

July 18/19, 2015

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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:	Divine Service III w/ Holy Communion
Hymns:	644, 709, 625, 641, 540, 797
Theme:	"Jesus is Our Peace"
Text:	Ephesians 2:11-22
Sermon by: Pastor Smith	Liturgist: Pastor Domke

Adult Bible Study - After a necessary break we return to the study, titled, "The Ultimate Rebellion". We studied last time the issue of marriage as a spiritual issue, a moral issue, a creational issue, and a politicized moral issue. We learned that evolutionary materialism is one cause of the moral decline and the acceptance of the political philosophies which clash with a biblical world view and which conflict with God's moral law and with the gospel. In the case of the gospel, Jesus died to forgive sin. (John 1:29) He forgives all sin as God defines sin. If God's law is rewritten (do not take from or add to God's Word) and certain sin is no longer sin for which Christ had originally died to forgive, then the Jesus who is worshipped under these circumstances is not the Jesus of the bible and people in such circumstances have fallen into idolatry. The implications are huge. So, come and study with me as this week we continue discussing the "The Ultimate Rebellion" the moral issue.

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 been hospitalized or have special needs: **Cindy Alter, Megan Smith, Lynn Reimnitz, Merele Jones, Marilyn Schieckoff, Melanie Kludt, Michelle Watson (and baby), Betty Schroeder, Esther Halbur, David Dennis, Marlys Lammert and JoAnn Schley.**

THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS WEEK

	7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Melanie Kludt	Melanie Kludt	Melanie Kludt
Acolyte:	Jacob Donovan	Tatum Carey	Madison Pfitzer

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE:	Divine Worship: 247	Sunday School: 27	Adult Bible Class: 98
Weekly Budgeted Need:	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving To Date
General \$6,906	\$ 5,026.75	\$193,368.00	\$ 153,408.39
Mission \$1,699	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 47,572.00	\$ 39,682.35
Building \$ 576	\$ 401.00	\$16,128.00	\$ 15,374.00

Offerings; Summer vacations, outings, and travel, take us away from our home church please remember your offerings to the Lord for the support of the work of “winning the lost and strengthening the faithful” while you are gone. An be sure to worship while you are gone. The offerings of God’s people brought to the Lord is an act of worship and trust. If you have not been bringing a Christian tithe which is a portion of the income God provides, then please consider doing so. It is the Godly and Christian thing to do. **Proverbs 3: ⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.** And if you have missed previous Sundays please consider bringing those missed offerings to the Lord.

East Church Doors had to be repaired. If your key no longer works contact Kathy in the church office. The doors were not rekeyed, but now the lock actually works some keys may not. Thanks for being patient.

Our 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 May, June and July due by August 3rd. Please note the new Coborn's receipts date is now below the total. All receipts must have a date.** We earn approximately \$250 every three months by simply saving Coborn’s receipts.

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.

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

Hospital Visitation—Please let us know when you are going or are in the hospital. 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. ***Thursday evening class is concluded. We will resume again in September.***

Portals of Prayer for July/September are now available in the Narthex. Large print are in the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Pick up your copy today.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, SD

A Farewell and recognition of Pastor Nabil and Jean Nour's 21 years of the joy-filled and blessed service to the Lord at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, will be held on Sunday July 26, 2015 at Redeemer Lutheran Church during the Divine Service @ 9:30. potluck dinner will be served at 11:30am and an Open House will be held from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the church basement. The basement is handicap assessable.

Confirmation Retreat - Families are also invited

September 18-20, 2015

The confirmation retreat this year will take place September 18 through the 20th @ Lutheran Island Camp, Henning, MN. The 7th and 8th grade classes are invited to attend, 9th and 10th graders are also invited to come.

This year's theme: Marriage God's Design

Cost: \$120 per couple

\$40 per additional child. Family Max. cost: \$200

\$80 Individual—Please note the 9th and 10th graders will not be able to receive the subsidy from the congregation. Nevertheless, the \$80 is still a reduction from the regular rates.

What the weekend includes:

Lodging: (Friday and Saturday evening)

Lodging will be provided in the ERC (Education and Retreat Center)

(there are some individual sleeping rooms available.)

Meals: Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sunday breakfast and lunch.

