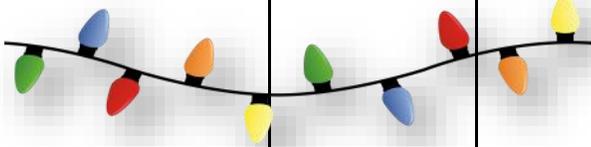
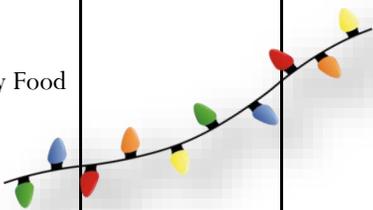
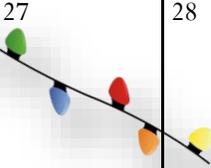
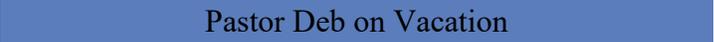


2022

December

OSL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 10:30-11:30am Feeding SD Truck @ St. Michael's	3
4 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30am Worship and Communion in the building and live on FB/YouTube 11:00-2:00 HAHA Christmas Carnival 5:00-6:03pm Sunday Night Live	5	6	7 6:00-6:30pm Kid's Cantata Practice 6:30 Adult Cantata Practice	8	9	10
11 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30am Worship in building and live online on FB/YouTube 10:30am Choir Practice 10:30am Basement Cleanup 1:00pm Food Bank Board Meeting in Fairburn 5:00-6:30pm Sunday Night Live	12	13 9:30am WELCA	14 6:00-6:30pm Kid's Cantata Practice 6:30 Adult Cantata Practice	15 3:00-5:00pm Hermosa/ Fairburn Community Food Bank open	16	17 
18 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30am Worship/ Communion in building and live on Facebook/YouTube 10:30am Church Council Meeting 3:00pm Community Cantata 5:00-6:30pm Sunday Night Live	19 	20 9:30-12:00 Bear Butte Conf. Leader's Gathering @ OSL	21 	22 6:30pm A Quiet Christmas Service	23	24 4:00 and 6:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Services
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 9:30am Worship in building and live on FB/YouTube <i>No Sunday Night Live</i> 	26 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	27 	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>
						

Something New This Christmas

Happy Advent, Community of Faith,

Yes, Christmas is in the air but we are in the season of Advent at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Advent literally means "coming" or "arrival". During this time, as we wait to celebrate the earthly arrival of the Christ child, we pause to wonder once again when the final coming of Jesus might be. We are reminded through Jesus' words in Matthew that no one knows when the final arrival of the Son of Man will be, not even the Son. Only God knows. (Matthew 24:36) We believe in the hope of Christmas, the arrival of God's Word made flesh. We know the rest of the story and are reassured that we don't need to worry about the final arrival of Jesus because we are saved. Instead we are free to watch of the continual coming of God every day of our lives. We are free to be a part of God showing up in the world each day through our words, our actions and how we live out our faith.

This Advent season, let's take moments in the midst of the business of preparing for Christmas to pause and breath and be open and ready to be found wherever and whenever God shows up. Let's open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to experience something new this Christmas. Not something that can be bought or sold, but an ongoing transformation of our daily life through the One who comes to us at Christmas and the one who will come again at the culmination of time. Let's intentionally look for ways God shows up and allow them to deepen our connection to God, to others and to our mission in the world. In this time of darker days, let's look for new ways the light of God is shining around us and through us.

Happy Advent!

Pastor Deb



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
You Are Invited to celebrate Christmas with us
as we experience *Something New This Christmas*
through music, scripture, candles, prayers and
Holy Communion.

A Quiet Christmas Service

Candlelight Service with Communion

All are welcome at this special service designed
for those who are seeking a quieter service to
celebrate Christmas.

Thursday Dec. 22nd 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Services

Candlelight Service with Communion

Saturday, Dec 24th 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Christmas Day Services

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Sunday Dec 25th 9:30am

*All services are in person and livestreamed on
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Facebook page and YouTube Channel*

THE COMING OF GOD

Our God is the One who comes to us
in a burning bush,
in an angel's song,
in a newborn child.

Our God is the One who cannot be found
locked in the church,
not even in the sanctuary.

Our God will be where God will be
with no constraints,
no predictability.

