2020 May OSL

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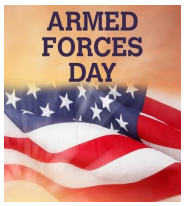
10 **9:30am** Sunday Service on Facebook Live **10:45-11:45am** Fellowship with Pastor Deb on Zoom 	11	12 **7:00pm** Zoom gathering and conversation for OSL and brief Bible Study sneak peek	13	14 **9:30am** WELCA Zoom Meeting **7:00pm** Bible Study on Facebook Live	15	16 
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Join Pastor Deb Online on Facebook everyday at Noon to pray The Lord's Prayer and pray for our world.

Holy Wrestling

Updates from OSL Council & Committees

The church has been closed for six weeks now but the mission and ministry has continued in new and bold ways. This has not come without a lot of holy wrestling by the Church Council, Committee members, Pastor Deb and OSL staff along the way. Much prayer, discussion and listening have been happening via telephone, email, Zoom and Messenger with difficult decisions being made around how to continue to be the church of Christ and show our love for our neighbors by doing what we can to keep them safe. World Health Organization and CDC guidelines, Bishop Hagemair's and Governor Noem's recommendations, as well as the White House recommendations and Scripture have all been part of the discussion of how do we walk as a congregation during this pandemic. The leaders of Our Savior's Lutheran Church have been and are continuing to do an outstanding job of holy wrestling. We are blessed to have them leading our congregation at this time.

As of April 27, the following decisions have been made and updates given:

1. The church building will remain closed until the end of May. There will be no onsite activities in our building. Worship, faith growth opportunities and meetings will continue to be help online. If you would like to receive a DVD of the worship services, please contact Josie at the church office.
2. All Lutherans Outdoors in SD camps and retreats have been cancelled for the summer. D.O.G. Night will resume again in the Fall (hopefully). Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for this summer. We look forward to hosting **Wilderness Escape** in 2021. Postcards are being sent periodically to our DOG Night kids and youth. College kids continue to receive notes and phone calls.
3. There will be no groups gathering offsite at this time. We did seriously wrestle with having a service at Roy's Drive In when it was determined that the church would be closed for Easter. After consulting with all of the sources listed in the opening paragraph and taking the context of our congregation into consideration, the Council and Worship Committee determined the best way to love our ourselves and our neighbors was to NOT encourage anyone to leave their homes for anything church related. This included not only drive-in church but also parking-lot church and drive-through communion and blessings.
4. Synod Assembly to be held in June has been cancelled. They are now planning a Fall Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls. Dates have not yet been determined.
5. We have applied for and received a Payroll Protection Loan to assist in covering the salaries for Pastor Deb, Josie and Kendra for two months. Thank you, Make Baschnagel, for taking charge of this.
6. The floor covering has been replaced in the main area of the Fellowship Hall as well as the kitchen. We now have a beautiful floating floor. Thank you to the private donors who covered this expense.
7. The Phone Call Ministry is up and running. Fourteen people/couples have volunteered to call OSL worshipers to check in and assist in keeping people connected on a regular basis. We are very grateful for these volunteers.
8. Financially we are doing "okay" in the words of our Treasurer. Thank you to those who are continuing to support the mission of this congregation financially. This is so important if we are to keep our ministries going. The leadership is doing their best to minimize expenses wherever possible to continue to be good stewards of all to which we have been entrusted. If you would like more specific financial information, please contact Mike Baschnagel at 605-858-3402.

LET'S GET TOGETHER ...APART

Sunday Morning Worship Services
9:30am on Facebook Live
10:45-11:45am Fellowship with Pastor Deb on Zoom

Bible Study
7:00pm Tuesdays - Sneak Peek on Facebook Live
7:00pm Thursdays - Bible Study on Facebook Live

Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Deb
8:30-9:30am Wednesdays on Zoom

Conversation and Check-in with Chelle
7:00pm Tuesdays (beginning May 12th)

Prayer with Pastor Deb
12:00pm Every Day on Facebook Live

Sunday Services can also be viewed on Facebook and YouTube after the Facebook Live.

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa
YouTube Page: https://www.youtube.com/user/TheOSLHermosa
Pastor Deb's Zoom Gatherings: Meeting ID: 518-251-3825
Password: 882776

If you would like to help with Sunday morning Worship, please contact Josie (605-255-4662) or Pastor Deb (605-890-0781)

HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE TO GIVE? We are excited to announce that Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hermosa has added Tithe-ly to our toolbox as a way for our worshipers and supports to be a disciple through Please check it out and let us know if you have any questions. Giving is such an important part of worship. Not being able to gather together in worship and "pass the plate" has restricted how we can practice our faith through giving. Tithe-ly is a free app and website that allows you to give directly to Our Savior's. For those who like to write a check as part of their act of worship, you are invited and encouraged to continue to do so. Checks can be mailed to Our Savior's Lutheran Church at PO Box 136, Hermosa, SD 57744. The mission of the OSL continues. It just looks a little different now.

