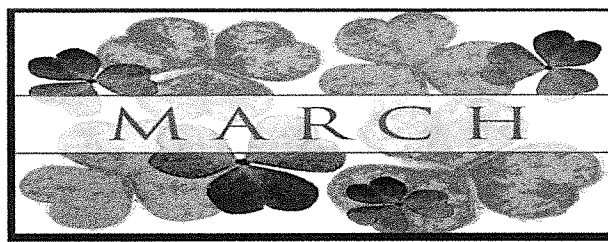


2022



OSL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:15 Free Fat Tuesday Dinner 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	3 2:00pm Education Committee Meeting	4 10:30-11:30am Feeding SD truck @ St Michael's Church	5
6 9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL in the building and live on Face- book/YouTube 10:30am Worship Committee Meeting 5:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm HS Youth Group	7 9:30am Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Deb	8 9:30am WELCA	9	10 5:15pm Soup Dinner @ OSL 6:00pm Mid- week Lenten Service	11	12
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Pastor Deb's Sabbatical Reflections

The idea of a sabbatical has biblical origins. The very root of the word is the same as that of "Sabbath" – a time of rest. Throughout the Old Testament God instructs people to work six days and rest on the seventh. In Leviticus, God instructs people to allow the land to rest every seventh year – meaning no farming, no planting, no harvesting. Jesus, who frequently sought out a quiet place where he could meditate and pray, away from the constant demands of the crowds, is a strong model for a sabbatical.

It is recommended rostered leaders (pastors and deacons) in the SD Synod be eligible for a six week to three-month sabbatical every five years of continuous service to a congregation. Unlike a vacation, a sabbatical is intended for purposeful reflection and restoration. The leader steps away from congregational responsibilities for a measured time which creates space for creativity, rest, and renewal. This does not happen during a vacation as the pastor is still 'on' and continues to have congregational responsibilities.

I am blessed to have just finished a two-month sabbatical. I am very grateful to Pastor Duane, Josie, Conni, Carla, Committee members and Council members who stepped forward to cover my pastoral responsibilities while was gone. I am grateful for the whole congregation who knew how much I needed this time away, prayed for me while I was gone, didn't contact me and continued with the wonderful ministry to which God has called us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

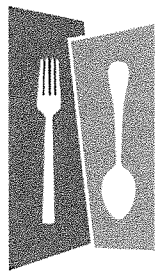
Rest. Reflect. Renew. Recharge. Define. Refine. Align.

In a nutshell, this is what I did on my sabbatical. I rested and slept (a lot). I renewed connections with family and friends. (I put about 5,000 miles on my vehicle.) I recharged through attending the Moses Project January Gathering and spending time with God, my husband, pets and nature. I was attending worship at different congregations, including being able to worship with my family on the Sunday morning my nephew and Godson had his First Communion Milestone. I read and went to movies. I binge-watched TV shows and cleaned at least part of the house. It was marvelous!

I spent much time reflecting on my ministry as a pastor, the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the future of both. This was and is not easy work for me as God seems to still not give me obvious written answers. We are in an incredibly difficult time as church leaders, and we are getting worn out. However, the need is great. I wonder if I am still called to serve as a pastor. I wonder if I have the knowledge and energy needed to lead God's people during this time of transition and transformation.

I do not have the answers to all my wonderments but this I do know – We cannot go back to what was before. For many reasons, "getting back to normal", whatever that looks like is not an option. I have made many mistakes as your pastor. I name and claim them and I ask for your forgiveness. I do not want to go back and make those same mistakes. I don't want to be stuck in the past. I want to move forward. I also name and claim that I cannot go back to being the same pastor I was when I started at OSL seven years ago as your interim and then regularly called pastor. I can no longer try to work harder to be enough. I need to build better boundaries for my sake and for your sake.

