2023



OSL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I 9:30am Worship in building and live on Facebook and YouTube No Sunday Night Live	2	3	4	5	6 10:30-11:30 Feeding SD Truck @ St Michael's	7
8 9:30am Worship with Communion in building and live on Facebook and YouTube 10:45 Choir Practice 3:30pm First Communion Class 5:00pm Sunday Night Live	9 9:30-10:30am Bible Study	10	11 5:30-6:30pm Bible Study	12	13	14
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CAMP CALENDAR



FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12th) SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)

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WEEK 7

WEEK 8 SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)

WEEK 9



LOSD.ORG

Bible Camp Registration Is Now Open!!! Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (LOSD) is dedicated to quality faith experiences and hospitality for all, and has been for more than 65 years. Christian camping allows each person to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation. Campers live and play in a nurturing environment, which in turn leads them to build a stronger faith foundation, discover personal gifts and develop new skills, as well as connecting with others and building life-long relationships.

Some other things campers will learn during a Bible Camp experience...

Controlled Independence: Kids learn responsibility and independence by keeping their bunks tidy, keeping their clothes together, and being ready on time...all under the supervision of adult leaders. Positive Role models: From the rec staff to the leadership staff to fellow campers, kids are surrounded by godly role models who encouraged them in their relationship with God.

They will encounter God: A Bible-believing camp is the perfect opportunity for your kids to step into their own relationship with God. For a few days they are not distracted by home life, sibling squabbles, or pressure from school. It's just them and God. And...IT'S FUN!

Do you have questions, or would like to get registered? Contact Josie in the church office (605-255-4662) or Pastor Deb (605-890-0781)

**There are scholarships and funds available to help with the cost of camp if needed. For all the information about each camp, visit www.losd.com



Bible Study Opportunities

Mondays from 9:30 to 10;30 am Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30

Beginning Next Week (January 8-14) Bring your Bible and join Pastor Deb and others in her office or on Zoom, as together we dig deeper into Scripture. We will focus on the texts for the next Sunday as we ponder what God might be wanting us to hear.

No experience is necessary. Don't have a Bible? Pastor Deb will be happy to get one for you. Everyone is welcome so don't hesitate to invite friends and family to be a part of the study as well. They don't need to be a part of OSL to participate.

> Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Book Study Opportunity - *Life Together* Thursdays at 10:00 am in person and via Zoom Beginning Thursday, January 19

A discussion of Christian fellowship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "This story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship."

Books are \$6.00. Please let Pastor Deb know ASAP if you would like her to order you a book. You are also free to order one yourself. They can be found various places online and are available electronically.

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Coming in February - Grief Support Group

NEW to OSL - Pastor Deb will lead a group using The Grief Lectionary: A Scriptural Approach to Accessing and Processing Your Grief. This small group recourse was written by a pastor who walked through her own grief as her first marriage dissolved and her second husband died just three years after they were married. We will not only look at grief through the lens of Scripture but also support each other as we process losses in our own lives.

*A time and date have not been set yet. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Pastor Deb so a mutually agreeable time and date can be set. Ideally, this will be open to the whole community.



On behalf of my Dad, Leon Carpenter, thank you to all OSL members who reached out for my Dad. –Rod Carpenter **Also, thank you to all those that donated food for the service and helped serve.

Dear Our Savior's
Lutheran, Thank you
for your donation of
\$278.79!! May God
richly bless you all.
-Jamie
Pine Ridge
Reconciliation Center

Thanks to the generous donations from you and others in our community, we were able to expand our goal. We were able to donate to WAVI and The Mission. Thank you all so much. -Kids Inc 4H Club *Kimber, Tyler, Jared, Taj, Ari, Morgan, Austin, Tylee, Keira, Tynlee, Kinley, Taylor, Cassidy, Charlee, Jayden, Dani, Ozzie

This holiday season,
May your home be
filled with happiness
and light and your
Christmas be merry
and bright! Thank
you for supporting
I SSI

Our Savior's Lutheran Church: We at Arise wanted to send out our thanks for the wonderful donations you provided to our youth at Arise over the Christmas Holiday! The youth enjoyed the gifts you provided. Thank you very much for thinking of our Arise program over the holidays.

