2020 October OSL

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"When are we going to worship in the building?"
November 1, 2020

Yes, it is true. After much discussion and prayer, the Church Council and Worship Committee have decided to move indoors for worship with the target date being All Saint's Sunday. Because we love our congregation and neighbors, the following expectations have been set in place to best protect those who come to worship as well as the congregation from liability issues.

1. Everyone is welcome to be a part of worship. Worship will be offered in the sanctuary and online. You may also worship from your car by parking close to the church building. Please make the decision not to worship in the building if you are not feeling well.
2. Everyone will enter the building through the main church doors and exit through the side doors.
3. If you enter the building, you will need to wear a mask for the entire service. Masks will be available if someone does not have one.
4. Physically distancing yourself from others to the best of your ability will be expected when moving around and when finding a place to sit. An usher will be available to assist if needed.
5. Fist bumps, elbow bumps, foot bumps are welcome when greeting others. Please no hand-shaking or hugging.
6. No fellowship will occur inside the building. Greeting others and visiting outside is an option.
7. Offering baskets will be available as you enter the building and as you leave the building.
8. Bulletins and communion elements will be available as you enter the building. We will remain in the pews for communion.
9. Adjustments will be made to the service. To minimize movement among congregation members, Pastor Deb will lead the service for now with the help of the song leader and pianist or organist.
10. All congregational spoken parks and singing will be done quietly with masks on.

Please note: These expectations were set in place after much research, discussion and prayer by the Worship Committee and Church Council. The date of Nov. 1 is flexible and subject to change. If the Hermosa School closes due to COVID outbreak or there is a significant outbreak in the community of Hermosa, the building will close and worship will be offered online only. Please watch the OSL website and Facebook page and your email for any changes or updates. A message will also be recorded on the church phone answering machine if the church closes. You may also call or text Pastor Deb (605-890-0781) if you are wondering if we will be worshiping in the building.

Why Now?
Reflections by Pastor Deb

Why now? With COVID numbers at their highest and continuing to climb? With flu season just beginning? With vaccines not being available? Why now? Why did the church leaders decide to open the church building for worship now?

That is a very good and fair question that we have been asked by people who are a part of our congregation as well as those who are not. I can offer some of our thoughts.

*We know more that we did six months ago. We know more about the virus, about stopping the spread and about treating the virus.

*We are concerned about weather and people having the opportunity to worship.

*We worry people will leave our congregation if we don't do something. We worry about finances.

*We see other congregations opening their doors. We see the school opening for classes. We see community events happening.

*We know our people desperately want to gather in the building for worship. We consider the mental health aspects of remaining closed. We are willing to take more risks in considering what is best for the whole.

*I worry that I may be standing in the way of the work of the Holy Spirit.

But in all honesty, mainly we are tired. We are tired of people asking why we haven't opened and when we are opening. We are tired of fighting the good fight, feeling like we are the lone voices in the community. We are tired of all that we have been doing never being quite right or quite good enough even though we are doing the best we can with what we have in these times. Like many of you, we are tired of the pandemic.

So in deep prayer, faith and trust in God and in the congregation, we are moving forward with opening our doors. Is this the right decision? We have no idea but we feel it is the best decision we can make for now. I am extremely grateful to the leadership of our congregation for the deep reflection, discussion, listening and prayer that has gone into all of their decisions.

Blessing of the Animals

October 4th 4:00-5:00pm
Hermosa Fairgrounds (watch for the signs)
Join us for a service to bless the animals/ pets in our lives! All animals welcome. There will be a short service and then individual blessings for each animal.
*Animals must be contained on leashes, in crates, in horse trailers etc. They cannot be loose. Please bring your own chairs and blankets. The whole community is invited.
Sponsored by the OSL Community Youth Group

HERMOSA FAIRBURN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

OPEN Thursday
October 15th
3:00-5:00pm

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

THANK YOUs SENT TO OSL THE PAST MONTH...

