# 2021 JULY OSL

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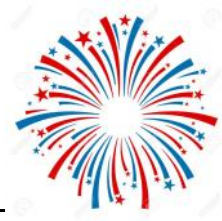
|  | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4<br>**9:30am** Worship/ Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube<br>*Fellowship following worship*<br>*No Youth Group<br>*6th Sunday of Pentecost*<br> | 5<br>*Office Closed* | 6<br>*Office Closed* | 7 | 8<br>**9:30 am** WELCA Bible Study and Meeting @ OSL and via Zoom | 9<br>Youth Group Trip | 10 |
| 11<br>**9:30am** Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube<br>*Fellowship following worship*<br>Youth Group Trip<br>*7th Sunday of Pentecost* | *12* | 13 | 14 | *15 Support to Ministries Committee Meeting in SF*<br>**3-5pm** Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank Open | 16<br>Hills Alive free summer music festival | 17 |
| 18<br>**9:30am** Worship/ Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube<br>*Fellowship following worship*<br>*Property Committee following fellowship<br>Hills Alive free summer music festival<br>Bible Camp- NESODAK (Katelyn, William, Kayl, Pastor Deb) and OUTLAW (Asher) | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| *25*<br>**9:30am** Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube<br>*Fellowship following worship*<br>*Church Council Meeting<br>Bible Camp OUTLAW (William and Rylan)<br>*9th Sunday of Pentecost* | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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*OSL's Mission: "We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."*

## *Journeying together in Christ with our Neighbors in Solidarity*

The South Dakota Synod Assembly was held via Zoom for the first time in the history of our Synod. Gene Deyo and Pastor Deb joined hundreds of others from around South Dakota for this annual business meeting of our Synod (similar to OSL's annual meeting). Along with learning how to use our computers or our phones to vote, we heard from each of our Neighbors in Solidarity, Bishop Constanze Hagmaier, Associates to the Bishop Rev Renee Splichal Larson and Jonathan Steiner and Churchwide Representative Amy Reumann as well as other partners in ministry from our Synod. Willette Capers, the Assistant Dean of Students for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD, gave the keynote presentation entitled: *Won't You be my Neighbor: Embracing Difference While Creating Belonging.*

## *Neighbors in Solidarity*

The South Dakota Synod is committed to responding to God's call to share the reconciling gospel of Jesus Christ with all people, from all nations and walks of life. One way we do this as a Church body is through the specialized ministries of our neighbors in solidarity. In South Dakota these neighbors and partners in ministry include:

- ✞ Church on the Street, Sioux Falls
- ✞ Companion Synods in Nicaragua and Cameroon *(funded through the SD Synod Companion Synods)*
- ✞ First Lutheran African Ministries, Sioux Falls
- ✞ Lutheran Campus Ministries (LuMin) in Aberdeen, Brookings, Rapid City, Spearfish, and Vermillion)
- ✞ Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, Pine Ridge
- ✞ Pueblo de Dios, Sioux Falls
- ✞ St. Dysmas *(funded independently)*
- ✞ Woyatan Lutheran Church, Rapid City

## *Business of the Church*

The following were action items taken by the assembly as part of our work.

- ♦ Elected Dennis Thompson as the Synod Council Vice President, Rev. Jonathan Vehar as the Synod Council Secretary and Terry Johnson as the Synod Council Treasurer.
- ♦ Adopted the 2022 Financial Mission Plan for our Synod
- ♦ Approved the 2022 Compensation and Guidelines for our rostered and lay leaders and staff
- ♦ Elected Synod Council Members and Members to the various Synod Committees, including Pastor Deb Grismer as Dean of Bear Butte Conference and Paul Reynolds and Pastor Deb as members of the Support to Ministries Committee
- ♦ Elected 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Members from each conference in South Dakota

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## *Business of the Church (continued)*

