

2020 September OSL

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A Season of Liminality

Grace and peace to you, wonderful community of faith!

Fresh off our worship series *Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting*, I began an eWebinar entitled *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going*. Seemed very appropriate for this season in our lives as a congregation. Now having finished the four-week class, I can't begin to describe how appropriate, important and helpful the information presented, which I am still processing, is and will be as we continue forward in this season of liminality.

Susan Beaumont, class instructor and author, defines liminality as *a quality of ambiguity and disorientation that occurs in transitory situations and spaces, when a person or group of people is betwixt and between something that has ended, and a new situation not yet begun*. During a liminal season we have one foot rooted in something that is not yet over, while the other foot is planted in a thing not yet defined, something ready to begin. We function with structures, identities and relationships formed by our old experiences, although we know that those structures and processes will not serve us adequately in our present reality or in the future.

As human beings we hate being in liminal seasons – seasons where something has ended, but a new thing has not yet begun. Watching and waiting are difficult. We get anxious. Planning, especially over planning, seems to be wasted energy because situations change constantly resulting in ever changing plans. We want to move forward with purpose and certainty. We want to pretend to know what happens next. Instead, we feel as though we are trudging through mud, moving away from something comfortable and known, toward something that can't yet be known. Our entire beings want things to be back to 'normal' but yet somewhere deep inside of us we turn from denial to acknowledge that we have no idea what normal is or will be or when that will happen.

As a Church and as a society, we are amid such a liminal season. I believe God has been taking us into this space for some time. I believe God is with us in this space, leading us and guiding us, if only we surrender control and blame and victimization and let God work. It is a time that allows us to explore what has been, take a look at our current values and assets and see what unique role God is calling us to play in our community and beyond as we recover and emerge from this season with new wings to fly. It is a time for creativity to blossom, imagination to soar, new ideas to be tried with some flourishing and some failing. It is a time to rediscover ourselves, heal old wounds, clarify our mission and purpose as children of God and see what something new emerges trusting that *GOD'S GOT US!*

For church leaders, including myself, living in this liminal time has been and will continue to be exhausting-physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Like much of the rest of the world, when the pandemic hit we prepared ourselves for a short sprint and ran as hard as we could thinking the race would be short and we would finish victoriously with little change. Guess what we were wrong! We, you and I, are running a marathon that we didn't plan for and certainly weren't trained for. We are finding the leadership tools we were given in the past are not so helpful. For leaders and followers alike, what we have learned so far in life has fallen short in preparing us for this new race we are running. We are hitting the mile 18 wall and might be wondering if running the race is worth it. Maybe we should just drop out and go home.

Be reminded of the words from Hebrew 12: ***“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*** We are not running this race alone. If we lift our heads, open our eyes and look outside ourselves, we will see new ways of being emerging. As we set aside our own personal desires, we will see God at work all around us. New leadership skill being gained and new leaders emerging. New voices being heard, sometimes for the first time. New ways of living that focus on loving our neighbors instead of what is best for 'me'. New opportunities to engage in worship. New ways to reach others with the good news God has to offer. New friendships. New ways of being Church in the world. As we look to and focus on Jesus, we are given new strength and energy to run the race set before us believing we will emerge stronger and better than we were before. Thanks be to God!

Breath deep. Relax. Grab some nourishment and keep running. Don't give up, Children of God. Stay in the race even when you have no idea where you are going. God is with us.

God bless,

Pastor Deb Grismer



**HERMOSA
FAIRBURN**
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

**OPEN Thursday
September 17th
3:00-5:00pm**

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



**HAPPY
GRANDPARENTS
DAY**

Sunday, September 13th

The results are in...

On August 16, a special congregation meeting was held to discuss and vote on the broadcast system/sound system project brought forth by the Worship Committee, the Church Council and

Pastor Deb. Members presented voted 36 to 3 to move forward with the project. The project will cost approximately \$20,000. The Church Council met after the special congregation meeting on the 16th and made the decision to use funds currently available in our checking/savings account to pay for the project while seeking special donations from congregation members to cover the cost. As of Sunday, August 30, we have received approximately \$7000. Along with her donation of \$1200, Mikkey Twittero sent a note with a challenge to congregation members, "Not all of us need the stimulus check we received from the government. I challenge congregation members to donate their check to this project. We desperately need to do something so everyone can see and hear better."

The Church Council encourages everyone to make a special donation to the broadcast/sound system project of any amount. They recognize the congregation has taken another leap of faith and are confident working together the project will be fully funded. If there are funds left over, they will be used to purchase a designated computer and/or additional TV screen for the overflow area and fellowship hall which were talked about but not included in the Depot Music Productions bid as we knew this was something we could add when funds were available.

