



2015 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship/Communion New Member Sunday <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	4	5 All Day Quilting	6 5:30-7:00 Youth Group Supper and Planning	7 National Day of Prayer	1  <i>May Day</i> 8	2 9
10 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	11	12 7:00 Men's Breakfast	13 	14	15 Registration closes for SD Synod Assembly	16
17 9:30 Fellowship Hour June Care and Serve meet 10:30 Worship/Communion Worship/Music Committee meeting after worship Directory pictures taken (see story) <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	18 June Newsletter Deadline 5:00 Piano Recital	19 9:30 WELCA	20	21	22 	23
24 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship <i>The Day of Pentacost</i>	25 Memorial Day Office closed	26 7:00 Men's Breakfast 6:30 Council Meeting	27	28	29	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> South Dakota Synod Assembly (details inside) </div>
31 9:30 Fellowship Hour 10:30 Worship Service of Healing Potluck following worship <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	 HAVE A GREAT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!				 "That's all folks!"	



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday 9:00–12:00 & 1:00–3:00
 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 –12:00

*Please stop in or call anytime
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***Church Council Meetings will be held
 on the 4th Tuesday of each month.***

Reflections from Pastor Deb

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:37-39

Grace and Peace to You, Children of God,

I write this while in the midst of preparing to finish up a wonderful year of D.O.G. Night (Disciples of God) as well as putting pieces together for another wonderful week of Community Vacation Bible School. I am reminded once again of the wonderful news that God's promises are not limited to a certain age or to a certain group of people of our choosing. Instead, as Peter put it so bluntly, the promises of God are for you, your children and everyone whom God calls to God!!

With this in mind, I extend a big, huge THANK YOU to all who have given of your gifts, skills, time and resources to help to pass on the faith to the children in the community of Hermosa and beyond. Thank you to the Our Savior's Lutheran community of faith for hearing and following through on your call to make available the opportunities for faith to be passed on not only to a chosen few but to everyone whom God calls. Thank you to the D.O.G. Night rotation leaders, helpers, supper providers and servers, parents, grandparents, prayerers and others who helped out in so many ways. Thank you to those who have and continue to pray for our children and the Christian education ministries at OSL. Thank you to all who have contributed financially so that these ministries can happen. Thank you to Peg and Gloria for all of your behind the scenes and in front of the scenes work not only for D.O.G. Night but also for Community VBS and other youth ministries. Thank you to all for showing up and feeding our children, not only physically but emotionally and spiritually as well. Yes, we all hope children learn a little bit about the Bible stories through these ministries. But more importantly, just by showing up, you are telling the children of our community that they matter. They are learning through your actions as well as your words about God's love. We all experience days where we wonder why we are doing what we are doing and wonder if we are making a difference. Be assured – YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS!!!! You have planted the seeds of faith. We have no idea what God will do with them from there. I always enjoy watching children grow and seeing God at work in their lives. Thank you for all each of you do for our children not only as a part of this community of faith but as part of the larger community as well. So many of you continue to show up for the children in your daily lives. Thank you for living your faith and showering children with God's love in so many ways. Through each of you, God's promises continue to come true.

God bless,
Pastor Deb

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Are you willing to share your talents with special music during one of our worship services. It could be a song you played or sang for contest, or school concert or just a favorite song. Contact Pastor Deb, Conni Virtue or Paula Jensen, or any member of the Worship/Music



Are you interested in helping lead worship? This includes assisting ministers, acolytes, etc. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY,** Children of all ages are welcome to volunteer. *Pastor Deb will train.* Please contact Pastor Deb.



MAY EVENTS

New Members **WEL·C·O·M·E** **Sunday, May 3** We will be welcoming new members into our church family. If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Pastor Deb.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!
Mark your calendar
May 6th, 5:30-7:00pm.

Youth Group Supper and Planning.
All youth 6-12 grades are invited to attend.

All men interested in getting together for food and fellowship are invited to the **Men's Breakfast** every other Tuesday morning at 7:00am at the church.
This months dates are May 12th and 26th.



JUNE CARE & SERVE TEAM!

will meet during fellowship on

Sunday, May 17

June Care & Serve Team Leader is Bill Dennert. His team is: Butch & Lois Rudd, Judy Stanley, Larry & Jenett VanDreissen.
Additional helpers will be needed.

The WELCA Bible Study will meet at 9:30 am, May 19 in the church fellowship hall.
Paula Warren will be leading the bible study.
Any ladies that would like a little extra bible study, we will be meeting at 8:45 AM to do the study on the "Old Testament" . Then at our regular 9:30 AM time we will have the study from our WELCA magazine, "Gather" along with our business meeting.



