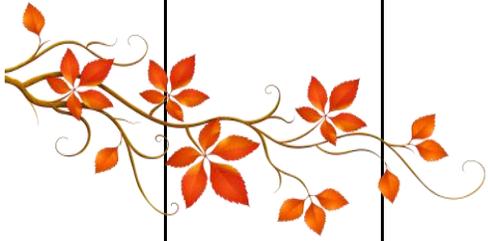
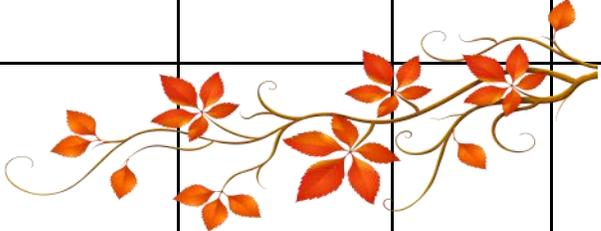


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30-7:00 DOG Night	4 6:30-8:00pm Cantata Rehearsal @ St. Michael's	5	6
7 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> 9:30am Worship/ Communion in building and live on Facebook/YouTube <i>Fellowship follows</i> 10:30am Worship Committee Meeting 5:00-6:00 Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm HS Youth Group	8 	9	10 5:30-7:00 DOG Night	11 9:30am WELCA  6:00pm HS Youth Group meet @ OSL for concert	12	13
14 <i>Second Sunday Breakfast serving from 8:30-9:20 and 10:20-11:30</i> 8:00-12:30 HS Youth Group @ OSL 9:30am Worship/ Communion in building and live online on Facebook/YouTube 10:30am Mission Committee Meeting 5:00-6:00 Confirmation	15 	16	17 5:30-7:00 DOG Night	18 3:00-5:00pm Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank open 6:30-8:00pm Cantata Rehearsal @ St. Michael's	19	20
21 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 8:15am Property Committee Meeting 9:30am Worship/ Communion in building and live on Facebook/YouTube <i>Fellowship follows</i> 10:30am Council Meeting 5:00-6:00 Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm HS Youth Group	22	23	24 No DOG Night	25  <i>Office Closed</i>	26	27
28 <i>Advent Begins</i> 9:30am Worship in building and live online on Facebook/YouTube <i>Potluck follows</i> No HS Youth Group	29	30				

Cultivating The Attitude of Gratitude

Happy November, Fabulous Family of Faith,

I have found myself this past year and a half beginning to focus more on the bummers of my day and the things I/we don't have instead of spending time each day giving thanks for the many blessings in my/our lives. I suspect I am not alone. So I pulled out of my files the following post and offer it to all of us to remind us of the importance of cultivating an attitude of gratitude. The Reverend Doctor David Lose wrote this reminder in his blog **...in the Meantime** (www.davidlose.net).

"What is gratitude? I suppose at its most basic level it's simply an awareness of blessing and a willingness or even eagerness to offer thanks for that blessing. But what precipitates that awareness? And if it's primarily an awareness or perception of blessing and good fortune, it strikes me that gratitude is likely available to us anytime and in all manner of circumstances.

Which brings to mind a statement by the Apostle Paul, writing to his beloved Philippian congregation: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." What strikes me about Paul's oft-quoted words is that Paul invites us to rejoice - another way, I think, of saying "give thanks" - always. When things are going well and not so well. When life seems rich and blessings abundant, and when they seem scarce. Indeed, Paul continues, saying, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:4,6)

It's a rather astounding injunction, when you think about it. Our lives often seem overwhelmed by worry, and yet Paul doesn't just suggest or counsel but actually commands that we do not worry but instead bring our requests to God with thanksgiving. Strikingly, Paul doesn't write this letter from a situation of ease or obvious abundance. Rather, he writes from prison.

Which reminds us again that gratitude is as much an attitude as it is an emotion. Gratitude, that is, can arise from a determined commitment to see the blessings of this life, a steadfast and practiced resolve of noticing and focusing on what is good. For in the end the issue isn't wealth or poverty, good fortune or bad, but rather the issue is attention - focusing on the manifold blessings all around us - and attitude - a commitment to not take blessings small and large for granted but rather to notice and give thanks for them."

