

# February Newsletter



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## From the Pastor's Desk

*<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> 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 04

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30AM** **Worship Service (Communion)**  
 11:30 AM Annual Mtg

## Wednesday, February 07

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

## Sunday, February 11

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30AM** **Worship Service (Traditional)**  
 11:30 AM Council Mtg

## Wednesday, February 14

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

## Sunday, February 18

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30 AM** **Worship Service (Communion)**

## 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

**10:30 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



# February Worship Helpers

## Sunday, February 04

Reader ..... Charlene Overgard  
 Acolytes ..... Andrew Spangler & Katie Spangler  
 Communion Helper ..... Reagan Rudd  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, February 18

Reader ..... Kelli Zimmerman  
 Acolytes ..... Lincoln Mellen & Braxton Sorensen  
 Communion Helper ..... Riley Gall  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, February 11

Reader ..... Mitch Larsen  
 Acolytes ..... Kaleb Huber & Ryker Larsen  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, February 25

Reader ..... Kelli Zimmerman  
 Acolytes ..... Nora Rudd & Emily Ludens  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band



# February Helpers

## February Ushers

Corey and Deanna Gall  
 Mitch Larsen  
 Amie Larsen

## Cleaners Feb 4 - 17

Elaine Lee  
 Brenda Lee  
 Katie Smit  
 Morgan Myrik

## Cleaners Feb 18 - Mar 2

Kaye Lee  
 Faydra Christensen  
 Tena Johansen

## Cleaners Mar 3 -16

Tammy Zimmerman  
 Tonya Rudd  
 Kelli Zimmerman  
 Amy Christensen  
 Emily Thompson

# 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 03

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
 11:30 AM Council Mtg

### Wednesday, March 06

2:00 PM Bible Study  
~~3:45 PM~~ NO Jr. VCIS  
~~5:30 PM~~ NO Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Lenten Service  
 8:00 PM VCIS

### Sunday, March 10

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30AM Worship Service (Traditional)**

### Wednesday, March 13

2:00 PM Bible Study  
~~3:45 PM~~ NO Jr. VCIS  
~~5:30 PM~~ NO Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Lenten Service  
 8:00 PM VCIS



*"<sup>12</sup> 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*

## ATTENTION SVLC YOUTH!!

There are no Wednesday activities during the Lenten season (Feb 14 - Mar 31.)

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



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 CHURCH**



## 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!**



Do you have an SVLC keepsake or special photos from a wedding, baptism, Sunday

School program, or church event for the SVLC scrapbook? If so, please get items to Tammy Sorenson. Thank you!

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## 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