As we move forward, it is important for me to define who I am as a pastor right now in this time and place. It is important for me to refine what this looks like and align what this looks like to meet the needs of my calling to OSL. It is also important for us a congregation to define who we are as a congregation now in this time and place. It is important to refine our ministry based on this definition and align our mission in our daily work to align with this ministry. It is time for us to truly breath, take a reality check and move forward. This will be challenging work but we are blessed to be doing it together. We will make mistakes but there is grace for that. God doesn't expect us to be perfect or have all the answers. God does want us to stay focused on God and continue to seek God's guidance in the proclaiming the good news and living out God's love for all of us.



HERMOSA FAIRBURN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

**OPEN Thursday
March 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 Drop off

Friday, March 4th

St Michael's Catholic Church

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

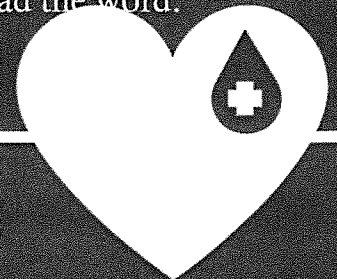


The Vitalent Blood Drive scheduled for March 7
in Hermosa has been cancelled due to staff short-
age. Please spread the word.

BLOOD

DRIVE

CANCELLED



"All are Welcome"

***Our invitation can reflect the
hospitality of Jesus.***

Join WELCA at our next gathering

Tuesday, March 8th at 9:30 am at OSL and on Zoom

Bible study followed by meeting

We will gather to check in and continue Mark Allan Powell's The Kingdom of God Bible study series found in the Gather magazine. Session 3 focuses on "Here and Now - Eternal Life in the Gospel of John". Copies of the Bible study are available on the table in the narthex, in the church office or by contacting Josie.




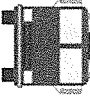

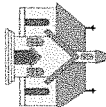
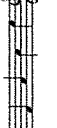

































Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

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.*

Let Us Pray to the Lord - 40 Days of Lent Scratch Off Prayers

Each day in Lent, read the prayer prompt, scratch off a prayer, and end together with "Amen!"

Dear God, today we pray for [scratch off a prayer], and help them [fill in the blank]. Amen.

 <p>Police Officers</p>	 <p>Teachers</p>	 <p>Doctors & Nurses</p>	 <p>Firefighters</p>	 <p>Animals & Forests</p>	 <p>Church</p>	 <p>Choir Directors & Musicians</p>	 <p>Grand-parents</p>
 <p>People Needing Homes</p>	 <p>Families On The News</p>	 <p>People Who Are Hungry</p>	 <p>Kids In Foster Care</p>	 <p>School Custodians</p>	 <p>Clean Water For everyone</p>	 <p>Widows & Widowers</p>	 <p>People Who Make Us Angry</p>
 <p>Postal Workers</p>	 <p>Coffee Shop Baristas</p>	 <p>Smiley People</p>	 <p>People That Are Sick</p>	 <p>Store Greeters</p>	 <p>Ambulance Drivers</p>	 <p>Parents</p>	 <p>Neighbors You Don't Know</p>
 <p>Government Workers</p>	 <p>Street Cleaners</p>	 <p>Teenagers</p>	 <p>People in Prison</p>	 <p>My Friends</p>	 <p>Relatives</p>	 <p>School Principals</p>	 <p>Earth</p>
 <p>Someone Who Passed Away</p>	 <p>People Driving Cars</p>	 <p>Pets and Stuffies</p>	 <p>People Who Forgive</p>	 <p>Airline Workers</p>	 <p>People That Lost Jobs</p>	 <p>Spring Breakers</p>	 <p>Babies Everywhere</p>

Lent

A Time to Renew

Lenten Bible Study

Lenten Bible Study - Spiritual Integrity

Mondays at 9:30 am in Pastor Deb's office and online

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Begins March 7

Join Pastor Deb as we dig deeper into our Spiritual Integrity theme each week. No experience necessary. Bring your own Bibles. The coffee pot will be on.

