

2021



OSL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>May Day</i>
2 9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube 6:30-8pm HS Youth Group meets	3 <i>Josie out of office all week</i>	4	5	6 	7	8
9 9:30am Worship with blessing of current confirmands @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube <i>Fellowship following worship</i> 10:30am Mission Committee 10:30am Confirmation 6:30-8pm HS Youth Group	10	11	12	13 9:30am WELCA	14	15 
16 8:15 Property Committee meets 9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube <i>Fellowship following worship</i> 10:30am Church Council	17	18	19	20 3:00-5:00pm Hermosa/Fairburn Food Bank open	21	22
23 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 9:30am Worship with communion @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube 5:00pm Confirmation 6:30-8pm HS Youth Group meets	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30am Worship with Senior Milestone @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube	31 <i>Office closed</i> 					

Be a Dandelion!

The dandelions are popping up which means it is time to share my favorite devotion and reminder once again.

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)

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



A PRAYER ON MOTHER'S DAY

Let us pray for all the mothers among us today:
For our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully;
For all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children;
For all women and men who have mothered others in any way – those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need;
for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance.

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

Women's Common Prayers (Morehouse, 2000)

We give thanks for all the mothers in our lives!

Requirement To Recommendation

Beginning Sunday, May 9

As we continue to live with and in but begin to come out of the COVID 19 pandemic, at the joint meeting of the Church Council and Worship Committee on May 2, the following decisions were made as we take steps to having now restrictions while also continuing to do our best to keep our congregation and neighbors safe.

1. The wearing of masks during worship is no longer required but is recommended.
2. The ropes will come off of the pews. Congregation members are encouraged to continue to socially distance as much as possible.
3. Handshaking and hugs continue to be discouraged in the sanctuary.
4. The congregation will continue to be ushered out at the end of the service. Pastor Deb will be outside to greet people.
5. The fellowship hall will open again for coffee and fellowship following worship for those who are comfortable gathering. We ask only 6 people sit at each table where you will be served coffee, water and something to munch on. Meat, cheese and crackers will be provided by the church.
We need people to help serve and clean-up in order for fellowship to happen. Please call Joy Neugebauer at 605-255-4212.
6. For those who are more comfortable sitting in an area where everyone is masked, we are setting aside the pray-ground area (formerly known as the overflow area) as our “masked zone”. If you would like to sit in this area you are invited and welcome to enter and exit the building through Pastor Deb’s office door to the north of the main door. Hymnals, communion elements and bulletins will be available on the altar in this area.
7. At this time, offering plates will remain on the usher table at the back of the sanctuary. We will also continue to have communion in our pews.
8. Yes, we will continue to offer livestream services. Not to worry!

These decisions came after much prayer, heartfelt conversation, reading of information from various sources, listening to the worshipers and observing what was happening in the community and in the communities around us. We acknowledge if there is a sudden rise in COVID cases, we will need to reassess and possibly go back to previous requirements. We also acknowledge as the number of cases continue to drop, we will be able to continue easing restrictions. We look forward to the day when we feel confident and comfortable in lifting all restrictions and being able to fully worship together again. Thank you for hanging in there with us.



Welcome Our Newest Members

Russell & Catherine Dahl

Russ and Cathy moved to the Hills from Mankato, MN where they were active Messiah Lutheran Church members. They have been married for 46 years and have two grown children. Although they are ‘retired’, they continue to work. Cathy and her daughter Nicole run a business out of their homes called *Paper Dahls - all things paper & crafty*. Check out their website at paperdahls.com or their Facebook page *Paper Dahls, LLC*. They also sell their work on Etsy. Cathy and

Pastor Deb are already brainstorming ways to partner together for fellowship and faith growth opportunities. Russ enjoys working outside and riding motorcycles. He recently began a part-time job at UHaul.

A little fun fact: Russ and Cathy are currently living in the garage they built on their property awaiting the arrival of their home. Cathy is a pretty amazing Crockpot cook! They love meeting new people and look forward to building lasting friendships with others in our community.

Russ & Cathy’s Contact Information

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Cathy - 507-327-8350
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CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Kyle Virtue, son of Jason and Conni Virtue will be confirmed in faith at OSL through the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism during worship on May 23. All are invited to be a part of this service and then stay for fellowship afterwards.