I encourage you this month to focus on cultivating the attitude of gratitude. Set aside time each day to be aware of at least one blessing from your day. Name even one little blessing that maybe has been taken for granted in the past and lift it to God with praise and thanksgiving. For some this will be an easy task. For others it might be more difficult as attitudes and thought patterns might need to change. For all of us it might become a transformational way as living as disciples of God.

I will start. On this day I am grateful for these blessings ...

- ☺ Josie Main, Administrative Assistant. Words cannot express how much we are blessed by having her in this position at OSL. I am deeply grateful to her and the team we have become.
- ☺ The spa day gift I received from the congregation for Pastor Appreciation month. I am so grateful to be called to serve this congregation of faith. I look forward to using this gift on during my sabbatical.
- ☺ Hugs from children throughout the week.
- ☺ Having Bear and Onyx with us while Haylee is deployed. They, along with Brownie, bring smiles to our faces daily.
- ☺ Surprise McDonald's sweet teas delivered by Rod and other wonderful people in our family of faith and community.
- ☺ The number of new faces along with familiar faces I see at DOG Night
- ☺ A beautiful home to live in where our privacy is respected.

This is only a start as this list could go on and on. May your days and months be filled with an awareness of your blessings and the ability to let your worries and requests be made known to God with thanksgiving.

Pastor Deb

Reformation Revealed



The events of the Reformation did not reveal anything. They only uncovered what was part of Christian teaching to begin with that had become forgotten or hidden over the years by Church practices and traditions that had developed. Martin Luther pulled back the curtain, if you will, on what the Scriptures actually said and what the early Church intended. Though revolutionary for their time, the tenets of the Reformation are integral parts of the life of the Protestant church today.

CONFESSION The act of confessing sins to God is a personal act between you and God that is not necessarily something that needs to be done in a formal way in the church. Whether at home or in the car or at work or school, you can confess your sins to God and he will grant you full forgiveness. As the Scripture simply says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

READING THE BIBLE In the time of the Reformation, only the church leaders read and had access to the Bible. Parishioners only listened to church leaders read the Bible aloud in church in Latin, which made it difficult for everyday people to know and understand the Scripture. Martin Luther translated the Bible into German and copies were printed and distributed so that people in his country could read the Bible on their own in their own language. Other translations followed and people’s awareness of Christian beliefs grew. Today we are blessed with Bibles written in English and the chance to read Scripture silently or aloud in worship in-person or online.

MUSIC The Reformation brought music and singing to the people in the pews. As with Bible reading, singing had been reserved for church leaders, who mainly chanted in Latin. Martin Luther composed 36 hymns that were based on folk melodies people already knew and published a hymnbook that parishioners could use in church to sing songs in unison and in harmony as part of the liturgy of worship. The practice of congregational singing continues to this day, in line with the Scripture that says, “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.” (Psalm 57:9)

TABLE TALK When Martin Luther served as a professor at the University of Wittenberg, he did not leave the teaching in the school buildings, but invited his students to join him around the dinner table with his family to talk about issues related to the Christian life, the Church and the Bible. Today the practice of having devotions and prayers around the dinner table is very common among Christian households.

TEACHING When Martin Luther traveled around to other churches, he was surprised to discover that many people were not familiar with the most basic teachings of the church. So he wrote the Small Catechism for parents to use in their homes to teach their children these six chief parts: The 10 Commandments, the Apostle’s Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, the Office of the keys and Confession and the Lord’s Supper. In this way, the Small Catechism was a fulfillment of Scripture that said, “Train up a child in the way they should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6) Luther also wrote the Large Catechism with more in-depth information for clergy to use in teaching parishioners.

PRAYER Like with many things in the Church during the time of the Reformation, the act of prayer was most commonly practiced within the walls of the church building. But Luther taught that prayer should be the first business of the morning and the last at night and that it should be something we engage in throughout the day. When Luther’s barber, Peter Beskendorf, asked Luther for suggestions concerning prayer, Luther responded by writing the book *A Simple Way to Pray*. In its pages, Luther wrote prayers that corresponded to the Lord’s prayer and the 10 Commandments. Prayer continues to be an integral part of the Christian household’s routine with parents and children most often praying together before and after meals and at bedtime.

