

January 27, 2008

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
Fernando, Minnesota

Announcements

What a friend we have in Jesus! Christ has befriended us. Let us befriend one another by extending our hands in Christian fellowship. Welcome to St. Matthew's!

First Communion Instruction for third grade and older –

Parents, if you have a child who is not yet receiving Holy Communion, and you feel that they are ready, then please give Pastor Debra a call. A three session class will be offered during Lent.

St. Matthew's Annual Meeting will follow worship today.

We will be electing three new council members. (President, Deacon, and Trustee) as well as discussing a number of important issues. Please plan on attending. We thank Elmer Rettig, Ben Schuft, and Wade Kutz for their three years of service.

Zion United Methodist Church of Buffalo Lake invites us to their **Annual Family Style Turkey Supper** on Wednesday, January 30th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Advance tickets \$7.00, at the door \$7.50, 5-11 years old \$3.50. Preschool \$1.50. See the bulletin board for more information.

The McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence will host its 12th Annual Strike Out the Violence Bowlathon on Saturday, February 9th at the Hutch Bowl in Hutchinson. Bowlers will be eligible for such prizes as Chanhassen Dinner Theater tickets, 25 Scratch-off Lottery tickets, Powder Ridge lift tickets, Acme Comedy Company tickets, Prairie's Edge Casino

overnight stay. Park at Mall of America tickets, Underwater Adventures at Mall of America tickets, Huffy's children's bikes, Bath & Body Works gift sets, Kool Toyz and Fisher Price toys, Shadowbrooke 18-hole golf pass, Cinemagic Theater tickets and lots more. A minimum of \$40.00 in pledges is required to bowl. Sessions are noon to 2:00 p.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. For more information, pledge sheets, and to reserve a lane for you or your team, call 320-234-7933 or 800-934-0851.

Pastor Debra invites us to be Daily in the Word.

Join us as we read through the Bible in a single year. Everyday there will be a reading. Extra copies of the daily reading schedule beginning with day #1 are available.

This week's readings -

Today	2 Kings 22-23	Luke 3:1-22
Monday	2 Kings 24-25	Luke 3:23-4:14
Tuesday	1 Chronicles 1-2	Luke 4:15-37
Wednesday	1 Chronicles 3-4	Luke 4:38-5:16
Thursday	1 Chronicles 5-6	Luke 5:17-39
Friday	1 Chronicles 7-9	Luke 6:1-19
Saturday	1 Chronicles 10-12	Luke 7:1-23
Sunday	1 Chronicles 13-15	Luke 7:24-50

Serving Groups at upcoming events:

Group #2 Lenten Supper February 13th

Chairpersons: Yvonne Gehrke and Velda Quandt

Members: Vera Bents, Jodi Busch, Debbie Draeger, Vicki Herrmann, Mavis Renner, Helen Rettmann, Wayne Wagner

Group #3 Lenten Supper February 21st

Chairpersons: Mary Hansch and Jody Nelson

Members: Jim Burmeister, Kathy Ewert, Lowanda Frank, Lori Kley, Beverly Lochner, Lori Loomis, Norine Roepke, Janice Rose

Group #4 Easter Breakfast March 23rd

Chairpersons: Adeline Laabs and Jennifer Trettin

Members: Ruth Doerr, Steffie Gronlund, Dean Klitzke, Sheila Kutz, Arlene Kramer, Ella Rickheim, Sandy Ziemann

Pastor Debra is looking for several readers for Palm Sunday again this year. If you would like to help with the reading of the Passion narrative, please let Pastor Debra know.

Attention Youth: The Multi-Synod Senior High Youth Gathering will be in Alexandria with the theme "Paint Peeling." Dates are March 28-30.

2008 LENTEN SERVICES

Lent comes early this year with Ash Wednesday falling on February 6th. Our theme this year will be Practicing Our Faith.