Our God lives where our God lives,
and destruction has no power
and even death cannot stop
the living.

Our God will be born where God will be born,
but there is no place to look for the One who comes to us.

When God is ready
God will come
even to a godforsaken place
like a stable in Bethlehem.

Watch . . .
for you know not when
God comes.

Watch, that you might be found
whenever
wherever
God comes.

By Ann Weems *Kneeling in Bethlehem.*

Thank You!

WANTED:

Poinsettias for Christmas

The Worship Committee needs your help in decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias this year. You are invited to loan poinsettias to OSL for the Christmas services or make a financial donation to purchase flowers on your behalf. Poinsettias can be dropped off at the church beginning Sunday, December 18 and picked up anytime after the final Christmas Eve service on December 24. Financial donations can be dropped off anytime before December 22. Please indicate the donation is for flowers. If you would like to loan or purchase a flower in honor or memory of someone, please let Josie know by December 18. Thank you for your help.



Dear OSL,

"One of our joys is the opportunity to thank you for all that you do and to wish you and yours a happy Thanksgiving." You have blessed Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota with a generous gift. Your gift allows Lutherans Outdoors to continue serving participants of all ages to a quality experience at NeSoDak Bible Camp, Klein Ranch and Outlaw Ranch."

Dear Friends, Through your generous gifts, the HOPE Center continues to be a safe and welcoming place for those in need. Thank you for helping us build bridges out of poverty for those we serve.

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran,
Thank you for your donation. We really appreciate it! May God richly bless you all!
-The Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

An Invitation for Engagement

Is growing in faith on your list of New Year's resolutions? Maybe you would like to become more engaged in your family of faith. Your faith family needs your gifts and skills to lead the congregation in 2023! Here are two ways to become more involved at OSL.

1. **Serve on Church Council** Dar Schroeder, Jason Virtue and Gloria Olawsky will be finishing their terms as Church Council members and alternate this month. We are grateful for their work as they served on Council. We are looking for nominees to fill their positions. The Church Council is responsible for the big picture leadership in the church. A Church Council member also serve as a liaison on each of the committees so everyone can work together as a team. Council members are elected at the annual meeting in January and need to be members of OSL.
2. **Serve on a Committee** The every day decisions and details of ministry are overseen by various committees outlined in our constitution. The Worship Committee, Property Committee, Education Committee, Mission Committee and Outreach Committee are looking for new members. New people bring new ideas and new energy to those committees. Are you passionate about any of these areas of ministry? Please prayerfully consider joining a committee. These are appointed and not elected positions open to any worshiper at OSL.

Please prayerfully consider becoming more engaged in your family of faith by serving in a leadership position. Council members and/or Pastor Deb will be happy to visit more about any of the positions. Ministry descriptions can be seen in the narthex on the bulletin boards by the main doors. Serving on Council or on a committee is a good way to grow in faith and in relationship with others as you serve God and your community of faith.



Financial Update

January - October 2022 Income: \$92,608.48

January - October 2022 Expenses: \$107,008.20

Net Ordinary Income: **-\$14,399.72**

Regular offerings make up the majority of our income as a community of faith. We are able to pay all of the bills needed to keep our ministry going by drawing from savings. Thank you to those who are continuing to give regularly and have even increased your giving to help with the deficient. We had a good conversation around our offering reality and some of the possible why's the offering is not meeting the expenses this year at our last council meeting. Pastor Deb has also had the opportunity to visit about this with some members individually. She is more than willing to set up time with others who would like to be in conversation as well. There are so many factors at play with no easy answers. We will be focusing on this in 2023. 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 October Council meeting is also hanging on a bulletin board in the narthex.

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!



The OSL Church Council Highlights November 20, 2022.

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

Highlights not covered elsewhere in the newsletter.

Property Committee: Sign-up sheet for sidewalk and deck snow removal will be placed in the narthex. The basement drain has been added to the committee's task list. This Committee is in need of additional members.

Outreach Committee: Trunk or Treat went well. Approximately 200 children and 16 trunks attended. Served 150 hotdogs and could have served more but they ran out.

Education Committee: Approximately 25 adults and children are participating in Sunday Night Live. (Update: The Education Committee met on November 21 and made the decision to keep Sunday Night Live ministry until the end of the school year. In Fall 2023, they will move the Sunday Night Live format to Wednesday evenings when it will become Wednesday Night Live.)