Eric Ulmer, Depot Music Productions, has been notified to go ahead with the project. The first check has been issued and equipment has been ordered. Installation will be scheduled when the needed equipment arrives. Financial contributions for this project can be sent to the church. Please indicate "BSS Project" in the memo of your checks or include a note with cash donations. If you wish to contribute through Tithely, choose "special offering" in the drop down box.

This is an exciting and challenging time in the life of our congregation. Thank you for continuing to support the mission and ministry of OSL through your prayers, use of gifts and financial giving.

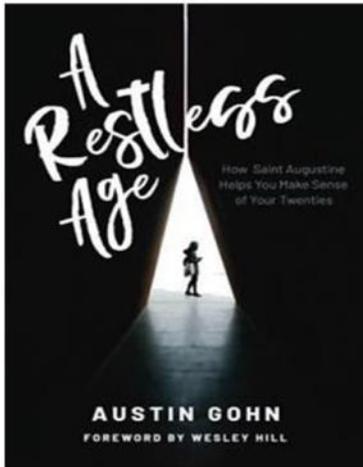
Young Adult

BOOK CLUB

Are you between the ages of 17 and 25???

If so, **THIS IS FOR YOU!!!!**

-  We will meet twice a month, starting the first week of October, via Google Hangouts- Dates and times to be determined
-  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
-  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!



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 here:

<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).

*We are back at it!
The same but different.*

OSL Community High School Youth Group
Sunday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
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.

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 guiding us along. 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 every week. We hope you will come when you are able.

Contact Pastor Deb for more information.

CHRIST

“For we are all ONE in CHRIST”

Galatians 3:28

OSL Community Youth Group
Hermosa, SD

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

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 lift in prayer

- *Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Matthew.
- *Our firefighters and those whose lives have been changed because of fires, our first responders and our frontline workers.
- *The people of Iowa as they recover from the damages of the storms
- *Those recovering from surgeries, those who are ill or hospitalized, including Brenda and Chelle.
- *Those with ongoing health concerns, including Terri, Suzan, 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 school staff and students, starting back to school during this pandemic.



Zoom info:

WELCA's September Gatherings

September 10 at 9:30 am

Gathering Magazine Bible Study

Holy Time

Holy memory: Why we remember, and how God re-members us

Monthly meeting to follow Bible Study

We will be gathering in the fellowship hall and on Zoom.

Masks required in building.

Bring your own drink as no food or drink will be served.

September 24 at 9:30 am via Zoom

Final "I Am She" Bible Study

Boldness in Purpose

Contact Josie, Administrative Assistant, if you need a Gather magazine or the I Am She study

Meeting ID: 518-251-3825

Password: OSLHermosa

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."



Proverbs Bible Study

Thursdays (beginning Sept. 17th)

7:00pm via Zoom

(Meeting ID: 886-0644-8843

Password: 372054)

Hosted By Chelle Schefcik

*Will go for 8 weeks

Welcome
New Members

*Are you searching for a family of faith to call your own?
Are you curious about Our Savior's Lutheran congregation and its mission and would like to learn more?
Are you interested in becoming a member of OSL?*

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please contact Pastor Deb and schedule a time for her to come visit with you. (605-890-0781)

We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, September 20 during worship.



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

COMING NEW THIS FALL...

Disciples of God Online Christian Education Ministry

All are welcome! Beginning in OCTOBER

More information coming soon.

If you have any questions or ideas, please call Pastor Deb at 605-890-0781 or Josie Main at 605-255-4662.

Financial Update

thank you
for giving

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. August's ministry included online noon prayers, receiving and giving fresh garden produce, walking with a grieving family as Pastor Deb officiate their mother's funeral, finishing up VBS for the Backyard, pastoral care visits and phone calls, treats for the Hermosa School teachers & staff to start off a new year, another OSL Scholarship given, assisting a youth with transportation to a doctor appointment, Youth Group gatherings, online Bible Study, participating in the Custer County Fair in multiple ways, a leap of faith by the congregation as you passed the broadcasting system/sound system project, Parking Lot Worship and online worship, as well as everyday ongoing work of the church.

We began August with \$40,967.74 in our checking/savings accounts. Our income from January 1 - July 31, 2020 was \$65,285.87 compared to \$70,179 in 2019. Our expenses from January 1-July 31, 2020 totaled \$70,045.79 compared to \$70,135.24 during the same time period in 2019. The deadline for using our SBA PPP loan was extended. Mike Baschnagel, Treasurer, will apply for loan forgiveness on this loan when appropriate. If you would like more detailed information on OSL financial mission plan, please contact Mike at 605-858-3402 or treasurerslhermosa@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued financial support!