The schedule has been set as follows:

Wednesday, February 6th Joint Service at 7:00 p.m. at Fernando Holy Communion w/Imposition of Ashes (no supper)	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 13th Joint Service at 7:00 p.m. at Fernando – Practicing Our Faith: Hospitality Supper at 6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
Wednesday, February 20th Joint Service at 7:00 p.m. at Fernando Practicing Our Faith: Saying "Yes" and Saying "No" Supper at 6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
Wednesday, February 27th Joint Service at 7:00 p.m. at Bismarck – Practicing Our Faith: Forgiveness Supper follows worship	Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 5th Joint Service at 7:00 p.m. at Bismarck – Practicing Our Faith: Healing Supper follows worship	Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 12th Joint Service at 7:00 p.m. at Bismarck Practicing Our Faith: Singing Our Lives Supper follows worship	Lenten Service
Sunday, March 16th 10:15 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion	Palm Sunday
Thursday, March 20th 6:00 p.m. Worship w/Holy Communion	Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 21st Good Friday
Joint Service of prayer and meditation at **7:00 p.m. at Bismarck**

Sunday, March 23rd Easter/The Resurrection of Our Lord
6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
There also will be a service later in the morning, but the time has not yet been set.

*at the church office – 320-562-2647 or cell phone – 320-583-8871
or email at pastordebra@mwlguide.com*

Prayer Concerns

- ... for those in need of healing...we especially remember...
- ... **Jacob Lee Black** (Patty & John Thorwardson's grandson)
Jacob was born with Pfeiffer Syndrome
- ... **Art Brede who is in Longtime Care**
Room #500, 1805 Hennepin Avenue North, Glencoe, MN 55336
- ... **Franklin Burke** who has returned home from the VA Hospital following the removal of half of the colon. He was hospitalized for 2 months.
Home address: 1255 Bradford Street Southeast, Hutchinson, MN 55350
- ... **Gregory Grochow** (grandson of LaVonne Draeger)
New Address: 171 South Holcomb Avenue, Litchfield, MN 55355
- **LaVone Klitzke**
Cedar Crest Estate 225 Shady Ridge Road, Hutchinson, MN 55350
- ... **Pastor Clarence Muske**
St. John Lutheran Home, Station 2 North, Room 244,
201 South County Road 5, Springfield, MN 56087
- ... **Herman Schiroo**
Burns Manor, 135 North High Drive NE, Hutchinson, MN 55350
- ... for **Francis Kangwa**, the child in Zambia our Sunday School children are supporting with their donations to the Christian Children's Fund
- ... for **those waiting to adopt a child**
- ... for **those serving in the military**
- ... for the **ELCA in service to the world**, the Southwestern

Minnesota Synod, the Minnesota Valley Conference, St. Matthew's and St. John's congregations, and our companion synod in Southern Africa

The boy went to his room and wrote his first hymn. The year was 1690 and the teenager was Isaac Watts. "Joy to the World" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" are among the nearly 350 hymns he wrote. He also wrote "How Long, O Lord, Shall I Complain." Evidently, just long enough to write his first hymn.

Weekly Calendar

- Today:** **9:00 AM Sunday School**
(Lazarus raised from the dead)
"Third Sunday after Epiphany"
10:15 AM Worship
11:15 AM St. Matthew's Annual Meeting
POTLUCK DINNER
- Monday:** Pastor Debra at First Call Theological Education at Shalom Hill Farm
- Tuesday:** Pastor Debra at First Call Theological Education at Shalom Hill Farm
- Wednesday:** Pastor Debra at First Call Theological Education at Shalom Hill Farm
- Friday:** 12:00-4:30 PM Pastor's Office Hours at Fernando Parsonage
- Sunday:** **9:00 AM Sunday School**
(Jesus at the Temple – upper elementary)
(Daniel in the Lion's Den – lower elementary)
"Transfiguration of Our Lord"
10:15 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

Thought for the Day:

Feeling bored?

A young boy complained to his father that most of the church hymns were boring to him. They were too far behind the times, with tiresome tunes and meaningless words. The father put an end to the complaining by saying, "If you think you can write better hymns, then why don't you?"