

2023



OSL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study at OSL and on Zoom	2 10:00 am Book Study 	3 10:30-11:30am Feeding SD truck @ St Michael's Church	4
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook/ YouTube 5:00 pm Sunday Night Live	6 9:30 - 10:30 am Bible Study at OSL and on Zoom	7	8 5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study at OSL and on Zoom	9 10:00 am Book Study at OSL and on Zoom	10	11
12 6th Sun after Epiphany 9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/ YouTube 10:45 am Choir Practice 10:45 am New Member Gathering **No Sunday Night Live	13 No Bible Study	14 9:30am WELCA 	15 5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study (Zoom only)	16 10:00 am Book Study (Zoom only) 3:00-5:00 Hermosa/ Fairburn Food Bank open	17	18
Pastor Deb working off-site						
19 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook/ YouTube 10:30am Church Council Meeting 5:00 pm Sunday Night Live	20 Church Office Closed 9:30 - 10:30 am Bible Study at OSL and on Zoom 	21 AM - Bear Butte Confer- ence Leaders Gathering in Sturgis	22  ASH WEDNESDAY No Bible Study 6:30-8am Ashes to Go @ OSL 6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship @ OSL & live on FB/YT	23 No Book Study Pastor Deb at Synod Support to Ministry Meeting	24	25
26 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/ YouTube 10:45 am Choir Practice 5:00pm Sunday Night Live	27 9:30 - 10:30 am Bible Study at OSL and on Zoom	28				

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

So many questions! While doing some early digging into our Ask series for Lent, I was reminded how many questions are asked in Scripture by God, believers and non-believers. It also has me thinking about all of the questions I have had and been asked recently. In case you or someone you know have had the same questions, I offer some answers below. Do you have other questions about faith or OSL happenings? Please ask! Maybe this will become a monthly feature?

Questioning together, Pastor Deb

I would like to become more involved at OSL. What are some options?

We sincerely are blessed by the presence of all of our worshipers in the building and online.

Opportunities are available for those feeling called to be more involved in this community of faith.

+Sunday Morning Worship Team

Joy Neugebauer is always looking for people to serve as greeters/ushers, communion servers, communion preparers and readers for Sunday worship.

+Bible studies and book studies

All are invited to jump into the already scheduled and ongoing Bible study on Monday or Wednesday or the Book study on Thursday. All are in person or on Zoom. No experience necessary.

Come when you can.

+WELCA

All women are invited to be a part of our WELCA gatherings.

+Committees

The Committees are responsible for the ministry decisions and details that fall within their scope of work. The names of the committees pretty much describe their responsibilities.

*Worship Committee - Focuses on all things related to all worship services at OSL

*Mission Committee - Decides what our Mission of the Month will be each month of the year

*Outreach Committee - Focuses on opportunities for us to share God's love out in the community

*Property Committee - Assists in maintaining the property of the church and parsonage

*Education Committee - Focuses on our education ministries for children through adults

+New opportunities for cooks, bakers and gifters

*Meals at the Luther House - This is a new ministry taken on by OSL WELCA. On the 3rd Tuesday of each month we take a meal to feed those involved with LuMin Campus Ministry in Rapid City. If you would like to help with a part of a meal one or more months, please contact Gwen Schroeder. You are also invited to come and eat with the group and/or participate in Bible study following the meal as we build relationships with these college students and Rachel, their leader.

*LSS Birthday Bags - Pastor Deb and others have recently partnered with LSS to fill a void. We are providing a cake mix, frosting, candles and a couple of gifts for children currently in foster care through LSS. Pastor Deb receives a list each month of children who will have birthdays as well as some suggestions for gifts. WELCA members have provided cake mix, frosting and candles. If your love language is gifting and you would like to help purchase a gift for one or more of the children, please contact Pastor Deb and she will get you on the gift team. Currently there are nine children in this program.

How do I become a member of this congregation?

I would like to learn more about OSL and/or the ELCA.

If these are some of your questions, grab a cup of coffee and some goodies, bring your questions and join Pastor Deb around the table in her office for conversation.

New Member Gathering

Sunday, February 12 following worship

At the end of our gathering time, you will have time to decide if you would like to become a formal member of our congregation or not.

Yes, there is one form to be filled out to join.

New Member Milestone

New members will be recognized and received during morning worship on Sunday, February 29. This includes those members who have joined in the past couple of years but have not had a chance to be a part of this milestone during worship.



WELL THEN ASK!!!

Pastor Deb, Josie and Council Members are always more than willing to visit with you!!



OPEN Thursday
February 16th
3:00-5:00pm

***Located in the Lower Level of
Hermosa Town Hall
230 Main Street***

For information please contact
Deb Astin at 605-939-1992



Feeding SD Food Box Drop off
Friday, February 3rd
St Michael's 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

A place for you



The women's ministry organization of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

***"All are Invited" - Our invitation can reflect the
hospitality of Jesus.***

Join WELCA at our next gathering Tuesday, February 14th at
9:30 am at OSL

We will be diving into the *Gather* January Bible Study - *The Ten
Commandments: Reviving the Soul Dancing the Decalogue*
This is the first in a series focusing on the 10 Commandments.
It looks to be informative and fun.

