



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. February 16, 2014
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion. * Please stand

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements
 *Gathering Song “Beautiful Savior”. ELW 838

***Greeting**
 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
 In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
 The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of the Day
 The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.
God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”. Adult Choir
 Lesson 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

*Gospel Matthew 5:21-37
 “You’re familiar with the command to the ancients, ‘Do not murder.’ I’m telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother idiot!’ and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell ‘stupid!’ at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words kill. “This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you

suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God. “Or say you’re out on the street and an old enemy accosts you. Don’t lose a minute. Make the first move; make things right with him. After all, if you leave the first move to him, knowing his track record, you’re likely to end up in court, maybe even jail. If that happens, you won’t get out without a stiff fine. “You know the next commandment pretty well, too: ‘Don’t go to bed with another’s spouse.’ But don’t think you’ve preserved your virtue simply by staying out of bed. Your heart can be corrupted by lust even quicker than your body. Those leering looks you think nobody notices--they also corrupt. “Let’s not pretend this is easier than it really is. If you want to live a morally pure life, here’s what you have to do: You have to blind your right eye the moment you catch it in a lustful leer. You have to choose to live one-eyed or else be dumped on a moral trash pile. And you have to chop off your right hand the moment you notice it raised threateningly. Better a bloody stump than your entire being discarded for good in the dump. “Remember the Scripture that says, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him do it legally, giving her divorce papers and her legal rights’? Too many of you are using that as a cover for selfishness and whim, pretending to be righteous just because you are ‘legal.’ Please, no more pretending. If you divorce your wife, you’re responsible for making her an adulteress (unless she has already made herself that by sexual promiscuity). And if you marry such a divorced adulteress, you’re automatically an adulterer yourself. You can’t use legal cover to mask a moral failure. “And don’t say anything you don’t mean. This counsel is embedded deep in our traditions. You only make things worse when you lay down a smoke screen of pious talk, saying, ‘I’ll pray for you,’ and never doing it, or saying, ‘God be with you,’ and not meaning it. You don’t make your words true by embellishing them with religious lace. In making your speech sound more religious, it becomes less true. Just say ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.

Children’s Message and Sermon
Song “Lead Me, Guide Me” ELW 768
Installation of 2014 Church Council

Prayers
Peace

The Offering/Loose Change Offering
Offertory - Lord of Light ELW 688 vs 1 (printed)
Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

Offertory Prayer
 Let us pray...God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion
Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

***Sending Song** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”. ELW 774

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God.**

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Broadcast Cable Mediacom TV Channel 7 Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7 Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Serving Today: Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Peter Soli

Acolytes: 9:00 a.m. Nolan Magnuson, Kameron Lutteke

Assisting Worship Leader: 9:00 a.m. Jody Wegner **Scripture Readers:** 9:00 a.m. Megan Ehlert

Communion Helpers: 9:00 a.m. Brian, Kathy, Megan, Corey Ehlert, Dave Jacobson

Our support of the Ministry God has given us last week:

Current-\$2,862.33	Dedicated-\$120.03	Thrivent Choice-\$78.00	9:00-148
Missionary-\$110.00		Simply Giving-\$80.00	6:00-40

Birthdays - Feb. 16-22 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

16-Anna Jo Delaittre	18-Austin Niebuhr	20-Steve Linde	21-Matt Schaper
16-Andrea Neubauer	19-Rick Mandler	20-Hadley Routh	22-Lisa Loegering
17-Keith Schroeder	19-Bill Niebuhr	21-Sharon Hass	22-Harold Niebuhr
18-Rachael Korman			

2014 Church Council Members: Dennis Rollenhagen, Ryan Crabtree, Lynne Hansen, Dennis Lutteke, Eldo Ovrebo, Jason Niebuhr, Gwen Peterson, Ron Wegner, Joanne Korman, Trudy Drugg, Lori Hotzler, Adriana Soto and Danielle Johannsen

Wednesday Worship, 6:00-6:45 p.m. Enjoy a home cooked meal on Wednesdays, serving from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Suggested meal donation: \$4.00/person, \$15.00 max./family.

