

February Newsletter



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On Preaching Beyond the Church by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

The Apostle Paul to the Corinthians: *"When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

Let's think about shiny new toys for a moment. Is there something that you have either received or purchased that you just couldn't play with or use for fear that it would lose its "newness"? Perhaps you got yourself a new vehicle but refused to drive it unless it was 75 and sunny outside. Or you remember a toy from childhood that no one, not even you, could play with because then it wouldn't be "new" anymore. We get very possessive of our things. We want them to hold their value for as long as physically possible. We like to hold out for the "if we would ever get rid of it, we will get our money back" factor.

I'll cut to the chase: you have been given the gift of the forgiveness of all of your sins, everlasting life, and true freedom in Christ. Why is it that so often we feel the need to qualify ourselves to use

that shiny gift. As if it is too nice, too expensive, and we don't want to be responsible for damaging this gift. Why is it that we feel that in expressing or speaking about this gift of faith we might show signs of weakness and trembling?

Christ has not freed us so that we might store up this gift of faith, put it in a little box, and cherish it forever. Rather Christ has freed us so that we do not need to fear any trembling or weakness! Christ has freed us to live as His Father's creatures not worrying about whether we are good enough to be His servants and disciples. This is what Paul is saying in the beginning of chapter 2 of his first letter to the people of Corinth. You do not need big, theological words to proclaim Christ and him crucified. You do not need the wisdom of the world to know and

deliver the love and mercy of God. As Paul notes, the only thing you need is the Spirit and the power of God. And guess where that comes from? Not deep inside of you, but from God himself. So wherever or whenever you feel nervous about delivering some sort of Word, may you know that any Word of Truth, Grace, or Forgiveness comes to you and through you by the Holy Spirit. May that bring you peace!

This is most certainly true.
Pastor Max

"⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

1 Corinthians 2:5



VCIS: A Ministry of the larger Viborg Lutheran Church

Vocavit - Congregantur - Illustratus - Sanctificatus
Called - Gathered - Enlightened - Sanctified

Consisting of students in grades 7-12, the VCIS Youth meets every Wednesday (weather permitting) in the Parish Hall in Viborg. Each week, 13-15 kids show up! They cook together, play games together, and enjoy general fellowship with one another. In the past we have done a bible study that followed the movie Avatar, discussed favorite bible studies, and have shared life stories with one another. We have also had a couple lock-ins, played endless rounds of Around the World (a ping-pong variation), and have tried our hands at baking!

Last year, this group went on a mission trip to Alamosa, loved it, and now have been raising funds to go on a mission trip again to North Carolina in June! Last year, 14 students went as well as 4 adult leaders. This June we have 17 students going being led by 6 adult leaders! They could not be more excited.

However, this does bring with it a hefty task. Each student needs to raise about \$653 (between van rentals, Youth Works fees, and a per diem) in order to go on this trip. They have been doing an awesome

job. Many activities do raise funds for the trip, but they also have elements of service work and fun to them as well! Most recently, we had a caroling fundraiser where a person could send us to any given home and we would knock on their door with treats in our hands and songs in our hearts. As a service-type project, we have taken on the task of cleaning the bleachers after Viborg-Hurley basketball games. Not all projects are as fun or visible as caroling or creating a haunted house. But as I said, the kids have been doing an awesome job, but there is still more work to be done! If you would like to donate anything to help them reach their fundraising goals, checks can be made out to VCIS and sent to PO Box 98 Viborg, SD 57070. Soon enough we will have an online giving option for the group as well. Aside from monetary support, we greatly appreciate prayerful support too!

Thank you for your continued support! This group is very special to a lot of kids and their families, and we give thanks for the opportunity to grow together in Christ.



Haunted House



Caroling



Caroling



Dear Friends,

Over the last year, the Viborg Community Food Pantry has seen an increase in the number of community members benefitting from our service. This increase has restricted food availability and the funds it takes to keep food on the shelves. We are very grateful for all food and monetary donations given.

We want to bring to your attention the "Round Up for Hunger" program at Hometown Grocery. You can round up your total to the nearest dollar (or more). That spare change will go directly to the Viborg Community Food Pantry to help those in need of our service. It may not seem like much, but if we would make a habit of "Rounding Up for Hunger," it can significantly impact those in need. Please keep the Viborg Community Food Pantry in mind the next time you visit Hometown Grocery.