- **Thank you for the gifts! Merry Christmas! -From Gary
- **I'm thankful for the gifts u gave me. I'm happy that u thought of me. XOXO I bless u an ur family. Love ya'll to the moon and back. —From Allisia W.
- **Thank You for making my Christmas brighter. I now smell fresh and clean because of the body wash you gave me. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
- **Thank you so much for the gifts. I truly appreciate all that you donated. It means a lot. You are a blessing and are really kind and caring. What you did was thoughtful. –E
- **Hi, thank you so much. Thank you for the presents and the good cooked meal. It's just what I needed being here, especially on the holiday. I'm thankful for a person like you. You make this possible for people like me. Thank you and Happy New Years. –Jade C



"All are Welcome" Our invitation can reflect the hospitality of Jesus.

Join WELCA at our next gathering
Thursday, January 12th at 9:30 am for our Belated
OSL Christmas Devotional and Christmas Potluck
Party. You don't want to miss this month!
Cathy Dahl is planning something fun for all of us!!!

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

#FlatNativity

The flat nativity scenes were handed out at our Christmas Services. Thank you to all that took the flat nativity on their adventures and shared your pictures with us.

Baby Jesus is still on the move!! Please continue to post your photos to our Facebook page or email them to Josie in the church office. osl@mt-rushmore.net











































OPEN Thursday January 19th 3:00-5:00pm

Located at Heartland Hair 300 E Main St. Hermosa

For information please contact Lois at 255-5299.



Feeding SD Food Box Drop off Friday, January 6th St Michael's Catholic Church 10:30-11:30am

Feeding SD's new rules....

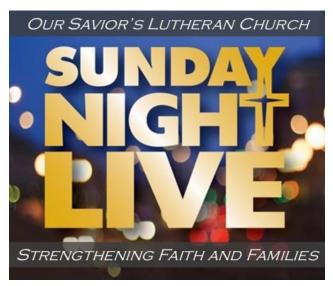
*Must have photo ID with you

*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

Please Pray For...

- **Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Shirley (Aunt of Jason Virtue); Hiram Neiffer (Grandfather of Jana Virtue)
- **Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including Randy Eley (son of Peg Tesch); Ruth Henrickson (Mother of Rebecca Kaiser); Sarah Fischer; John Sunding; Ken (Brother of Cathy Dahl); Rose Bintliff and Kirt Burt (Friends of the Kaisers); Keith Buchholz (Brother-in-law of Judy Stanley); LeAnn (Friend of Mikkey T.); Seth and Brenda (Friends of the Baschnagels; Mike; Abbot (Great-Grandson of Lane); Dorothy Wall (Friend of Toni Ramsey)
- **Those with on-going concerns, including Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); David Vining; 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; 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
- **For those who are homeless and those whose homes do not provide warmth and safety
- **For those who the holiday season is an especially hard time and for those who walk with them



Join us Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30 for learning, food and worship.











Agenda Items Include:

- *Presentation of reports from President, Committees and others
- *2022 Treasurer's Report
- *Proposed 2023 Mission Plan
- *Election of Council Members

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.



**Pastor Deb will be offering a 1st Communion Class at 3:30 pm this Sunday for children (and parents) before they celebrate their First Communion Milestone and/or for those who would like to learn more about communion. Please register with Josie, Administrative Assistant, ahead of time so we can make sure to have enough supplies ready. Call 605-255-4662 or email at osl@mt-rushmore.net.



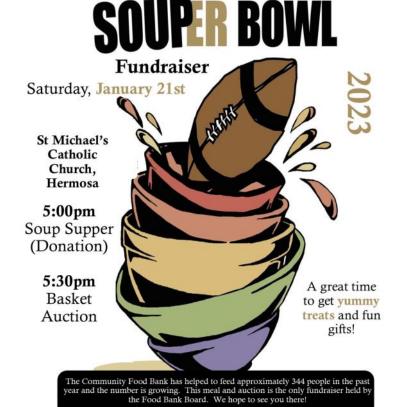
Sunday, January 22 Following the Annual Meeting

Come for worship
Participate in the Annual Meeting of the
Congregation
Stay for food and fellowship

The OSL Church Council invites you to bring a dish to pass and join them for great food and great conversation after the Annual Meeting wraps up.

