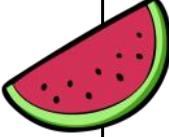
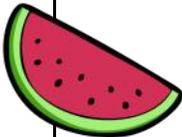


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Pastor Deb out of office</i>	2	3	4 10:30-11:30am Feeding SD food box drop @ OSL Virtual Synod Assembly	5
6 9:30am Worship/ Communion@ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube <i>Fellowship following worship</i> 10:30am Worship Committee meets 10:30am Outreach Committee meets 11:30am Let's Listen gathering	7	8 	9	10 9:30am WELCA 11:00am Let's Listen gathering after WELCA	11	12
13 8:15am Property Committee meets 9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube <i>Fellowship following worship</i> 10:30am Church Council Meeting 11:30am Let's Listen gathering	14	15	16 6:30pm Let's Listen gathering in Pastor Deb's office and on Zoom	17 3:00-5:00pm Hermosa/ Fairburn Food Bank Open	18	19
20 <i>Father's Day</i> <i>First Day of Summer</i> 9:30am Worship/ Communion@ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube <i>Fellowship following worship</i> 	21	22 	23	24	25	26 8:00-3:00 Vendor/Craft show @ OSL
27 9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube <i>Fellowship following worship</i>	28	29	30			

For Everything There Is A Season

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

We have entered a new season in our lives. Summer time! Baseball season. Planting and growing season. These are not new seasons and times in our lives but they might look different than last year. The reason? We have entered a new season; post-pandemic season. Once again we are journeying into parts unknown. Our world is different. We are different. As we enter this season, fear and anxiety remain. The reality of things will never be the same as pre-pandemic is setting in. What do we need to keep in this season? What do we need to throw away or leave behind? What needs to heal? How do we help the healing process?

These verses from Ecclesiastes became an important part of the WELCA gathering and Church Council meeting in May. What does this new season look like for our community of faith as well as our larger community? As we leave the isolation of our homes, how do we find our voices again as well as listen and relate to others who might have different thoughts? How do we heal from the hurts we have experienced? How do we live now as faithful children of God?

Answers to these questions were not expressed but it quickly became very apparent to those gathered that the first step is to listen. We have spent months being bombarded by outside voices. We have heard pieces of information, but seldom did we hear the whole story. We tended to be drawn to the voices with which we agree, at times forgetting there might be other important perspectives to consider. The opportunity to speak, ask questions, seek information and to listen has been limited.

We hear you! I hear you! It is time for you to speak and for me to listen. The Church Council has asked for *Let's Listen* opportunities. At the *Let's Listen* gatherings, participants are encouraged to bring and share their thoughts, questions and concerns. It will be a time for all gathered to listen to understand instead of listening to reply. I will gather these comments and over time try to find information to address the thoughts and concerns. Your comments will be heard by OSL leadership and aid us as we move forward in mission and ministry during this new season in our lives.

You are invited to participate in the group *Let's Listen* gatherings scheduled. If you would rather have private conversation with me or gather a small group to converse around your table, please let me know and we will schedule a time. I would be honored to come to sit with you and listen. (For those who are wondering, I am fully COVID 19 vaccinated.)

Thank you for your continued partnership in ministry. The Holy Spirit is alive and moving among us!

God bless,
Pastor Deb Grismer

Let's Listen Gatherings

June 6 – 11:30 am @ OSL Fellowship Hall (After Committee Meetings)

June 10 – 11:00 @ OSL Fellowship Hall (After WELCA meeting)

June 13 – 11:30am @ OSL Fellowship Hall (After Council Meeting)

June 16 – 6:30pm @Pastor Deb's Office & via Zoom



HERMOSA
FAIRBURN
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

OPEN Thursday
June 17th
3:00-5:00pm

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

For information please contact Lois at
255-5299.


