

February Newsletter



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From the Pastor's Desk

¹⁶ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

We are called to proclaim the Gospel - the Good News - of Jesus Christ. We hear this each week, yet, there are times in which we find ourselves doubting our ability to do that. We think that we are not skilled enough, didn't have the right schooling, don't have the right words, or aren't a good enough Christian. And sometimes we worry a lot about the recipient; we are unsure how they might handle hearing that Jesus Christ died for them, and in the name of God, they are forgiven and made new.

We get trapped in the Law instead of understanding that no law can bind the Word and Promise of Christ. As Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians, he became like those that he was proclaiming to in order to more effectively deliver the Gospel to them.

Now, I am not saying that you must go and change your beliefs socially, politically, and certainly not religiously. However, we must be empathetic to a point. Recognizing what someone might be going through (even if we disagree with them), and still deliver the Gospel to them. Instead of Paul telling the

people that they must change before the Word was delivered to them, he proclaimed the Word and let God do the work. This is what we are called to do.

We are not called to change people. If we alone were supposed to be changing people, we would be failing at our jobs. Rather, we are called to proclaim the Word of God and that Word is what does the changing! It is the Promise of Christ that changes all of us. It's the promise that we have been given and now have the authority and power to place in other peoples' ears.

Can we control how the Word is received or if any immediate change is made? No. But we can put God's Word out there and let the Holy Spirit do its work and open up the hearts and minds of those who hear it.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Maxwell Whitehead



February Calendar

Sunday, February 4

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
10:15 AM Sunday School Resumes
6:00 PM Book Study with Ellie

Wednesday, February 7

2:00 PM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS
7:00 PM Council Mtg

Sunday, February 11

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 14

2:00 PM Bible Study
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
8:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, February 18

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 21

2:00 PM Bible Study
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
7:00 PM Lenten Service @ Bethel Church
8:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, February 25

9:00 AM Worship Service (Contemporary)
10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, February 28

2:00 PM Bible Study
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
7:00 PM Lenten Service @ Bethany Church
8:00 PM VCIS



Worship Helpers

Sunday, February 4 (Communion)

Reader Sharon Wirth
Acolyte/Communion Helper Curtis
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, February 11 (Traditional)

Reader Melanie Parsons
Acolyte Anna Jo
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

Reader Matt Wirth
Acolyte/Communion Helper Quinn S
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, February 18 (Communion)

Reader Linda Renken
Acolyte/Communion Helper Grace
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, February 25 (Contemporary)

Reader Sharon Wirth
Acolyte Bailee
Live Stream Maxx
Organist/Pianist Praise Band



Committee's of the Month

The committee reads Scriptures on Sundays each month. Confirmed youth of members are included. List of duties are on the bulletin board.

February

Don and Linda Renken
Jay and Melanie Parsons
Matt and Sharon Wirth

March

Jon and Krista Schaeffer
Mike and Laura Stevens
Lydell and Cath Peterson

April

Matt and Sharon Wirth
Derrick and Kayla Mehlhaf
Josh and Kristie Huth
Shelley Wray

February Scripture Readings

Feb 04 - Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

Feb 11 - 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Feb 14 - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Feb 18 - Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Feb 25 - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Looking Ahead To March

Sunday, March 3

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)

10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, March 6

2:00 PM Bible Study

~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS

~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation

7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service

8:00 PM Council Mtg

8:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, March 10

9:00 AM Worship Service (traditional)

10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, March 13

2:00 PM Bible Study

~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS

~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation

7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service

8:00 PM- VCIS

Thank you
Volunteers

AS ONE BODY
WE ARE THE
CHURCH



Please
Consider
Giving
Online

"12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." 1 Cor 12:12

DEADLINE



The March Newsletter Deadline is February 22. Submissions after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion into the newsletter.

Please submit all articles and information on time. Thank you!

LIVE  GENEROUSLY

Please designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars before March 31, 2024.

Contact Janet Holmberg for any questions.

Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry is desperately low on funding and needs donations...

Please consider helping if you can. We are also in great need of the following items...

Please Consider helping if you can. We are in great need of the following items...

- ❄ Facial Tissue
- ❄ Toilet Paper
- ❄ Shampoo
- ❄ Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- ❄ Lotion
- ❄ Body Wash
- ❄ Sauces -
 - ❖ Soy
 - ❖ Worcestershire
 - ❖ BBQ
 - ❖ Ketchup
- ❄ Canned Goods

- ❄ Toaster Pastries
- ❄ Cereal Bars
- ❄ Granola Bars
- ❄ Cooking Oil
- ❄ Mayo
- ❄ Salad Dressings
- ❄ Spices
- ❄ Peanut Butter
- ❄ Jelly
- ❄ Pastas
- ❄ Rice (not instant)
- ❄ Ramen noodles

We have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).

**UNTIL ALL
HAVE MATT
HEARD HEW
28:19**



2024 VCIS THRIVENT PROJECTS

VCIS Mission at Home - We will have projects lined up soon, but you could plan on getting cards to be used during the month of June



Wednesday Lenten Worship Schedule

February 14.....	Ash Wednesday "Repent, Believe/Respond, Act"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Max Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church
February 21.....	"Father, Forgive/Lost Sheep"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend David Location: Bethel Church
February 28.....	"Today in Paradise/Workers in the Vineyard"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Baptist Representative Location: Bethany Church
March 6.....	"Son...Mother/The Good Samaritan"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Kent Location: First Baptist Church
March 13.....	"I Thirst/The Rich Man & Lazarus"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Max Location: Church of the Nazarene
March 20.....	"Why Forsaken?/Widow & Judge"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Baptist Representative Location: Spring Valley Lutheran Church

