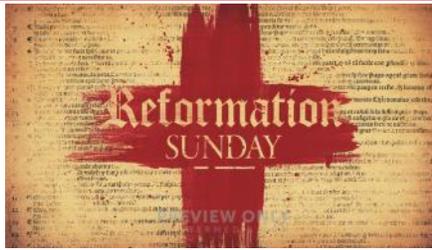


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"What is Reformation Sunday?" This is a great question asked by people of all ages and faiths. Janet Mulrone Clark offers the following explanation in her article *"What Is the Meaning of Reformation Sunday?"* found at www.classroom.synonym.com.

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.

Pastor Deb Grismer



Hermosa/ Fairburn Food Pantry

OPEN Thursday
October 20th
3:00-5:00pm

**Located at Hermosa Town
Hall-Lower Level
230 Main Street Hermosa**

For information please contact Lois at
255-5299.



**Feeding SD Food Box
Friday, October 7th
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

October 30, 2022

WEAR RED FOR
Reformation



All are invited to **wear red** on Reformation Sunday as we celebrate our Lutheran history and acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is also Potluck Sunday so plan on staying after worship for food and fellowship.

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**

All are Welcome

Join WELCA at our next gathering

Tuesday, October 11th at 9:30 am at OSL and via Zoom

We will be studying the October Bible Study in the Gather magazine

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Deb Hostess: Judy Stanley

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

This month we will explore Session Two: Soil

We will look at moments from the beginning, when God formed the first human, to the times that Jesus taught people about the Parable of the Sower and the Parable of the Fig Tree. Scripture reminds us of our kinship with soil and how necessary healthy soil is for growth. We will also read about rocks that can, and do, sing praise to God. We will pay attention not only to the environment in which Jesus lived, but to the ground and soils upon which we live and depend.

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.



MONDAY, 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

We are looking for singers!

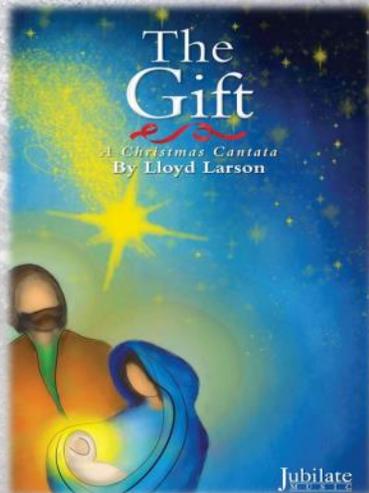
Christmas is a season of celebration, gratitude, and giving - this cantata focuses on the ultimate Christmas gift, Jesus. Brimming with beloved carols and exciting new songs, *The Gift* traces the ageless Christmas story through the lens of gratitude and our response to the Greatest Gift.

Pastor Deb Grismer, Director
Chantry Nelson, Accompanist

1st Practice:

Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 pm at Hermosa Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 14313 Broken Spoke Place

Performance is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 at 3 pm.
Weekly practice days and times will be determined at the first practice.



November 6th

Names of those who have died in the past year will be read during worship on November 6th 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. 3rd by either calling or emailing the church office. (605-255-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net)

Basement Update from Your Church Council Members

Yes, the process of putting the kitchen and fellowship hall areas back together after the flood continues. Adjusters from our insurance company have assessed the damage caused by the water and submitted reports as to what the insurance company is willing to cover and the amount of money they are willing to give out. The Council did not feel everything needed was included in the estimate so asked ServPro to come and do an assessment and submit their findings on our behalf. This was completed with ServPro submitting a higher claim estimate to our insurance company. The insurance company

rejected these findings citing our policy and what was covered. At the Council meeting in September, members discussed next steps. It was determined a couple more questions needed to be asked before a special meeting of the congregation could be called. Once we receive answers to these questions, Council will put information together with options for the congregation regarding the basement. This information will be distributed to the congregation and a special meeting will be called so the congregation has input on the final decisions for the basement repair. Council members thank everyone for their patience in this process. The wait is hard but Council is dedicated to making sure all information is gathered so the best decisions can be made to make sure the basement is put back together in the most professional way possible. Meanwhile, the classrooms and bathrooms in the basement are being used for Sunday Night Live ministry. The congregation continues to enjoy fellowship time upstairs after worship. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Bashnagel, Council liaison for the basement project. We are so grateful for all of the work Mike has volunteered to take on as a result of the flood as well as sharing his expertise in this area.

