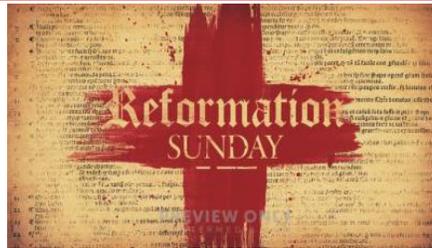


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October

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"What is Reformation Sunday?" This is a great question asked by people of all ages and faiths. Janet Mulrone Clark offers the following explanation in her article *"What Is the Meaning of Reformation Sunday?"* found at www.classroom.synonym.com.

For Lutherans and many other Protestants in America, the last Sunday in October is celebrated as Reformation Sunday. Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on October 31st, 1517. On that date Luther posted his statement of faith, known as the 95 Theses, on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation. In some parts of Europe, Reformation Day is a civil holiday celebrated on October 31st, a day to commemorate the vast social and political change that resulted from Luther's actions.

Who was Martin Luther?

Martin Luther, born in 1483 in Eisleben, Germany, to a devout Catholic family, was a scholarly, serious man. He attended the university in Erfurt and studied the law, but instead of working as a lawyer, he entered an Augustinian monastery and was ordained as a monk in 1507. Luther was tortured by his fear of hell, which drove him to endless good works and acts of piety, as well as self-flagellation and other acts of penance, such as lying in the snow for long periods of time on winter nights. Through reading the Bible, however, Luther came to believe people were saved not by good works or acts of penance, but through their faith in Jesus Christ.

Papal Indulgences and Other Issues

Luther was troubled by the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church, especially the selling of indulgences. The Catholic church sold papal indulgences which they claimed would eliminate the need for acts of penance in this life and in the hereafter. He was especially bothered by the sale of jubilee indulgences, which Pope Leo X sold, in part to pay for St. Peter's Cathedral. Luther became increasingly convinced that salvation came through faith alone, not works.

The 95 Theses

Martin Luther was a professor of theology. He was a monk and a devout Catholic with no intentions of starting a new church. He did, however, want to reform the church, and with that goal in mind, Luther wrote the 95 Theses, which detailed his objections to the selling of indulgences and its effect upon the people. He posted them on the door of the church because that was a common place for posting public notices. Within weeks, however, word of the theses had spread. Consequently, Luther was viewed by the church as a heretic, threatened with burning at the stake, and excommunicated by Pope Leo in 1520. Many theologians agreed with Luther, however, and the Protestant Reformation began.

Reformation Sunday Today

Reformation Sunday in the United States is celebrated as a day to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity: that faith in Christ is all that's needed for salvation, and the Bible, not any human leader, is the true authority in matters of faith. As Luther said when questioned about his views, "Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason -- I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other -- my conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

I am grateful to Luther and all of the Christian reformers who sacrificed so much to bring about the changes in the church that needed to happen so that people could grow in faith and learn about God, who is to be feared, but is also a God of love and grace. As we move forward in this time of post-Christendom, recognizing the scary reality that our church needs to re-form once again to continue to proclaim the Gospel, it is good for us to be reminded this movement is part of our history. Thank you for journeying with me during this difficult time.

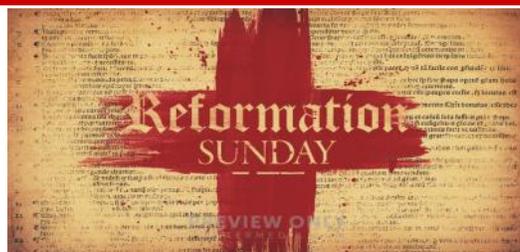
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OPEN Thursday
October 21st
3:00-5:00pm

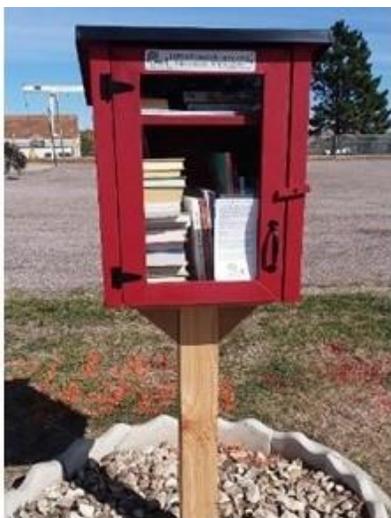
*Located at Heartland Hair
300 E Main St. Hermosa*

For information please contact Lois at
255-5299.



