

2019

January

OSL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Office closed</i> 	2 <i>No D.O.G. Night</i> <i>No Youth Group</i>	3	4	5 
6 9:30am Worship/ Communion “Un-decorating the Church” following Worship Worship Committee Meeting 2:00 - 4:00 High School Youth Group Gathering	7 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible Study	8 7:00am Men’s Breakfast 9:30am WELCA 	9 <i>Pastor Deb in Pierre for Interfaith Day</i> 5:15-7pm DOG Night and MS School Youth Group	10 	Pastor Deb out of town	
13 9:30am Worship/Fellowship <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 1:30pm God’s Cupboard Meeting in Fairburn <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	14 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible Study	15 <i>Pastor Deb out of office for Bear Butte Leaders Gathering</i> 	16 5:15-7pm DOG Night and MS School Youth Group	17 3-5pm Hermosa/ Fairburn Community Food Bank open	18 7:05pm RUSH game with Lutheran Campus Ministries	19
20 9:30am Worship/ Communion <i>Annual Meeting and chili cook- off follows worship</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	21 <i>Office closed</i> 9:00 am Bible Study  6:00 pm Bible Study	22 7:00am Men’s Breakfast	23 5:15-7pm DOG Night and MS School Youth Group	24 	25	26 5:00pm Souper Bowl Fundraiser Hermosa Fairgrounds
27 9:30am Worship/Potluck follows 2:00 - 4:00 pm OSL Community Youth Group Gathering (6th - 12th Grade)	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Pastor Deb out of town</div>	29 	30 5:15-7pm DOG Night and MS School Youth Group	31 		



2019 came in pretty quietly this year as I was home watching movies with Rod and Brownie. That was just fine for all of us as we needed a chance to sit and breathe and reflect on 2018. We are so blessed! Thank you to all of you for the many ways you helped our community celebrate Christmas! From gifts for children and families to flatbed rides and caroling to wonderful Christmas Eve worship services to a place to gather on Christmas day for wonderful food and fellowship to the gifts, cards and other surprises that showed up in my office and at our home, all of you helped spread the good news of the birth of Jesus and the revealing of God's great love for God's children to hundreds of people! From the bottom of my heart, thank you! We are so blessed!

Ann Weems reminds us as we begin a new year and the Christmas season winds down that like the shepherds we do need to go back to our everyday post-Christmas lives. For some, this is a relief. For others, it is a huge letdown. But Ann reminds us the Christmas spirit is not something that is packed away.

Emmanuel, God with Us, is not put in a box. The Word made flesh continues to live among us, continues to make all things new, continues to proclaim that even now with God all things still are possible. We continue to announce this good news through words and deeds in our lives every day even after the Christmas season is over.

So what does this 'announcing' look like for our community of faith in 2019? How will we, as a family of faith, continue to live out our mission statement: *We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others?* I have spent much of the last couple of months in deep reflection wondering where the focus of our energy or, more specifically, my time and energy as your Pastor as well as a wife, mother, grandmother, family member and community member should be this year. I am not perfect. I make mistakes. Every day I learn something new. The work of God through this community of faith continues to be phenomenal! My desire is to continue to lead us to be the best that we can be as we grow in faith. What are your thoughts? What are your goals and dreams for 2019 and beyond for this congregation? How can we work together to meet those goals? No one can do God's work by themselves. But together, combining our time, gifts, skills and resources, we can be pretty awesome!

I am excited to see all that God has in store for us this year. Thank you for inviting me to be a part of this journey.

Pastor Deb Grismer

*The Christmas Spirit
By Ann Weems*

The Christmas spirit
is that hope
which tenaciously clings
to the hearts of the faithful
and announces
in the face
of any Herod the world can produce
and all the inn doors slammed in our faces
and all the dark nights of our souls
that with God
all things still are possible,
that even now
unto us
a Child is born!

*Later
By Ann Weems*

Later
after the angels,
after the stable,
after the Child,
they went back . . .
as we always must,
back to the world that doesn't understand
our talk of angels and stars
and especially not the Child.
We go back complaining that it doesn't last.
They went back singing praises to God!
We do have to go back,
but we can still sing the alleluias!