Bible Study Leader: Cathy Dahl
Hostess: Linda Morrison

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

All women are invited to join us each month as we spend time in Scripture and to enjoy time with friends.

Elders' Wisdom Children's Song

Monday, February 6, 2023

*2:00 pm at the Hermosa Gym
6:30 pm Custer High School Theatre*

Custer School District's 4th grade students
present a celebration honoring three
members of our community.

Honorees:

*Diane Bishop
Donna Kothe
Gary Lipp*

Free Admission

Reception following program

**Custer High School
Rodeo Team Valentines Dinner & Dance**

Join Us

**February 10th, 2023 @ the Hermosa
Community Center**

Serving Starts @6 pm

Music presented by Jen Hartshorn to Follow Until 10 pm

Serving Cowboy Style

Beef Tri-Tip, Smoked Chicken

Baby Potatoes, Cowboy Beans

Salad, Bread, & Dessert

\$20 Adults, \$10 Ages 8-18, Ages 0-7 Eat Free

ANNUAL MEETING Highlights

Members of OSL met on January 22, 2023, following worship, for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting was led by Council Vice President Gene Deyo. Twenty-eight voting members of the congregation were present. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office or can be mailed out upon request.

The following 2022 reports were approved as printed in the Annual Report:

- *2021 Annual Meeting Minutes and Special Congregation Minutes
- *2022 Treasurer's Report
- *Committee and Team Reports
- *2023 Financial Mission Plan

Thank you to ...

- *Dar, Jason and Gloria for their leading and work on Council.
- *Chelle for her leadership as president during the last year
- *Mike for all of his hard work with the insurance company and basement clean up
- *Committee members for their hard work this past year.
- *Those who put in extra work while Pastor Deb was on sabbatical.
- *Pastor Deb for being present when she is needed.
- *Thank you for the congregation's generous support of our Mission of the Months.

Basement Update

- *We continue to be on ServPro's schedule. Mike will check to see if a new start date is projected.
- *The insurance company did increase their financial coverage to \$39,000+ which should come very close to coving all basement expenses. Donations are being received to cover extra costs which might come up.



Installation of all Council Members and Committee Members will take place during Worship on Sunday, February 19th

CHURCH COUNCIL



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Committees & Teams at OSL

It takes the whole congregation using their gifts and skills to accomplish the ministry that we have been called to do.

God called some of you to be leaders of the congregation! Thank you to everyone who has served on Committees at OSL. Would you like to continue serving in this way? Have you thought about using your gifts through being on a Committee at OSL? We would love to have you!

If you are interested in being on the Mission Committee, Education Committee, Property Committee, Outreach Committee or Worship Committee, please talk to Pastor Deb or any Church Council Member or just show up at a meeting. We need many hands to lighten the load.



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**

Please see the summer schedule. Camps Pastor Deb will be attending are marked.

	 OUTLAW RANCH	 NESODAK	 KLEIN RANCH
WEEK 1 JUNE 11-16	HOSTED CAMP STAFF-IN-TRAINING (9-12th)	CONFIRMATION 1 STAFF-IN-TRAINING (9-12th)	JUNE 4-9 STAFF/WRANGLER-IN-TRAINING (9-12th) YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)
WEEK 2 JUNE 18-23	YOUT CAMP (3-8th) PRIDE CAMP (9-12th)	CAMP GILBERT	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)
WEEK 3 JUNE 25-30	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12th)	CONFIRMATION 2 SIT (10-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)
WEEK 4 JULY 2-7	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12th) SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)	1-2-3 CAMP (1-3rd)* EXPLORERS (3-6th)* *JULY 5-7	CLOSED
WEEK 5 JULY 9-14	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12th) SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)	VENTURE CAMP (7-12th) FISHING CAMP (6-9th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)
WEEK 6 JULY 16-21	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12th) SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (3-8th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)
WEEK 7 JULY 23-28	YOUTH CAMP (3-8th) ADVENTURES (7-12th) SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)	VENTURE CAMP (7-12th) FISHING CAMP (3-5th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)
WEEK 8 JULY 30-AUG. 4	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12th) SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (3-6th)	REGISTER AT LOSD.ORG
WEEK 9 AUGUST 6-11		1-2-3 CAMP (1-3rd) AUG. 6-8 EXPLORERS (3-6th) AUG. 9-11	

Pastor Deb attending

Transportation can be arranged



OUTLAW RANCH, CUSTER SD
Hike and canoe, ride horses, worship around a campfire, meet camp counselors and friends, play lots of fun camp games and experience many more camp activities.



NESODAK, WAUBAY SD
Bible study, swimming, crafts, games, worship, and great camp food! Campers will experience small group, community living while spending their waking hours in and on Enemy Swim Lake.



KLEIN RANCH, ISABEL SD
Located on a real ranch, Klein ranch emphasizes horsemanship, small group living and teamwork. Campers will get to expand their faith and community by attending a Native American church. Campers will also camp under the stars, participate in water games on the Grand River and visit with neighboring ranchers.