October 31, 2021

All are invited to wear red on Reformation Sunday as we celebrate our Lutheran history and acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Dan Johnson from Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center will be joining us to bring greetings and updates on ministry happenings there. It is also Potluck Sunday so plan on staying after worship for food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share if you are able.



Announcing Little Free Library #Hermosa131353

Join us for the Grand Opening & Blessing!

WHEN: Sunday, October 10, 2021

TIME: 3:00 pm

ADDRESS: Our Savior's Lutheran Church parking lot
(386 Main Street, Hermosa)

Join us as we bless and officially open the first Little Free Library in Hermosa. Bring a book to donate and be entered into a drawing for great prizes! Financial donations can also be made as we raise money to purchase a bench to put by the library and additional books.

Stewards: Jamie Roder, Jennie Haas and Pastor Deb Grismer

Here's how it works!

We initially stock the Little Free Library with a variety of books

You stop by and take whatever catches your eye

You bring books to contribute when you can

Visit www.littlefreelibrary.org for more information

All are Welcome

Join WELCA at our next gathering
Thursday, October 14 at 9:30 am at OSL

“Called to Be Political - But I Don’t Want to Be Political ” Part 2

Like it or not, Christians are called to be political. This resource explores that call, looking at personal reflections of Lutheran women, the Bible and the writings of Martin Luther. Fears or questions about our church’s involvement in politics may reflect a misunderstanding of how Christians, and especially Lutheran Christians, are called to participate in the political arena.

We will continue our discussion from last month as we work through the last part of the study. Don’t worry if you weren’t able to join us in September. You can still join in the conversation this month. Printed copies of the resource are available at the church. Please contact Josie at 605-225-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net if you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you. Pastor Deb highly encourages everyone to read through the study ahead of time so we have more time for discussion.

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.”



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

5:00-7:00PM

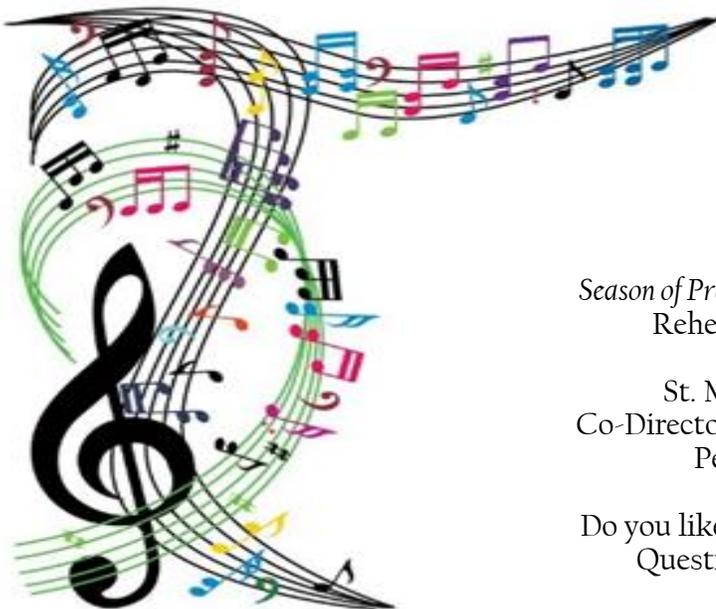
**OUR SAVIOR S LUTHERAN
CHURCH PARKING LOT
386 Main Street, Hermosa**

COME AND GET A HOT DOG OFF THE GRILL AND SOME YUMMY TREATS

Community members from near and far are invited to bring their decorated vehicles to Our Savior’s Lutheran and hand out treats. If you need help/ideas for decorating themes, talk to Pastor Deb. If you want to come and just help hand out treats, we have a place for you too!

Let’s make this a great event for our community children!

Candy donations can be dropped off at Our Savior’s Lutheran.