Schedule Change for Pastor Deb



Beginning Sept 1, I am going to take some graduate classes online which are on Tuesday afternoon and evening. This results in a slight change in my work schedule. Please see below for my new schedule. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

Sundays - Worship, Office Time and Youth Group

Mondays - Office Time all day

Tuesdays - Work from home in mornings. Off in afternoons/evenings

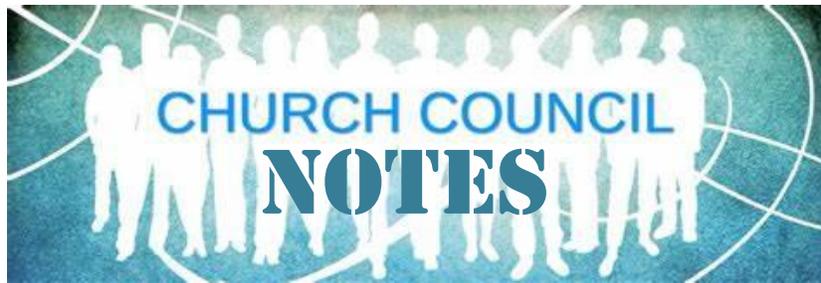
Wednesdays - Office Time and/or Offsite work or visits time

Thursdays - Office Time and/or Offsite work or visits time

Fridays - Work from home 1/2 day. Off 1/2 day.

Saturdays - Off

I appreciate having a very flowing schedule to meet the needs of the congregation, the community, my family and myself. PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET TOGETHER. I will make sure I am available to meet in my office or wherever you would like to meet. God bless, Pastor Deb Grismer 605-890-0781



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, Carmen Lakner, Rodney Clark and Chelle Schefcik Pastor Deb was also present. Adare Diers was with her mother and did not have access to internet.

Committee Updates:

Outreach Committee:

*Members put together the OSL entry in the Custer County Fair.

*God’s Work Our Hands Project - Unable to have our “thank you” picnic this year so the Committee is working on thank you cards and treats to distribute to local essential workers and businesses. Congregation members will help with the thank you cards.

*Trunk or Treat event was discussed. A decision will be made about hosting this event in September.

Education Committee:

*A huge thank you to Josie for heading the VBS for the Backyard ministry.

Pastor Deb’s Report:

*Hermosa School will be using our parking lots for parking and bus drop-off/pick-up until construction is complete on the school addition.

*I have finished my *Discern by Doing* course. During August I am taking two webinar/eCourses: “When Children Grieve” and “How To Lead When You Don’t Know Where You are Going”.

Council Action/Decisions:

Results of Special Congregational Meeting – Next steps

*The congregation approved the proposal for the broadcasting system/sound system project at the Special Congregational meeting following worship today. Pastor Deb will contact Eric Ulmer, Depot Music Productions to let him know. A check for the initial payment will be written today and mailed to Depot Music.

Removal of dead tree at parsonage

*Pastor Deb reported that her neighbor had arranged for a professional tree remover to come remove the dead tree that is on the property line that is shared by the parsonage property and the neighbor’s property. Council agreed to pay half of the expense.

Propane Buy

*Mike reported it was time to do the early propane buy.

Pastor Deb Computer

*Council approved the purchase of a new computer for the Pastor.



Pastor Deb Grismer 605-890-0871

Josie Main-
Administrative Assistant 605-255-4662 osl@mt-rushmore.net
Mon-Thurs 10:00am-3:00pm

Bill Dennert- President 605-209-8750
Rodney Clark- V President 605-441-6790
Adare Diers- Secretary 605-255-4321
Mike Baschnagel-Treasurer 605-858-3402

Carmen Lakner 605-381-3515
Jason Virtue 605-673-5928
Darwin Schroeder 605-745-5514
Chelle Schefcik-Alternate 605-787-8896

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



Sunday Serving Team

Parking lot worship brings with it new opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings so that worship can happen! We are in need of volunteers to help in various tasks. There is no age requirement. More detailed explanations of duties are available. Pastor Deb or members of the Worship Committee are more than willing to help show you what to do. Joy Neugebauer has graciously offered to schedule volunteers so please contact her if you are willing/able to help. (605-255-4212 or sjneugebauer@hccinet.net) Parking lot worship will continue until at least the end of October so if you are able to volunteer one or two Sundays, our teams will be quickly filled.

Volunteer Positions Needed:

Readers/Assisting Minister: Read Scripture and Prayers of the People

Communion Prep and Distribution: Prepare communion elements and hand them out to worshipers

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Set up tables, speakers, etc needed for worship

Parking Attendants/Greeter: Assist with setting up/taking down cones and parking cars

Ushers/Greeters: Hand out bulletins, collect offering

Thank you for your willingness to serve!



