

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Feb 7

8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

Mon. Feb 8

4:00 PM Just-4-Kix
7:00 PM Al-Anon (Library)
7:00 PM Monday Night Fellowship

Tues., Feb 9

4:00 PM Just-4-Kix
6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics

Wed., Feb 10

12:00 PM 12@12
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:30 PM CIA/Sr. High Youth

Thurs., Feb 11

10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1
3:30 PM Just-4-Kix

Fri., Feb 12

6:30 AM FCA Mom's Bible Study
6:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.
7:00 PM Worship on Studio 1

Sat., Feb 13

9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., Feb 14

8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
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9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube



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Lyle Snyder	Pastor	Seth Boerboom	Pianist
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Judy DeCramer	Organist	Lisa Rosenboom	Assistant Teacher
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Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 7th, 2021

† **Worship with Holy Communion**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers

We remember in prayer these and all others we name in our hearts:

- Dale Anderson (father of Jason Anderson, hospitalized)
- Duane Sanow (Brother of Brenda Vannostrand, brain cancer)
- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Kenny DeVries (brother of Carol Nelson, complications of Covid)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer, recovering from surgery)
- Marlin Linstrom (brother of Phyllis Wallin, stroke & dementia)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- Pat Grannes (mother of Kari Matson, cancer and not receiving treatments)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Russ Boelter (father of Stacy West, stomach cancer)
- Rollie Winter (Beginning Treatment for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Vonnie Johnson (mother of April Valdez, esophopgeal cancer)
- Family of Bishop MJH Ubane (Bishop of Evangelical Lutheran

Church in Southern Africa, our companion synod, passed due to COVID)

- Family of Donald Vettrus (father of Kim Fixen)
- Family of Jeff Gaare (cousing of Kathy Nemmers)
- Family of Kay Karels (mother of Michelle Graff)
- Family of Pastor Delwayne Hahn (Del was a former St. Stephen Interim Pastor)
- Family of Ronald Beebout (father of Toni Bladholm)
- Family of Vivian "Pat" Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)

Bishop MJH Ubane Passed Away

Bishop MJH Ubane, the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa has passed away due to COVID. The Southeastern Diocese of ELCSA is our companion synod. Let us keep the family of Bishop Ubane in our prayers.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Worship will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 17th.

Prairie Conference Assembly

The Prairie Conference Assembly has been scheduled for Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, talk to Pastor Lyle.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
 and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
 who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
 and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³ who brings princes to naught,
 and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
 scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
 when he blows upon them, and they wither,
 and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
 or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
 Who created these?
 He who brings out their host and numbers them,
 calling them all by name;
 because he is great in strength,
 mighty in power,
 not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
 “My way is hidden from the LORD,
 and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
 they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full

use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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. ²² 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. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸ He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Worship Participants

Presiding Minister	Pr. Lyle Snyder
Assisting Minister	Elly Lewis (8:30) Brody Wixon (9:30)
Organist	Judy DeCramer (8:30)
Acolyte	Samantha Lewis (8:30) Cannon Craigmile (9:30)
Praise Team	Seth Boerboom, Jeff Allen, Josh Johnson, Lindsay Leibfried, Jake Olsen, Bill Cowden
Projector	Marty, Vance(8:30) Mertz, Olivia 930
Video	Cody Kesteloot (9:30)
Lector	Jolene Breczinski (9:30)