Chic Schneekloth will serve as our hostess.

All women are welcome to all or some of our busy morning.

God's Cupboard HAS MOVED!

It is now located at Pop's Grocery.

Hermosa Community Food Bank
'God's Cupboard'



OPEN May 28 3:00-6:00pm

A special thank you to all who helped move all the food items and cabinets from Our Savior's to Pop's Grocery. The volunteers were amazing.

For information please contact Lois Rudd at 255-5299 or Joy Moore at 255-5028.

2015 SD Synod Assembly

"Listen God Is Calling: Never Be the Same" on May 29-30 with a workshop and activities on May 28 at Calvary Lutheran, Rapid City. *Online Registration will close on May 15.* Guest speaker and ELCA Churchwide representative will be Rev. Dr. Robin Steinke, President of Luther Seminary and guest worship leader and musician will be Jay Beech. Cost is \$30 per person.

Pre-assembly Worship Workshop with Jay Beech Thursday, May 28, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm at Calvary Lutheran.

OSL needs 1 male, 1 female, and 1 youth to represent our church as a voting member. Please contact Pastor Deb if you are interested.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES will be Monday, May 25 at Fairburn Cemetery at 8am and Hermosa Cemetery at 9am, followed by coffee and treats at the American Legion Post Home in Hermosa.



POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, May 31 will be our next potluck dinner following worship service. Hope you can attend and pass the word along.

Why is there a red candle holder sitting on the organ? Where did it come from and what is its purpose?



It's Picture Time!

"It is picture time again at Our Saviors Lutheran. Sage Studios will be taking portraits of each member/family for our new directory for our church. The session is completely free and Sage Studios will be donating back 10% of any print orders that you make. The sessions will be offered throughout the year and the first date that is available for scheduling at this time is going to be Sunday, May 17th. Outdoor sessions will be available in the morning starting at 8AM. Indoor sessions for those who are not able to do outdoor sessions will be available starting at 1PM at the church. All portraits will be available for purchase at a special discounted rate for a limited time. Thank you in advance for your participation in making a great new directory for all of our members and our future members."

Sessions are limited for each available date so please contact the staff at Sage Studios and they will help you with scheduling your portrait session for the best available time. Phone: 605-255-4977 or Email: sagestudios@mac.com



When: June 15-19, 2015 9:00am – 11:30am

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hermosa

Open to Children PreK - 6th Grade

Youth & Adult Volunteers are also needed!

Registration forms are available at Our Savior's Lutheran Church or register online. Check out OSL's Facebook page or the website at oslhermosa.com.

For more information call: Peg at 255-4662, Gloria at 390-4901 or Pastor Deb at 890-0781.

Hope you can join us for a great week at VBS!

5 Ways Mothers Plant The Seeds of Love

1. They teach children about God's loving ways.
2. They show kindness to everyone.
3. They listen and share thoughtful advice.
4. They set a good example by showing patience and tolerance.
5. They help children bloom by encouraging them to succeed.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT OUTLAW RANCH

Passionate Quilters—May 1-3 and May 8-10

Youth Camp Grades 6-8—June 14-19

K-5 Parent/Grandparent Overnight—June 19-20

Youth Camp Grades 3-6—June 7-12

Adventures Grades 7-12—several dates still open

Black Hills Horse Riders Grades 7-12—June 28-July 3

For more info, contact Outlaw Ranch:

12703 Outlaw Ranch Rd, Custer SD 57730 Phone: 605-673-4040 Email: outlaw@losd.org

Remembering in our Prayers . . .

Clarice (Carla's aunt), Bill Birnbaum (Esther's newpew), Patricia (Adare's mother), Judy Stanley, Ron (Esther's nephew), Amy (Wyone & Joy's sister), Ralph & MJ (friends of Bob & Peg), Amy Perry, John Colgan (Betty's father), Rob & Lindsey (friends of Becky K), Michael Carter (Lisa's brother), Arthur Kohn, Glen Hogan (Herb Kaiser's brother-in-law), Archie (Tammy Dennert's dad), Paul (Kristen's father), Bernie (Shelley's brother), Lena (Deb VanSambeek's mother), John (Carol's brother-in-law), Ralph & Lois, Dan (Betty's brother), Varro & Dale, Bill (Adare's father), Jerry & Tom (Cleon's friends), Dee Ann, Nancy (Carpenter's daughter), Geraldine (Tiffany's grandmother), Jim (VanDreissen's cousin), Jessica (Zuerleins relative), Gary & Donna (VanDreissen's friends).