ON THE DAY I WAS
CONFIRMED

the **joy** of believing
filled my heart,
the **blessing** of belonging
filled my thoughts,
the **promise** of God's love
filled my spirit,
the **light** of God's Word
filled my soul.

And the precious gift of knowing
I am His and
He is Mine
will shape my faith
and guide my life FOREVER.

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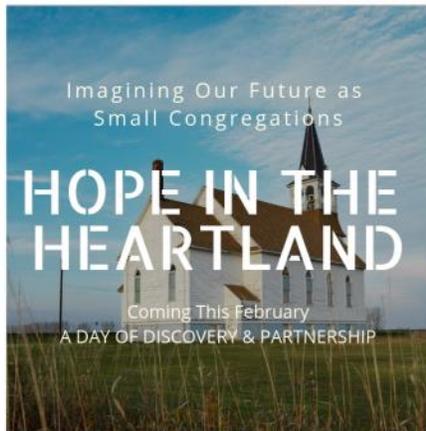
Confirmation

You are invited to celebrate with us
as Jayden Carrier, Reno Lowe,
Taylor Neugebauer, Pierce Sword,
Sterling Sword and Shalie Weaver
affirm their baptisms and are
confirmed in faith!

Sunday, January 13 at 9:30 am
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Fellowship to follow the service



*We celebrate with
Alexia Sword as she
participates in the
1st Communion
Milestone on Sunday,
January 13.*



Are you excited about what is happening at OSL?

*Are you passionate about ministry in our small
congregations?*

*Do you see the Holy Spirit at work among God's people in
communities of all sizes?*

*Are you open-minded about how we will continue to thrive as
congregations in rural settings?*

Are you willing to be a voice for OSL and others?

You are invited to

HOPE IN THE HEARTLAND

Discovering our Future as Smaller Congregations

February 2, 2019

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Calvary Lutheran Church

Rapid City

Pastor Deb is looking for two or more OSL worshipers who are willing to be a part of a new OSL Ministry Team. We will attend this day of learning together and be a part of a bigger group with several Southern Hills congregations who will wonder how and work together to nurture faith, stay vital and grow while embracing the unique joys of being a smaller rural congregation. Eight synods from across the Midwest will be participating in *Hope for the Heartland* at 21 local gathering sites for a day of discovery and partnership.

The Goals of Hope in the Heartland are to:

INSPIRE leaders with a vision of their congregation nurturing life-changing relationships with God, one another, and the world.

EQUIP leaders with tools to nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another, and the world.

SEND leaders home with a coach and ready to begin a journey that will lead their congregation into life-changing relationships with God, one another, and the world.

Please contact Pastor Deb ASAP if you are willing to be a part of this exciting new team!



January 8th and 22nd

All men are invited to gather for food and fellowship at the **Men's Breakfast** every other Tuesday morning at **7:00am.**

We will either meet at OSL or the Flying J



OPEN Thursday
January 17th
3:00-5:00pm

Located at Heartland Hair
300 E Main St. Hermosa

For information please contact Lois at 255-5299.



January

CARE & SERVE TEAM!

Larry and Jenett VanDreissen
Roger and Betty Dikoff
Dennis and Kathy Thompson
Alan and Cindy Platt

February

CARE & SERVE TEAM!

Marie Kennedy
Greg and Kristin Neugebauer
Butch and Lois Rudd



"All are Welcome"
Our invitation can reflect the hospitality of Jesus.

WELCA will meet on January 8th at 9:30 AM. We will begin the morning with our Bible study, led by Pastor Deb, which is out of our women's "Gather" magazine. There are extra copies of this magazine in the church office. We begin a new 3 part session: ***"Meeting with Jesus" – Session one - Come and see: Seeking and finding faith.***

After our bible study we will have a short business meeting. We plan to do some brain storming at this meeting to decide what WELCA will be supporting and doing in 2019. So come join us with all your wonderful ideas!!! Linda Morrison will be our hostess.

Check out the WELCA bulletin board in the basement!!!

All women are invited to join us each month to spend a morning to learn about the bible and to enjoy time with friends.



Scott and Emily Dirkes will be teaching a Sunday school class on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month (first class to start January 20). The class will go from 11-11:30 after worship in the church basement. This will be offered to 1st thru 8th grades. We will be reading a bible story each week with discussion and a game to follow. We kindly ask that parents stay available at the church during this time- we would prefer to not have children be dropped off and picked up.