OSL HS Community Youth Group
invites you to celebrate
Blessing of Pets & Other Animals
Sunday, October 4th

“All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all
these brother and sister creatures.”

St Francis of Assisi's
Canticle of the Creatures
More information to follow



God's Work. Our Hands.

On September 11th, the Outreach Committee will be delivering donuts to essential workers and businesses in our community that have kept this community going through the pandemic. We are so thankful for everything they have done and continue to do.

It's been a long road of late nights and early mornings, but I made it. Thank you for joining me in celebration. Your support is worth more than you know. Thank you all for the support as I start my college journey. I appreciate all of the wonderful items in my basket.

Thank you,
Hannah Baschnagel



Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thank you for the generous gift of groceries to the Hermosa Senior Center. Your continued support of HSCC is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Hermosa Senior Citizens

**Dear OSL Community of Faith,
Thank you so much for the \$500 scholarship! I really appreciate you investing in me as I head off to college! I am excited to be studying nursing and playing volleyball at Presentation College for the next 4 years. I am thankful to be part of the OSL church family too! Thank you for all your support and helping me grow in my faith. God Bless! Love, Jenna**

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are so grateful to be recipient of your offering! Your generosity will help to support the ministries of the Reconciliation Center. We are aware that these are uncertain times as we work through the COVID and the chaos it has created. After this has passed I am confident that our lives will be transformed -transformation is difficult-but God is with us! Christ is Risen Indeed- Alleluia!

Servants Together, Pastor Karen

Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. It is starting to feel a little bit like a new normal around here with the Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps Members back to work and diaper and sandwich ministry going strong. Our partnership with the Presbyterian Church is growing and we are co-leading worship every Sunday on the lawn. Still, we deeply miss having the children in the building everyday though we check in once a week when we drop off snacks and activities to their homes. We are also missing the busyness of having visitors in our building and hosting so many groups. Thanks for your continued partnership in these times. Lindsay and the PRRC Staff

Thank you for making VBS possible. All efforts and time in delivery are greatly appreciated.
Dwayne and Kathleen Hunzeker and Grandkids

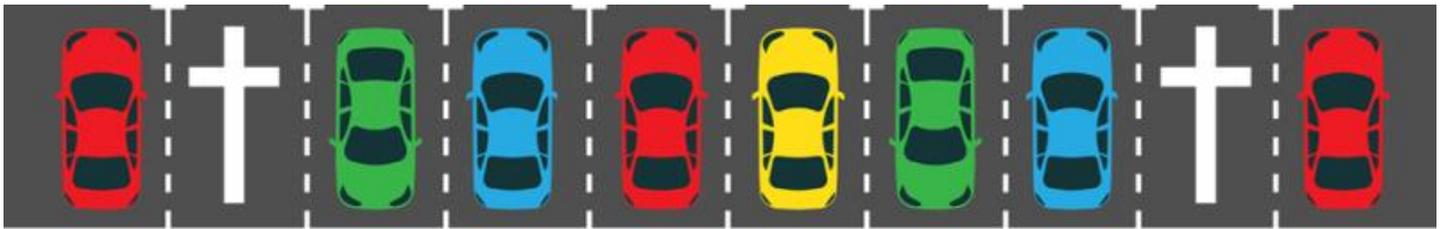
Dear Members of OSL,

Thank you all so much for filling my tote full of college supplies. I really appreciate you thinking of me as I head off to college! I know your generous gifts will be put to good use in the year to come! I am so thankful to be a part of this wonderful church family and helping me grow in my faith! God Bless!

Love, Jenna

Dear Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting Lutheran Outdoors recently with a gift in the amount of \$322.05. Your congregation's gift is especially important in 2020 as Lutherans Outdoors canceled the entire summer camper program at all four camps as well as any group retreats that were contracted. This will continue into the fall with only an ability to offer families and small groups a safe retreat possibility at some of our sites. I hope members of your congregation have been able to stay connected with Lutherans Outdoors during the past several months by receiving our weekly emailed update and by joining our virtual events. You can find all the current events and information on our website. Thank you for your generosity and for your continual support of the Lutherans Outdoors ministry. Be good, Paul Hanson, Executive Director www.losd.org



PARKING LOT WORSHIP
Sundays- 9:30am

*Our Savior's Lutheran

*605-255-4662



Everyone is welcome to join us for parking lot worship, every Sunday. You can sit in your car and hear the service through the FM radio, or we do have spaces for your lawn chairs socially distanced out. Our services are also live streamed on our Facebook page every Sunday morning at 9:30 am
(<https://www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa>)



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Parking Lot Worship-Sundays 9:30am (Also live
streamed on Facebook)
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

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