UPDATE



**Those who are grieving losses of any sort.

**Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including: Ashley and baby Ingrid James; Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); Roger Dikoff

**Those with on-going concerns, including Kimber Kaiser; David Vining; Ruth Henriksen; Bob and Peg Tesch; Glenyce (Cousin of Carla Oerter); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Marie Kennedy; Iris Brimer; Helen Murphy (Sister of Mikkey Twitero); Roger Spitzer (Friend of Dar and Gwen Schroeder); Clay Walberg; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik and her Mother; Joan and Barbara (Aunts of Carmen Lakner); David Henriksen (Brother of Rebecca Kaiser)

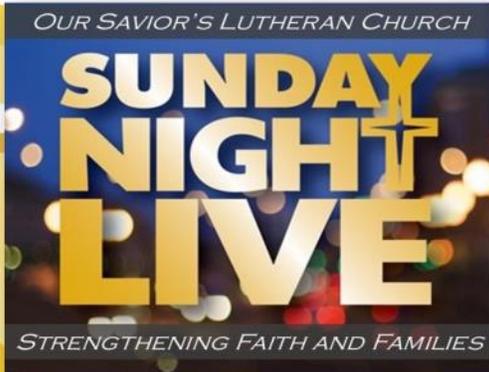
**For our military members and their families

**For our leaders at all levels

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far

**For people, animals and land recovering from storms and fires

**For all those affected by hurricanes and tropical storms



A **NEW** ministry coming to Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Open to the whole community
Beginning September 18th

Sundays 5:00pm-6:30pm

5:00-5:30 Classroom-style Christian Education for all ages (Birth to Adult)

5:30-6:00 Meal for All

6:00-6:30 Intergenerational Worship

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**For more information or to register, please contact Josie at 605-255-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net

It's a **NEW** season!

**DOG Night has ended....
Sunday Night Live is beginning!!!**

We had a small but mighty group kick-off our new Sunday Night Live ministry the 1st week as we talked about prayer.

The 2nd week focused on a lesson about the importance of sharing. We are excited to have had children from the age of 2, all grade groups in elementary and high school, all the way up to our adults attending the Sunday Night Live Bible Study. We all shared in a delicious meal from our meal team and then all participated in a short intergenerational worship. It was a great time and we would love for more to join us! Open to everyone birth to adult.





My name is Kimberly Wallace and I am the Western Volunteer Coordinator with Feeding South Dakota. On October 7, we have a mobile distribution in Hermosa and Red Shirt and desperately need volunteers to come out and help load cars. This opportunity is for individuals and groups 11+ and each site requires a two-hour commitment. Please let us know if any members of your church may be interested in this opportunity or if there is a way for you to help spread the word. Volunteers can follow the links below to sign up or they can call 605-348-2689 for more information.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Kimberly Wallace
 Western Volunteer Coordinator
 Feeding South Dakota
https://feedingsouthdakota.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=697309

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota is hosting an evening in support of Outlaw Ranch and you are invited! Friday, October 7th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Hay Camp Brewery, 601 Kansas City St Rapid City, SD. Please RSVP to info@losd.org or call 605-274-5326. We hope to see you there for food, fun, friends, and a great cause!
 Thanks!
 Matt Rusch
 Director, Outlaw Ranch

SD Synod Listen, Learn and Care Event for Bear Butte Conference
 October 18 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at South Canyon Lutheran

We're excited to announce that after a two-year hiatus, Listen, Learn, and Care events will be taking place in every conference around the Synod this fall. This is your chance to meet with Bishop Constanze and Associates to the Bishop Pr. Renee Splichal Larson and Pr. Jonathan Steiner and share your thoughts about how things are going in your congregation and around the Synod. All attendees will have time in a small-group setting with the Bishop and both Associates.

*Input from these events led to the formation of the "Journeying Together in Christ" vision which has guided the Synod Staff from the beginning of Bishop Constanze's term. Now, halfway through her term, we are eager to hear from you for input about where we are as a Synod now and where we need to go in the future. **All rostered ministers, lay leaders, and congregational members are invited to attend.** Bishop Constanze, Pastor Renee and Pastor Jonathan will be touching on the three expressions of the Church – Congregation, Synod and Churchwide as part of this event.*

Fall Festival– Sponsored by the Fairburn United Women of Faith

Saturday October 8th

Fairburn United Methodist Church

Dinner 4:30-6

**Indian Tacos, Soups, Desserts– Free will Donation for Dinner

Auction 6:00pm

Cake Walk, Fish Pond, Fall Quilt and Pies for Auction



**Thank you from Mr. Paris and the Hermosa School staff for helping with the Open House picnic.

**Thank you to Pastor Deb and Our Savior's Lutheran Church members for working with the UCC and St Michael's Catholic Churches in making the 2022 Duck Race a success.

