

March 1, 2015

2nd Sunday in Lent

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:	Corporate Confession Divine Service III
Hymns:	848, 851, 829, 574, 621, 628, 918
Theme:	"Witness Always"
Text:	1 John 5:7-8
Sermon by: Pastor Domke	Liturgist: Pastor Smith

A STATEMENT OF OUR PRACTICE OF CLOSE COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. I Cor. 10:14ff. Our Lord invites to His table those who repent of all their sins and who trust His words, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm (I Cor 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (I Cor. 10:15-18) any who are **not yet instructed in this faith, who in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with one of the Pastors in their office prior to the service.** Visitors who have previously spoken with one of the Pastors, and who received permission to commune, do not need to seek permission for subsequent visits to the altar.

Adult Bible Study - Lesson 8 takes us to the southeast sector of the Truth compass for a tour of the *social sphere* that Dr. Tackett characterizes as the heart and soul of Christianity: the *Mystical Union* (Latin, *Unio Mystica*) between God and man. Here, in the most intimate and profoundly mysterious sphere of the “Intimate Three” (family, church, and the God-man relationship), we have the privilege of pondering exactly what it is that Christ has purchased for us at the price of His precious blood shed on the cross for our sins: not simply salvation from hell, but an invitation into the Godhead itself, where we may experience the incomprehensible wonder of oneness with the Creator of the universe.

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: **Cindy Alter, Megan Smith, Lynn Reimnitz.**

Richard “Dick” Eichstadt, age 92, of Huron and formerly of Wolsey, died Friday, February 20, 2015, at the SunQuest Health Care Center. Dick was Judy Tschetter’s Father and Dorothy Sibbers brother. We praise God for the promise of eternal life in the Gospel and of the bodily resurrection.

Children’s Sermon next Sunday at 8am and 10:30 a.m. services

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:	Lexy Gilbert	Anna Kruse	Alaina Dale
Communion Asst’s:	Dave Moser	John Pfitzer	Kyle Porisch

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE: Divine Worship: 211 Sunday School: 40 Adult Bible Class: 76

Weekly Budgeted Need:	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving To Date
General \$6,906	\$3,528.00	\$55,248.00	\$41,090.00
Mission \$1,699	\$2,100.00	\$13,592.00	\$9,453.00
Building \$ 576	\$ 421.00	\$ 4,608.00	\$4,106.00

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.

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

Main Street Living **March 1, 2015**-Kid's Crossing-Miss Susan, the church Librarian, reads the story about how Jesus calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee. He can also calm the storms in your life. Rev. Matthew Wurm of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, South Dakota brings today's message "Christ Reconciles Heaven and Earth", is based on Romans 5:1. **March 8, 2015**-Kid's Crossing-Miss Lisa introduces us to a new friend, Mr. Monkey, and illustrates how Jesus cleans up our mess of sins. Today's Message is presented by Rev. David Knefelkamp of Zion Lutheran in White, and First English Lutheran in Aurora, South Dakota. The topic "Good Shepard Protects" comes from John 10: 11-21.

Proclamation

2015 NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Whereas, Scripture says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45 ESV); and Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther wrote, "The greatest of all service is to free him [my fellow man] from sins, to liberate him from the devil and hell. But how is this done? Through the Gospel, by preaching it to him and telling him that he should cling to the works of Christ and firmly believe that Christ's righteousness is his and his sins are Christ's. This, I say, is the greatest service I can render my fellow man" (W 10 I); and Whereas, Lutheran schools are the unique place where the Church and academia meet; and Whereas, Lutheran schools promote a distinctly Lutheran identity that encourages faculty, staff, students and parents to rejoice in the forgiveness and love God has given them in their Baptisms; and Whereas, Parents, teachers and pastors remind students that because Jesus has served them in His death and resurrection, they are free in the Gospel to serve those around them: their friends, principals, coaches, instructors and all the children they encounter, from the quiz bowl team to the bus stop; and Whereas, The Synod's sixth mission priority promotes and enhances Lutheran education; as National Lutheran Schools Week in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

March 1 through March 6th is Lutheran Education Week at Mt. Calvary Lutheran.

Lutheran Island Women's Retreat — April 24-26 2015

Please join us April 24-26, 2015 for our Annual Women's Retreat. Our Women's Retreats are known for great programs, excellent meals, fun fellowship, and lots of activities that women of all ages can enjoy. Klemp St. Paul, MN is a registered nurse, wife of a retired pastor and mother of eight grown children. The family toured the U.S. as a singing group, "The Klemp Family Singers," when the children were young. She writes a weekly drama for her church and has led numerous Bible studies and retreats as a Christian speaker. She finds great joy in sharing her faith through the written word. Her book, *The Pew sitters*, contains skits and devotions for use at church and at home. "Love Your God, Love Yourself, Love Your Neighbor." It is important to put things in that order. When we love God, it is because of His love and promises to us, through the faith the Holy Spirit works in us. Basking in God's love and acceptance, we learn to love ourselves as valuable children of God. (Christ esteem rather than self-esteem.) And then the love for others flows out of the abundance of love in our own lives. Our Women's Retreats are a great value for individuals or groups. Please consider other women to join you this year. See you in April! Dates: April 24-26 Cost: \$99 or \$60 commuter/Saturday only on-line by going to - http://www.islandcamp.org/content_129.php