We appreciate you thinking of us with the doughnuts. They were awesome! Thank you so much!
-Battle Creek Firefighters Association

Thank you for your continued support and generosity throughout my life. OSL Community, thank you for the basket full of goodies. Everything in there will be so useful and helpful in my dorm. Thank you for all you have done for me over the years! -Reece Lowe

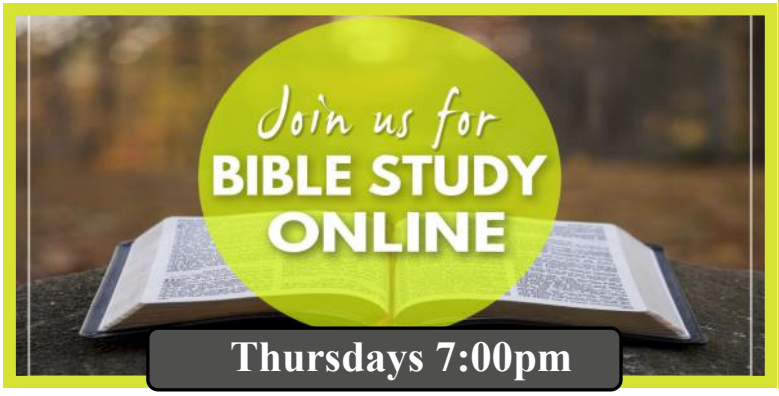
#GatheringTShirtDay
Attention ALL ELCA National Youth Gathering Participants!
Join Pastor Deb and NYG Alumni from all over on Oct. 6 by wearing your favorite T-shirt from the Gathering, MYLE or the tAble and sharing a selfie on social media. Tag ELCA Youth Gathering and OSLHermosa and be sure to use **#GatheringTShirtDay** and **#ELCAYG2022** so we can see your awesome selfies. There just might be some giveaways ....

We lift in prayer...

*Those who are grieving losses of any sort.
*Give your blessing to the Jewish people at this time of their new year. Bring an end to anti-Semitism around the globe and strengthen peace efforts in the Middle East.
*Our firefighters and those whose lives have been changed because of fires, our first responders and our frontline workers.
*People around the country as they recover from the damages of storms.
*Those recovering from surgeries, those who are ill or hospitalized, including Terry, Larry, Levi, Evelyn, Bruce, Darius, Marvin and Leon.
*Those with ongoing health concerns, including Brenda, Ron, John Terri, Suzan, Chelle, Patricia, Felix, Taylor, Pepper and Kelly.
*For our leaders at every level, including President Trump, Governor Noem, Presiding Bishop Eaton and Bishop Hagmaier.
*For all those in the midst of the pandemic and racial tension.

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

Calling All The Ladies Out There!
Join WELCA at our next gathering
Tuesday, October 8
9:30 am at OSL or via Zoom
Bible Study *"Holy Time - The Holy Now"*
"Recognizing and responding to God's kairos time"
Extra copies of the Bible study are available in the church office.
WELCA meeting to follow.
Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa



<u>Proverbs Bible Study</u>
Thursdays 7:00pm via Zoom
(Meeting ID:886-0644-8843
Password: 372054)
Hosted By Chelle Schefcik
*Will go for 8 weeks

Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.
-Mother Teresa

We can always use more people to help serve on Sundays as well as other events we have coming up. Setting up and taking down worship, ushers/greeters, parking attendants, readers...and more. We also have several different committees that are always in need of more participation! If there is an area of interest you have, or you would like to help, please let Josie know.

All Saints Sunday

November 1st

Names of those who have died in the past year will be read during worship on November 1st as a way to remember and honor them. Candles will also be lit as names are read. If you have a name you would like to have read, please let Josie know by October 28 by calling or emailing the church office. (605-255-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
5:30-7:00PM

OSL PARKING LOT

Come and get a hot dog off the grill and enjoy treats from community members!

WE NEED TRUNKS!

All community members are welcome to come, decorate your trunks, hand out candy and participate in the fun! Want to help but can't be there? You can donate some candy to be handed out.

Modifications for this year:

1. Cloth masks for adults are highly encouraged, especially for the 'trunkers'
2. Vehicles will be spaced apart from each other on one side of the parking lot.
3. Some items from last year will not be at this year's Trunk or Treat, ex. The train. We hope to have them back next year.
4. If the Hermosa School closes anytime two weeks before and/or we experience a COVID spike in Hermosa, the event will be cancelled. Cancellation will be posted on OSL's Facebook page and website as well as on the church answering machine.
5. Please call the church office to reserve your spot! 605-255-4662

Folsom Community Bazaar

100th Anniversary

Handmade Crafts, Quilts, Rugs, and much more

Ham Supper: 5pm-7pm
$6.00 per person
Children 5 & under free

Kids Goody Bags
$1.00 for ages 10 and under

Silent Auction 5-7 pm
Live Auction 7pm

Saturday October 3, 2020
Old Spring Creek School, Folsom SD
15942 Lower Spring Creek Rd, Hermosa, SD 57744