Mission Committee: \$952.00 was collected for St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche for the Mission of the Month in October.

Other Discussion:

*A first look at the 2023 Financial Mission Plan was conducted. Council members will be taking the information back to their committees to see if there are any requests from committees which might require additional financial resources.

*Update items: Pasator Jonathan Steiner, DEM, will attend the December Council meeting to present some Stewardship and Outreach programs for us to consider implementing in 2023.

*Mike will contact ServPro to sign a contract to complete work on basement. Once a timeline is in place, additional next steps will be taken. We will continue to keep the congregation updated.

*We continue to seek people willing to serve on Church Council as Dar, Jason and Gloria (alternate) are completing their terms at the end of the year.

*The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on January 22, 2023 following worship. Annual reports are due to Josie by the end of December. Any financial reports are due as soon as the year-end financials have been received and reconciled.

*Pastor Deb and Mike are seeking people willing to serve on the Audit Committee for OSL.

Next Council meeting will be held December 18, 2022 following worship.



Pastor Deb's work email is now working properly again. She can be reached at www.pastordeb@oslhermosa.com
Thank you Richard Stinson for fixing the problem!

Big News Hot Off the Press

On November 20, 2022, a special congregation meeting was held with 34 worshipers (31 voting members) in attendance. On behalf of the Council, Mike Baschnagel, Chelle Schefcik and Pastor Deb walked through the timeline and steps taken so far in securing finances to put the basement back together again. ServPro worked with the insurance company on our behalf. After three adjustors looked at the basement and lots of back and forth happened, the insurance coverage quote went from \$16,569 on July 3 to \$31,766 as of October 12. ServPro was asked to provide an estimate for doing the work to restore the kitchen and fellowship areas. On August 17, an estimate of \$37,530 was given.

After much discussion and lots of questions, including the reusing of the kitchen counters and counter tops, the congregation voted 25 to 6 in favor of the following motion:

Move to use ServPro and go with their scope of work that includes new cabinets (top and bottom) flooring for kitchen and dining area, drywall patching, taping, texturing and painting of large fellowship room), resting dishwasher and sink. Final cleaning of whole area. Clean and deodorize the carpet in fellowship room.

This motion came with the understanding that the congregation is responsible for the financial balance between the amount given by the insurance company and the amount charged by ServPro. Council members have already committed to giving \$1500 to this special project. Esther Downen's family has also asked her memorial money be used to restore the basement. Mike was given the authority to sign the contract with ServPro. Volunteers were called for to be on the Basement Team which will make the final detail decisions such as paint colors, flooring, cabinets, etc.

Steps Taken Since the Meeting

1. Mike Baschnagel, Steve Pendegrift, DiAnn Deyo and Pat Mack have agreed to serve on the Basement Team. (Thank you so much!)
2. Mike signed the contract with ServPro and discovered their wait list has decreased significantly.

ServPro now is looking at starting on the basement mid-December!!!

So....

December 11 – Content Manipulation will happen after fellowship! We can save some money if we empty everything out of the rooms ourselves. We need able bodies to help after move everything out of the kitchen area and fellowship room. Exactly where stuff will be moved is still under investigation but hopefully, we can use one of the classrooms for most of it.

Cabinets – The decision was made to get new cabinets for several reasons. However, Council members agree most of the cabinets can be used in non-commercial settings. We would like to donate the cabinets to whoever would like them with the condition, they need to get them. If someone wants to load them to take to the Resale store in Rapid as a donation, that is also a possibility. Please contact Mike at 605-858-3402 if you are interested in the cabinets as soon as possible.

Finances – A basement special project line item has been set up for those who would like to give a special offering to help make up the gab between insurance coverage and actual costs. Please include “Basement restoration” in the line item of a check or include a note with cash.

Thank you for your patience as we work to get the basement restored. We look forward to gathering there again soon.