- Passed a resolution on expanding health coverage to the poor in South Dakota urging South
- Dakota's Governor and Legislature and state voters to secure the blessing of healthcare for the lowest-income South Dakotans by adopting Medicaid expansion for South Dakota.
- Passed a resolution supporting ELCA World Hunger efforts challenging our synod congregations to set aside at least one Sunday or special service eacy year to reflect on caring for those whoa re hungry and to bring an awareness of the work and ministry of ELCA World Hunger domestically and internationally as well as congregation support for state and local efforts to alleviate hunger.
- Passed a land acknowledgment resolution asking the South Dakota Synod leadership model a land acknowledgement at the start of all of its synod-level activities and that the South Dakota Synod invite other South Dakota ministries to do the same.
- Passed a resolution recognizing the leadership by Dr. Carla Borchardt and thanking her as she completes her terms of service to the South Dakota Synod.
- Passed a resolution to adopt certain amendments to the constitution of the South Dakota Synod based on the model constitution adopted by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

For those who would like more information, all of the Assembly written materials can be found at https://sdsynod.org/assembly. The entire Assembly was recorded and you can watch it on OSL's or South Dakota Synod's Facebook page or YouTube Channel. Pastor Deb also has a printed copy of all the information in a binder available in her office if you would like to borrow it. Josie will be happy to run you a copy of anything if you would like something to keep. If you have any questions, concerns or just want to visit about something, please contact Pastor Deb (605-890-0781) to set up a time for conversation. We are doing great work as a Synod in South Dakota and beyond.

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for letting us stay at your church. We greatly appreciated the showers provided, along with rides to them. Also the team loved dinner and breakfast and the opportunity to meet with community members. We hope to see you again soon as you continue to join us in the fight against cancer.

Your Friends,
The 2021 Illini 4000 Bike America Team

*A huge thank you to Gloria, Marvin N and Pastor Duane for helping with showers and/or food. Thank you to Kendra for helping to cleaning up the little extra mess that was made. Thank you, congregation members, for being willing to open the building for groups such as this.*

*Pastor Deb*

# OSL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Present:** Bill Dennert, Dar Schroeder, Chelle Schefcik, Linda Morrison, Carmen Lakner, Adare Diers , Gene Deyo and Pastor Deb Grismer

*****This is only a brief overview and highlights and does not reflect every detail discussed. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Church Council members, Josie or Pastor Deb.*****

## Property Committee:

* Working on taking out lattice and adding rock around front of church. Leave covers were put on the gutters at the parsonage. Looking into what killed the trees on the church property. The Hermosa churches welcome signs are laying in our parking lot. The current plan is to put them back up after the construction is done at the school. They are looking at scheduling a work day at the church.

## Outreach Committee

* They will connect with the Youth Group concerning the OSL float for the Custer County Parade. They are waiting to hear the results of the ELCA Open Doors Grant. Thank you to everyone who furnished a pie for fellowship on Father's Day.

## Mission Committee

* Thank you to all who have given to the Mission of the Month offering. June was Bible Camperships. July is Save the Children and August will be for the Hermosa Senior Meals.

## Worship Committee

* Pastor Duane will be leading worship on July 11 and July 18 when Pastor Deb is gone.
* Committee recommends continuing our worship choices concerning seating, communion and mask options.
* We will worship from 9:30 - 10:00 am at OSL on August 15 (Custer County Fair) as previously decided.

## Education Committee

* We will be meeting the end of July to start gearing up for DOG Night this fall.

## Pastor Deb's Report

* Pastoral care included one wedding, one funeral, one burial, home visits and office visits this month.
* I have started attending the Neighborhood Watch meetings.
* Virtual Synod Assembly was definitely done different but from the technical side, they did a nice job.
* We are getting a good response for our Craft/Vendor Fair which will be held in conjunction with the community-wide rummage sale. The Youth Group will be running a concession stand.

## Other Business

* Received information from Lutherans Outdoors concerning the transfer of ownership of Joy Ranch. Beginning this fall, this facility will no longer be part of LO's portfolio.
* Received information about the "Keep the Campfires Burning" campaign from Lutherans Outdoors. Pastor Deb will request a council visit from an LO person at our next meeting.
* Shared and discussed information from Synod Assembly. More discussion will happen at our next meeting.
* Pastor Deb is still working on her sabbatical proposal.