SYMBOLS OF ASH

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Thursday Evenings

(Starting March 10)

Soup Meal @ 5:15pm

Services @ 6:00pm

Our Savior's Lutheran

**If you would like a Holden Evening Prayer Booklet sent to you, please let Josie know

Theme: Symbols of Ash *based on a book by Chris Paavola*

There is power in touch. Like touching the bread and wine of communion, or touching the waters of baptism, the ash of Ash Wednesday provides an opportunity for us to tangibly interact with their faith. This Lenten season we will interact with the seven Biblical uses and symbols of ash that will both challenge and comfort our faith. The whole community is invited to be a part of these mid-week services.

Spiritual Integrity

Sunday Worship Series – *Spiritual Integrity*

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30am

In ancient times, when a potter needed to sell a pot that was not perfect, they would cover the crack with wax and then paint over the flaw in the pot. An unknowing buyer would not be able to see the flaw hidden by the wax. However, if a wise buyer simply held the pot up to the light, the flaw would be visible and the buyer would know the pot did not have integrity. The root of the word “integrity” means “without wax.” As we are held up to the light of Christ, our flaws become visible and our “integrity” can be examined. There are many things in life that serve as “wax” to cover our flaws and make us appear better than we really are. In this series we will explore spiritual integrity and examine those things that hide the broken places of our life. A clay pot begins in dust and as water, shape, and fire are added it can become a vessel with integrity. This is our Lenten journey.


Let's Go To Camp!

Who is ready to experience our boundless God in boundless creation at one of the Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota camps? Check out the calendar to see what camp and what week you might like to go! More information can be found about summer camps at www.losd.org or visit with Pastor Deb. Pastor Deb would love to take a group or 3rd graders to 9th graders to NeSoDak again this summer the week of July 10-15. Outlaw is a fantastic place to head if you would like to be closer to home. Excited about horses? Check out Klein Ranch. Pastor Deb is willing to take a group to Klein as well. Please contact Josie (605-255-4662) or Pastor Deb (605-890-0781) if you or your child would like to head to camp! Early bird registration ends April 15th. Cost is \$450/week. Scholarships are available.

SUMMER 2022




boundless

LUTHERANS OUTDOORS IN SOUTH DAKOTA



Our boundless God is our anchor in life and our springboard too.
 God made us and will never let us go.
 Yet God also propels us out into God's beautiful world to care for and prosper creation, gifting us with abilities and creativity to do "far more than we dare ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:21 CEV)

WEEKLY CAMP CALENDAR

	 Outlaw Ranch	 NeSoDak	 Klein Ranch
WEEK 1 JUNE 12-17	YOUTH CAMP (3-8TH) PEER MINISTRY (9-12TH) ADVENTURES (7-12TH)	CONFIRMATION 1 FISHING CAMP (3-8TH)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9TH)
WEEK 2 JUNE 19-24	YOUTH CAMP (3-8TH) ADVENTURES (7-12TH)	CAMP GILBERT	YOUTH CAMP (6-9TH)
WEEK 3 JUNE 26-JULY 1	FAMILY CAMP	CONFIRMATION 2	YOUTH CAMP (6-9TH)
WEEK 4 JULY 3-8	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12TH) SERVANT CAMP (8-12TH)	1-2-3 CAMP (1-3RD)* *JULY 6-8	CLOSED
WEEK 5 JULY 10-15	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12TH) SERVANT CAMP (8-12TH)	YOUTH CAMP (3-6TH) KAYAK CAMP (6-9TH)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9TH) WIT/CIT (10-12TH)
WEEK 6 JULY 17-22	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12TH) SERVANT CAMP (8-12TH)	YOUTH CAMP (5-8TH)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9TH) WIT/CIT (10-12TH)
WEEK 7 JULY 24-29	YOUTH CAMP (3-8TH) ADVENTURES (7-12TH) SERVANT CAMP (8-12TH)	YOUTH CAMP (3-6TH)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9TH)
WEEK 8 JULY 31-AUG. 5	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (7-12TH) SERVANT CAMP (8-12TH)	CONFIRMATION 3 MUSIC CAMP	
WEEK 9 AUGUST 7-12	HOSTED CAMP	1-2-3 CAMP (1-3RD) AUGUST 7-9 EXPLORERS (3-6TH) AUGUST 10-12	



SCAN ME



OSL Church Council Highlights February 20, 2022

The OSL Church Council met on Feb. 20th, both in person and on Zoom.

