

January 21/22, 2017

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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Five minutes before the service, the Pastor 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 our Pastor 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**

Order of Service: Special Service—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Hymns: printed in the worship folder

Liturgist: Pastor Dan Domke

Theme: Here We Stand

Text: Ephesians 6:11-18

Sermon by: Pastor Dan Domke

Lector: 7:00 p.m. — Denny Mead

8:00 a.m. — Neal Cruse

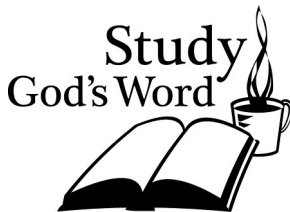
10:30 a.m. — Jeff Gilbert

## PARISH PRAYERS

- ◇ Remember those serving in our military and their families, especially those having been deployed with the 153rd Engineer Battalion: **Drew Borkowski, Kenneth Busch Jr., Ben Machtemes, and Don Zavesky**. Please give the church office names of any other members of the congregation who are serving in the armed forces.
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs: **Cindy Alter, James Kleinlein, Audrey Davis, Gladys Dick, Ruth Hornig, Esther Halbur, Esther Borkowski., Roger Kropuenske, and Shawn Adermann**.
- ◇ Remember those who have lost a loved one: **family of Joyl Friese**
- ◇ Hospital Visitation Please let us know when you are going to or are in the hospital. —Pastor Domke
- ◇ 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 Pastor.

## ◇ **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:	Amyah Greene	Jayda Hennrich	Kameryn Haeder



**Adult Bible Class:** Please join us each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

This week we continue the Lutheran Hour Video Bible Study, A Man Named Luther, Part One: Session Four of Five—The Man

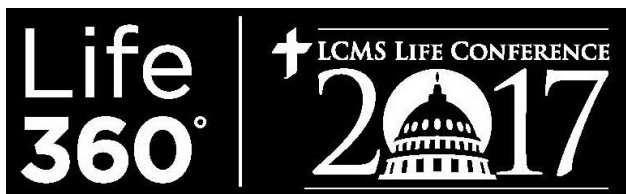
**Sunday School Notes:** “Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth” is the Sunday school lesson today and the Kids 4 Christ lesson on Wednesday. In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God’s Word clearly shows that Jesus is God’s Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss, *“How does sin blind our eyes to the Savior and cause us to suffer from sin’s effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death?”*



**Main Street-Living - Kid's Crossing:** January 22, 2017-Rev. Tim Rynearson of Peace Lutheran in Brookings and Redeemer Lutheran in Flandreau, delivers today’s message “The Lord is My Light” based on Psalm 27. The Main Street Living Choir will lead the singing of: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise; Jesus Shall Reign; and Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired and is broadcast each Sunday on KDLT-NBC, Sioux Falls, at 10 a.m. Central time. The first 30 minutes of the Main Street Living hour is Kid’s Crossing, a children’s program. This week, on Kid’s Crossing the program revolves around John the Baptist preparing the way for the ministry of Jesus. The key verse is Titus 3:7.

**January 22, 2017 is the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** – Let’s Work to Make abortion, assisted suicide, and infanticide unthinkable. On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22, 1984 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Churches around the United States still use the day to celebrate God’s gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage. You can read the text of President Reagan’s speech at <https://reaganlibrary.archives.gov/archives/speeches/1984/11384c.htm>

**National March for Life is Friday, January 27, 2017** — You can join fellow Lutherans for the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. You are invited to join your LCMS brothers and sisters for a Divine Service beginning at 9:00 a.m. at The Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel. After the service we will travel by Metro to the march. If you cannot attend the worship service, please join the LCMS near 12th Street and Constitution Avenue for the March for Life. Look for the green umbrella. Please let us know if you will join us for the march and/or for worship by calling 888-THE LCMS or by sending an email to [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org). Please provide the number of attendees in your group so we can plan accordingly. [www.lcms.org/marchforlife](http://www.lcms.org/marchforlife)



**LCMS Life Conference—January 27-29, 2017**

The 2017 LCMS Life Conference is scheduled at the Westin Arlington Gateway Hotel in Arlington, VA. The conference is open to all LCMS Lutherans and invited guests. Join LCMS Life Ministry as we proclaim God’s truth

that all life is sacred — from the very beginning until the natural end.

**2017 South Dakota Lutherans For Life Essay Contest**

For any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school

Grades 6 through 12

Sponsored by Lutherans For Life of South Dakota, Inc.



