

January 23/24, 2016

The Third 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

The Season of Epiphany:

The Season of Epiphany begins with the Feast of Epiphany on January 6th. The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates no event but presents an idea that assumes concrete form only through the facts of our Lord's life. The idea of Epiphany is that the Christ who was born in Bethlehem is recognized by the world as God. At Christmas, God appears as man, and at Epiphany, this man appears before the world as God. That Christ became man needed no proof. But that this man, this helpless child, is God needed proof. The manifestations of the Trinity, the signs and wonders performed by this man, and all His miracles have the purpose of proving to men that Jesus is God. —*Treasury of Daily Prayer, January 6th*

(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: Sat—Compline / Sun—Matins
Hymns: 949, 843, 409 for Compline
949, 843, 512 vs 1-3,6-7, 409 for Matins
Theme: "Created, Redeemed, Called!"
Text: Isaiah 43:1
Sermon by: Pastor Domke Liturgist: Pastor Smith

Lenten Suppers sign up sheet is available in the fellowship hall.

Creation, Redemption and the **Trinitarian** message of the bible is the heart of the proper understanding of God, His Work, and the nature of marriage, family, and the church. One million babies face abortion every year, according to the Guttmacher Institute. That means **another precious child is killed every 30 seconds.**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - Today we continue the study in 2 Corinthians, please join us as St. Paul lays out his heart felt love for the church. Baptism is spiritual warfare.

KIDS 4 CHRIST

Kids 4 Christ meets 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. Kids for Christ will begin again in January 6th.

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, Cliff and Marilyn Schieckoff, Melanie Kludt , Esther Halbur, Mike Frank, Shawn Adermann, Marlys Lammert, Judy Henson, Darlene Sandmeier, Merle Jones, Larry Schermerhorn and Delbert Peskey.**

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

◇ **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	Camryn Hruby	Graceana Terkildsen

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE: Divine Worship: 178 Sunday School: 26 Adult Bible Class: 66

Weekly Budgeted :	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General \$7,011	\$3,608.00	\$21,033.00	\$13,090.00	\$7,943.00
Mission \$1,698	\$823.00	\$5,094.00	\$3,064.00	\$8,158.00
Building \$576	\$533.00	\$1,728.00	\$1,759.00	\$0

Computer Monitors Available– The church has a couple 13 inch monitors it no longer needs. If any one might be interested in having one or all of them, please check with the church office. A donation for them would be appreciated.

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 November, December January due by February 1st.** **Please note the new Coborn's receipts date is now below the cashier's name.** **REMINDER: All receipts must have a date or we will not be able to use them.** We earn approximately \$250 every three months by simply saving Coborn’s receipts

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.

January 24, 2016 Main Street Living

Kid's Crossing-Pastor Pay shows how a magnet does what Jesus wants us to do, draw people to Him, just as He draws us to Him through His love.

"Evangelical-Good News" is the message presented by Rev. David Otten of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dimock, SD. The sermon is based on Luke 4: 18. The Main Street Living Choir will lead the singing of: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise; Hark, the Glad Sound; and Almighty Father, Bless the Word. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

January 31, 2016

Kid's Crossing-Miss Jess tells us about Jesus the great healer. Her favorite story was about the blind man Jesus healed by putting mud on his eyes. It was his faith that healed the man.

Rev. Jordon Andreses of St. John Lutheran in Wagner, SD, and Trinity Lutheran of Fairfax, SD brings today's message "Who 's Claim Matters" based on Luke 4: 31-44. The hymns: O God Our Help in Ages Past; A Mighty Fortress is Our God; Praise to the Lord, the Almighty will be led by the main Street Living Choir. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES:

Lesson 8 – Jan. 24 and Jan. 27

"The Visit of the Wise Men," as told in Matthew 2, is the Bible story in Sunday School today and at Kids 4 Christ on Wednesday. This Bible story teaches us that the Savior came into the world for the salvation of all people. Just as the Wise Men came to Bethlehem to see the Savior and to honor Him, so we come to church to see the Savior in His Word and Sacraments. With these gifts, He both honors and blesses us. *Consider discussing, "How are we sometimes like Herod? How are we like the Wise Men?"*

Offering Options

The Board of Stewardship would like to make the congregation aware that they can give their offerings online if they so choose.

First of all we should look at what scripture says. 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Everyone should give what they have decided to give in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".

We give offerings out of joyful thanksgiving for the gifts that God has given to us. As new tools become available, it is okay if we wish to use them as long as we are careful to remember the reason we are giving.

What we have found is, the simplest way for you to give online, should you choose to do so, is through the bill pay services offered by your bank. Here are some guidelines:

1. Set the church up as biller in your bill pay account.
2. Put your offering envelope number as the account #.
3. You can designate where you want the money to go (general, missions, building, preschool) in the memo line.
4. Schedule either a one time or recurring transfer.
5. Verify that the payment cleared your account.

We realize this is not a fit for everyone, and are not suggesting that people need to adopt this method of giving. We are just merely letting people know it is a tool available which may be helpful to them. It also could be used to

send your offering to church on a week when you are not able to be there. However, we would caution against thinking that the church just wants your money. God does not care about money, after all, it's already all His. What He is after, is your heart. Your Fellow Servants in Christ, the Board of Stewardship.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, INC.

2016 ESSAY CONTEST on SANCTITY of LIFE

For students in Grades 6 through 12

(Any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school)

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents, Lutherans For Life

Contest Guidelines:

1. Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the 2016 Conference theme: Here We Stand and Ephesians 6:13 "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are: abortion, the handicapped, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia.
3. Essays should include student's name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. If entries are submitted by a teacher or pastor, please include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the title page. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end.

Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words

Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words

4. Entries first should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word to your State LFL Federation by February 29, 2016. Send State entries to: jjohns8@yahoo.com

5. South Dakota state awards are as follows:

1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$50 (Grades 6-8)

1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$50 (Grades 9-12)

6. Winning state entries (one from Grades 6-8 and one from Grades 9-12) from each State Federation should be submitted digitally by May 1, 2016 to:

essay@lutheransforlife.org.

Grand Prize for national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to the October 21-22, 2016, LFL Conference at St. Michaels' Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN and 2 hotel nights at the conference hotel (depending on travel distance.)

All entries become the property of Lutherans for Life.

For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: lutheransforlife.org.

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class/SS	Fellowship Hall
Monday:	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
Tuesday:	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Verto's
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool room
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	1:00 p.m.	Chapel	Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Quilting	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday:	5:15p.m.	School Board Meeting	Boardroom
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation/Kids4Christ	CAC
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool room
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	1:15 p.m.	Sunquest Health Care Center Service	Sunquest
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Boardroom
		Pastor Smith's Day off	
Saturday:	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service/Communion Rev. Dan Jastram, Speaker	Sanctuary

PORTALS OF PRAYER for February, 2016, was written by former Pastor Jon Boehne. Pick up your copy today in the Narthex of the church.