Hurting from Abortion Call "A Word of Hope" A ministry of Lutherans For Life @ 1-888-217-8679 [Confidential and Caring]

LWML 2015 CONVENTION

Have you heard the news? When we gather under the theme Bountiful! Sow · Nourish · Reap, our Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Dr. James Lamb from Lutherans for Life and our Mites in Action Mission Speakers will be Carly Hatcher from MOST Ministries, Rev. Jim Hetzner from Lutheran Church Charities (Comfort Dogs), Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendetto from Concordia, Selma, and Rev. E. James Rivett, Prison Ministry. The Rev. Gregory Seltz from Lutheran Hour Ministries will be the proclaimer on Thursday evening, and we look forward to Saturday evening entertainment provided by Jan Struck and Dr. Dina Vendetti. Won't you join us?

Refreshment Sign up sheet is located on the table in the fellowship hall. Your help is greatly appreciated. Refreshments after service are still needed for March 25th.

HOPE Fellowship Group will meet on March 13th at 7:00 at Daryl & Linda's .Please let them know by Wednesday, March 11th if you will or will not be attending. Anyone that is interested in joining a fellowship group, please call Daryl or Linda at 352-5667. There is always room for more people.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class	Activities Center
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary
		Lutheran Education Week Pastor Domke's Day off	
Monday:	5:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship meeting	Pastor's office
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
	4:00 p.m.	Bd of Evangelism Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Bd of Education Meeting	Boardroom
	7:00 p.m.	Bd of Elders Meeting	
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
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper	Fellowship hall
	6:45 p.m.	Hymn Sing	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	8:00 p.m.	Choir	Choir loft
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	9:00 a.m.	Shut in calls	
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting	Boardroom
	6:00 p.m.	Springboard to Life Class	Fellowship hall
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Boardroom
	7:00 p.m.	LWML Meeting	CAC
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Boardroom
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Boardroom
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Council Retreat and Planning Mtg.	Boardroom
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary

LENTEN SERIES

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

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

MIDWEEK LENTEN MEALS

March 4	Chicken Noodle Soup
March 11	Pork Loin and Baked Potato
March 28	Chili
March 25	Hamburgers and Brats

FOOD DRIVE: The Salvation Army is in need of some different items this month. If you can pick up Hamburger Helper, Pancake mix and Syrup, Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce, Cake Mixes, Canned Fruit, Canned Chicken or Tuna. It would be a great help to them. They are still taking all donations but those are some targeted needs. Thank so much for continuing to help out our community in this wonderful way.

USHERS NEEDED!!!! for all church services. Men, women and youth welcome. It takes 4 ushers to help with each service. Please consider signing up for a service and month of your choice. Sign up sheet is located on the table in the fellowship hall. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Scott Adams, Head Usher

Lutheran Identity

The theme “Serving Others” could easily be adopted and promoted by any public or private school or agency. The Theme “Standing in Christ, Serving Others” brings a strong Lutheran identity to National Lutheran Schools Week. Lutheran schools are “Standing in Christ” alone. Lutheran schools stand on Christ. The inspired words of Paul, “We preach Christ crucified” (1 Cor. 1:23 ESV), describe the focus of Lutheran churches and schools. Lutheran schools teach the crucified Christ not only during Lutheran Schools Week, the Sunday Divine Service and the weekly chapel service, but also in every school context. Lutheran schools stand in Christ. Paul’s baptismal emphasis “all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4 ESV). Our Lutheran identity is a baptismal identity. The forgiveness of sin, life and salvation are individually ours in Christ. Those who stand in Christ “walk in newness of life” and are freed to serve in Christ. Martin Luther writes, “The love of God flows from faith, and from love flows a free, willing, and joyful life of freely given service to our neighbor. For just as our neighbor suffers want and is in need of our surplus, so we have suffered want before God and were in need of His grace. Therefore as God has helped us freely through Christ, so we should devote our body and its activities to helping our neighbor. Thus we see what a high and noble life a Christian really is” (Treatise on Christian Liberty, 1520, from *What Luther Says*, Volume III, Page 1282, Concordia Publishing House, 1959). Lutheran schools are “Standing in Christ, Serving Others.” Lutheran schools confess Christ. Lutheran schools worship Christ. Lutheran schools teach Christ. Lutheran schools serve Christ by serving others. “Standing in Christ,” Lutheran schools become God’s means of sharing and showing His grace to fellow members of the school and church family, to the community and into the world. Lutheran schools are “Serving Others” in Jesus’ name. “O God of mercy, God of might, In love and pity infinite, Teach us, as ever in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee. “Teach us the lesson Thou has taught, To feel for those Thy blood has bought, That ev’ry word and deed and thought May work a work for Thee” (LSB 852, verses 1, 3).

Theme: Serving Others—Standing In Christ

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

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

GOD GIVEN HATS: A VOCATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE will be presented at Mt. Calvary on March 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us as we explore our various stations in life—the “hats we wear” in God’s world.

LYF ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

No Wed activity in March- Lent; April 8- LYF Activity - Youth Board serves

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 February, March, April, due by May 3rd.** 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. These are due by March 31st.**

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 any questions, please contact the church office.