

March 05/06, 2016

Fourth 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:	Divine Service I w/ Holy Communion
Hymns:	716, 702, 618, 637, 642, 878
Theme:	"Imprisoned and Forgotten by Man"
Text:	Gen 39:20-40:23
Sermon by:	Pastor Domke
Liturgist:	Pastor Smith

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** - 2 Corinthians chapter 5 is the area of study this Sunday. Please join us in the fellowship hall.

### 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.

## **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, Delbert Peskey, Janet Zavesky, Russell Dillon, Denny Mead, Lori Cameron, Elmer Beckman, Agnus Brodersen, Grace Hornig.**

◇ For those who have lost a loved one:

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

### **◇ 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:	Isabella Schreeve	Tatum Carey	Tanner Marone
Communion Asst's:	Dave Moser Stuart Adermann	Chuck Kranz	Kyle Porisch

**BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE:** Divine Worship: 293 Sunday School: 28 Adult Bible Class: 90

Weekly Budgeted :	Offering Last Week	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General	\$7,011 \$5,784.00	\$63,099.00	\$53,336.00	\$9,763.00
Mission	\$1,698 \$1,795.00	\$15,282.00	\$12,931.00	\$2,351.00
Building	\$576 \$288.00	\$5,184.00	\$4,248.00	\$936.00

**Coborn's Receipts** are now being collected for February, March and April and are due by May 8th. be sure the date is on the receipt or we can't use them. Thank you for supporting our Preschool. earn approximately \$250 every three months by simply saving Coborn's receipts.

**Any member of Thrivent Financial** who has not allocated their Thrivent Choice dollars should do this before the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Thrivent Choice dollars is like a rewards program for doing business with us.

**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.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES:**

Lesson 1 – March 6 and March 9

“Jesus Preaches on the Mount” is today’s Sunday school lesson and Wednesday’s lesson at Kids 4 Christ. Jesus explains in His Word that He was poor, hungry, sorrowful, hated, and rejected for our sake so that God would grant us His gifts and blessings. *Discuss with your children, “How does our sin blind us? What does Jesus offer us through faith in Him?”*

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED** to March 12th at 9am.

**Purses for Preschool and Spring Salad Luncheon** will be on Thursday, April 21 from 11am - 1pm. Sign up sheets for salads will be in the Fellowship Hall soon. you would like to donate items or \$\$ for purses/baskets, please contact Sara Newman at 507-272-8597 or Mandy Siedschlag at 350-0865. your friends and co-workers. Welcome! you for helping support our Preschool.

CAMP MINNEBOJI information and registration forms are now available here at church or you can get this information on line at [www.minneboji.com](http://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. Mt Calvary pays half of the registration fees, plus \$10 for additional family members attending.

The family's portion of the registration fee is \$170 for the week. The family's portion of Honor’s Camp for 9th graders is \$185 for the week. Registration forms and payment is due to the church office by Sunday, May 1. Any questions, please call or text Donell Mayfield 350-7512.

### **Palm Cross Assembly - Note - New day and time**

Please join us on Saturday morning, March 19th at 9am, in the Fellowship to help assemble crosses for Palm Sunday. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Main Street Living** may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls or at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

### **Retirement Announced**

**We are sad to tell you, but glad for Kathy Sawvell that she will be retiring at the end of June 2016. Kathy will have worked for and served as Mt. Calvary's church secretary for 25 years. She has been a faithful worker and has tirelessly serving her Lord and His people. I encourage you to say thank you to Kathy for these 25 years and as we get closer to June perhaps cards of appreciation would be appropriate. She has requested no retirement party, but personal thanksgivings are certainly welcome. More importantly make an effort to thank the Lord for the blessings He has brought to the congregation through Kathy. She and her husband Darwyn are looking forward to time together without work responsibilities. Applications for the position of Mt. Calvary's Church secretary are available between 9 am and 4 pm.**

**The Heartland Gospel Riders of Huron**, a Chapter of The Christian Motorcyclists Assn. are doing a mission Project "Run for the Son" at Godfathers Pizza on Tuesday, March 8th from 5pm-7:30pm. Please join them to help raise funds for spreading the Good News of Christ around the world.

**HOPE Fellowship Group** will meet on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Don & Susan's. Please let them know by Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> if you will or will not be attending. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please call Don or Susan Kinsley.

During the Sundays in Lent Pastor Domke will be doing a series on the Life of Joseph and would like you to have in front of you the text from Genesis. These texts will be close to a chapter in length and will fill the back of the insert. For those of you who would also like to have the appointed lessons for the day available each Sunday during the series those lessons will be below.

#### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

##### **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

##### **Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

##### **Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . . <sup>11</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who

has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ ”

#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

<b><u>Junior Lutheran Youth Fellowship</u></b> Lock-in	March 27, 28, 2016	9pm-6am
<b><u>Senior Lutheran Youth Fellowship</u></b> Lock-in	April 1, 2, 2016	9pm-6am

**Women’s 2016 Retreat** April 15-17, 2016 Featured Guest Speaker, Shelly Schwalm will speak on being God’s “Masterpiece”. Camp Theme: Extraordinary Flying Things. Registration brochures are on the table in the fellowship hall.

**We need ice cream buckets with lids for our craft project. Please drop them off at the church office or see Sheila Hampton. Thank you for your help!**

South Dakota District LWML President, Mrs. Arlene Naasz, presented a gift of \$1500 to the South Dakota District’s Student Aid Endowment Fund. She made the presentation, on behalf of the SD District LWML, to the South Dakota District President, Rev. Scott Sailer, at the District Office in Sioux Falls. The gift was given in memory of Jo Carmen, past SD District LWML President. Every year, a grant of \$2,000 is made to each person from a congregation of The South Dakota District, who is enrolled in an official church work program at a college of the Concordia University System. Currently, eight college students from the District are receiving such grants from the Student Aid Endowment Fund. Thank you, ladies of the LWML, for your generosity in providing this financial encouragement to our future pastors, teachers, and other workers in the Lord’s Church!

Bethesda, in partnership with the **Bethesda Auxiliary**, is accepting scholarship applications for the 2016-17 academic year for Lutheran high school, college and seminary students with a career objective in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**We will award 10 scholarships:**

- Four \$3,000 awards for current college students
- Two \$3,000 awards for seminary students
- Four \$500 awards for high school seniors

**The application deadline is May 1, 2016.** Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and be active, communicant members of a Lutheran congregation. Other application requirements include documentation of volunteer or paid service to people with developmental disabilities, an essay and letters of recommendation.

We will announce recipients in July. Awards will be directly applied to school fees at private or public four-year, post secondary institutions.

Go to **BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org/Scholarships** and share with who may be interested. If you have any questions, contact Barb Schultz at 800-383-8743, ext. 4427, or email Barb.Schultz@mailblc.org. Thank you for helping to get the word out.

Rev. Jim Pressnell, Vice President of Religious Life and Church Relations-Bethesda Lutheran Communities

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	
	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship Meeting	Pastor's office
Tuesday:	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Event Center	Boardroom
	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:	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	3:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Boardroom
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation/Kids4Christ	CAC
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper	
	6:45 p.m.	Hymn Sing	
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service	
	8:00 p.m.	Choir	
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Preschool room
Thursday:	12:30 p.m.	Preschool	Preschool Room
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study	Boardroom
	9:00 a.m.	Shut in calls	
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	HOPE Fellowship Group	
		Pastor Smith's day off	
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Church Work Day	
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service	Sanctuary