

2018



OSL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Bible Study	2 5:15-7pm D.O.G. Night	3  <i>Natl. Day of Prayer</i>	4	5
6 9:30am Worship/ Communion & Baptism 11:00am Worship Committee meets <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	7 6:00pm Bible Study	8 9:30am WELCA 6:30pm Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Deb	9 5:15-7pm D.O.G. Night Celebration- End of the season 	10  <i>Ascension Day</i>	11	12
13 9:30am Worship/Fellowship follows 10:00-12:30 Mother's Day Buffet @ Hermosa Legion <i>Mother's Day</i>  <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	14 6:00pm Bible Study	15 7:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Bible Study	16	17 3-5pm Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank Open	18	19
20 9:30am Worship/ Communion 11:00am Church Council meets <i>Pentecost</i>	21 6:00pm Bible Study	22 9:00am Bible Study	23	24	25	26
					Pastor Deb Out	
27 9:30am Worship/Potluck follows <i>Graduation Milestone</i>	28  Office Closed	29	30	31	Synod Assembly	
Pastor Deb Out						
<i>The Holy Trinity</i>	<i>Memorial Day</i>					

5 Beautiful Stretch Marks Caused By Growing Faith

“We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.”

2 Thessalonians 1:3

This time of year is always one of reflection for me. As winter gives way to spring and new growth appears, I reflect upon ways I have experienced growth during the past year. As another D.O.G. Night year comes to a close, I reflect on the growth of the children and adults around me. As another school year ends and graduations begin, I spend time reflecting on the school years and graduations of my own children and find myself missing them and their friends a little more. As I look back on ways we have grown and stretched, I also look forward and wonder what stretch marks might be in store for us in the future.

In *Children's Ministry Magazine* recently, there was an article by Stephanie Caro in which she spoke about the stretch marks she experienced growing faith as a mom, wife and a worker in children's, youth and adult ministry. This article really touched my soul, partly because in this time of reflection it gave me new language not only to think about how I have stretched and grown but also how we, as a family of faith, have stretched and grown over the last nine months. So borrowing language from Stephanie, I offer stretch marks for you to consider.

Many of us know that physical stretch marks happen when one's body exceeds the size its skin is fitted for. These unsightly marks or scars appear when we push our skin beyond its “comfort zone.” This may be during pregnancy, eating too much or even building bigger muscles.

Faith stretch marks are a little different. They exist on the inside of our hearts and minds, invisible to the casual observer. They spring forth in those moments when we're pulled and stretched like Spandex fabric, from many sides. They're etched in the constant strain of demand from all areas of our lives. They arise during the times when any one of us questions our abilities, our effectiveness, even our faithfulness. Throughout our lives, our faith-stretching moments will be big and small, short and long. These past nine months in our ministry together has been no exception to this fact.

1. Marks of Labor

I have been a part of this family of faith for three years now. Our stretch marks were unnoticed at first because I was new to this community (as well as this side of the River). As we moved forward together in this exciting time God had set-up for us, there were contractions and they were painful. We all made mistakes. (In my case, too many to count.) Whenever anything new is birthed, the marks of labor happen. Change is not easy. Learning can be difficult. One principle I have learned along the way is that most people measure ministry success (or failure) based solely on their experience or their child's experience or how it affects them. That is a really tough measuring stick when we have scores of people looking through the same tiny lens.

2. Marks of Sacrifice

The birth of the beginning of our ministry together is really only the start of the marks we will acquire. As we labor through the journey God has set before us, we will feel the pain of sacrifice. The sacrifice of time. The sacrifice of money. The sacrifice of other resources. The sacrifice of how it has been done in the past. The sacrifice of love and the sacrifice of heart. Many times these sacrifices are painful but they are also necessary to accomplish the ministry to which we have been called.

Reflections continued.

3. Marks of Failure

We have been blessed with lots of ministry moments which have pushed us outside our comfort zone. One uncomfortable stretch mark that hasn't come easily-but has always resulted in making us better-is flat-out failure. I have asked this family of faith to try new things. You have asked me to try new things. Some of these new things were very successful and our faith grew. Some of them, not so much!

