

February 7/8, 2015

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Five minutes before the service, the Pastors and Elders are praying for you.

As we enter the House of God, let us meditate quietly and prepare our hearts for worship and praise of our Lord and Savior. Remember what the Scriptures say, “The Lord is in His holy temple; Let us all the earth keep silence before Him!”
Habakkuk 2:20

(Please check your cell phones and beepers to make sure they are turned off while in the Sanctuary.)

TO OUR VISITORS

In the Name of the Lord Jesus we bid you welcome to our congregation, to its blessings, to its comfort, and to its peace. Within this congregation let no one feel himself a stranger. We ask you to sign our guest register located in the foyer and to fill out the guest book in each pew letting us know how we can serve you. If you have no church affiliation elsewhere, we invite you to make Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran your church home. Membership is open to all who are in accord with the doctrines and practices of our church, as based on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Please get in touch with one of our Pastors for the next available new member class.

THE LORD’S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the glad confession of the Christian faith the Lord expects that every member attends Worship and the Lord’s Supper faithfully. The Lord expects every member is involved in Christ-centered education, (Bible Study); The Lord expects every member to be a missionary of Christ and of the Gospel to our community; and that every member is a faithful steward and disciple for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEKEND

Orders of Service:	7:00 pm Vespers/8am and 10:30am Matins
Hymns:	781, 867, 584, 851
Theme:	“Who Can You Compare Me To?”
Text:	1 Corinthians 9:16-27 and Isaiah 40:25
Sermon by: Pastor Domke	Liturgist: Pastor Smith

Children’s Sermon this Sunday at the 8am and 10:30 am services

Flowers on the altar are given by Dick and Connie Green in memory of Vinton and Jo Luther, F.M. Luther and Carroll Luther.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class – This Sunday we continue with Lesson 5 part 2- Science: What is True? In this, our fifth worldview tour, we will head northeast, enter the cavern of nature, gaze upon the jewels of creation, and establish yet another important pillar in the Temple of Truth: *Science*. In the process, we will discover that whereas “the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1) so that the Creator’s “invisible attributes are plainly seen” (Romans 1:20), mankind has nevertheless chosen to ignore the obvious truth, twisting scientific investigation into a vehicle for propagating a godless philosophy of human independence and self-determination.

The church council advised the pastors to announce a suspension of hand shaking until the flu dissipates. This includes the passing of the peace and shaking hands after service with the pastors. Just wave to each, smile and say, at the sharing of the peace, The Peace of Christ be yours, and at the back door, we will smile and greet you with a smile and have a blessed day.

PARISH PRAYERS

◇ Remember those serving in our military. (Please give the church office information on our members who are serving in the armed forces so we can be in contact with them.) Please notify the church office when you or a loved one is entering the nursing home. Because of the privacy laws this information is not available to the public nor the Pastors.

◇ Remember those who have lost a loved one or wish to be remembered in prayer please contact the office.

◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs: **Ryker Lammey, Cindy Alter, Megan Smith, LaVaun Jones, Betty Schroeder, Melanie Kludt, Graham Smith, Claudia Scotter, Beverly Boorn, Jennifer Klawitter and baby girl Klara, Katie Halbur.**

Hospital Visitation—Please let us know when you are going or are in the hospital. Pastor Domke

Altar Guild -- is looking for several people to help care for and set up the altar, please consider this important work. Call the church office, speak to Phyllis Arwood, or Pastor Domke

THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

	7:00 pm	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Mia Kruse	Mia Kruse	Mia Kruse
Acolyte:	Salasha Griffith	Jordyn Zavesky	Teagan Pfitzer

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE: Divine Worship: 241 Sunday School: 29 Adult Bible Class: 72

Weekly Budgeted Need:	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving To Date
General \$ 6,906	\$5,512.00	\$34,530.00	\$27,549.00
Mission \$ 1,699	\$ 929.00	\$ 8,495.00	\$ 4,960.00
Building \$ 576	\$ 361.00	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 2,613.00

Men's Tuesday Morning and Men’s Thursday Evening Bible Study: All the men of the congregation are invited to attend. The time we spend together is a time of conversation, prayer, fellowship and bible reading. We are currently in the letter to the Romans on Tuesday. We meet at Vertos at 6:30 AM. Also on Thursday evenings. We are currently in the gospel of John. Men gather at 7 PM, September to May in the Board room. Pastor Domke

WEBSITE UPDATE: Be sure to check it out for there is a new look to the website. We are doing a bit of rearranging so stuff won’t be exactly where it was, but there is a search feature, and we will get all the old content up on the new site. We are still in need of people who want to help out on the website and we will need people who can post content to the website. Sermons are posted on time so you can listen.