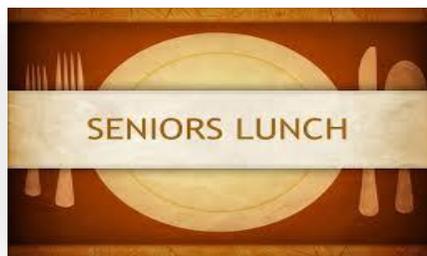
VOCATION In Luther’s Day, there was a hierarchy in work that people did. The clergy and others who worked in the church were at the top rung of society and those who were maids or servants were stationed at the bottom rung. But Luther explained that in the eyes of God, all people were equal, no matter what their occupation. Vocation became a much broader term in the Reformation to mean being forgiven by God to serve others in response to his love for us. This idea of our “calling” in the name of Christ elevated the status of the common laborer and brought about a greater sense of the inherent worth of a person, not connected to a person’s specific day job. Today our church bodies include in their mission statements the strong belief in the equal value of each person.



**OPEN Thursday
November 18th
3:00-5:00pm**

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

For information please
contact Lois at
255-5299.



American Legion
Post 303 Building
East End of Hermosa on HWY 40
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
Home-cooked, buffet-style meals
Main dish, sides, salads, fruit,
dessert, drink

12:00 Noon Sharp Mon-Thur
Adults \$8 Kids \$5
See [https://www.facebook.com/
forhermosaseniorcitizens](https://www.facebook.com/forhermosaseniorcitizens) for
weekly menu



**All Saints
Sunday**

November 7th

Names of those who have died in
the past year will be read during
worship on November 1st as a
way to remember and honor
them. Candles will also be lit as
names are read. If you have a
name you would like to have read,
please let Josie know by Nov. 4th
by either calling or emailing the
church office. (605-255-4662 or
osl@mt-rushmore.net)



**Join us for Second Sunday Breakfast!
Sunday, November 14th**

Serving:

8:30~9:20am and 10:20~11:30am

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
The whole community is invited!**

**Freewill donation will go towards the OSL Community Youth Group to attend
the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering

Pancakes with toppings, Sausage Links, Fruit and Pastries



All are Welcome

Join WELCA at our next gathering
Thursday, November 11 at 9:30 am at OSL and on Zoom

“Called to Be Political - But I Don't Want to Be Political” Part 2

Like it or not, Christians are called to be political. This resource explores that call, looking at personal reflections of Lutheran women, the Bible and the writings of Martin Luther. Fears or questions about our church's involvement in politics may reflect a misunderstanding of how Christians, and especially Lutheran Christians, are called to participate in the political arena.

We will continue the discussion we began in September as we work through the last part of the study. Don't worry if you weren't able to join us in September. You can still join in the conversation this month.

Printed copies of the resource are available at the church. Please contact Josie at 605-225-4662 or osl@mt-rushmore.net if you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you. Pastor Deb highly encourages everyone to read through the study ahead of time so we have more time for discussion.

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

Mark Your CALENDAR



Homestyle BBQ and Throwback Dance

November 5th 5:30-8:00pm

Hermosa Community Center (Formerly Trails West Saloon)

Taste the best BBQ made by Travis Hartshorn and enjoy music provided by Jen Hartshorn! Wear your best throwback attire!

**Senior Project by Reace Guy



Read to a Therapy Dog!

November 5th and 19th 3:00-5:00pm

Hermosa Library

Come read to the best listener...Zippit, the therapy dog! Open to children of all ages– Reading program designed to help children improve their reading skills and get excited about reading!

**Senior project by Calli James



Eastern Star's Turkey Dinner (Annual Charity Fundraiser)

November 7th 11:00-1:30pm

Hermosa Masonic Center

Served Family Style– Dine In or Take Out-Everyone Welcome
\$10 adults and \$7 children ages 6-12

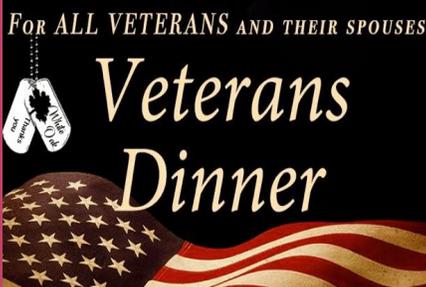


Hermosa Relief Fund Casserole/Hot Dish Cook Off

November 13th 5:00-7:30pm

Custer County Fairgrounds

Donate your favorite casserole- Bake Sale– Beer Garden– Prizes
Please contact Kori (605-430-4389), Stacia (605-391-7655, or Shelley (605-255-5977)