Christmas Cantata Community Choir SINGERS NEEDED

Season of Praise by Joseph M. Martin & Pamela Martin

Rehearsal: Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Beginning October 7

St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Hermosa

Co-Directors: Chantry Nelson & Pastor Deb Grismer

Performance: December 16 at 3 pm

Do you like to sing? All are welcome to join the choir.
Questions,? Call Pastor Deb at 605-890-0781.



CASSEROLE TAKE & BAKE YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 10th
10:30 - 11:30 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
\$15 each for a 9 X 13 casserole

Choose from five homemade casseroles ready to take home and bake or freeze!

Baked Penne, GF Baked Penne, Tator Tot Hotdish, Rice or Roni Chicken Casserole or Country Brunch Hash brown Casserole

Preorders are encouraged but not required.
Preorder by calling the OSL Office at 605-255-4662 by Thursday, October 7.

Money raised will be used by the Youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering



All Saints Sunday

November 7th

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 Nov. 4th by either calling or emailing the church office. (605-255-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net)



Join us for Second Sunday Breakfast!

Sunday, October 10th

Serving:

8:30-9:20am

10:20-11:30am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

The whole community is invited!

**Freewill donation will go towards the OSL
Community Youth Group to attend the 2022
ELCA National Youth Gathering

Country Brunch Hashbrown Casserole Fruit, Dessert, Drinks



SENIORS LUNCH

American Legion
Post 303 Building
East End of Hermosa on HWY 40
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
Home-cooked, buffet-style meals
Main dish, sides, salads, fruit,
dessert, drink

12:00 Noon Sharp Mon-Thur
Adults \$8 Kids \$5

See <https://www.facebook.com/forhermosaseniorcitizens> for weekly menu



D.O.G (Disciples of God) Night is back!!!

Join us Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

D.O.G. Night is a children's ministry opportunity for the entire community. Open to all children Pre-K to 8th grade! Home-cooked meal each Wednesday, followed by an exciting bible lesson taught through scripture, drama, service, games, crafts and videos. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Josie @ 255-4662 or email osl@mt-rushmore.net

Volunteers are needed to keep this ministry going.

We are incredibly for and blessed by the high school and adult volunteers who are a part of this ministry and making a difference in the lives of our children and youth. We are in need of a couple of more volunteers.

Teachers –Lead a small group of children in games. Materials, training, ideas and support are provided.

Shepherds – Direct a small group of children from activity to activity and be an extra set of hands and eyes for the teacher.

You will have the same group of children each week.

Substitutes – Can you help if needed? We would love to have a list of people to call when extra help is needed.

CHRIST

"For we are all ONE in CHRIST"

Galatians 3:28

OSL Community Youth Group
Hermosa, SD

OSL Community High School Youth Group October Schedule

Oct 3: No Youth Group

Oct 9: SS Breakfast & Casserole Fundraiser Prep
10:00 am at OSL Fellowship Hall

Oct 10: SS Breakfast & Worship & Casserole Fundraiser
8:00 am - 12:00 pm at OSL

Oct 10: Birthday Supper, Devotions & Games - 6:00 to 8:00 at OSL
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - OSL Fellowship Hall

**We will celebrate Calli, Lanie and Taylor's birthdays with food, fellowship and fun!*

Oct 17: No Youth Group

Oct 24: Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest - Time TBD

Oct 31: Trunk or Treat at OSL - No Youth Group



These girls did an awesome job serving the meal at the Western SD Fur Harvesters Association meeting.



The Dog Night kids enjoyed playing some summer camp games at our Rally Wednesday.

WE PRAY

We Lift in Prayer...

- **Those who are grieving losses of any sort.
- **Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Bob Tesch; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Jack Peterson (Grandson of Collette Carlson); Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison)
- **Those with on-going health concerns, including Marsha Vrooman; Hannah (Granddaughter of Peg Tesch); Ron Wagner; David Brimer (Son of Iris Brimer); Gary Walberg (Father of Clay Walberg); Peg Tesch; Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Betty Tesch; Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Linda (Friend of Cathy Dahl); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Riley (granddaughter of Carmen Lakner); Justin (Friend of Carmen Lakner)
- **For those devastated by drought or floods
- **For our military members and their families
- **For areas torn apart by violence
- **For those in long-term care facilities
- **For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.
- **For our leaders at every level.
- **For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Thank you to all those that participated in God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday! We have had many compliments on how great the yard and playground area look!