LYF ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

February 11- LYF activity- 8th grade parents serve; No Wed activity in March- Lent; April 8- LYF Activity - Youth Board serves

Lenten Soup Suppers and Refreshment Sign up sheet is located on the table in the fellowship hall. Your help is greatly appreciated. A couple slots remain unfilled so please help.

The Preschool collects the following items to earn money and supplies for the school: Campbell's labels (UPC codes only- please cut them out of the soup label) Pop Tabs, **Coborn's receipts dated for November, December, January due by February 4th.** Labels for Learning Points (These are tabulated at the bottom of your Coborn's receipt. You earn these when you buy Food Club brand items. Please separate the Labels for Learning Points from the bottom of your receipt. This program replaces the Food Club UPC program.) We earn approximately \$250 every three months by simply saving Coborn's receipts. We are collecting **Fair City receipts.**

School Board—Since we had to cancel the last School Bd meeting due to illnesses, we have rescheduled it to **Monday February 9th at 5:30pm.**

FLOWER CHART for 2015 is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Those desiring to provide flowers may sign up for the weekends listed. You may also list an occasion, such as anniversary, birthday, etc. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

On behalf of the CCS staff I would like to thank you for participating in the Slumberland Bed Giveaway and for providing high quality bedding to our receiving client.
Belinda Nelson, CEO Community Counseling Services

Purses for Preschool silent auction and the Preschool Spring Salad Luncheon will be on Thursday, April 16. If you have a filled "purse" to donate, please deliver it to the church before March 1st so we can display then and assign numbers for the silent auction. If you need a "purse" or container to fill, please contact Linda Haeder. Or if you have things to put into a purse, please bring that to the church as soon as possible and we can put the items together in "purses". Please show your support for the Preschool by attending the Spring Salad Luncheon and bidding on purses. Thank you.

Main Street Living **Feb 8, 2015** Rev. Karl Gregory, the Pastor at First English in Parker South Dakota and Bethesda Lutheran in Marion, South Dakota brings today's message, "Christ is your Strength and Defender", based on Luke 8. Lutheran Service Book **Feb 15, 2015** "From the Sample to the Real Thing" is today's message brought to you by Rev. Kory Janneke of Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The message is based on 2 Corinthians 3 & 4.

Preschool is collecting 5 oz tuna cans for a school project. Please drop them off by the preschool door. Thank you.

New Bible Study: Wednesday Morning February 11th at 10:00am. Pastor Smith will start leading a Bible Study through the Book of Ecclesiastes. An Old Testament Text where Solomon considers all things “under the sun” as he approaches old age. His thoughts begin to move away from the consideration of living for the now, and rather what will happen to all the things he worked so hard to accomplish.

LENTEN SERIES

Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday / Psalm 1 / Meditating upon the Psalms
Feb 25 – 2nd Wednesday / Psalm 51 / Restoring the Joy of our Salvation
Mar 4 – 3rd Wednesday / Psalm 16 / The Servant will not be Abandoned
Mar 11 – 4th Wednesday / Psalm 18 / God at the Cross
Mar 18 – 5th Wednesday / Psalm 22 / Christ at the Cross
Mar 25 – 6th Wednesday / Psalm 30 / God Answers His Servant

Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	April 2nd
Good Friday	12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	April 3
Easter Vigil	7:00 p.m.	April 4
Easter Sunrise	6:30 a.m.	April 5
Easter Breakfast	7:30 a.m.	April 5
Easter Festival I	8:30 a.m.	April 5
Easter Festival II	10:30 a.m.	April 5

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service Children's Sermon	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class	Activities Center
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service Children's Sermon	Sanctuary
Monday:		Pastor's Day off	
	5:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting	Boardroom
Tuesday:	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Verto's
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Quilting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Kids for Christ and Confirmation	CAC
	7:00 p.m.	Choir	Choir loft
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	NE Classroom
Friday		Pastor Smith's day off	
	9:00 a.m.	Shut in calls	
	7:00 p.m.	HOPE Fellowship Group	
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service w/ Communion	Sanctuary

Men's Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp: Pastor Domke has been the Director of the Men's Retreat for 21 years this February. Brothers, I hope you will plan on coming. This year we will be looking at the Lutheran Apologetic and how do we know the truth and how do we engage the world with Christ, the Gospel, and a Lutheran World View. There is serious fellowship, prayer, bible study, fun and food. Registrations are on the counter in the fellowship hall. There are some brothers needing a ride so please let me know who is driving so everyone will have a seat.

Retreat Dates: February 20, 21, 22, 2015

Times: Registration: 6-8 PM

Friday Feb. 20, 2015