HONORARY VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY DINNER

November 20th 5:00pm

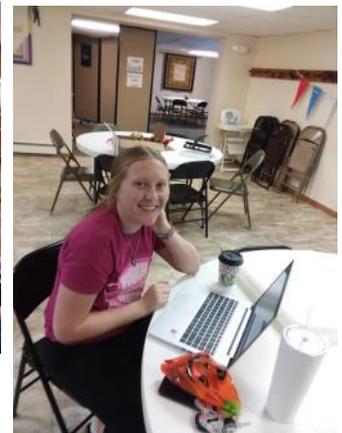
American Legion Hall Post 303

Free dinner for Veterans, family and friends. There will be a raffle, with all proceeds going to Mission 22. There will also be a speaker from Mission 22. Raffle tickets available for purchase at the event.

*Senior Project by Morgan Gross

HS Youth Group Happenings

PUMPKIN CARVING AND CARING CONVERSATION



OSL Community High School Youth Group November Schedule

November 7: 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Supper, Devotions & Wreath making

November 11: For King & Country Concert - Meet at the church at 6 pm.
Concert is at 7 pm.

November 14: SS Breakfast & Worship & Wreath making -8:00 am - 12:30 pm
at OSL

November 21: Birthday Supper, Devotions & Games - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at OSL

**We will celebrate Gage's birthday with food, fellowship and fun!*

November 28: No Youth Group - Happy Thanksgiving Weekend

CHRIST

"For we are all ONE in CHRIST"
Galatians 3:28

OSL Community Youth Group
Hermosa, SD

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY GRAND OPENING



THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW.
THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU WILL GO.
-DR SEUSS



We will be honoring our Veterans during Worship on November 10th. If you are a Veteran and your name is not on the list already, please let Josie know so we can honor you as well! 255-4662

Bob Tesch	Scott Dirkes
Marvin Bishop	Bill Dennert
Butch Rudd	Rodney Grismer
Haylee Grismer	Rodney Clark
Danni Borden	Jake Borden
Les Evjen	Berni Flug
Larry Dickschat	Denny Knight
Larry Fritz	DJ Mittelstadt
Kevin Vining	Jim Schultes
Harvey Fitzgerald	Leon Carpenter
Varro Friend	Paul Reynolds
Darwin Schock	Donley Hewitt
Gary Hunsaker	Ron Wagner
Christine Wolcott	Franklin Krause
Gene Deyo	DiAnn Deyo
Daniel Ramsey	

*If you are a veteran and you are not listed, we sincerely apologize. Please let us know so we can make the correction.



Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your very generous gift of \$1,105.00 to the Hermosa Senior Citizen's Center! Your continued support of HSCC is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Hermosa Senior Citizen's Center

OSL Congregation,

Thank you so much for the tote of supplies and goodies!

I want to thank everyone for all the support they have given me these past four years. I am going to Western Dakota Tech to study Computer Aided Design. I will be making blueprints of a variety of different things!

Thanks again!

-Shalie Weaver

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your recent donation of \$210.42 to the Pine Ridge reconciliation Center! We really appreciate it! Today, we made hot beef stew for our Kid's Time Program. It's chilly here today. I am so proud of the work we do here! May God richly bless Pastor Deb and the entire congregation!

-Jamie Pacer

We Lift in Prayer...

- **Those who are grieving losses of any sort, especially the friends and family of Linda (Friend of Cathy Dahl); Joan Ramsey
- **Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Jason Boll (son of Linda Boll); BJ McGuire (Friend of Carmen Lakner); Bob Tesch; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Jack Peterson (Grandson of Collette Carlson); Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison)
- **Those with on-going health concerns, including Marsha Vrooman; Hannah (Granddaughter of Peg Tesch); Ron Wagner; David Brimer (Son of Iris Brimer); Gary Walberg (Father of Clay Walberg); Peg Tesch; Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Betty Tesch; Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer
- **For those devastated by drought or floods
- **For our military members and their families
- **For areas torn apart by violence
- **For those in long-term care facilities
- **For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.
- **For our leaders at every level.
- **For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