*As of May 31, 2021, the OSL checking/savings account had a balance of $31,057.10 with $10,448.33 in restricted/dedicated funds. As of the end of May we have received $49,057.31 in offerings, special donation and interest income. We had expenses of $47,520.26. Our investments brought an income of $1,365.16 which meant we ended May with a net income of $2,902.21. At the end of May, we were able to send a check for $1032.00 to our Companion Synod Fund to support the ministries of Cameroon and Nicaragua through our Mission of the Month giving!*

*A huge thank you to all who give financially to the mission of OSL as well as those who give of their time and talents and other resources. We continue to be a congregation blessed to be a blessing to others. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in this congregation! God's work is being done!*

*If you have any financial questions, please contact Mike Baschnagel at treasureroslhermosa@gmail.com or 605-858-3402.*

HERMOSA FAIRBURN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

OPEN Thursday
**July 15th**
3:00-5:00pm

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

FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

**Feeding SD Food Box**
**Friday, June 4th**
**St Michael's Church Parking Lot**
**10:30-11:30am**

Feeding SD's new rules....
*Must have photo ID with you
*No more than 2 persons in the car
*Can no longer deliver boxes to others-they have to be there themselves to pick up their own boxes

We continue to grow our Sunday Serving Teams as more are comfortable worshiping in the building. There is a job for everyone! If you are willing/able to help on one or more Sundays, please contact Joy at 255-4212.

*Thank you so much to all who are currently serving.*

Women of the ELCA

## *All are Welcome*

Join WELCA at our next gathering
Thursday, July 8 at 9:30 am at OSL and via Zoom

***"Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation is For Everyone!) Just Truth "***
*This month we will listen to Jesus' words about sharing truths that are difficult to receive. Together we will see how hard truths are challenging but necessary for spiritual growth and maturity.*

WELCA meeting to follow.
Extra copies of the Bible study are available in the church office.
Contact Josie at 605-255-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa
The link will also be emailed and posted on the OSL Facebook page and website.

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

Come experience:
The Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY
The Ark in Williamstown, KY
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN
Horse Farms thru the beautiful Thoroughbred Farms of Kentucky
Dinner Cruise on the beautiful Ohio River
Churchill Downs - Home of the Kentucky Derby

*A great chance to get away and see what people are talking about and have someone else do the planning. A great family vacation where all you have to do is get on the bus.*

**Dates: August 15 - 22, 2021**
Leave from and return to Rapid City

**Cost:** $979 per person (Double room)
$805 per person (Triple/Quad room)
*1300 per person (Single)
*Family rates may be available for children under 18.

Price includes: Transportation on a coach bus with experienced tour director and driver, lodging, all admissions, eight meals and lots of fellowship and fun.
To register or for more information, contact Wanda Stratman @ 712-324-3596 or widovertours@gmail.com.

*ALL ages welcome. Youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.*

*Pool Party Time!*
*Everyone is invited!!*
**When:** Saturday, July 31
9:30 am to 11:30 am
**Where:** Horace Mann Pool
818 Anamosa St, Rapid City
**Cost:** Freewill Donation
**Hosted By:** Trinity Lutheran Church

*All ages are welcome to gather for a time of fun and fellowship. Everything you need for fun at the pool is provided by the pool. You simply need to bring a towel and your filled water bottle (no glass containers and no alcohol).*

*Pool admission cost will be covered by Thrivent dollars. This is a fundraising opportunity with your donations helping Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota and Woyatan to support their ministries. Please be generous.*
*For pool staff purposes, please let Trinity (605-342-9302) know if you are hoping to go.*

# WHO'S READY FOR YOUTH CAMP??

These kiddos will be heading off to Bible Camp this month. Please keep them in your prayers as they deepen their faith and make new friendships. Thank you for your support.

