

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:30 a.m.

200 11th Street E.

Lemmon, SD 57638

We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

Richard Kanzenbach

Pastor

60TH (SEXAGESIMA) SUNDAY

Approximately Sixty Days before Easter

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

February 4, 2024

WELCOME!

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. --Genesis 8:22

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Some congregations had a custom in the past that communicants returning to their pews would kneel between the benches to offer a prayer of thanks to the Lord for His gracious forgiveness and personal assurance in the Lord's Supper. Thereafter they were seated. For various reasons the custom has slipped away; but, be that as it may, it is always in order to bend our hearts before the Savior in humble devotion after the Lord's Supper.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal, page 15

Hymn 396 Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink!

On page 17: **The Kyrie** is read by the pastor.

Hymn 23 v. 4 in place of the **Gloria in Excelsis**.

"Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring!"

EPISTLE: II Corinthians 11:18 to 12:10 The Corinthians were looking for spiritual leaders who could boast of greatness. Paul, however, boasted of his weakness. He boasted of the things he endured in weakness for Jesus' name. He particularly boasted of a "thorn in the flesh" (we don't know its nature), from which he had prayed for relief from God, but his prayer was not granted. Although the thorn made him weak and humbled him, he rejoiced in it! His weakness forced him to lean on Christ, his Savior. In Christ, he was strong! Christ was his boast! Jesus, the crucified and risen Savior, is your boast also!

GOSPEL: Luke 8:5-15 The Parable of the Sower and the Seed. When the Word of God reaches human hearts, it's like seeds being broadcast onto the ground. Does the seed get snatched away by Satan? Does the seed land on gravelly soil, where it easily sprouts but soon any heat dries it up? Does the seed land in a thistle patch, where it is ultimately choked, by all the competition? Or does the seed land on good earth, where it grows and produces an abundant crop? May the Lord grant that we are all good soil.

NICENE CREED, p. 22

Hymn 49 Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast Like Seed into the Ground!

SERMON: Exodus 20:7

**DO NOT MIS-USE GOD’S NAME —NO JOKE
(2nd COMMANDMENT)**

BACKGROUND vv.1-6: *I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth, You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me; but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

V. 7 *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.*

OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER:

PRAYERS

Hymn 364 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

VISITORS, *please note that our congregation does not practice “open” communion. Communion is an expression of oneness with the Lord and also oneness in faith and teaching with each other. Differences in Bible doctrine do separate. Therefore, we have a “close-knit” communion practice. Respectfully we ask that only members of St. Luke’s and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging your heart or your faith in Jesus. God knows the heart. For questions, please visit with the pastor. Thank you.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

Distribution Hymn 311 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Benediction

Hymn 308 vv. 2-3 Invited, Lord, by Boundless Grace!

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IN OUR PRAYERS: Julie Schopp’s trip and tests at Rochester.

SEPTUAGESIMA, SEXAGESIMA, QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAYS:

These unusual names are passed down to us from the church of the Middle Ages. They are Latin names for the Sundays that fall between Transfiguration Sunday (end of Epiphany season) and Ash Wednesday. The words mean 70th, 60th, and 50th, respectively. These Sundays fall approximately 70, 60, and 50 days before Easter. The names are similar to our English words septuplets, sextuplets, and quintuplets. This year we celebrate all three of the Gesima Sundays. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

SCHEDULE, GOD WILLING:

2/11 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class

2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY—LENT BEGINS

CHANGE: 5:30 Worship in the church basement

6:30 Soup/Sandwich Supper

2/18 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 S. Sch. and Bible Class

2/21 Wedn. Lent 2 **5:30 Worship** 6:30 Soup/Sandwich Supper

2/25 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class

REPORT FROM VOTERS ANNUAL MEETING, 1/28/24:

8 voters present, plus pastor.

Pastor's Quarterly Report and 2022 Annual Report

Quarterly Membership Changes: None

2023 Finances and Funds: Please see sheets available in the church entry.

Election to Council (3-Year): Jonathan Wiechmann (re-elected)

Appointment as Secretary to the Treasurer (1-Year): John Erhardt

Called as Lay Readers (1-Year): Chuck C., Jonathan W., Anthony L.

Exterior Door at Office: Awaiting appropriate weather to install

Time of Summer Worship 2024: **10:30** (from 9:30) Can be changed for future

Ushers Printed Guidelines: First draft distributed.

Missions Goal CLC General Fund for 2024: \$2,500. (2023 actual \$6035)

Pastor's Support 2024: \$28,800 with \$10,000 of that amount designated as "housing allowance" for pastor's tax purposes. Also a special gift of \$2,4000 was granted for 2023. [Thank you, everyone! Pastor K.]

Calendar for February-March-April Approved: Special notes as follows--

Lent Wednesday Services: **5:30** this year. Soup/ Sandwich follows.

Easter: Worship 8:00 & 10:30 Breakfast 9:00-10:00

Special Thank You: To ALL who assist at St. Luke's, whether visibly or behind the scenes!

COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION:

Jonathan W. --President

Ray S. --Recording & Financial Sec.; Mission & Building Funds Treas.

Dwight W. -- General Fund Treas. & Memorial Fund Treas.

VOTERS' ITEMS AVAILABLE ON BULLETIN TABLE:

---VOTERS AGENDA AND TREASURERS' REPORTS: Copies of the Agenda from the annual meeting last Sunday, and also treasurers' reports, are available on the bulletin table. Please take one

---PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT: The Pastor's 2023 Annual Report is also available on the bulletin table. Please inform the pastor of any misspelled names on the membership list! Thank you.

---FEB-MARCH-APRIL CALENDAR: Note the Lent & Easter Serv. Times Copies in entry..

AED SIGN-UP SHEET: Our local EMT's will provide various levels of training for those interested. Please sign the sheet by the guestbook. Thank you.

- 1) Training on AED only
- 2) Hands only compressions and AED
- 3) Heartsaver CPR and AED certification card-\$17.50 per person, renewable every two years.

CALL NEWS:

Pastor David Baker, retired, has accepted the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX.

Pastor Tim Daub of Prince, Hecla, South Dakota has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN to be their second pastor.

Pastor Paul Krause, Watertown and Hidewood Township, SD has received the calls from Calvary, Marquette and St. Peter's, Iron River, MI.

Teacher Amy Osbourne, West Columbia, SC, has been called to teach at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Mr. Dan Roehl has returned the call to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI.

TEACHER CALLS: Currently there are six congregations which will be calling for a teacher. This means that a good number of our congregations will be scrambling to find teachers to fill their classrooms this coming fall. ILC is also calling for a professor. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest provides teachers for His precious lambs. --President Mike Wilke

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