**thank you
for giving**

Financial Update

The Holy Spirit is alive and well and keeping this congregation busy and blessed during October. Property Committee members worked hard to complete outside tasks at the church before the cold of winter set in. Worship Committee members and others in our congregation stepped forward to lead wonderful worship services when Pastor Deb was gone. Education Committee members make up the 24 high school students and adults leading our DOG (Disciples of God) Night ministry passing on the faith to around 50 children from 20ish families. Financially we began October with \$28,831.16 in our checking/savings accounts. Our income from January - September 2021 was \$81,572.63 compared to \$82,920.76 in 2020. Our expenses from January - September 2021 totaled \$85,667.79 compared to \$91,113.42 during the same time period in 2020. Pastor Deb and the Church Council are so appreciative how generous many in the congregation have been with their financial giving. Our regular offerings were less in September which caused us to be about \$4000 behind at the end of the month. However, because of your generosity, we continue to fully fund all of our ministries as we do the work to which we have been called. If you would like more detailed information on OSL financial mission plan, please contact Mike at 605-858-3402 or treasurerslhermosa@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued financial support!



Church Council Meeting Highlights October 24, 2021

Note: Information presented at the Church Council meeting but mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter is not duplicated here.

Present: Bill Dennert, Dar Schroeder, Linda Morrison, Jason Virtue, Carmen Lakner, Chelle Schefcik, Adare Diers, Gene Deyo, Mike Bashnagel and Pastor Deb Grismer

Committee Updates:

Property Committee

*Bell tower and rock work around the front deck has been completed. Dead trees have been removed. Jason Schefcik has joined the Property Committee.

Outreach Committee

*Served Hot Dogs, chips and water at Trunk or Treat event.

Mission Committee

*\$760.00 was collected for DOG Night ministry expenses during the month of September. As of the end of September, \$6,919.49 has been collected and sent out through our Mission of the Month Ministry.

Worship Committee

*Pastor Deb expressed her deep gratitude to Worship Committee members and others who led worship while she was gone.

*Pastor Deb has checked with other church leaders around Thanksgiving Eve service. We will not be having a community Thanksgiving Eve service this year.

Education Committee

*We have needed to cancel DOG Night a couple of weeks due to high COVID and other illness spread in the school and the community. The health and safety of our volunteers, children and family of faith continues to be a high priority.

*Plans and dreams for next year have been discussed.

Council Action/Decisions:

*Pastor Deb requested on behalf of the Education Committee the line items under the Education Committee portion of the Financial Mission plan be reduced to a Childrens Education line item and an Adult Education line item for ease of planning and recording expenses. The DOG Night line items in the restricted fund will not be changed or affected. Council agreed to this request.

*Thank you so much to all of the Committees for working on their annual reports and financial requests earlier this year. It is much appreciated.

*We continue to pray for God to guide congregation members who might be willing to serve on Council next year.



Church Council Member Elections

Bill Dennert, Adare Diers, Carmen Lakner and Gene Deyo will be finishing their terms as Church Council members and alternate at the end of this year. We are so grateful for their work as they served on Council. We will be electing three new members and one alternate at our annual meeting in January. Any member of OSL is eligible to serve on Council. Are you being called to serve as a leader of our family of faith though being a Council member? If you are interested in being nominated or would like more information, please contact one of the members of Council or Pastor Deb. A position description is available. Thank you for holding these positions in prayer.



Veteran's Ministry

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission houses veterans at its main facility. Along with a warm place to sleep, meals and coffee, homeless veterans also have access to case managers who are able to help in various ways, from replacing birth certificates and obtaining photo I.D.s to arranging for medical services, obtaining clothing and linking up with other services in the Rapid City community. Everything they do is intended to help residents find jobs and a permanent place to live. Cornerstone Rescue Mission constantly strives to reach homeless veterans not staying at their shelter in order to help them connect with service as well.

If you would like to financially support this fund, place your contribution in the Globe offering or in the offering plate. Donations for the Mission of the Month can also be made online through Tithley. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for showing your gratitude to homeless veterans in this way. We are truly blessed to be a blessing.



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Hermosa, SD 57744

Website: oslhermosa.com
E-mail: osl@mt-rushmore.net

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

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