**thank you
for giving**

Financial Update

The Holy Spirit is alive and well and keeping this congregation busy and blessed during September. D.O.G. Night started again which means the building and grounds are hopping on Wednesday nights. An inflatable maze helped make the first night of classes much more fun (and chaotic). Pastor Deb was kept hopping (along with those around her) with visits, planning of multiple events, phone calls and Fall Theological Conference. The congregation gathered for worship, fellowship and meals as we worked together and began Potluck Sundays once again. We began August with \$31,478.24 in our checking/savings accounts. Our income from January - August 2021 was \$76,784.49 compared to \$73,459.80 in 2020. Our expenses from January - August 2021 totaled \$75,513.44 compared to \$80,965.80 during the same time period in 2020. Pastor Deb and the Church Council are so appreciative how generous many in the congregation have been with their financial giving. Because of your generosity, we continue to fully fund all of our ministries as we do the work to which we have been called. 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!



Church Council Meeting Highlights September 19, 2021

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

Present: Bill Dennert, Dar Schroeder, Linda Morrison, Jason Virtue, Carmen Lakner, Gene Deyo, Mike Bashnagel and Pastor Deb Grismer

Committee Updates:

Property Committee

*Thank you for the great work done for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday. About 60% of projects that we had listed were completed. Extra kudos to Steve & Patti Pendegraft for all their extra work. We have received compliments from community members on how nice our yard looks.

*Bell tower still in progress.

*Recommended at next meeting the committee visits about snow removal. Pastor Deb will check with the school to see if they are willing to remove snow Monday – Thursday.

Outreach Committee

*Served burgers to the GWOH Sunday work crew.

Mission Committee

*\$1105.00 was given to the Hermosa Senior Meals program through the August Mission of the Month.

Worship Committee

*Worship Committee will be covering worship on Sept 26 and Oct 3 and Oct 17 when Pastor Deb is on vacation.

*Conversation was held around COVID protocols.

Education Committee

*The first two weeks of DOG Night have been chaotic but successful. We currently have 50 children registered and/or have attended at least one week. Approximately 20 adults are involved in this ministry.

Council Action/Decisions:

*Mike Baschnagel has been authorized to purchase Quick Books online as soon as practical.

*Pastor Deb will visit with Josie about adding bookkeeping responsibilities to the Administrative Assistant Position Description, as recommended by Mike and Council members. This will require additional hours be added to the Admin Assistant position as well. This will be part of the discussion at the Annual Meeting in January.

*Committees need to start planning for 2022, especially around any financial needs they may have.

*Discussion was held on adding a stipend for the Treasurer to the 2022 Financial Mission Plan.

*Pastor Deb recommended a raise for Kendra (our cleaner) and 2 weeks paid vacation be added to Josie's compensation package.

*We will keep our current COVID Protocols in place.

*Committees are highly encouraged to look ahead in their planning to January - March. If any assistance or information is needed from Pastor Deb before she goes on sabbatical, please let her know as soon as possible.

*Pastor Deb has asked Council members and the congregation pray for leaders needed for this season in our congregation to step forward to fill the three Council positions and one alternate position which will be open in January.



Mission Of The Month

PINE RIDGE ENERGY ASSISTANCE MATCHING FUND PROGRAM

The Energy Assistance Matching Fund is exactly what the title says. If someone on the Pine Ridge Reservation is in need of assistance with energy bills, they can apply at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center for matching funds. This means whatever money they have available to put towards their energy bill can be matched with money from the fund if funds are available and the criteria are met. The matching funds are sent directly to energy company to ensure they are used to pay the energy bill. *If you would like to financially support this fund, place your contribution in the Globe offering or in the offering plate. Donations for the Mission of the Month can also be made online through Tithley. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for being a blessing in helping others stay warm this winter.*



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Worship in building and live online-Sundays 9:30am
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
DOG Night Wednesday nights at 5:30pm

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