

September 5/6, 2015

15th 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 5 w/ Holy Communion

Hymns:

697, 702, 633, 637, 574, 617, 696

Theme:

"The Royal Law and Faith"

Text:

James 2:1-10

Sermon by: Pastor Domke

Liturgist: Pastor Smith

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

meets Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the

congregation are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES For the next few weeks in Sunday School and at Kids 4 Christ, the children will be studying the true story of the life of Joseph. It begins today with the account of "Joseph and His Brothers." Though the brothers didn't know it, God would use their treachery to bring about His plan to deliver His people and ultimately to deliver us from sin and death through Jesus. *A family discussion might include, "How can hatred and unkind thoughts lead to hateful words and actions?"* On the cross, Jesus saved us from the hurt and harm of our own sins and the sins of others.

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.

Wedding Update for Mt. Calvary—As of August 25 Mt. Calvary is still doing weddings. The Pastors and the Bd of Elders are waiting guidance from District and Synod on future practice. It is our hope and has been our goal to have a definitive recommendation by the October voters meeting to present to the congregation. Again, Mt. Calvary is still doing weddings. The concern from both pastors is by signing the new licenses that we would be supporting same sex marriage by default as agents of the state. Or that it might open the door for other legal problems which confront us in the future. Pastor Domke & Pastor Smith.

Adult Bible Study - This Sunday the adult class will be viewing "Unlocking The Mysteries of Genesis". We will only have time to view two of the twelve videos, however, there is strong science and a strong testimony of a biblical and Christ centered faith professed. Please everyone come. On Rally Sunday next week we will begin the study of 2 Corinthians 1.1. The study on 2 Corinthians will be recorded and put on the churches web site so everyone who can not attend will be able to listen or down load the recording to listen at a time of their choosing.

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, Lynn Reimnitz, Marilyn Schieckoff, Melanie Kludt , Betty Schroeder, Esther Halbur, and Opal Classen, Russ Dillon, Gladys Dick.**

◇ Remembering those who have lost a loved one.

◇ **Congratulations to Ben and Becky Dragt on the birth of their son, Kayden Jackson last Friday.**

THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS WEEK

	7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Organist:	Mia Kruse	Mia Kruse	Mia Kruse
Acolyte:	Nathan Boehrns	Madison Pfitzer	Tanner Marone
Communion Asst's:	Dave Moser		
	Stuart Adermann	John Pfitzer	Kyle Porisch

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE: Divine Worship: 274 Sunday School: 16 Adult Bible Class: 87

Weekly Budgeted Need:	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving To Date
General \$6,906	\$ 4,914.00	\$241,710.00	\$191,746.00
Mission \$1,699	\$ 742.00	\$59,465.00	\$46,404.00
Building \$ 576	\$ 460.00	\$20,160.00	\$18,267.00

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 August, September, October due by November 1st. 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.

Fair City Receipts being collected again. Deposit them in the box at the store or bring them to church. Thank you for supporting our Pre-School.

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.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Salvation Army could use our help with the following items: Tuna helper, mac and cheese, chunky soups, hot chocolates mixes, spaghetti, ravioli, peanut butter (16 oz.) or larger, canned fruit (mixed fruit or pears) jelly, cake mixes, instant oatmeal or any breakfast items. Your help is greatly appreciated.

2015/2016 Phone Directories are now available on the table in the fellowship Hall.

Parents of College students If your child is heading off to college, university or Tech-school, please call the church office. Also, if they are working and living away from home we would appreciate the updates for our files. 352-7121.

Are you missing pans, plates or bowls? Please check the table in the Fellowship Hall to see if your pan might be there. Anything left by October 1st will be donated to the Salvation Army. Thanks for checking.

Accepted for Recycling ink jets. We cannot accept Ink Tanks or Toner Tubes. There is a box in the cabinet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, contact Marlys Lammert at 352-2503.

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 with both 9th and 10th graders also. Families are also welcome. This year's theme: "Marriage God's Design" - Because of a generous gift the 7th and 8th grade confirmands are able to attend with no cost. Thank you for the gift.

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 rate of \$95.

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.

Please 7th and 8th graders and all others who are planning on coming, get either your registrations and permission forms into the Church. Pastor Domke needs to know how many are going to come so we can have enough seat belts for everyone.

HOPE Fellowship Group will meet on September 11th at 7:00 at Rick & Denise's. Please let them know by Wednesday, September 9th if you will or will not be attending.