FEEDING[®]
SOUTH DAKOTA

Feeding SD Food Box
Friday, June 4th
OSL Parking Lot
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

**ARE YOU UP FOR THE
CHALLENGE?**

Because of the amazing generosity of our congregation, we have raised over \$15,151.89 for our Sound and Broadcasting Systems Project! This includes two previous challenges that were met for \$1000 each! The total cost of the project was \$19,842.59.

A third \$1000-matching challenge has been issued by anonymous members of the congregation! Yes, they will match up to another \$1000! So far approximately \$375 has been given for this challenge.

If you can give to this challenge, please do. A huge thank you to everyone that has already donated.



Pancake
Breakfast

The Masons will continue having pancake breakfasts the first Sunday of each month through October. These breakfasts provide funds for their benevolent projects.
7:30am-12:00pm



NOTICE: OSL will not be hosting vacation bible school this summer. Our Education Committee needed to make a decision in January 2021 about VBS- for ordering curriculum/supplies/planning purposes- and at that time felt like the best way to keep our youth and community safe was to cancel VBS for this summer.

However, we are very excited to start our DOG (Disciples of God) Night Children/Youth Ministry program back up in the Fall!!! Please keep a look out for more information coming in the future about DOG Night.



PRAYER ON FATHER'S DAY

Let us pray for all the fathers among us today:

For our own fathers, those living and those who have passed away; for the fathers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully;

For all who hope to be fathers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all fathers who have lost children.

For all women and men who have fathered others in any way – those who have been our substitute fathers and we who have done so for those in need.

We pray this all in the name of God, our great and Loving Mother. Amen.

Adapted from Women's Common Prayers (Morehouse, 2000)

We give thanks for all the fathers in our lives!



In honor of Father's Day, following worship on June 20th, we will be having pie and ice cream. We are looking for volunteers to bring pie. If you would be willing, please let Josie in the church office know.

WE HAVE CHOCOLATE!

The OSL Community Youth Group and the 2021 Bible Campers are selling chocolate bars to raise money for their summer faith opportunities. The regular bars are \$1.00 each and the large bars and boxes of chocolate are \$2.00 each.

You can get them from Pastor Deb, from Josie in the church office (M-TH 10:00-3:00) or from any of the fundraising kids! If you would like to know who is attending camp, please call the church office. 255-4662. Please spread the word! Enjoy some yummy treats and help out our community youth

OSL Community Youth Group
and Bible Camp Fundraiser

CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, June 26th
8:00am-3:00pm Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Hermosa SD

Space available to rent:
Approximately 10 foot spaces

Inside: \$15
Parking Lot: \$10

*Limited electric inside and outside +\$5.00
*Limited tables available- 1st come, 1st serve
*Canopy and weights not provided

Concessions Stand in the Parking Lot
Breakfast, Lunch and Snack Menu

Will be held in conjunction with the Hermosa citywide rummage sale.

Please contact Josie (605-255-4662 osl@mt-rushmore.net) or Pastor Deb (605-890-0781 pastordeb@oslhermosa.com) to reserve a space.



Please Pray For...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Bill Zwetzig, Gladys Reynolds (Mother of Paul Reynolds); Teresa Ambroziak (Mother of Alicja Mead); Randy Peterson (Father of Justin [J.j. Buckley] McDaniel)

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Lois (Mother of Steve/Patti Pendegraft); Whitney Twitero (Granddaughter of Mikkey Twitero); Shelly (friend of Carla Oerter); Ashley James; Audra (daughter of Ron Wagner); Pastor Art Weitschat

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Sandy Anderson, Linda (friend of Cathy Dahl); Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel; Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue); Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson)

**For those in long-term care facilities

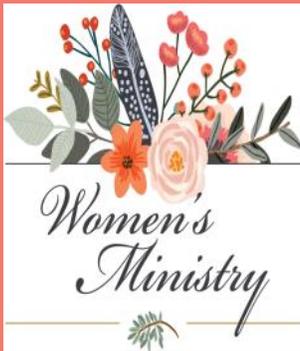
**For those preparing for weddings & marriage

**For our leaders at every level

**For all teachers and staff as the school year ends

**The youth of our family of faith, heading off to high school and college

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



“All are Welcome”

Join WELCA at our next gathering

Thursday, June 10th at 9:30 am at OSL and on Zoom

“Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation is For Everyone! Just Wisdom”

This month we will look at how God can open our hearts and minds to a spiritual understanding that is not bound by our human comprehension. Just wisdom comes to us through reverence for our Awesome God. Together, we will consider our faithful response to Wisdom's invitation.