Kyle has completed confirmation ministry through Custer Lutheran Fellowship. We are excited that he has chosen to be confirmed at OSL.



Pentecost
SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

Worshippers are encouraged to wear red as we celebrate the birthday of the Christian church.

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 position 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 you. Lots of hands spreads 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 worshippers 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 worshippers. 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 by the church along with all paper products. We are encouraging not having 'big spreads' at this time.



Shalie Weaver

Shalie is graduating from Hill City High School. She is attending Western Dakota Tech pursuing a degree in Computer Aided Design.

Shalie is the daughter of Brian and Shawn Weaver and the sister of Lanie.

Our 2020-2021 College Graduates

Meghan Corr
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Ty Neugebauer
South Dakota State University

Morgan Parys
Augustana University

Paige Seidler
Chadron State

Matthew Sorenson
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

We will be honoring Shalie for this Senior Milestone in worship on May 30. In following with the OSL tradition, a tote has been placed in the narthex. The congregation is invited to place gifts for Shalie in the tote and sign the card laying beside it.

8th Grade Graduates



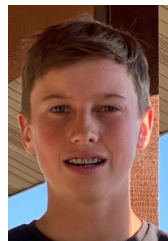
Jackson Wiles

Jackson is attending Custer High School in the fall.



Kyle Virtue

Kyle is attending Custer High School in the fall.



Rhett Lowe

Rhett is attending Custer High School in the fall.



Torin Knight

Torin is still deciding which high school to attend in the fall.



Cody Dirkes

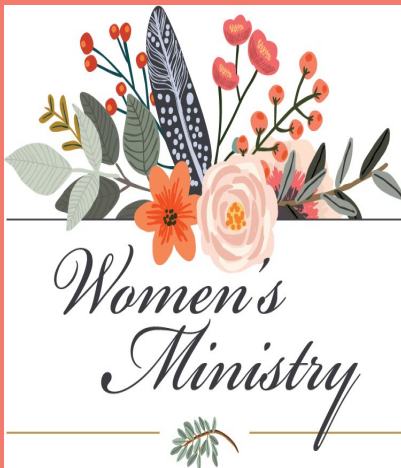
Cody is attending Custer High School in the fall.

Pastor Deb will be giving our 8th graders as well as the 8th grade class at Hermosa School a small gift on behalf of the congregation. Many of the 8th graders at Hermosa School have been a part of our D.O.G. Night ministry.

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

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-F 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.



“All are Welcome”

Join WELCA at our next gathering

Thursday, May 13th at 9:30 am at OSL and on Zoom

“The Journey of Generations - Waiting to be Unwrapped”

This month we will look at the shared blessings that intergenerational relationships might bring. Intergenerational relationships are one of Pastor Deb’s core values and passions. She is excited to share in this Bible study with you.

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.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.



PROVERBS 22:6 NIV

The community of Hermosa and all of OSL are grateful for all of our teachers and staff. Thank you for your ongoing learning and adapting so you can help our children grow and learn. You make a difference in the lives of so many people, including us! Thank you!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of March 31, 2021, the OSL checking/savings account had a balance of \$26,615.09 with \$10,114.19 in restricted/dedicated funds. As of the end of March we have received \$26,959.05 in offerings and interest income. We had expenses of \$27,753.05. Our investments brought an income of \$1,365.16 which meant we ended March with a positive balance of \$571.16. In March, LuMin: The Hills received \$1200 donated through our Mission of the Month giving! You are all amazing. This will help to feed many college students for the whole year. Thank you.

Along with the everyday ministries of our congregation, your financial support, allowed the Outreach Committee to distribute 60 breakfast burritos, 10ish peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and 40 Easter baskets to community members at the Basket & Burrito Drive Thru, Pastor Deb to deliver the remaining 32 Easter baskets to children throughout the area, and the Worship Committee to provide three wonderful Easter services. The Good News is being proclaimed because of your willingness to share your time, talents and resources as part of this amazing community of faith. Keep up the great work! It truly takes ALL of us working and giving in support of the mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church to keep us going.