All men and women serving our country in the military, especially Brian (Lemer's son), Alayna (Judy's granddaughter); Chase (VanDreissen's grandson); Brian, (Bishop's son); Janna (Hundtoft's granddaughter).

Treasurer's Report

April 5 1st	101	\$1,359
April 5 2nd	86	\$1,817
April 12	96	\$2,340
April 19	77	\$1,094
April 26	84	\$1,496
April averages	89	\$1,621

April Offerings \$8,266
April Expenses \$4,390
Total Income YTD \$33,967
Total Expenses YTD \$25,417
April Mission \$350



Our financial situation looks very positive since the beginning of this year. Even though offerings are some \$3,000 below budget, the expenses are some \$8,000 below budget, largely due to the lower cost of the interim, half time Pastor. As we anticipate some unbudgeted expenses with the calling of a new Pastor (such as interview travel and moving costs), we encourage you to continue with your generous giving. Should the surplus continue, we may add to our reserves or find other improvements to the church

Thank you for your continued support.
OSL Council

The **red candle holder** on the organ was a donation from Jenette and Larry VanDreissen. It is in the memory of their son, Ricky, who passed away in 1980 at the age of 19. They had lived south of Brookings until 1982 when they moved to the Black Hills. In May 1983, Jenette and Larry joined Our Savior's Lutheran. Many memorials had been given in Ricky's name when he died. Friends gave a donation after they moved here and they decided to purchase the eternal candle. For safety reasons it was decided not to keep it lit continuously.

The eternal flame is a reminder that God is the light of the world overcoming all darkness. In theory, the candle is lit all the time to remind us that God is always present.



Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT WITH D.O.G. NIGHT THIS YEAR. Thank you for giving of your time and talents to help pass on the faith to the children of our community. It truly takes a village. The seeds you have planted will grow!



WELCA ladies would like to thank everyone who donated cookies and to all who helped them with the food at the bull sale.

A special thank you goes to all who came out April 25 to help clean up the grounds of the church. Many weeds were pulled, new flower containers readied for planting and much more was done to make our church as appealing outside as it is inside.



FAQ: What do we do with the leftover bread and wine after communion?

This is but one of many questions the Worship and Music Committee has been asking. So we did some searching to find out the answer. We discovered that the ELCA does not have set rules for disposing of leftover communion elements, just multiple thoughts. Based on what we discovered along with what felt right for Our Savior's Lutheran, the Committee decided to put the following practice in place pertaining to leftover communion elements.

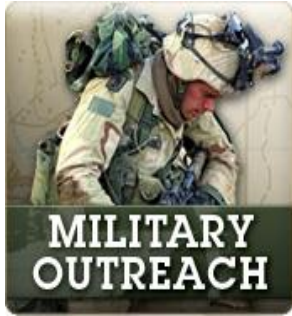
We will treat them with reverence. These are consecrated elements that are a part of a sacrament. They are still bread and wine but Christ is present in, with, and through them. We will not simply throw away the bread or dump the wine or grape juice down the kitchen sink.

We take seriously the command from Jesus to 'take and eat' and 'take and drink' so when feasible, the remaining bread will be eaten by humans or God's creatures and not wasted. The wine and grape juice will also be consumed by humans or poured on the ground so it can be returned to the earth.

When possible, the leftover elements will be saved to be used for taking communion to those not able to be in worship or to be used the next time we gather at the table in worship.

Communion elements that have been consecrated and are going to be saved for another time will be stored in separate containers from the unconsecrated elements.

If you have any questions or concerns about these practices, please feel free to visit with Pastor Deb or a member of the Worship and Music Committee.



MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

Faith Comes by Hearing

Changing Lives—one soldier at a time

Our mission for this month is to support our U.S. troops by providing Military BibleSticks to chaplains in every branch of our armed forces. The chaplains then give them to troops, often those on the frontlines or those receiving care in military hospitals.

A Military BibleStick is a small personal listening device pre-loaded with the Audio New Testament. It is specially designed for combat situations, having a non-reflective finish and low-power operating light to fit perfectly with camouflage, making it possible for soldiers to carry it while on patrol. Each gift also impacts a soldier's family, as each BibleStick includes a card offering free MP3 Bibles for spouses and children.

"Faith Comes by Hearing" has shipped more than 10,000 BibleSticks to our armed forces, and have requests for 12,000 more. \$25 provides a BibleStick for one soldier. If you would like to help with this effort, you may drop your donation in the Mission box in the fellowship hall or in the offering plate. Write check to Our Savior's with "Mission" in the memo line.

For more information: www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/military



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Worship Time
Sunday 10:30 am
1st & 3rd Sundays
Communion



Our Mission: "We welcome others to join us in worshipping and serving Christ"