**Contest Guidelines:**

1. Students will write a life-affirming essay that must be based on the 2017 Conference theme: **Hope For Life** and 1Peter 3:15 *“in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect”*
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. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor, should include their name and email address.
4. 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
5. Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word to [jjohns8@yahoo.com](mailto:jjohns8@yahoo.com) by **March 15, 2017**. Questions about the contest should be directed to this email address.
6. State awards will be \$100 for first place in each category, \$50 for second place in each category.
7. Grand Prize for national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to the 2017 Regional Conference of their choice and 1 hotel night at a conference hotel.
8. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.
9. For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**ACTSS Fellowship Group** will meet on January 27th at the Scoreboard at 6:00 p.m. Afterwards we will meet at the Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. **Please let Daryl or Linda know by January 25th if you will be coming.**

# Faith & Fellowship



**Enjoy a fresh made sub sandwich:** Made to your taste by the LYF youth for your Super Bowl Sunday treat. Forms are in the bulletin to preorder your delicious meal (sandwich and chips) and are only \$5 each. **Sandwiches will be assembled on Saturday, February 4th from 9 a.m. until finished and can be picked up that morning also.** Preorders are encouraged and very helpful, but we will have some extra for sale on Sunday too. Thank you for supporting the youth of our congregation. Any questions call/text Ann Cruse c)350-5810.

## 100th Anniversary of Lutheran Hour Ministries

One hundred years ago, a group of faithful “pioneers” gathered together for the first time as laity to support the church in word and deed. It was with this particular act that the ministry of the International Lutheran Laymen’s League/Lutheran Hour Ministries (Int’l LLL/LHM) first formed. Today LHM is a trusted expert in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 51 million people worldwide each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 50 countries, often bring Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present.



Since our International Volunteer Trips program began in 2005, individuals on more than 90 teams have traveled overseas to work alongside local LHM staff and discover how God uses ordinary people to make an extraordinary difference. Through the International Ministries Partnership program LHM offers unique short-term volunteer team opportunities. Work alongside local LHM staff and volunteers in projects such as outreach events, ministry to children, construction, healthcare training, skills transfer, etc. LHM oversees all logistical details and manages the project in the host country. We also provide high quality DVD based short-term team volunteer training prior to the trip. For more details see the poster in the bulletin board case or go online [lhm.org/teams2017](http://lhm.org/teams2017)

**Interested in learning more about joining either the ACTSS or HOPE Fellowship Groups?**

Please call Daryl or Linda at 352-5667.

We meet one Friday night a month.

This is a great way to get to know people in our congregation.

We would love to have you join us. Please give us a try.

**BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE:** Weekend Worship: 241      Sunday School: 29      Adult Bible Class: 69

Weekly Budgeted	Offering Jan. 14/15	Needed to Date	Giving to Date	Budget Short Fall
General \$ 7,090	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 21,270.00	\$ 16,433.00	\$ 4,837.00
Mission \$ 1,699	\$ 957.00	\$ 5,097.00	\$ 3,452.00	\$ 1,645.00
Building \$ 576	\$ 757.00	\$ 1,728.00	\$ 4,123.00	\$ +2,295.00



**Matthew 8:8** But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. "Let there be light." And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: "This is my Body given for you." "Your sins are forgiven." This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God: we know that His Word is always bent on our blessing.

**2016 Offering Statements** have been placed in the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone did not receive a statement that needs one please contact the church office.

**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 number.
3. You can designate the fund 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. The Lord looks for hearts set apart for Him alone.

—Your Fellow Servants in Christ, the Board of Stewardship.

## Matthew 8:1–13

<sup>1</sup>When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.

<sup>2</sup>And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>3</sup>And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

<sup>5</sup>When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup>“Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” <sup>7</sup>And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” <sup>8</sup>But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup>while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>13</sup>And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

### Quotation from Martin Luther on the Gospel Reading

#### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - Matt. 8:1–13 (printed above)**

“The Jews are unable to understand what was said here and everywhere in the prophets about the heathen joining this people in droves, or about the city of Jerusalem becoming so great that its walls stand at the ends of the earth. But, as a matter of fact and experience, this kingdom of Christ, begun at Zion or Jerusalem, has been spread abroad in the world; and this King, born of the Jewish nation, is being accepted everywhere merely through the Word of the Gospel, which the apostles preached.” LW 13:269

*Quotation from Luther's Works, American Edition*

*(56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955–1986).*



**REFORMATION**  
**2017 It's Still All About**  
**Jesus**

## This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Place
Saturday, Jan. 21	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilt Guild Sanctity of Human Life Worship Service	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan. 22	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sanctity of Human Life Worship Service Sunday School Children singing Adult Bible Class Sanctity of Human Life Worship Service	Sanctuary Violet Tschetter Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Monday, Jan 23		Pastor Domke's Day Off	
Tuesday, Jan. 24	1:00 p.m.	Chapel Deadline for February Calendar and Newsletter	Preschool
Wednesday, Jan. 25	3:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Staff Meeting Confirmation/Kids 4 Christ	Boardroom
Thursday, Jan. 26	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SunQuest Healthcare Center Communion Service New Member Class Men's Bible Study	SunQuest Healthcare Center NE Small Classroom Boardroom
Friday, Jan. 27	6:00 p.m.	ACTSS Fellowship	
Saturday, Jan. 28	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service III with Communion	Sanctuary



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the Crowds...**