If we think epic failure isn't good for a ministry, then we are not looking at it right. Even the people around Jesus blew it, but most grew from their mistakes. Peter's a prime example. He failed miserably in the early states of his ministry, had his literal 'come-to-Jesus' moment, and got back on the right road. Look how that turned out. He was the spiritual father of the baby Jerusalem church. I am guessing he had some serious stretch marks from his ministry.

4. Marks of Goodbyes

This is the most painful stretch mark on a pastor's heart and probably on our families' heart as well - when people leave. There are multiple reasons people leave our ministry. I don't know about you, but my heart hurts when someone leaves a ministry I'm involved in. I take it more than a little personally. It grieves me to think I may've done something wrong, offended someone somehow or whatever other disservice I can imagine.

Romans 8:28 promises, "God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." I admit the mistakes I make and commit to becoming better in ministry through the lessons I have learned. We do that as a family of faith as well. One the flip side, our faith in God can show us when not to take on the weight of something that is someone else's issue. I know that God will do good work through that person and their future family of faith just as God does with us.

5. Marks of Love

So what's the cost of impacting a generation to love Jesus? What's the cost of looking to God for direction in what God's will is and not what our will is? What is the cost of growing faith today? Immeasurable amounts of time and resources, multiple meetings, hurt feelings, heartaches, missed opportunities, letting some ministries go, failed attempts, untrue rumors and maybe even a lost friend or a change in our community of faith.

But the payoff for these marks we bear? D.O.G. Night kids who know and love Jesus, teenagers who move up knowing they're loved at this place we call "church", adults who are welcomed at the Communion table for the first time in a long time, birthdays that are celebrated together, adults whose faith blossoms in new ways because they are a part of this family and a family of faith impacting entire communities close by and far away.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the impact you each have made on so many people as individuals and as the Our Savior Lutheran Church family. You carry beautiful stretch marks of growing faith.

In Christ,

Pastor Deb



WELCA will meet on May 8th at 9:30 AM in the church basement. Pastor Deb will lead our Bible study. There are extra "Gather" magazines in the church office which have our study in them. We are starting a new study which is a devotional: *"All are Welcome" – Our invitation can reflect the hospitality of Jesus.*

We will also have a short business meeting following the Bible study.

WELCA will be taking the month of June off so we can all volunteer to help with VBS!!!

It is a great morning of learning, fellowship, food and fun!

Hope to see all of you there!!!



**HERMOSA/
FAIRBURN
COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK**

**OPEN Thursday,
May 17th
3:00-5:00pm**

**Located at Heartland Hair
300 E Main St. Hermosa**

For information please contact Lois at
255-5299.



**May
1st and 15th**

All men are invited to gather for food and fellowship at the **Men's Breakfast** every other Tuesday morning at **7:00.**

We will either meet at OSL or the Flying J



May

CARE & SERVE TEAM!

Jake, Dani,
Jayden & Alex Bordan
Wyone Leonard
Darrell & Donna Zuerlein
Clay Walberg & Suzan
Heidelberger

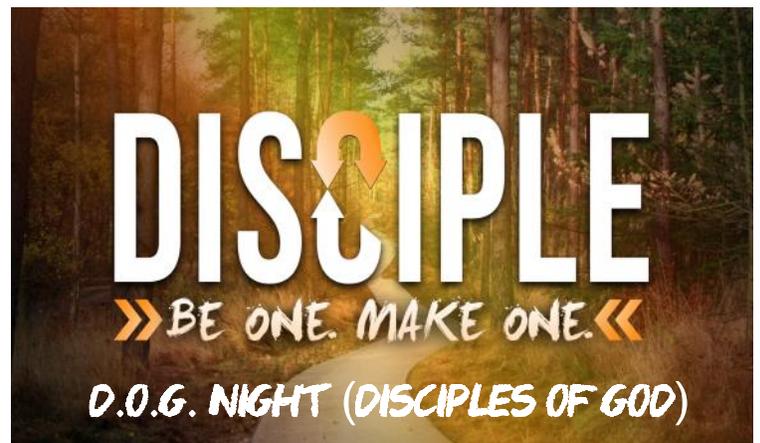
June

CARE & SERVE TEAM!