Please Pray For...

******Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Mike (Brother of Cindy, one of our online worshippers), Jeanine (Cousin of Joy Neugebauer and Wyone Leonard), Shirley (Aunt of Jason Virtue), Hiram Neiffer (Grandfather of Jana Virtue), Jason (Brother of Dylan), Carter (Custer HS Senior), Max Wald (Father of Skylar, Roger Downen's Grandaughter)

******Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including LeAnn Maude; Denny Tesch; Josie Weekley; Elizabeth Mertz; Randy Eley (son of Peg Tesch); Ruth Henriksen (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); 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

It's crazy how the presence of God can completely change your mood and attitude in an instant. One worship song, one whispered prayer, one scripture verse can take you from the absolute worst mindset to a place of such peace and joy. There's nothing like the presence of God.



*Congratulations to Aspyrn Roe,
Sparrow Main, Kimber Kaiser,
Kyle Jacobson and
Katelyn Jacobson!*

It was an honor to celebrate their 1st Communion Milestone at Sunday Night Live with these children and their families. We will be celebrating this milestone again at a later date. If you have a child who would like to learn more about communion and celebrate this milestone, please contact Pastor Deb.

Ask

a Lenten series

At some point in every Christian's life, they discover a question about their faith and what they believe. Questions like, *What really happens when we die? How could God forgive me after what I've done? How do I know what God wants me to do next?* Sometimes one feels isolated when they discover that type of question, as if they are the only ones asking it. Like maybe the question feels forbidden, out-of-bounds.

But what if faith requires us to ask questions? What if questions are an essential part of our personal faith? What if we need questions to survive and grow as a community of faith? What if dialogue with God, *relationship* with God, requires questions. When we read Scripture, we discover questions everywhere.

Join Pastor Deb this Lent on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and or Wednesday evenings and be part of a worship series for anyone who has ever had a question about faith. Each worship will be slightly different but all will focus on questions asked in Scripture and by Christian's everywhere. Our series begins on Ash Wednesday and continues throughout Lent. All are invited to come to OSL and experience Ask!

Ash Wednesday Worship– February 22nd 6:30pm (There will not be a meal this evening)

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 am

Sunday Evening Worship – 6:00 pm with dinner before

Wednesday Evening Dinner Church – 6:30 pm (We will worship and eat together)

Ashes to Go



Wednesday, February 22 Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

**Or inside building if weather is awful*

6:30 – 8:00 am

All are invited to be a part of this sharing of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent outside of the traditional Ash Wednesday service. During this brief encounter with Pastor Deb, a brief prayer will be spoken, one Scripture verse read and the imposition of ashes will be done. You can stay in your car or stand with Pastor Deb outside your vehicle. If you would like Pastor Deb to travel to your home or place of work for *Ashes to Go*, please contact her before February 22 at 605-890-0781 or pastordeb@oslhermosa.com. This ministry is available to everyone in Hermosa or part of the larger community.

SOUP-ER BOWL CHALLENGE

The challenge is on at OSL! Who do you think will win the Super Bowl? The Eagles or the Chiefs? Vote for your team by putting money in the soup pot or adding Cup Noodles to the pile. Drop off items at the church during the week or bring them to worship on Sunday morning or evening. Voting will commence following offering during worship on Feb 12. The winner will be announced at the end of worship. The true winner though will be our Mission of the Month, Wambli Ska/Woyatan Mobile Warming Station which will receive all proceeds from this challenge. (In case you are wondering, the warming station can only use soup cups to which hot water is added. Pastor Deb found some at the Dollar General but she knows they can be found elsewhere in Rapid as well.)



*Thank you to everyone who played a part in the Hermosa-Fairburn Food Bank Soup-er Bowl Fundraiser on January 21. This event raised \$7537 for the food bank ministry. We couldn't do this without all of you.
Hermosa-Fairburn Food Bank Board Members*



WAMBLI SKAWOYATAN'S MOBILE WARMING STATION

This mobile warming station is the first of its kind in South Dakota. The Warming Bus is a collaboration of Woyatan Lutheran, the South Dakota Synod and Lutheran Disaster Response being Church Together. The mission of the ministry is to help serve those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity this winter. The bus travels throughout Rapid, providing a place people can come in and sit and rest, while receiving something warm to drink and soup to eat. Your financial donations will help pay for the expenses needed to keep the bus running, such as gas and insurance, and the supplies needed to share with others. If you would like to donate items, the ministry is currently in need of hand warmers, hot chocolate packets, disposable cups for hot liquids, Cup O Soup and gas cards. These items can be brought to the church throughout the month or dropped off at Woyatan Lutheran Church.

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.



**Our Savior's Lutheran
Church**

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**Website: oslhermosa.com
E-mail: osl@mt-rushmore.net**

****Worship Sundays 9:30am**

In the building worship and Live Facebook/YouTube

****Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month**

****Sunday Night Live Intergenerational Worship and Dinner Sunday
evenings from 5:00-6:30**

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