Asher Etherington
Outlaw Ranch

Kayl Roe
NeSoDak

William Boutwell
NeSoDak
& Outlaw Ranch

Katelyn Jacobson
NeSoDak

Rylan Lowe
Outlaw Ranch

**We Lift in Prayer…**

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Delmar Plamp (cousin to Marvin and Stan Neugebauer and Lois Rudd), Marlin Neugebauer (cousin to Carol Neugebauer); Randy Seidel

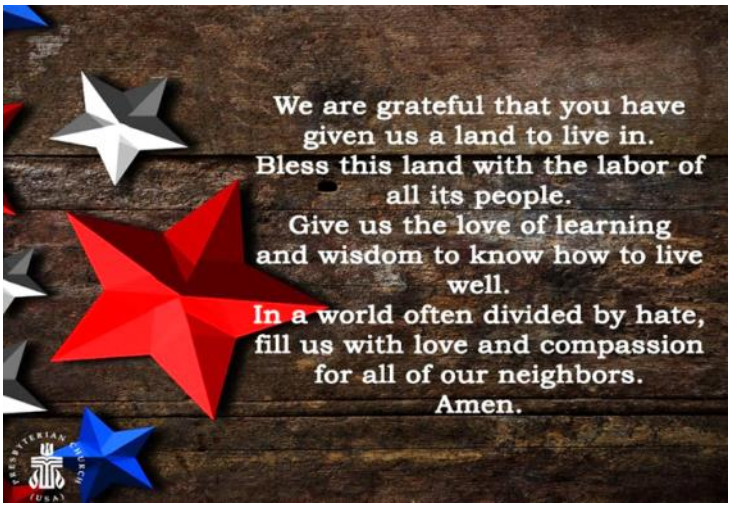
**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Judy Rademacher, Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison); Clay Walberg; Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Gary Walberg (father of Clay Walberg); Ron Wagner; Monique (friend of Diana Baschnagel); David Brimer (Son of Iris Brimer); Lois (Mother of Steve Pendegraft); Ashley James

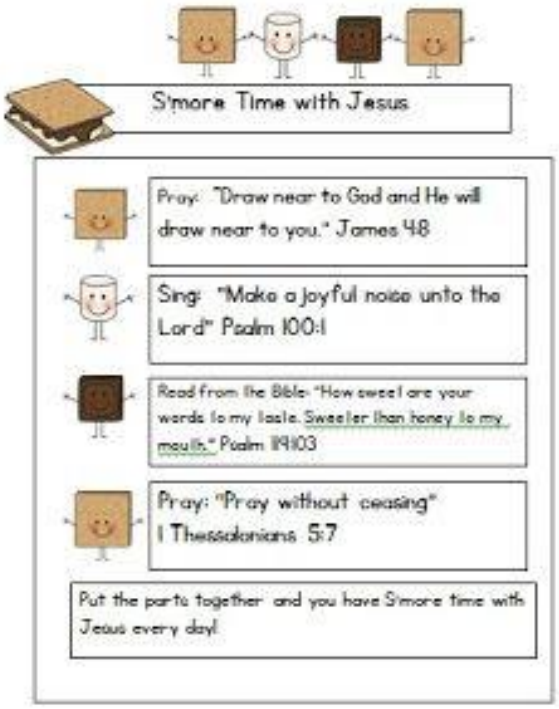
**Those with on-going health concerns, including Shelly (friend of Carla Oerter), Linda (friend of Cathy Dahl); Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffery (cousins of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson);

**For Bible Camp staff and campers

**For Pastor Deb, Rod and the OSL Community Youth Group and their summer trip adventures

**For our leaders at every level



Save the Children

*U.S. Border Crisis Children's Relief Fund*

**Save the Children**, a humanitarian nonprofit organization, was the first global movement for children, boldly declaring that children have rights. **85% of every dollar you give goes straight to their mission – helping children grow up healthy, learning and safe.**

In the United States, Save the Children is supporting programmatic and advocacy work at the U.S.-Mexico border to ensure that children are being protected. Your donation to the U.S. Border Crisis Children's Relief Fund will help them provide care and basic hygiene items to families and children, many of whom are exhausted and overwhelmed after a harrowing journey. Your gift will also help provide safe spaces where families and children can play, rest and receive emotional support.

- $50 can provide warm blankets to 10 children living in a shelter
- $100 can treat 15 children who have become malnourished after a long journey

$150 can provide towels, cloths, soap, shampoo and more to 10 families
More information about this organization can be found at https://www.savethechildren.org.

*To support this mission, drop your donation in the offering plate, the Globe Offering, or the Mission Box in the fellowship hall. (Checks made payable to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support!*

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

Sunday Worship 9:30am
Fellowship follows
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month