RALLY DAY

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 13. A church picnic will be held in the Fellowship Hall at noon following the 10:30 service. Kerry Niederbaumer is collecting donation money purchase the brats and hotdogs. A sign-up sheet for buns, drinks and paper products is located in the Fellowship Hall, and each family is asked to furnish a salad or dessert. Please come and meet other church families and the children's new teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year.

KIDS 4 CHRIST

Kids 4 Christ is scheduled to start on September 16 in the Christian Activities Center. This program is designed for 1st-5th grade students and will be held at the same time as confirmation on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6:30. All 1st-5th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

OPEN FORUM WITH SYNOD VPs – You are invited to an Open Forum and Q & A session about the work of our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Monday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church, 1400 S. Duluth Avenue, Sioux Falls. Synod 1st Vice-President, Rev. Herbert Mueller, and 5th Vice-President, Rev. Nabil Nour, will share information, listen to your suggestions, and answer your questions. There is no cost for this event. If you have any questions about this Forum, please direct them to South Dakota District President, Rev. Scott Sailer (605.361.1514; sodakpres@midco.net).

I am looking forward to the visit of Pastor Mueller and Pastor Nour. I hope you are, too!

May their visit with us be a reminder to you that whatever visit you make as a servant of Christ is an opportunity to encourage others and to be encouraged in your own faith. St. Paul said as much about his own visits, as he wrote to the Roman Christians: *For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you – that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine”* (Romans 1:11-12).

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Scott C. Sailer

Romans 1:16; 16:25-27 President, South Dakota District—LCMS

LYF Hayride kids meet at the church on Sunday, September 13th at 4:30 p.m. We will be going to the Greg and Kristen Bich farm. Supper and hay ride planned. We will be back in town by 7:30 p.m.

Christ Serve Ranch and the Creation Science and Environmental Learning Center The dedication last weekend was a great joy and God was glorified. Now in the coming weeks and months work begins to develop curriculum and courses of study. Noah’s flood, dinosaurs, the age of the earth, in depth bible studies on creational passages and connecting all that to the gospel. At the heart of the work is the learning, and answering the question why all this matters. Watch for future study opportunities for individuals, for families, for the young and for the more mature, for pastors and laymen of all kinds.

Pictorial Directory Meeting on Saturday, September 12th at 10am. We will meet in the Bd Room.

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
Monday		Labor Day Office Closed	
Tuesday:	6:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Verto’s
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Begins	Preschool room
	1:00 p.m.	Quilting	Fellowship hall
	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday:	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation/Kids4Christ	CAC
	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	LWML Meeting	Fellowship hall
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Boardroom
Friday:		Pastor Smith’s day off	
	9:00 a.m.	Shut in calls	
	7:00 p.m.	HOPE Fellowship Group	
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.	Pictorial Directory Co Meeting	Fellowship hall
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary

Harrison encourages Lutherans to 'kneel before the Crucified One'

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers" (1 John 3:16).

Last month, thousands of people gathered at Planned Parenthood locations across the United States. Together, they participated in a National Day of Protest, speaking out against the murder of tiny babies still within their mothers' wombs. It is our hope that the media and the government took notice, and that they will begin a rigorous and honest look at the horrors that occur each day at Planned Parenthood and, one day soon, put an end to abortion altogether.

While many of you may have participated in that event, we also invite all members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to take part in a Day of Remembrance on Sept. 12 — not just at Planned Parenthood locations, but at your churches, outside your schools, in your homes and by the gravesides of children who have been aborted.

Why pray? Why take time to remember? Because our Lord has promised us that He hears and answers prayers! When we pray for the protection of these little children, when we ask Him to send comfort and peace to mothers whose choice to abort their children haunts them, when we tell Him of our desire to care for moms and babies in our midst, and when we beg Him to help us speak for life, He hears. And He does not let our prayers go unanswered.

What the world — and places like Planned Parenthood — intends for evil, God works for good. And He is still at work even now, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us as He made Him who had no sin to be sin for us. We remember and pray because we are forgiven. The outcome is already certain.

Through the wood of the cross, joy has come into the world! Death has been put to death, and Satan's evil work against the smallest of children will only continue for a time.

That's why we pray: Because Christ is risen, and not just for us but for all people. That's what we tell those who stop outside our churches and ask what we're doing, who yell as we pray outside Planned Parenthood clinics, who are curious about why we care. We pray because as the Church, our "message is a call to be reconciled with God," as the sainted Lutheran pastor Hermann Sasse reminds us. We "have no other Gospel than the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins. ... What [Jesus] alone and no other person brought, and still brings, is ... forgiveness."