"Walking Through Genesis"
 Mondays at 9 am or 6 pm
 Pastor Deb's Office
 No experience necessary. Just bring a Bible and join the conversation.
Would you rather meet at a different time or place? Visit with Pastor Deb about starting another group

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Fairburn/Hermosa
 Community Food Bank
SOUPER BOWL

Saturday, January 26th

Hermosa
 Fairgrounds
 Beef Building

5:00pm
 Soup Supper
 (Donation)

5:30pm
 Basket
 Auction



2019

A great time to get your Super Bowl snacks and fixings as well as other yummy treats and fun gifts!

The Community Food Bank has helped to feed approximately 173 families in the past year and the number is growing. This meal and auction is the only fundraiser held by the Food Bank Board. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support!

YOU'RE INVITED!!!

Join Lutheran Campus Ministry at a Rapid City Rush game on Friday, January 18th at 7:05pm at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Ice Arena.

Tickets are available for a discounted price of \$25 while supplies last. Contact Rachel at LCM to reserve your tickets!
 605-646-3241





Outlaw Ranch

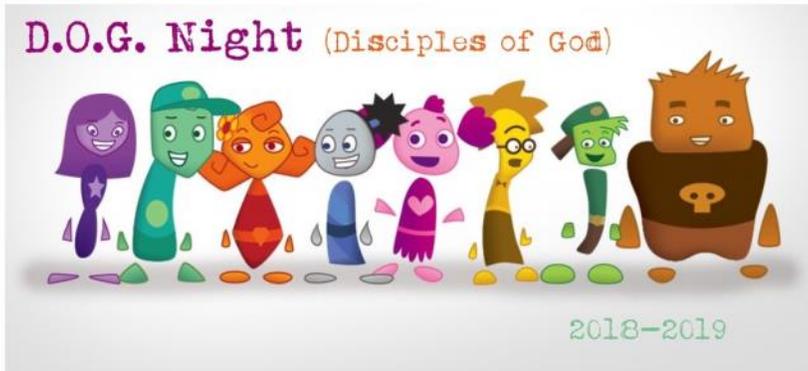


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A community Christian Education ministry for children age 4 - 5th Grade

Wednesday Nights
5:15-7pm

Wednesday schedule:

5:15-5:45 pm	Meal
5:50-6:10	Large Group
6:15-7:00	Small Groups
7:00 pm	Dismissal

D.O.G. Night will resume again on **Wednesday, January 9th.**

For the month of January, the kids will be learning about:

- The Story of Simeon and Anna**-How to handle expectations
- The Wise Men** -The significance of the gifts they brought Jesus
- Jesus' Baptism**- We are called to live in and through Christ
- Many Follow Jesus**- Living a life of Discipleship



If you are interested in being a helper/volunteer/leader we are always on the look-out for additional help. With an average of 65-70 kids each week, the more help we have the better. If you would like to learn more, please call the church office at 255-4662 or Gloria at 255-4063.



OSL's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 20th following worship. A chili cook-off will follow the meeting. Three new Council members will be elected as well as an alternate. Hope to see everyone there!



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:

Traven Bies
Adam Mohler

We pray for those with special circumstances:

Kate Berger and Baby

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers:

We pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Jaime Lescarbourea
Baby Blakelynn (Great-granddaughter of Faye Delaney)
Suzan Heidelberger
Joyce Thompson
Chelle Schefcik
Crystal Wilcox (Cousin of Karen Lescarbourea and Judy Bishop)
Clarence Pederson (Family friend of Mikkey Twitero)
Rodney Shay (cousin of Karen Lescarbourea)
Shelby Lillebo



A meeting for the Hermosa/
Fairburn Community Food Bank
will be held on Sunday, January
13th at 1:30pm at the Fairburn
location.



Mission Of The Month



Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. They do this by collaborating with other disaster response organizations and religious entities to enable the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. When the dust settles and the headlines change, the LDR staff and volunteers stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We are able to partner with the work of LDR with our prayers and financial support and aid in helping those whose lives have been turned upside down by fires, floods, drought, violence, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity. To contribute financially, please drop your donation in the Globe offering, the Mission Donation Box in the fellowship hall or in the offering plate. Please write checks to Our Savior's with "Mission" in the memo line.



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