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

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



**Feeding SD Food Box Drop off
Friday, December 2nd
St. Michael's
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

HAHA Christmas Carnival 2022

Sunday, December 4
11 am to 2 pm
Hermosa Community Center
122 Vilas Street

FOOD AND GAMES



Photos and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

FUN FOR ALL AGES



Church office will be closed
December 26th for Christmas Day and
January 2nd for New Years Day

amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Just a friendly reminder: If you are ordering your Christmas gifts and things from Amazon, you can use the link below through Amazon Smile. They will then donate a portion of your purchase to OSL! That's it! Nothing more for you to do, except to use the link! SUPER EASY! Thank you for thinking of OSL when you are doing your Amazon online shopping!

<https://smile.amazon.com>



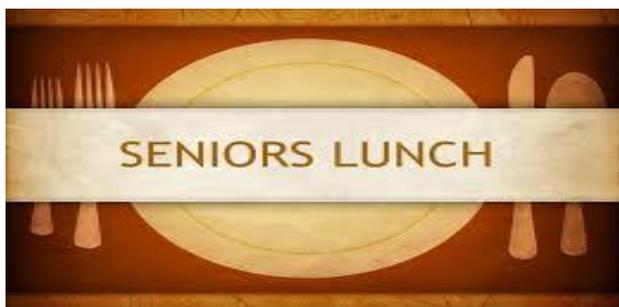
You don't want to miss this month! Cathy Dahl is planning something fun for all of us!!!

"All are Welcome"

Our invitation can reflect the hospitality of Jesus.

Join WELCA at our next gathering
Thursday, December 8th at 9:30 am at OSL
Christmas Devotional and Christmas Potluck Party

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



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

Come One! Come All!

ANNUAL MEETING

January 22rd 2023!

Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank

SOUPER BOWL

Fundraiser

Saturday, January 21st

2023

Hermosa
 Fairgrounds
 Beef Building

5:00pm
 Soup Supper
 (Donation)

5:30pm
 Basket
 Auction



A great time to get your Super Bowl snacks and fixings as well as other yummy treats and fun gifts!

The Community Food Bank has helped to feed approximately 178 families in the past year and the number is growing. This meal and auction is the only fundraiser held by the Food Bank Board. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support!

pray. trust. believe.

Please Pray For...

- **Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Pastor Leroy Flagstaff and Robert Lewis (Friend of Tammy Dennert)
- **Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including Bob Tesch; Rose Bintliff (Friend of the Kaisers); Keith Buchholz (Brother-in-Law of Judy Stanley); Ruth Henriksen (Mother of Rebecca Kaiser); Ashley; LeAnn (Friend of Mikkey T.); Kathy (sister of Mikkey T.) Seth and Brenda (Friends of the Baschnagels); Mike; Abbot (Great-Grandson of Lane); Dorothy Wall (Friend of Toni Ramsey); Kirt Burt (Friend of the Kaisers)
- **Those with on-going concerns, including Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); Kimber Kaiser; David Vining; Peg Tesch; Glenyce (Cousin of Carla Oerter); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Marie Kennedy; Iris Brimer; Clay Walberg; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Barbara (Aunt 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



The Mission Committee is excited to announce we will be working with LSS of Rapid City and the Hermosa School again this year to provide Christmas gifts for local children as well as the youth who are a part of the Arise program. There are several ways you can participate. Thank you for helping children to experience God's love at Christmas time.

How to participate in the 2022 Local Angel Tree Mission

1. Donate financially to the OSL Angel Tree Mission of the Moment beginning now through December 31st. Cash or checks (write Mission on the memo line) can be mailed or dropped off at the church. Give online through Tith.ly (drop down menu has Mission of the Moment option.) These donations will be used to shop for gifts on tags not taken from the tree. (Pastor Deb will shop for any last-minute gift requests we receive.)
2. Take an ornament off the tree in the narthex. Purchase the gift and return it wrapped or unwrapped by December 11. Please attach the tag to the gift. Please only purchase what is on the tag. Each child has multiple tags so they will receive multiple gifts. The gift list provided by the parents have been separated onto the tags so that each child in the family receives the same number of gifts. If you would like an ornament mailed to you, contact Josie or Pastor Deb. Please do not include your name or any other gift tag on the wrapped gift.
3. The Mission Committee will be wrapping the gifts on Monday, December 12th beginning at 10 am. All are invited to come help wrap. Wrapping supplies will be furnished.



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**Worship Sundays Mornings 9:30am
**Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
**Sunday Night Live Intergenerational Worship
Sunday Evenings 5:00pm

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