WELCA meeting to follow.

Extra copies of the Bible study are available in the church office.

Contact Josie at 605-255-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

The link will also be emailed and posted on the OSL Facebook page and website.

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

HERMOSA'S
**ANNUAL
YARD SALE**
JUNE 26
8 AM - 3 PM
Join by Friday May 28, and see a blurb or two in the June Newsletter.
joharris.news@gmail.com
Text 484-5307 or IM me.

June 20th - First Day of Summer

A SUMMER SOLSTICE BLESSING

IT'S THE SUMMER SOLSTICE, THE SHORTEST OF NIGHT,
WHERE OUR PLANET IS BLESSED WITH THE GREATEST OF LIGHT.
THE SUN AT ITS POWER, SHARING ITS WEALTH,
WITH THE EARTH GLOWING IN ABUNDANCE AND HEALTH.
THE TREES LEAVES' ARE GREEN, THE BIRDS ARE IN SONG.
THE DAYS ARE AS WARM AS THEY ARE LONG.
WE HONOR THE ANIMALS, THE PLANTS AND LIVING THINGS,
THE SUN AND THE WATER AND FOR THE LIFE THAT IT BRINGS.
MAY YOU FIND WELL-BEING AND MAY YOU FIND PEACE.
IN DAYS AFTER SOLSTICE, AS THE LIGHT DOES DECREASE,
MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE SOLSTICE BE YOURS I PRAY,
AND THE LIGHT WARM YOUR HEART AND SOUL EVERY DAY.



Sunday Serving Teams

WE NEED YOU TO BE A PART OF A SUNDAY SERVING TEAM!! Some of the assignments may look a little different than in the past but their importance for our worshipping community remain the same. These positions are open to people of any age. If you or your family would like to assist with worship in one of these ways, please contact Joy Neugebauer (605-255-4212) and let her know which month(s) would work best for you. Lots of hands spread out the work. Thank you for your help.

Sunday Serving Team Positions

Assisting Minister: This person will help lead worship by reading Scripture, prayers and/or other parts of the service as they desire. They will also check-in with Pastor Deb before worship to see if she needs any other assistance. This person is asked to be at church around 9:00 am.

Greeter/Ushers: Two people are needed for this position. One will greet people as they enter while handing them a bulletin. The other will assist with seating people before worship and dismissing worshipers at the end of service. Lighting altar candles and the eternal flame on the organ are also part of their duties. These people are asked to be at church by 9:00 am.

Bell Ringer: This person will be responsible for ringing the bell which is a sign worship is about to begin. This person is asked to be at church by 9:20 am.

Broadcasting/Sound System: Don't be afraid. This position is easier than it sounds thanks to our new system. This person will turn on the sound system and start and stop the livestream. Pastor Deb will train. This person is asked to be at church by 9:10 am.

Communion Preparation: Two people are needed for this position. These people will fill individual communion cups and bring all elements upstairs. They will make sure the bread and wine are on the altar for the pastor and assist in giving the communion element trays to worshipers. Putting elements away after worship is their final task.

Fellowship Host/Hostess: Two or more people are needed for this position. They are responsible for setting up for fellowship (list to be given), serving and cleaning up. Crackers, meat and cheese are provided.



Congratulations and blessings to Kyle Virtue! He celebrated his Confirmation on May 23rd!



****Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.**

****PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals."**

****The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus."**

****Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.**



(Items not mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter)

May 16, 2021

Members Present: Bill Dennert, Adare Diers, Jason Virtue, Dar Schroeder, Linda Morrison, Carmen Lakner

Also Present: Gene Deyo and Pastor Deb Grismer

Ministry Mission Plan Updates

Property Committee - The Committee has decided to use free ClickUp ap to keep a “to do” list for the Committee
Current projects include work on deck/lattice and screen protectors for the gutters at the parsonage

Mission Committee - Summer Missions of the Month to assist Bible campers, child refugees in US immigration camps and Hermosa Senior Meals. These are subject to change if another more immediate need arises.

Worship Committee - Joint meeting was held with the Church Council on May 2. Restriction changes were discussed and congregation informed of the changes being implemented beginning May 9.

Pastor Deb’s Report

- *Pastoral care included a funeral, hospital visits, home visits and phone visits.
- *Will be attending parts of The Festival of Homiletics online this week.
- *Will be officiating at Alan Johnson & Collette Carlson’s wedding on May 28.
- *Gene Deyo and Pastor Deb will be attending the Virtual Synod Assembly.
- *The Bible Campers and the OSL Community Youth Group continue to work on fundraisers.
- *Participation in the Moses Project will begin in August. The Council and congregation will be kept updated.

Other Discussion or Decisions

Communication -Thank yous received from Lutherans Outdoors and Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center for our quarterly financial donation. Lutheran Social Services provided information about their Hope Takes Shape in the Black Hills event.

Membership Changes - Dan and Paula Warren requested their membership be moved to Peace Lutheran Church in Rapid City. Pastor Deb, Bill and Adare have all had good conversations with Dan and/or Paula.

Post-pandemic recommendation updates - OSL is already following the newest recommendations from CDC so no additional action needs to be taken at this time.

ELCA Open Door Grant - Outreach Committee is recommending “Who are your neighborhoods?” Meet and Greet Pop Ups. We would host meet and greets with food present at various places throughout Hermosa and the surrounding area. The purpose is to meet people as we move out of the pandemic. Money from the grant will be used to purchase supplies, food and for advertising. Pastor Deb and Chelle will work on the grant application.

Pastor Deb’s Sabbatical - Pastor Deb has been at OSL over five years now. This means she is eligible for a three-month sabbatical for rest and rejuvenation, learning and visioning. The Council is holding her accountable for planning and taking this time for her sake and for the sake of the congregation. Pastor Deb will bring a proposal for approval to the next Council meeting.



As of May 18, 2021, the OSL checking/savings account had a balance of \$31,643.15 with \$10,448.33 in restricted/dedicated funds. As of the end of April we have received \$35,692.03 in offerings, special donation and interest income. We had expenses of \$37,408.28. Our investments brought an income of \$1,365.16 which meant we ended April slightly behind with a balance of \$-351.09. In April, the Rapid City Red Cross received \$215.00 donated through our Mission of the Month giving! A huge thank you to all who give financially to the mission of OSL as well as those who give of their time and talents and other resources. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in this congregation! God’s work is being done!



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!

A majority of lay and rostered church leaders today attribute their leadership and faith development to their experience at camp.

We are passionate about giving every child the opportunity to attend a LOSD Bible camp at least once in their life. We do not want cost to be the reason a child does not go. This year six children from our community will be attending at least one week of camp.

Fundraisers are being held to help raise money, but with the cost of camp being around \$500 per camper per week, additional financial support will be needed. Would you like to help assure that every child who wants to go to camp is able to go? All Mission of the Month donations during the month of June will go toward camperships.

To support this mission, drop your donation in the offering plate, the Globe Offering, or the Mission Box in the fellowship hall. (Please write checks to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and write "Mission" in the memo line). Thank you for your support!



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 136
Hermosa, SD 57744

Sunday Worship 9:30am in the building and live on Facebook and YouTube
 Fellowship follows in building Worship
 Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month