Judy Stanley
Larry & Jenett VanDreissen
Leon Carpenter
Michael & Diana Bachnagel
Chris & Tina Novak

If you have not yet volunteered, please do so by contacting Joy Neugebauer, Conni Virtue, or Josie in the church office.

Anyone not already on a team is always welcome to help serve any time.



D.O.G. NIGHT (DISCIPLES OF GOD)

End of Year Celebration

**May 9th
5:15-7:00pm**

Family members are invited to join the children for supper and fun.



Graduation Milestone

High School Graduates connected with our congregation will be recognized during our service on Sunday, May 27th.

If you would like to help mark this milestone as well as shower these graduates with the love and support of their family of faith, the OSL Education Committee invites you to sign the card for each graduate that is in the narthex and/or bring a gift for the graduates and place it in their bins. The gift doesn't need to be wrapped. These bins will be presented to the graduates on May 27th. Thank you for the role you have played in the lives of these graduates. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this time of transition.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

The young people who will be celebrating graduation from high school this month are :

Zachary Baschnagel- Zachary will be attending SDSU and studying Civil Engineering

Martin Mead- Martin will be attending SDSU and studying Mechanical Engineering

Daniel Ramsey- Daniel has enlisted in the Army and will be heading to basic training after graduation.

Congratulations also to the 8th grade graduates, including Calli James, Taylor Neugebauer, Wylie Shorb, Gage Reyes, Sara Fischer, Jayden Carrier, Chase Metcalf, Destiny Thomas, Reno Lowe, Travis Hartshorn, Ka'ya Twiss and Reace Guy. Congratulations also to all those who are graduating from college, vocational school or another place of higher education. We are extremely proud of all of you!!!



You are invited to celebrate with the following graduations:

Martin Mead
RC Central High School

Ceremony: May 27, 2018 1:30pm @ Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
Reception: Following ceremony until 7pm @ Mead Family Home, 24210 S HWY 79, Hermosa

Daniel Ramsey
Custer High School

Ceremony: May 19, 2018 2:00pm @Custer High School
Reception: Custer County Fairgrounds, Hermosa following ceremony



Thanks to everyone for the cards and for celebrating with me on my 80th birthday. Wonderful memories remain.

-Marvin Neugebauer

With much love and appreciation, I wish to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes for my 90th birthday. You are the greatest and I will cherish this forever.

-Esther Downen



April Church Council Meeting Highlights

April 15, 2018

Members Present: Gloria Olawsky, Wyone Leonard, Butch Rudd, Rodney Clark, Suzan Heidelberger, Emily Dirkes and Mike Baschnagel

Others Present: Pastor Deb Grismer and Josie Main

Treasurer's Report: Mike went through the balance sheets for the month and questions were answered. Mike gave the Council an update on the amount of pledges collected thus far for the parsonage project.

Pastor Deb's Review: Suzan and Butch reported on the annual review they completed with Pastor Deb.

New Hire- Cleaning Person : Kendra Malecek has been hired as our new cleaning person.

Church Council Alternate Conversation: The Council came to a consensus that the Council Alternate is welcome to attend all Council meetings, but is not required to attend

Collaborating – Work of committees that is vital for council to know

1. Mission Committee – Reported by Wyone

May's Mission of the Month will be "Blast Off For Books."

2. Worship Committee – Reported by Pastor Deb

We will begin using the formal liturgy again. The Worship Committee will be leading worship on May 27 in Pastor Deb's absence.

3. Education Committee – Reported by Emily

The last D.O.G. Night for the season will be on May 9th. Vacation Bible School will be from June 11th-15th.

4. Youth Committee – Reported by Gloria

The Youth Group insulated part of the HAHA building in Hermosa as a project. Fundraising work continues.

5. Outreach Committee – Reported by Rodney

The Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 31st. 75 children and many adults were present for the hunt.

On April 22nd - New Member Orientation. New members will be received during worship on April 29th

6. Property Committee – Reported by Butch

The Annual Clean-up Day will be held April 21st.