We were able to raise over \$2000 for the backpack program to help feed local school children. I really appreciated your cooperation and spirit of enthusiasm in making this even happen. –Jim Preston

**thank you
for giving**

Financial Update

January - August 2022 Income: \$75,868.09
January - August 2022 Expenses: \$88,327.22
Net Ordinary Income: -\$12,459.13

The numbers don't tell the whole story but for those who like numbers, this is as stripped down as we can get. Regular offerings make up the majority of our income as a community of faith. Right now offering continues to decline. There are so many reasons for this. We thank those who are continuing to give regularly. Ministry continues to happen. We are using savings to meet our expenses but recognize this can't happen forever. Thank you to those who continue to give financially to OSL as part of your worship and commitment to your family of faith. It is not too late to get into the habit of financial giving to your family of faith. Offering can be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at or mailed to OSL or given using an electronic method, such as Tithly or online bank payments.

If you would like more detailed information on OSL financial mission plan, please contact Mike at 605-858-3402 or treasurerslhermosa@gmail.com. The detailed printed Treasurer's Report approved at the September Council meeting is also



Church Council Meeting Highlights September 18, 2022

Note: Information presented at the Church Council meeting but mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter is not duplicated here. The Council agenda for September is hanging up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Present: Chelle Schefcik, Linda Morrison, Gene Deyo, Gloria Olawsky, Dar Schroeder, Mike Baschnagel, Jason Virtue, Pastor Deb Grismer

Committee Updates:

Property Committee

- *The committee is working on the downstairs window well drainage issue.
- *Thank you to Steve and Patti Pendegraft and Jason Schefcik for all of their behind-the-scenes work.

Outreach Committee

- *Planning Trunk or Treat

Mission Committee

- *Received \$465.00 in August for the Hermosa School/Teachers

Worship Committee

- *Discussed arrangements for coverage in September when Pastor Deb is gone
- *Approved Fall worship series
- *Began planning for advent & Christmas services

Education Committee

- *We are now getting ready for our Sunday Night Live. It is starting Sept 18 from 5 until 6:30. Material was received, in process of finishing rooms. Thank you so much to those who helped with the cleaning out of the rooms downstairs. We had a great summer with the campers and youth group, now we are ready for fall.

Pastor Deb's Report

- *THANK YOU to all WELCA members and our Committees members who have been working hard and quietly completing the mission to which they have been called. THANK YOU to those who have stepped forward to help fill in the gaps when help has been needed. The mission and ministry of this congregation continues because of all of you.
- *Pastoral care this month included hospital and home visits, phone calls, office visits, a baptism and a funeral.
- *Chelle and I are working on getting notes put together to send to our students of higher education to let them know we are thinking of them.
- *WELCA members are going to begin serving meals once a month at the Luther House in Rapid. If you would like to be a part of the team doing this, please contact Gwen Schroeder or Pastor Deb.

Council Action/Decisions:

- *Karen & Diana Lescarbours have transferred to Faith Lutheran in Rapid City.
- *We have permission to put the "Hermosa Churches Welcome You" signs up again. Pastor Deb is working with Jim Preston and Leo VanSambeek to get them up.



Mission of the Month

St James Lutheran Church, Belle Fourche

We have the opportunity this month to support our sister congregation, St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche with our financial donations. In June, the church, parsonage and many members of the congregation received extensive damage to their properties from a hail and rain storm. As the congregation and community continue to clean up and make repairs from the storm, insurance is helping with the financial cost but significant expenses are not covered, including extremely high deductibles. Our financial contributions will help relieve some of the stress and financial burden as a result of the storm from the congregation so they can focus their energy on continuing the wonderful ministry to which they have been called.

Donations for the Mission of the Month can be placed in the Globe offering bowl, offering plate, mailed to OSL or given using the Tithly app. Please note "mission" in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity.



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