items in the box provided in the narthex.



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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."