7. Pastor Deb's Report:

The first Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Deb went well. A Security Team is being put together to address security in and around our building. There was recently a new mother attending worship at OSL and she told members of the congregation she heard this was the church to be at. Keep up the good work!

Community Vacation Bible School



All Are Welcome!

June 11-June 15 8:30am-11:30am

Come gather at OSL where we will be Shipwrecked together as we learn that *Jesus Rescues Us* through songs, games, snacks, science experiments, drama, videos and Bible exploration. ALL children 4 years of age through 6th grade are invited to be a part of this fun event. Volunteers (completed 7th grade and older) are needed for this event to be successful. Contact Gloria Olawsky, Adare Diers, Tanya Cooper, Suzan Heidelberger, Becky Lowe, Emily Dirkes or Pastor Deb for more information.

Volunteer Orientation

May 16th

6:30-7:30pm

If you would like to help with VBS this June, please attend the volunteer orientation.

Treasurer's Report

Date Attendance Offering

April 1	145	\$3787
April 8	91	\$1175
April 15	126	\$3186
April 22	74	\$1495
April 29	66	\$1395

Averages 100 \$2207

April's 'Mission of the Month' giving totaled **\$766** in monetary donations to help send kids to Lutherans Outdoors Bible camps this summer! Thank you OSL for your generosity!

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2nd Annual Mother's Day Buffet Sunday, May 13th

10:00 – 12:30

American Legion Hall
 East Edge of Hermosa, SD

Cost: Freewill Donation

A time to gather with family and friends right here in Hermosa for a great home-cooked meal and fellowship while celebrating the women in our lives.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sponsored by OSL Community Youth Group

Proceeds to help fund faith formation trips this summer.

Delicious Menu

- Egg Bake*
- Peach French Toast Bake*
- Pasta with Marinara Sauce*
- Roast Beef*
- Cheesy Hashbrowns*
- Soup & Salad Bar*
- Dinner Rolls, Pastries & Desserts*
- Drinks*

SILENT AUCTION

Perfect gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduations





Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of:

David Pendleton
Henry (Cousin of Tammy Dennert)
Peyton Raterman (Niece of Paula Pierce)
Debbie Gallipo (Friend of Pastor Deb)
Grace Jackson (Great niece of Toni Ramsey)

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers:

Katie Swanson (Friend of Mike and Diana Baschnagel)
Dell (Friend of Bill and Tammy Dennert)
Colby and Haley Jackson (Nephew and Niece of Toni Ramsey)
Chelle Schefcik
Kim Hall (Daughter of Faye Delaney)
Savannah (Friend of Wyone)
Nate Bibbly (Cousin of Mikkey Twitero)
Cindy Twitero (sister-in-law of Mikkey)
Joyce Thompson (sister of John and Bruce Sunding)
Todd Ennen

We pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Ryan Reichardt (friend of Donley Hewett)
Fred Steckman (brother of Wyone and Joy)
Don Aduddell
Val (sister-in-law of Steve & Patti Pendgraft)
Bernie Quaschnick
Kelly Edwards
Dennis Hempler (brother of Dixie Clark)
Suzan Heidelberger

The first ever cordless phone was invented by God. He named it "Prayer." It never loses its signal, you never have to recharge it, and you can use it anywhere.

Please pray for these groups now and throughout the summer as they get ready for their faith formation trips! And **THANK YOU** for all of your support!

ELCA National Youth Gathering (June 25 – July 3, Houston, TX)

OSL Community Youth Group, Hermosa:

Jayden Carrier, Shalie Weaver, Reace Guy, Reece Lowe, Reno Lowe, Wiley Shorb, Lexi McCoy, Calli James, Jamie Neugebauer, Taylor Neugebauer, Grace Brose, Gage Reyes, Sara Fischer, Chase Metcalf

Trinity Youth Group, Edgemont:

Jenna Ostenson, Peyton Ostenson, Elli Hollenbeck, Hunter Hollenbeck, Thomas Massa, Carl Massa, Carly Stokes

St. John's Group, Hot Springs:

Jaquel Hartley, Justice Pullins

Primary Leader for all three groups:

Pastor Deb Grismer

Adult Leaders / Participants:

Greg Neugebauer, Susan Ostenson, Cathy Vetterman

Outlaw Ranch Bible Camp (July 15 – July 20, Custer, SD)

Rylan Lowe

NeSoDak Bible Camp (July 22 – July 27, Lake Enemy Swim, SD)

Jade Short Horn, Tessa Audiss, Jaydin Borden, Kayl Roe, Torin Knight, Pastor Deb Grismer

Week of Hope Mission Trip (July 29 – August 3, Loveland, CO)

Ashlyn Burnett, Ali Metcalf, Cierra Swan, Destiny Thomas, Riley Thomas, Meghan Haas, Pastor Deb Grismer



We have word that Hermosa American Legion Post 303 will be holding a Memorial Day Service at the cemetery in Hermosa. As of the printing of this newsletter, the details were not available. Please follow their Facebook page for further information in the near future.

PLEASE HELP US WELCOME
THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN,
HERMOSA!!



Welcome Carmen Lakner! Carmen worked for the Social Security Administration for 32 years before retiring. Her husband, Phillip, is military, with the SD National Guard. Carmen loves horses, and she is enjoying her time with her 5 children and 5 grandchildren.



Welcome Linda Morrison! Linda is a retired nurse. She is married, has 1 son and 3 granddaughters. Linda and her husband moved out near Fairburn about a year ago. Linda enjoys gardening, cooking and baking.



Welcome Ronald Wagner! Ron worked for the government for many years before retiring. He had been coming to this area from Illinois for ten years before deciding to stay and make SD his new home. He has 3 sons and 3 daughters and 7 grandsons. He is still waiting for a granddaughter. Ron is a huge NASCAR fan and enjoys gardening, cooking, riding motorcycle with his friends and being outside as much as possible.



NEW! Dessert and Discussion with Pastor Deb



Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to come and join Pastor Deb each month for a round-table discussion of a specific topic. Topics will differ each month. Children are welcome to come and play so parents can be a part of the discussion. This is meant to be a safe place for difficult as well as easy conversations to be held. Topic suggestions can be passed on to Pastor Deb.

Reminder - Anyone from the community is welcome to join us at the table.

MAY'S TOPIC - Social Statement on Women & Justice.

Copies of the statement are available in the church office.



Mission of the Month



Blast Off For Books

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
Houston Literacy Campaign



3 IN 5

1 IN 4

Houston children lack reading-readiness skills when entering kindergarten

Houston children do not meet minimum standards at grade 3



2 IN 5

1 IN 5

Houston youth fail reading and writing exams required for graduation on first administration

Houston adults are functionally illiterate

One of the ways we will deepen our faith at the ELCA National Youth Gathering is through service. Not only will we participate in a day of service, we have also been invited to participate in three different types of offerings, including an in-kind offering. The planners of the Gathering are working with the Houston Independent School District to help lift up literacy in Houston. The School District estimates that 74% of students in the district come from families who struggle to provide books for their children. This means the students begin each school year at a disadvantage. The Gathering planners worked with public school teachers in Houston to put together a list of specific books which would be the most beneficial for their students to read. Gathering participants have been challenged to collect and donate 100,000 books from this list. We will be distributing all of the donated books at various events during the Gathering as part of the Service Learning experience. Your monetary donation to May's Mission of the Month will help our group purchase books for this challenge.

Donations may be put in the Globe offering, offering plate (with a note on it saying 'Mission of the Month') or in the box in the fellowship hall downstairs. Thank you for your support and for making a difference in the lives of youth and children.



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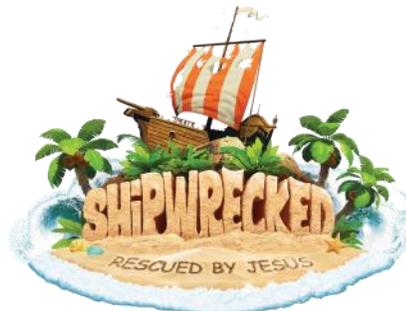
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Worship Time

Sunday 9:30 am

1st & 3rd Sundays Communion

Coffee Hour 10:30



Community
Vacation Bible
School
June
11th-15th

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