Young Adult

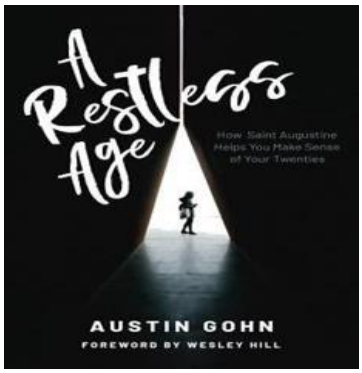
BOOKCLUB

Are you between the ages of 17 and 25???
If so, **THIS IS FOR YOU!!!!**

***Beginning October 4, 8 pm MST/9pm CST via Google Hangouts – We will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month.

***This club is open to **all** young adults. You are highly encouraged to invite your friends to participate also!
It is going to be a great place for fun and conversation!

***Our first book will be "A Restless Age" by Austin Gohn- This book can purchased as an e-book, audible or paperback on Amazon.com



Most of us spend our twenties looking for rest, but God is inviting you to spend your twenties living from rest! Let Saint Augustine and others help it make sense!

Register at:
https://forms.gle/cFG3LRCEAHbY9E1a7 OR

Find us on Facebook:
Young Adult Book Club by Messiah Lutheran & Our Savior's Lutheran ELCA

This is an online joint venture with Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hermosa, SD (Pastor Deb Grismer) and Messiah Lutheran Church in Burlington, IA (Kelly Benz, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry) If you need assistance registering or purchasing the book, please contact Pastor Deb (pastordeb@oslhermosa.com) or Kelly (Kelly.messiah@gmail.com)

DOG Night, as we know it, is changing to keep our children and adults safe.

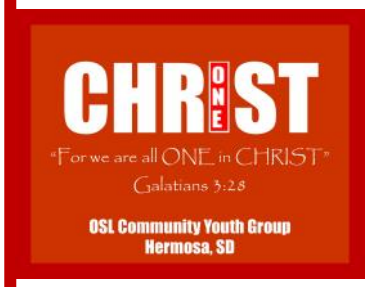
Starting October 7th

Disciples of God Online Christian Education Ministry

Watch for DOG Night to appear online every Wednesday! We will post a recording on our Facebook page, YouTube page and our Website!

**Bible Story/Skit/Puppets *Ideas to incorporate the weekly theme in your own household!*

Everyone is welcome to watch and participate. Stay tuned to our Facebook Page and our website for ways to participate, both online and in the church! Yes, we will need kids to help us each week! If you have any questions or ideas, please call Pastor Deb at 605-890-0781 or Josie Main at 605-255-4462
www.oslhermosa.com https://www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa



OSL Community High School Youth Group
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

We are a safe group for any 9th - 12th grade students who are interested in learning about God and deepening our faith to become better adults while having fun.

October Schedule

October 4, 2020 - Blessing of the Pets/Animals Service
*Meet at 3:30 pm at the Fairgrounds
October 11, 2020 - Faith and Life Bible Study
"What does the Bible say about...."
*Meet from 7:00 - 8:30 in Fellowship Hall at OSL
October 18, 2020 - Faith and Life Bible Study
"What does the Bible say about...."
*Meet from 7:00 - 8:30 in Fellowship Hall at OSL
October 25, 2020 - ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST
*Meet at OSL at 2:00 pm
We will travel to Lil Harvester's Pumpkin Patch for pumpkin purchasing and fun and then return to OSL for food and pumpkin carving.
Please Let Pastor Deb know if you coming so drivers can be arranged.
****Judges are needed. Visit with Pastor Deb****

Weekly gatherings will rotate to include Bible study, Service and Fun activities. Fundraising activities will also be scheduled. This group is youth driven with Pastor Deb Grismer as a guide. We expect all members to be respectful, have a good attitude, be willing to actively participate in all types of activities and want to grow in faith. We realize not everyone is able to be with us

What: Confirmation Conversation
When: Sunday, October 4 at 7:00 pm
Where: Zoom Gathering (See link below)
Who: Parent(s) and Confirmands (or any combination of those involved)
Why: Visit about Confirmation Ministry at OSL and make plans on how to proceed

Note: All Children of God 7th Grade and Older are invited to be a part of Confirmation Ministry at OSL

Deb Grismer is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Confirmation Ministry Discussion
Time: Oct 4, 2020 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5182513825?pwd=bzdiQ3EzT21QV1NIbTYxUUZqQjl1QT09

Meeting ID: 518 251 3825
Passcode: OSLHermosa

If you are traveling and want to call into the Zoom meeting, please let me know and I will get you the information you need as well as walk through how to do this if you have never joined a Zoom meeting via phone. -Pastor Deb

Church Council Meeting Highlights
August 19, 2020

Note: Information presented at the Church Council meeting but mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter is not duplicated here.