Thank you so very much,
The Viborg Community Food Pantry Board



Wednesday, Feb 1

7:30 AM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, Feb 15

7:30 AM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Feb 5

8:00 AM Council Meeting
9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
10:15 AM Sunday School

Sunday, Feb 19

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

Wednesday, Feb 8

7:30 AM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS
7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, Febr 21

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, Feb 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Bible Study
NO Jr VCIS, NO Confirmation, NO VCIS
7:00PM Worship Service (OSLC)

Sunday, Feb 12

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

Sunday, Feb 26

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



February Scripture Readings

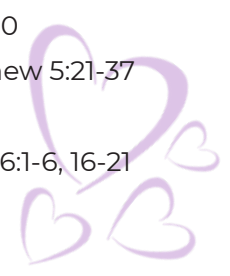
Feb 5 - Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9 (10), 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20

Feb 12 - Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

Feb 19 - Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Feb 22 - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Feb 26 - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11



February Ushers & Cleaners

February Ushers

- ♥ Tim Flint & Dakota Flint
- ♥ Tony & Amanda Goergen
- ♥ Corey & Deanna Gall
- ♥ Cory & Amy Christensen

Cleaners Jan 29 - Feb 11

- ♥ Kim Flint
- ♥ Deanna Gall
- ♥ Janet Munkvold
- ♥ Anna Munkvold

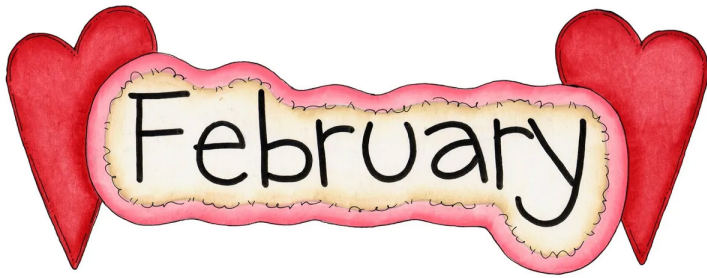
Cleaners Feb 12 - 25

- ♥ Ann Larsen
- ♥ Lexi Larsen
- ♥ Linda Larsen

Cleaners Feb 26 - Mar 11

- ♥ Elaine Lee
- ♥ Brenda Lee
- ♥ Kaye Lee
- ♥ Katie Smit





February Worship Helper Schedule

Sunday, Feb 5

Reader Karen Larsen
Acolytes Carston & Lincoln Mellem
Communion Helper Ryder
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Brenda Whitehead

Sunday, Feb 12

Reader Kayla Larsen
Acolytes Kaleb Huber & Emily Ludens
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, Feb 19

Reader Brett Mellem
Acolytes Reagan & Nora Rudd
Communion Helper Riley
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, Feb 26

Reader Mitch Larsen
Acolytes Carston & Lincoln Mellem
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Music Praise Band



ATTENTION SVLC YOUTH!!

There are no Wednesday activities during the Lenten season (Feb 22 - Apr 9.)

We will resume regular scheduling the first Wednesday after Easter Sunday.



Wednesday, Mar 1

7:30 AM Bible Study
NO Jr VCIS
NO Confirmation
NO VCIS
7:00PM Worship @ Bethany Lutheran Church

Sunday, Mar 5

8:00 AM Council Meeting
9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Mar 8

7:30 AM Bible Study
NO Jr VCIS
NO Confirmation
NO VCIS
7:00PM Worship @ Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, Mar 12

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

Wednesday, Mar 15

7:30 AM Bible Study
NO Jr VCIS
NO Confirmation
NO VCIS
7:00PM Worship @ First Baptist Church

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Lenten Worship Schedule

February 22.....			Ash Wednesday
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Max	Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church	
March 1.....			"The Wound of Betrayal"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Daryl	Location: Bethany Lutheran Church	
March 8.....			"The Wound of Apathy"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Kent	Location: Church of the Nazarene	
March 15.....			"The Wound of Denial"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend David	Location: First Baptist Church	
March 22.....			"The Wound of Mockery"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Max	Location: United Methodist Church	
March 29.....			"The Wound of Abandonment"
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Ron	Location: Spring Valley Lutheran Church	

