

January 30/31, 2016

The Fourth 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.

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.

THIS WEEKEND

Orders of Service: Divine Service II w/ Holy Communion
Hymns: 497, 842, 828, 629, 637, 918
Theme: "God's Word At Work."
Text: Luke 4: 31-44
Sermon by: The Rev. Dr. Dan Jastram Liturgist: Pastor Domke 7pm and 8am; Pastor Smith 10:30 am.

Lenten Suppers We have hosts for every Wednesday except March 16, so please consider hosting the Lenten Supper. Sign up sheet in on the counter in the fellowship hall.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - The Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram will be speaking at the Adult Bible Study—presenting his work he hopes to begin in Japan. Everyone please come.

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.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. All Women of the congregation are invited to attend.

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, Marlys Lammert, Katie Halbur and Delbert Peskey, Janet Zavesky.**

◇ For those who have lost a loved one: Darlene Sandmeier passed away on Wednesday. Her funeral is on Monday at 2pm. We pray the Lord's comfort and strength for the members of her family.

◇**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:	Nancy Ziegeldorf	Nancy Ziegeldorf	Nancy Ziegeldorf
Acolyte:	Jacob Donovan	Emily Dale	Jayda Hennrich
Communion Asst's:	Dave Moser Chuck Gascoine	Dareld Schley	Kerwin Haeder

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE: Divine Worship: 230 Sunday School: 22 Adult Bible Class: 75

Weekly Budgeted :	Offering	Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General	\$7,011	\$5,271.00	\$28,044.00	\$18,361.00	\$9,683.00
Mission	\$1,698	\$1,201.00	\$6,792.00	\$4,265.00	\$2,527.00
Building	\$576	\$679.00	\$2,304.00	\$2,438.00	\$-0-

Please Welcome Rev. Dan and Joan Jastram. Rev. Jastram is proclaiming the Lord's Word at all services and he will also be addressing the Adult Bible Class this Sunday, so everyone please come.

Pastor Jastram will be the theological education facilitator for Northern Asia, and he will be collaborating with other LCMS leaders of the Asia team to evaluate and recommend projects that are submitted. For example, a number of proposed projects involve translation work.

"Once deployed," as Rev. Jastram says "it will be a lot easier visiting face to face for a better feel for...what level of theological education needs most emphasis." Rev. Jastram looks forward to this time!

If you are interested in becoming a partner and would like to support LCMS Jastram-Asia mission work, please do so through a single donation or a recurring gift in one of three ways:

+Securely online at the LCMS website: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/jastram>.

+By mail - Send gifts to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Mission Advancement

P.O. Box 66861

St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

(Checks payable to: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; memo- line notation: "**Jastram—Asia support.**")

+By phone: call **1-888-930-4438**.

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 7th.** **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.

Main Street Living

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 9 – Jan. 31 and Feb. 3

In Sunday School today and at Kids 4 Christ on Wednesday, the lesson is "The Boy Jesus in the Temple." As a boy, Jesus was found in His Father's house. In God's house, I hear His Word, see that Jesus is my Savior, and receive His gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Because of sin, we are like Jesus' parents and do not understand what God says to us. We don't recognize who Jesus truly is—our Savior. *Ask your children, "How does the Holy Spirit help identify who Jesus is?"*

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.

CAMP MINNEBOJI information and registration forms are now available here at church or you can get this information on line at www.minneboji.com and on Facebook: **Camp Minneboji**. Camp week is June 26 - July 2 at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible Study, Mission Presentations ,Music, Crafts, Sports, Recreation, a Camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "Got? Questions" with our theme verse Hebrews 10:23. The Camp registration fee is \$340 for the week. The Honor's Camp registration is \$370 for the week. The registration deadline is June 1.

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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:		Pastor Domke's day off	
	5:30 p.m.	Bd of Stewardship Meeting	Pastor's Office
	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
	4:00 p.m.	Bd of Evangelism Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Bd of Education Meeting	Boardroom
	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday:	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation/Kids4Christ LYF Activity following	CAC
	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool room
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	9:00 a.m.	Shut in calls	
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Boardroom
	7:00 p.m.	LWML Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Friday:		Pastor Smith's Day off	
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Leadership Training Meeting All Chairmen and Board Members	Fellowship hall
	10:00 a.m.	Quilt Guild	West Classroom
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service/Communion	Sanctuary