Members Present: *(in person or via Zoom)* Bill Dennert, Dar Schroeder, Jason Virtue, Mike Baschnagel, Adare Diers, Carmen Lakner, Rodney Clark and Chelle Schefcik Pastor Deb was also present.

Committee Updates:

Outreach Committee:

*Distributed a total of 19 dozen donuts to 18 area businesses and places of essential workers as a thank you for keeping our community going during the pandemic

Mission Committee:

*Brainstormed ways to safely offer our annual Angel Tree mission to benefit local children as well as those at Arise

Pastor Deb's Report:

*Pastoral care acts have included prayer through various mediums, phone calls, a few home visits, office visits and funerals.

*November 7 has been set aside as "Synod Day". A livestream event is being planned.

*Fall Theological Conference is online this year on Monday, Sept 21.

Financial Update

The building might be closed but the ministry and mission of this congregation has continued to blossom, in part, because of your continued financial support. September's ministry included online noon prayers, receiving and giving fresh garden produce, walking with grieving Families as Pastor Deb officiated funeral of a young mother and a baby, pastoral care visits and phone calls, "Thank you" donuts delivered, Youth Group gatherings, online Bible Study, Parking Lot Worship and online worship, as well as everyday ongoing work of the church.

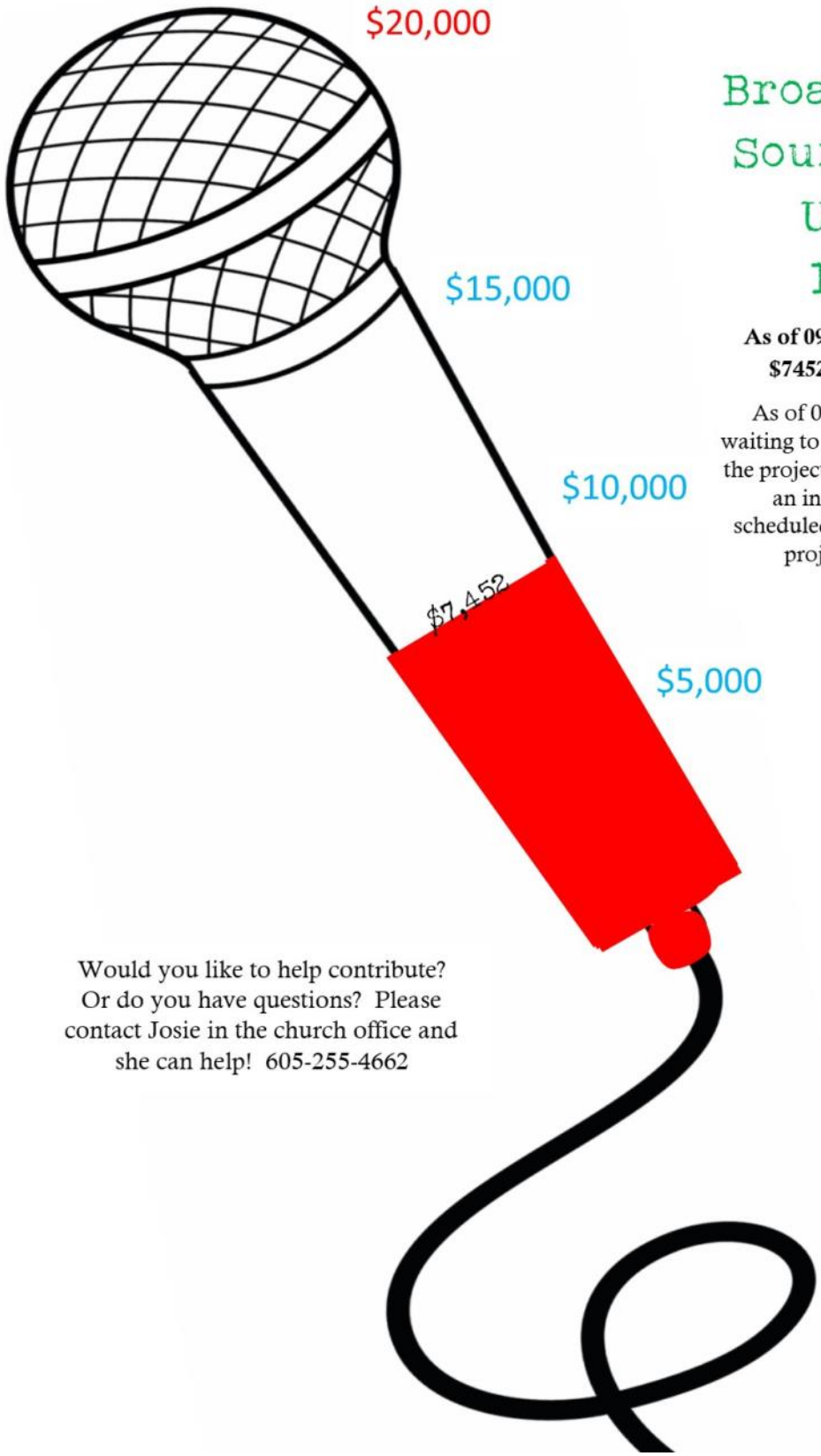
We began September with $32,871.23 in our checking/savings accounts. Our income from January 1 - August 31, 2020 was $73,459.80 compared to $77,922.53 in 2019. Our expenses from January 1-August 31, 2020 totaled $80,710.92 compared to $80,926.35 during the same time period in 2019. Mike Baschnagel, Treasurer, will apply for loan forgiveness on this loan when appropriate. Right now banks are waiting for more clarification concerning rules and regulations before they open up applications. Mike noted we continue to receive offerings through Tithely and checks mailed to the church by a core group of regular givers. A reduction in giving is noticed from those who only give when they attend worship. The Church Council and OSL staff are very grateful for the continued financial support from many of our worshipers. If you have not kept up with your financial support of OSL, please consider giving if you are able. If you would like more detailed information on OSL financial mission plan, please contact Mike at 605-858-3402 or treasureroslhermosa@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued financial support!