DOG Night and Vacation Bible School at OSL

The Education Committee made the difficult decision to cancel DOG Night for the rest of the season, as well as cancel VBS this summer at OSL. We are saddened to miss the opportunities to spend time with all those wonderful kids, but love them enough to make the decision to keep them all healthy and safe.

All Lutherans Outdoors Bible Camps and Retreats for the summer

From LO's website, Executive Director Paul Hanson: "At the heart of our ministry, the well-being and safety of our campers and guests is our highest priority. But we, as an organization, are called to serve people. This decision is what is best for the people whom we are called to serve during this time."

Hermosa Community Blood Drive Scheduled for May 4th

This has been rescheduled for July 6, 2020.

CORONA HELP South Dakota

Helping South Dakota Residents
www.coronahelpsd.com

Corona Help South Dakota is an initiative to pull together individuals, organizations and churches to help our state during this difficult virus outbreak. This initiative is being led by The Helpline Center (211), Feeding South Dakota and Churches. Corona Help SD is focused on delivering necessities to individuals that are homebound and also providing food distributions to insure that people across our state have the necessary support.

Head to this website if you need help or if you want to help. You can input your needs right the site and they will connect your need to an area provider who can help.

Don't have internet or need assistance finding help? Contact *The Helpline Center* by dialing 211 on your phone.

Just a reminder counting for the Census 2020 is continuing. Some may have already mailed in their forms. If you have not done so, you can still fill our forms via phone and on-line. By telephone: 1-844-330-2020. It will only take about 15 minutes.
By cell phone: Text "RespondNow" to 313131.
On-line: www.2020census.gov.

Two good reasons to volunteer to fill out your census forms:

1) Census takers must go to the home of every person who does volunteer to fill out their forms on their own. This is not safe right now.

2) We will need federal funding badly to rise out of this pandemic. Federal Funding is based on population count. Right now, everything we receive is based on the census population count of 2010. We need to get an accurate count of our population. Thank you!

Hermosa-Fairburn Community Food Bank Open & Feeding SD Food Box Drop

Tuesday, May 5 9 am - 11 am
Location: Heartland Hair
Please stay in your car and we will bring your boxes to you.
Contact OSL at 605-255-4662 is you would like someone to deliver groceries to your home or if this time does not work for you.

WELCA Zoom Meetings

9:30am Thursday, May 14th on Zoom -We will have our Bible Study out of the Gather Magazine as well as our business meeting.
9:30am Thursday, May 28th on Zoom- We will study "I Am She" and check in with one another.

Pastor Deb's Zoom Gatherings: Meeting ID: 518-251-3825
Password: 882776

All women are welcome to join in! If you would like a physical copy of the studies, please let Josie know and she will get one to you. 605-255-4662 osl@mt-rushmore.net

We lift in prayer...

All those mourning the loss of a loved one.

We also lift up: Jimmy and Family, Janie and Family, Jennifer and Family, Pat, Clyde, Mike, Rebecca, Tiffany, Rachel, Taylor, Felix, Wayne, Laura, Patricia, Riley and Baby, Patty, Terri, Suzan, Chelle and Jason, Casey, Kelly, Colby, Wyatt, Adam and Beverly.
We continue to pray for our leaders and our nation, all those that are sick, and all those that are on the frontlines during the Covid-19 virus.

To all the Class of 2020 Graduates
Reach For The Stars
Follow Your Dreams

The Community of Hermosa and everyone at OSL congratulates you! We are so very proud of you and wish you the very best that life has to offer!

LET'S HAVE A CARD SHOWER!

Send our graduates a card in the mail sometime in the month of May, let them know how proud we are of them, and help make this year's graduation a little more special!

Lanie Weaver

Lanie will be attending Rapid City Central High School in the Fall.

Mailing Address:
25275 Wapiti Rd.
Hermosa, SD 57744

Desiree Etherington

Desiree will be attending Custer High School in the Fall.

Mailing Address:
PO Box 523
Hermosa, SD 57744

Shayleigh Forgey

Shayleigh will be attending Custer High School in the Fall. She plans to continue her passion of sports and might even try cross country.

Mailing Address:
PO Box 222
Hermosa, SD 57744

Meagan Arledge

Meagan will be attending Custer High School in the Fall.