Council NEWS

Property Committee

Steve Pendegraft has joined the committee. Committee members have been invited to a parsonage walk-thru on April 25 after worship. A list of items which need to be taken care of has been compiled. The committee is looking for ways to make this easily accessible for everyone.

Outreach Committee

The Easter Basket & Burrito Drive-thru went well. The new banner is hanging on the church deck.

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will meet on May 9 after worship.

Worship Committee

Easter worship went well. They will meet again after the congregation survey results are in.

Education Committee

DOG Night will begin again in Fall 2021. There will be no VBS this summer at OSL.

Pastor Deb's Report

*I feel Lent, Holy Week and Easter went well given this year's circumstances. I am truly grateful for the work of the musicians, the Worship Committee, the Sunday Serving Team and others who worked hard to make worship and outreach events so wonderful.

*Spring Theological Conference went well. We had great speakers this year. I have lots of new information to chew on.

*Pastoral care this past month included home visits, a funeral, phone calls and long-term care facility visits.

*We currently have six children registered for LO Bible camp with two on waiting lists. Two of those children will be attending two weeks of camp – one at Outlaw and one at NeSoDak.

Other Discussion and Decisions

*Based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Council voted to move the money in the Land Donation Fund to the Broadcasting System/Sound System Project.

*Thank yous were received from a couple of our college students for the Easter baskets. We also received thank you notes from Shirley with the LSS Street Ministry Program, the youth in Arise and Lutherans Outdoors for the support we have given them.

*Open Doors Ministry Grant information was presented.

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2021 Committees

Worship	Education	Property	Mission	Outreach
Carmen Lakner Council Liaison	Adare Diers Council Liaison	Jason Virtue Council Liaison	Linda Morrison Council Liaison	Chelle Schefcik Council Liaison
Conni Virtue Chair	Gloria Olawsky Chair	Cleon Diers Chair	Judy Stanley Chair	Tammy Dennert Chair
Stan Neugebauer	Josie Main	Gene Deyo	Gwen Schroeder	Collette Carlson
Peg Tesch	Suzan Heidelberger	Nancy Schultes	Donna Zuerlein	Bill Dennert
Carla Oerter		Steve Pendgraft	Joy Neugebauer	Alan Johnson
Jenett VanDreissen				Marvin Neugebauer
Roger Downen				Carol Neugebauer
Wyone Leonard				Dar Schroeder
				Gwen Schroeder

*Pastor Deb serves in an advisory position on all of the committees.

The Committees are always open to welcome new members. If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact a committee member or Pastor Deb.

A huge thank you to all of our leaders for giving of your time and talents to lead and help our community of faith grow in faith and accomplish the mission God has given us!

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.



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



**OPEN Thursday
May 20th
3:00-5:00pm**

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

For information please contact Lois at 255-5299.



**Feeding SD Food Box
Friday, May 7
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

Thank you's

Thank you for your donation to the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. My people really appreciate it! May God richly bless you and all your endeavors! Jamie Racer

Thank you for supporting Lutherans Outdoors with a financial gift. Your incredible support allows for the nurturing and strengthening of the faith life of thousands who come to camp. Thank you for understanding how critical your gift is this year to our ministry. Paul Hanson

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our church with flowers for Easter! The flowers brought much joy to our Easter worship service. Pastor Deb & the Worship Committee



COMPANION SYNODS

The ELCA Companion Synod Program forges relationships between the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and companion churches around the world, fellow members of the Lutheran World Federation. The SD Synod is in companionship with two churches: **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon** and **The Lutheran Church, Faith and Hope of Nicaragua**. We have missionaries in these synods as we work to develop strong relationships between the SD Synod and the church body in Cameroon and in Nicaragua. Our financial contributions not only help sponsor these missionaries as well as our SD Companion Synod Coordinator, Nathalie Fida Lassang, they also help to raise church roofs in Cameroon, assist children in getting education, train pastors in those countries, build youth leaders and help farmers through education, seeds and resources in Nicaragua. Pastor Deb had the opportunity to travel to Cameroon several years ago to experience the importance of our Companion Synod Partnership. Through our financial contributions and prayer, we are truly helping to spread the Gospel to our siblings in Christ in Cameroon and Nicaragua. More information can be found on the SD ELCA website. *Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.*

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



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Worship Sundays 9:30am
Fellowship to Follow
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month