SYNOD DAY!!!!

You are invited to join the South Dakota Synod for a "Synod Day" on November 7, 2020 from 11:00 am - 5:30 pm CST. Out of safety for the most vulnerable in our communities, the 2020 Synod Day will be live-streamed.

At this year's synod day, we will gather in worship, commemorate the 50-40-10 anniversary, unveil the synod's vision, hear speakers, and honor our roster anniversaries and retirements. More details will be announced soon.

OSL's Broadcasting/ Sound System Upgrade Project



As of 09/13/20 we have raised $7452 of the $20,000 goal!

As of 09/29/20, Eric Ulmer is waiting to receive two main parts for the project. Once those are received, an installation date will be scheduled. Right now there is not projected target date for completion.

Would you like to help contribute? Or do you have questions? Please contact Josie in the church office and she can help! 605-255-4662

Mission of the Moment

"You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust'". Psalm 91:1-2

You are home and you hear a knock at the door. An official tells you to pack your essentials and evacuate, as a wildfire is speeding toward you. Some of you have lived through this. Others can only imagine. This is the situation many of our neighbors in the western part of the country are facing right now.

Fueled by a heat wave and unfavorable winds, devastating wildfires are raging across California, Oregon, Washington and other western states. At least 20 people have died, hundreds of thousands of people are under evacuation orders and more than 3.5 million acres have burned across the three states. Some evacuees face the difficult decision of whether to stay in a shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the next several weeks, you can help by contributing to OSL's *Mission of the Moment.* We are partnering with Lutheran Disaster Response through collecting financial donations for U.S. wildfire survivors. LDR is engaging with at least three Lutheran social services agencies and five synods to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. They expect immediate needs may include food and other necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized. 100% of your financial gifts will be used to assist those affected by wildfires in the US until the response is complete. This assistance is available to everyone in affected communities, not just Lutherans.

Mission of the Moment donations can be placed in the Globe Offering or offering baskets during worship. (The ushers are more than willing to assist.) Donations can also be sent to OSL at PO Box 136. Checks can be made out to OSL with "US Wildfires" or "Mission" written in the memo.

Even as we face multiple crises, together we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 136
Hermosa, SD 57744

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Parking Lot Worship Sundays 9:30am
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

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