Mailing Address:
125 N Second Street
Hermosa SD 57744

Bailey Apa

Bailey will be attending Rapid City Central High School in the Fall.

Mailing Address:
110 Fairgrounds Place
Hermosa, SD 57744

Austyn Carey

Austyn will be attending Rapid City Central High School in the Fall.

Mailing Address:
24157 Alkan Ln
Hermosa, SD 57744

A Prayer for Peace

Dear God, we ask for your Holy Spirit to cover our children in your great peace and security. We pray that their thoughts would not be drawn to worry and fear, but instead by filled with the strength and confidence of your power every day. Help them to believe without question that you are surely with them, in whatever they may face, that they are never alone. Help them to know that you are mighty within them. We pray that you would plant deep inside their hearts a sense of overflowing gratitude, that they would be free from the love of money, and would walk in the freedom of contentment with an amazing spirit of giving to others. We pray that out of their lives would flow service, love, generosity, and compassion in a world that desperately needs to see your goodness in action. And when fear and anxiety battle against them, we pray that your words of truth will seal them in like a shield, giving them strength, and guarding their hearts and minds in your powerful peace.
Amen.

Reece Lowe

Reece is graduating from Rapid City Central High School. She will be attending the University of Wyoming in the Fall.

Mailing Addressv:
24181 Dewey Lane
Hermosa SD 57744

Sadie Tesch

Sadie is graduating from Rapid City Central High School. She will be attending Mount Marty College and will be studying Radiology.

Mailing Address:
3619 Elm Ave
Rapid City SD 57701

Matthew Ramsey

Matthew is graduating from Custer High School. He is considering joining the military after graduation. He is not sure of which branch yet.

Mailing Address:
25286 Wapiti Rd
Hermosa SD 57744

Madison Ramsey

Madison is graduating from Custer High School. She is considering joining The Air Force after graduation.

Mailing Address:
25286 Wapiti Rd
Hermosa SD 57744

Jenna Ostenson

Jenna is graduating as valedictorian, from Edgemont High School. She will be attending Presentation College in Aberdeen. She is majoring in nursing. Jenna has also signed to play volleyball for The Saints.

Mailing Address:
PO Box 367
Edgemont SD 57735

Hannah Baschnagel

Hannah is graduating from Rapid City Central High School. She is planning on attending Augustana University in the Fall. Hannah is going to major in exercise science and continue for her Masters in Athletic Training.

Mailing Address:
411 Field View Dr
Rapid City SD 57701

The community of Hermosa and all of OSL are grateful for our teachers and staff. Thank you for relearning how to teach at the drop of a hat so our children could continue to learn! You make a difference in the lives of so many people, including us! Thank you!

Also, a very huge THANK YOU to our DOG Night teachers and volunteers. You are very special to the children and youth of this community. Your willingness to help the youth ministry continue is a vital piece of our youth's spiritual growth!

Be a Dandelion!

DANDELIONS! No matter how carefully I try to pull one up, I never get the whole thing. The root stays deep in the ground, threatening to grow up and blossom again.

But despite their bad reputation, dandelions are pretty little flowers with their yellow strands all tucked neatly into the center. And truly they are the most beautiful of all flowers when presented clutched in a child's dirty little hand. No one gets yelled at for picking them. Perhaps they grow only to be used and enjoyed by children.

Dandelions are ignored or attacked, never nurtured or cared for, and yet they always bloom profusely. They demand no pampering or special attention to yield their bright blossoms; they pop up in fields, in lawns, and between cracks in the sidewalk, even in the best neighborhoods. Can you imagine trying to grow them in a garden? They'd sneak through the boundaries and pop their sunny yellow faces up in the surrounding lawn. They would never stay put!

Christians should be more like dandelions. Our sunny yellow faces should be a reminder that simple faith has deep roots that are impossible to dislodge. Our vast number would show the world that even though we are not fancy or pampered we are evident everywhere, even in the best neighborhoods.

We should be as easily accessible as a dandelion. Jesus was. We need to get out of our gardens and jump across the boundaries that keep us where people expect to find us. We need to show our sunny yellow faces in all the spots that need a little brightening up – the crack in the sidewalk or the lawn of a country club. (Janice Kempe)

During this pandemic, we have needed to adapt – adapt the way we live and interact with others, adapt the way we worship, adapt the way we grow and spread the love of God. Adapt we have! Churches remain closed. We remain safely in our homes but God's love continues to spread like – well, like dandelions.

So let those pesky, yellow flowers be a reminder to you this spring and all year long to **be a dandelion**. Continue to adapt and spread God's love with your bright yellow sunny faces in whatever way is safely possible!

Pastor Deb Grismer, Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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