How Shall They Hear ? MISSION SUNDAY July 19, 2015, ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Wolsey, South Dakota, Guest Speaker: Reverend Dr. Alan Ludwig Rev. Dr. Alan Ludwig serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in Siberia, Russia. He is a theological educator, which includes teaching seminary courses, working with team members in developing theological education in Russia and other republics of the former Soviet Union, and upon request, teaching and preaching at a local Lutheran congregation in the city of Novosibirsk in Siberia. Since 1998, Rev. Ludwig has worked with the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC) and taught seminary courses at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk. **9:00 a.m. BIBLE CLASS, 10:30 a.m. DIVINE SERVICE, 12:15 p.m. POTLUCK MEAL, 1:00 p.m. MISSION PRESENTATION**

Christ Serve Ranch Dedication

-It was a big bang from a small grain of matter that started the Universe. Then on a small planet a mixture of slime, mud, and gunk was struck by some energy force and life began. From that one celled life form came crawling things, swimming thing, flying things, scary things and eventually human things. If your child is being taught this, then no wonder that life is no longer valued; no wonder they don't understand right and wrong; no wonder there are no rules. God's creation and His plan is a much better way to go. Try visiting Christ Serve Ranch to learn about creation, God's gift of science, and His promise of salvation. August 29th might be a great day to visit. He just might show you some Extraordinary Things. The dedication service is August 29th at 2:30 pm, at Christ Serve Ranch.

A Note from our Missionary on Rosebud Reservation

Please take a minute to read a letter from Pastor Andrew Utecht posted in the cabinet outside the sanctuary.

We are in need of a grounds person

someone interested in keeping the landscaping around the church looking nice. If interested, contact Matt Busch at 350-2028. This can be volunteer or paid position.

Mt Calvary will be delivering meals

Monday, August 3rd thru Friday, August 7th. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship hall. If you can only do a couple of days, that is great. Times begin at 10:45 and take about 1 hour total. You may eat free at the Senior Center each day you deliver or arrange to take your meal home with you. Call Melanie Kludt at 599-2219 or cell 350-4842 if you have questions or concerns.

The Benefit for Merele Jones

was a great success with approximately 200 people attending and \$2920.00 with matching funds from Thrivent approximately \$4000 was raised . Thank you to the Bd of Elders who donated the food and then prepared it. Thanks to Chuck Kranz and his crew for grilling.

Breakfast Sunday Morning the 19th—of July. If you are reading this at Saturday evening worship, or at the Sunday morning 8 am service be sure to come to breakfast— in the fellowship hall.

Nominations Committee Meets—August 5, 2015 @ 6 pm.

Council Members

who were not able to attend this months meeting, please pick up council packet in your church mail box, thank you. All chairmen be sure to get the budget worksheets for Augusts Board meetings.

ACTSS Fellowship Group

will meet on July 24th at the Scoreboard at 6:00. Afterwards we will meet at the Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Please let Ron or Sharon know by July 22nd if you will be coming.

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.	Adult Bible Class/SS	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service w/Communion	Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Young Family Ministry	Boardroom
	2:00 p.m.	Mission Sunday at St. John's Wolsey	
Monday		Pastor Domke's day off	
Tuesday:	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Verto's
	7:00 p.m.	Voters' Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Thursday:	1:15pm	Sunquest Health Care Center Service	Sunquest
Friday:		Pastor Smith's day off	
Saturday:	6:00 p.m.	ACTSS Fellowship Group	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary

Is Marriage about Love? Building A Bible World View one word, one article and one study at a time.

The controversy about same-sex marriage churns principally around the definition of marriage. Activists deny the traditional view that marriage is about God creating it, about it being a buffer against sin in a fallen world, or that marriage is about family and children. Instead in a secular world view (anti-Christian worldview) marriage is an ever-changing, socially-constructed institution constantly being redefined by society. There is no essential connection with God creating marriage, or it being a buffer against sin or a picture of Christ and His Church or the blessing of children. Rather, at the core of the enterprise are two people in love.

Understandably, love is a predominant theme in discussions about marriage. "As long as people love each other," one person asserted, "it shouldn't matter whether they are the same sex. What's important in marriage is love."

Initially, for some this seems hard to deny. In our culture, love is often the immediate motivation for marriage., I do not want a person to marry someone with whom they are not in love. In reflection, though, it's clear that love and marriage don't always go together. In fact, love should grow out of commitment to each other. In other words commitment should come first then love. If marriage were about love, then billions of people in the history of the world who thought they were married were not. Most marriages even a 100 plus years ago were arranged. Love may percolate later, but only as a result of marriage, not the reason for it.

Further, if love were the sine qua non of marriage, no "for better or for worse" promises would be needed at the altar. Vows aren't meant to sustain love; they are meant to sustain the union when love wanes. A pledge keeps a family intact not for love, but for the sake of children

and for the testimony of Christ.

The state doesn't care if the bride and groom love each other. There are no questions about a couple's affections when granting a license. No proof of passion is required. Why? Because marriage isn't about love. Ask any married person. It's about a commitment that is supposed to deliver stability for families and communities. That's what society is really interested in because that's what ensures the continuation of a society.

Since, love may be the reason some people get married, it isn't the reason for marriage. It may be a constituent of marriage, but it isn't the purpose of marriage. Something else is. Think about it, please.