

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

On Spiritual Gifts and the Church Body

Hello readers! Over the last few weeks, the Epistle reading (second reading) has been coming from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We began in the first half of chapter 12 hearing about spiritual gifts, and the next week about different members of the body, with Paul leaving a cliffhanger for the end of chapter 12 saying "But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way."

Spiritual gifts. How do we know when a gift or talent is God given or just something a person happens to be good at? Here is the answer: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good (1 Cor. 12:7)." God gives us all gifts for the common good. To put it into more plain English: Your gifts are not for you, they are for your neighbor. When a gift is truly helping the neighbor - a neighbor being literally anyone - then you know that it is a spiritual gift.

Sometimes we worry about whether or not our gift is good enough, or if it is actually useful in the world. Which then brings us to the second half of chapter 12 saying that each and every member of the body of Christ is just that; a member of the body of Christ! Whether you were in worship to hear this preached or not, it is worth repeating. What member of the body you most identify with does not change the

fact that you are indeed a part of the body of Christ. Even if you don't know exactly what your God-given spiritual gift(s) may be, your identity can and should still lie in the larger picture: Christ, a member chosen by God, forever.

And as huge as these points are, Paul still goes on to say that there is still something even greater, which leads us into chapter 13. Do you know what this more excellent way is? It is love. All thirteen verses of chapter thirteen spell out this love. We often hear these verses at weddings hearing about how love is patient and kind... love never ends... and then finally, verse 13: "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

This is where our Christian faith and hope lie. In this love that Paul is writing about. Yes, we strive for this love between each other (this is for all people, not specifically husband and wife). But we must go further to recognize that this is truly the love that Christ has for us. His love never fails. Even when we don't recognize our spiritual gifts, even when we don't think that we have anything to contribute to the body, and even when the opposite is true and we place our full identity in our gifts and supposed role, Christ continues to give us this love.

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So finally, why is the greatest of these love? Because faith is trusting that God's Word and promise for us is true, hope is the waiting to see this promise, and both of these things come to an end when we at long last see God in all His glory and feel His love everlasting.

This is most certainly true.
Pastor Max

Our New 2022 Elected Leaders

President	Scott Larsen
Vice President	Mitch Larsen
Secretary	Tonya Rudd
Treasurer	Matt Sorensen
Financial Secretary	Karen Larsen
Trustees	Randy Overgard Brett Mellem Deanna Gall
Deacons	Mark Johnson Kelly Sorensen Branden Zimmerman

Thank you for donating your time to our church!!

Spring Valley Women

Spring Valley Women will be collecting canned goods for the Food Pantry until February 13. Please drop off canned goods and non-perishables at the church!



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VCIS YOUTH

Mission Trip Fundraiser

February 12, 2022

5:00PM - 9:30PM

Drop your kids off at the Parish Hall so you can have a pre-Valentine's Day date night! The VCIS Youth will be providing snacks and games while you enjoy a night out! Free Will donation is encouraged as the VCIS continues to fundraise for their Mission Trip to Alamosa, CO.

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If you have any questions or need help, please contact Tammy Sorensen at Spring Valley Lutheran Church.

February Helpers Schedule

Feb 6 - 5th Epiphany (Communion)

Reader Karen Larsen
 Acolytes Carston and Lincoln Mellem
 Communion Helper Zoey Christensen
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Feb 13 - 6th Epiphany

Reader Janet Munkvold
 Acolytes Brooklyn and Emily Ludens
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Feb 20 - 7th Epiphany (Communion)

Reader Faydra Christensen
 Acolytes Reagan and Nora Rudd
 Communion Helper Ryder Christensen
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Feb 27 - 8th Epiphany (Contemporary)

Reader Charlene Overgard
 Acolytes Carston and Lincoln Mellem
 Music Praise Band

February Ushers

Tim Flint and Dakota Flint
 Tony and Amanda Goergen
 Corey and Deanna Gall
 Cory and Amy Christensen

Church Cleaners (Feb 6 & 13)

Linda Larsen,
 Haylee Sherard
 Tammy Sorensen

Church Cleaners (Feb 20 & 27)

Julie Hartman,
 Sheila Wek,
 Kara Edelman

February Bible Readings

2/6 5th Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13),
 Psalm 138,
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11,
 Luke 5:1-11

2/13 6th Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10,
 Psalm 1,
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20,
 Luke 6:17-26

2/20 7th Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Psalm
 37:1-11, 39-40,
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,
 42-50, Luke 6:27-38

2/27 8th Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35,
 Psalm 99,
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2,
 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)



Newsletter submissions! While it may be too late for this month, whoever needs or wants to submit anything to the newsletter just needs to go onto the website, scroll all the way to the bottom, and click "Submit your newsletter article". If you have any photos, please put them in a Word document and be sure to label them. The newsletter will be proofed before being sent out, don't worry. Talk to Pastor Max if you have any questions!



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- Timothy
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- John
- Ephesians
- Titus
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- Acts
- Matthew
- Romans
- Colossians
- Hebrews
- Mark
- Corinthians
- Thessalonians
- James