

February 18-19, 2017

Epiphany 7

Liturgy: Page 38 CW

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 103, pg. 105

First lesson: I Samuel 26: 7-25

Second lesson Romans 12: 9-21

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Sermon text Matthew 5: 38-48

Speaker, Rev. Newlin Schafer

Hymns: 459, 492, 498, 760

Special music: 8:00 – Grades 2-4; 10:30 – Senior Bell Choir

Schedule

18 Sat	4:00 pm Worship
19 Sun	8:00 am Worship service
	9:00 am Scrip sales
	9:15 am SPL Adult & Youth Bible Hour
	10:30 am Worship service
20 Mon	6:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting
21 Tue	6:30 pm Bell choir
	7:30 pm Choir
22 Wed	5:00 pm PSI
25 Sat	4:00 pm Worship service w/pew communion
26 Sun	8:00 am Worship service w/pew communion
	9:15 am SPL Adult & Youth Bible Hour
	10:30 am Worship service w/pew communion
	11:45 am E.D.G.E. Youth meeting
	- 10:30 am Broadcast on WDUX AM800

Organist: Kerry Koehler

Deacon: Dennis Yorkson; Head Usher: Anthony Pankow; Radio: Dan Pople

Greeters: 4:00–Jim & Janice Prasher-Geoffrey; 8:00 – Ty & Jamie Wohlt & girls;

10:30- Tom & Michele Pankow Coffee: Boushley/Paap

Ushers: 8:00–Logan Witt, Lily & John Mueller, Cami Gettendorf

10:30-Andy Schroeder, Nathan & Tyler Togstad, Christian Pomerence

Church Attendance: 2/11-12: 85 + 123 + 101 = 309

SCHEDULE 2/25-26: Organist: Becky Miller

Deacon: Tim Pailer; Head Usher: Chris Behm; Radio: Tammy Bucholtz

Greeters: 4:00 – Jim Shaffar; 8:00 – Tracy Whitman, Jody Jarchow;

10:30 – Terry & Jodie Wilz Coffee: Rehm/Pederson/Buchholz

Ushers: 8:00 – Sara Nehring, Amanda Loehrke, Tom Schneider

10:30 – Kendra & MaKayla Lenz, Travis & Carter Dittmann

Communion servers: 8:00 – Justin Koplien, Doug Rodencal

10:30 – Rich Tomaszewski, Dan Nehring

The new edition of the Meditations devotional dated February 26 through May 27, 2017, is available in the back of church. The cost is \$3.50.

MISSION INVITATIONS 1) FROM: Immanuel, Waupaca. TO: Men, women, teens and children of SPL. WHY? Arnie Nommenson will present and share information about mission work in Southern Mexico. WHEN: Tues. Feb. 28, 6:45 p.m. Please call M. Paap (920-867-2247) if you plan to attend, in order give our hosts an idea of how much to prepare for refreshments.

2) FROM Emanuel, New London. TO: Members of our church. WHY: Marilyn Stroud will be speaking about her trip to Zambia where she visited The Seminary in Lusaka, the Lutheran Dispensary, and joined in a church dedication. Shelly Sievert, will tell us of the latest news concerning Malawi and Zambia from the perspective of a Board Member of CAMM (Central Africa Medical Mission). WHEN: Sat. March 4, 9:30 a.m. If you need a ride, meet at our main parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

YOUR HELP NEEDED!

One of the tools that has been shared with our congregation to help identify people who might be willing to serve in different capacities is our Time and Talent Survey. Your Stewardship Committee would like to have each communicant member fill out one of these “new and expanded” Time and Talent Surveys. After services on March 4-5, we will take a few minutes to distribute these surveys and ask our members to fill them out. If you filled one out at the Member Enrichment Workshops last spring or have turned one in since that time, it is not necessary that you fill another one out. In preparation for filling them out, you may want to take a look at the “Time and Talent Supplement” that has been prepared. This document gives a brief summary of the various boards and committees and describes their purpose and function. You will find copies of these on the tables in the back of church.

NEW BIBLE STUDY – begins in March!

We continue on the long journey we are taking in which we plan to read the entire Bible and discuss each book chapter by chapter, verse by verse. From March 5 through April 9 we plan to cover Genesis, chapters 20 to 30. Included in these chapters will be the struggles that existed between Hagar and Sarah, the severe test Abraham faced in being told to sacrifice his own son, the conflict that tore apart the family of Jacob, Jacob’s dream at Bethel, and much more. Each of these 6 classes will be held in the Commons, starting at 9:15 a.m. The first of these studies begins Sunday, March 5, 2017.

THANK YOU FROM SPL CARES

Thank you to those who continue to donate aluminum cans to the SPL Cares group. Remember we can only use aluminum beverage cans.

BIBLE STUDY ON “Timeless Topics, Timeless Truths” CONTINUES

As we continue our study of Timely Topics, Timeless Truths, the subject of the Christian's citizenship is important. As Christians we are citizens in heaven even while we live in this world and are citizens under a governmental authority. How do the two fit together? What takes priority? Who has the most authority, especially when one conflicts with another? This weekend we consider these questions and more in “Dual Citizenship: Can my pastor talk politics?” Join us this **Sunday, February 19, at 9:15 am** in the Commons.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The first meeting for those serving on the Nominating Committee this year is scheduled for: **Monday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room. Those serving on the Committee are: **Doug Pankow, Keaven Olson, Mike McGlin, Jeremy Rhone, Tom Buchholz, Brian Kaminske, Tom Schneider, Richard Binley, Jeremy Schroeder.** The two pastors plus the school principal serve as ex-officio members. The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of presenting a slate of candidates for the annual voters meeting in April. The positions that need to be filled are: vice-president, treasurer, 1 deacon, 2 trustees, 1 school board member, 2 visiting elders, 1 head usher. If there are any male communicant members who may be interested in any of these positions, please call the church office (867-2200) and leave your name with the secretary or one of the pastors. Or you may share your name with any of the Nominating Committee members.

LENTEN SERVICES

“Repent: Turn to Jesus!” – is the theme for the upcoming Lenten services which will begin on **Wednesday, March 1.** Services will be held each Wednesday at **3:15 and 7:00 p.m.** The Ash Wednesday services will be Communion Services. The theme “Repent: Turn to Jesus!” flows from the critical questions that occasioned the Ninety-five Theses and thereby the Lutheran Reformation: What is the essence of repentance? Is repentance the act of “doing penance” – making satisfaction for sin? Or is repentance something else entirely? Repentance, Luther came to see, is God’s gracious gift to us. Luther proclaimed the biblical truth that the believer’s entire life is a life of repentance – a daily return to the saving waters of Baptism.

This Lenten season there will again be a rotation of pastors: Pastor Paul Fritz, St. John’s, East Bloomfield; Pastors Paul Bowe and Ron Siemers, Immanuel, Waupaca; Pastors Lemke and Schafer, St. Peter, Weyauwega. The individual themes for each of the special services are as follows: 1) Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself; 2) Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptation; 3) Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away; 4) Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven; 5) Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You; and 6) Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life. These services provide us with wonderful opportunities to journey with our Savior to Calvary as he shows us the full extent of his love for sinners.