Beginning in February, our monthly potlucks will resume on the last Sunday of each month.

> Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank



Thank you for your support!



Church Council Meeting Highlights December 18, 2022

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

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

Guest: Pastor Jonathan Steiner, DEM and Associate to the Bishop

Ministry Mission Plan Updates

*Mission Committee

- *Shopped for and wrapped gifts for Angel Tree
- *\$2,026.69 was donated for the November Mission of the Month to help Kimber Kaiser with medical expenses.

*Worship Committee

- *Services are planned for Christmas.
- *Worship Committee will lead services on January 1.
- *The 2nd and 4th Sundays will be worship with Holy Communion in January.

*Education Committee

*Sunday Night Live will continue until the end of the school year. The current plan is to move this format to Wednesday's (Wednesday Night Live) in the fall.

*Pastor Deb's Report:

- *Thank you to everyone who helped with content manipulation in the basement.
- *I will be hosting the BBC Leaders on 12/20 for our monthly gathering. Thank you to Linda, Gwen and Doris
- *for cooking lunch for the group.
- *I have enjoyed directing the Community Christmas Cantata Choir, the concert will be this afternoon.
- *I will be on vacation Dec. 28 Jan 2.
- *Pastoral care included home visits, office visits, hospital visits and phone calls.
- *Leon Carpenter passed away on Saturday morning. His funeral will be on Wednesday morning at OSL.
- *I have begun attending Southern Hills Text study group again.

Other Discussion/Decisions

*Treasurer's Report/Financial Update

- *We have received two significant financial offerings in December which will help close the gap between this year's income and expenses.
- *The 2022 Financial Mission Plan was presented and approved to move forward to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting.

*Membership Update

*Donna Evjen told Pastor Deb they have joined South Canyon Lutheran Church since moving to Rapid. Donna and Les were removed from OSL membership.

*Woyotan Lutheran Church

*To help those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity this winter, Woyotan Lutheran Church in Rapid City is creating a mobile warming station. To help the project be successful they need help with either monetary donations or donations of any size roadworthy bus, adult size coats, hats, mittens, scarfs, blankets, snow pants, hand and feet warmers, cocoa mix, tea and coffee, paper products and financial gifts. This request was forwarded to the Mission Committee for consideration.

*Annual Meeting Information

*Gloria Olawsky and Russ Dahl have agreed to run for Church Council positions. A nominee for alternate continues to be a need.

*Stewardship and Outreach

*Pastor Jonathan Steiner visited with the council about moving forward as a church in the areas of stewardship and outreach as the church culture continues to change. He presented information about Faith X, LEAD, and Cultivating A Generous Congregation, three programs available to congregations through the SD Synod and ELCA which can help congregations continue to claim and fulfill their mission. The Church Council will take a deeper look at these options to help determine a focus for 2023.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to Dar Schroeder, Jason Virtue and Gloria Olawsky (alternate) for serving on the Church Council. We are so grateful for your leadership!

Note from Pastor Deb - Since the newsletter is being sent after the end of December, November financial specifics are not in this month's edition. Detailed financial information for 2022 will be available soon in the 2022 Annual Report.



Thank you, Charlee, for brining your 4H project to OSL. Thank you to all who donated to the mitten and hat and scarf drive. Our box was overflowing with warmth for people in our community.



Community Christmas
Cantata members

ANGEL TREE UPDATE: Thank you to all those that contributed to the Angel Tree at OSL this year! \$685.15, plus gifts, were donated!! Those donations provided 24 children/youth with Christmas gifts! Approximately 85 gifts were wrapped and delivered as we shared the joy of Christmas with others. Thank you to those who donated, those who wrapped and those who shopped for gifts. You made an impact on many lives.









Bring them to church

Bring them to church. Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior ... because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job. Bring them to church. We love your kids and look forward to seeing them here often!

The Mural Is Done!!!

A huge THANK YOU to Russ and Cathy Dahl for all your hard work, as well as everyone that contributed to the beautiful mural by completing a square. It turned out awesome!







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 the energy company to ensure they are used to pay the energy bill. As of mid-

December, over \$10,000 had already be given out to help families. 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 Sundays 9:30am In person and live online Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Sunday Night Intergenerational Services 5:00-6:30pm

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