Help Wanted: Wednesday Evening Cook to prepare, help serve and clean-up after the meal before Wednesday evening worship service. Starting at \$60.00/week. Application and job description may be picked up in the church office and returned by Feb. 28, 2014.

Sign Up Now! Family Ski Outing - Sun., Feb. 23rd, at Mount Kato. Leaving Wells at 1:00 p.m. and returning by 7:00 p.m. Cost \$20.00/person. Sign up with your deposit of \$5.00 by Wed., Feb. 19th. Scholarships available upon request. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.

Sr. Saints - Join the Senior Saints for a heart filled program at the Broadway Apartments on Wed., Feb 19th at 11:00 a.m. Everyone 55 and older is invited to enjoy the program and fellowship with food provided by the February service group.

Beyond Our Doors Study - This February Pr. Soli will be leading a this Bible study Sunday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Session 2 - Feb. 16th. Why are we Here? Session 3 - Feb. 19th & 23rd. Who is our neighbor? The purpose of the study is to listen to what God says to us about our identity as Christians and as the church; what our ministry and purpose might be; and who we called to serve.

Important Rescheduling Notice - “Letting Go of the Past” is being moved to Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m on March 2nd. This healing event for the congregation originally scheduled for the 16th had encountered some scheduling conflicts and is being planned for Sunday, March 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

It is no secret that there have been difficulties and disappointments at Good Shepherd related to challenges the congregation has faced in the past. Most recent was Pr. Kathy’s call to serve as solo pastor, this not working well, and her subsequent earlier than expected departure. This situation and others matters put people on edge and have strained relationships. I sense a desire among leaders and members to “put these things behind us.” I am proposing a way for the congregation to let go and neutralize the strength of the past. As a member of Good Shepherd you are invited to be a part of this healing event. Let me describe the event.

The goal of our time together is to hear and acknowledge past events and feelings. When we do so, we will be able to move into the future without the weight of the past. The “success” of this event depends upon individuals’ willingness to participate. Pr. Soli will facilitate and create a safe place for the sharing.

The event will last about two hours (or more). A personal invitation will be extended to past and present congregation leaders to participate. Your willingness to be part of this event is important and will help heal and open up the door to a new and exciting future for the congregation.

Think global....Act local - You may recall when Esther Dundas of Wells visited Good Shepherd to share her ministry in Ukraine. Joelle Elmer Jacobs and her husband Scott will be visiting Esther in Rivne, Ukraine and hope to bring 2 suitcases stuffed with items for the children in her church. Esther is involved in Sunday school, youth club and day camps for children from 6–16.

The Good Shepherd Global Mission Team will be collecting items and cash through March 23rd. Cash is needed to pay the extra cost of suitcases. Smaller items are preferred as a suitcase can hold many small items compared to a few large items. What is needed? Games (UNO, SkipBo, Phase 10), balls and yo-yos, hair accessories, nail polish, lotion, soap, toothbrushes, school items such as notebooks and pens (blue please), candy, hats & gloves, any other small prize-type items like Matchbox cars. There are boxes at each entrance to the sanctuary. Cash can be left in the office. Nancy Elmer will be speaking to the congregation and will ask for donations as you leave the service. On behalf of Joelle, Esther and the Global Mission Team thank you all for your prayers and support as we show God’s love across the globe.

The Church Building-a Tool for Ministry - Mon., Feb.17th in the Social Hall. Ministry has changed over the years yet many of our buildings have not. How does the church’s building best serve the congregation’s ministry? Come and learn how the building can be used to enhance and compliment ministry. Anne Gerrietts, Building Consultant with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will share her experience and insights at this presentation. You will want to attend if you are interested in using the church building to its fullest.