Property Committee (Steve Pendegraft-Liaison)

The property committee has plans to do painting, staining and address handicapped parking when the weather improves. This committee is looking for more members.

Outreach Committee. (Dar Schroeder- Liaison)

Held Community Soup Lunch on Sunday Feb 13th. Served a choice of 12 soups, fruit cup, granola bars and water. Approximately 40 people were served. Will be planning for an Easter egg hunt. Doris Hillman joined the committee.

Mission Committee. (Linda Morrison-Liaison)

March Missioni-LSS Foster Care Program; April-Camperships; May-ELCA Good Gifts Family Farm with a goal of \$715.00. Next meeting will be 5/10/22.

Worship Committee. (Jason Virtue-Liaison)

No new business

Education Committee. (Gloria - Liaison)

DOG Night is cancelled through February because of community sickness and lack of volunteers. This committee will meet again once Pastor Deb returns.

Treasurer's Report

Mike presented the Treasurer's report. All info was approved by the Council.

Other Business– Doris Hillman has requested a transfer of membership from her past church to OSL. God's Cupboard will be moving to the city building. Lease and insurance information is tabled until next meeting.

Next Meeting will be March 20th, following worship



****Those who are grieving losses of any sort, especially the friends and family of Connie Steen; Richard Markovick; Pastor Eldon Thurow; Evelyn Pullen.**

****Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Pastor Bob Ohnstad; Peg Tesch; Roger Spitzer (friend of Dar and Gwen Schroeder); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Sara (Cousin of Toni Ramsey); Matt (Cousin of Jake Borden); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Ryan (Nephew of Shelley Martin)**

****Those with on-going concerns, including Kimberly Heuer; Lynzee Makowski (Niece of Rebecca Kaiser); Esther Downen; Jason Boll (Son of Linda Boll); BJ McGuire (Friend of Carmen Lakner); Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein)**

****For our military members and their families**

****For those who are homeless and those whose homes do not provide warmth and safety**

**** For the people of Ukraine and Russia**

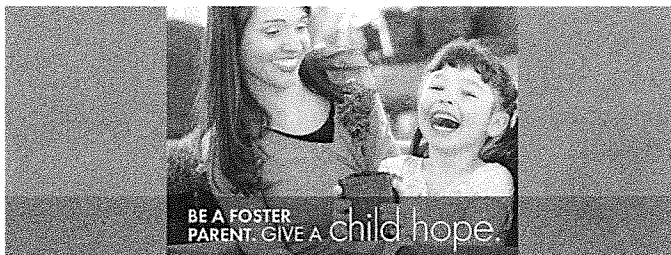


BEAR BUTTE ASSEMBLY GATHERING

Sunday, March 13th 3:00pm
Calvary Lutheran Church, Rapid City
In the building, and on Zoom

It is time for the annual meeting of the Bear Butte Conference congregations. All are invited to attend this business meeting, connect with people from all over the conference and learn more about how we are church together.

MISSION OF THE MONTH



LSS
**Foster Care
Services**

Lutheran Social Services Foster Care helps find safe homes for children who have suffered from abuse or neglect. The children LSS works with have significant developmental or emotional needs as a result the abuse or neglect they have endured. We are currently looking for more families in the Black Hills who would like to make a difference in a child's life. Some of the things your support allows them to do:

Recruit and train new foster care families to help abused children have a safe place to live

Provide ongoing trainings to foster parents on how to best care for the youth in their home

Cover the cost of summer programming or camp for youth

Provide birthday gifts or birthday in a bag kits for foster parents to have all the necessary items to celebrate

Support family visitation for youth in care (cover hotel or travel costs to ensure the child can visit their biological family.)

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



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Worship Sundays 9:30am
In the building and live streamed on
Facebook and YouTube
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month