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5th Sunday of Epiphany

The Moments

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Midvale Community Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to PRAISE, LIVE and SHARE God's love.

Worship

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:30 am
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Hospitality time between services
Education Hour - 9:15 am
Nursery Hours - 7:50 - 11:45 am

Preparing for Worship

February 5
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First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars-it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer. Today is the commemoration of the Martyrs of Japan, who died in 1597.

Midvale's Annual Meeting Sunday, February 12, 2012

Time: Immediately following the 10:30 service.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Agenda: Approval of the 2012 budget

Wakefield Property

Parish Nurse position

Nominations and elections of officers,

Council and other committees.

Annual report - Printed copies are available the weekend of Feb 4-5. Please read and bring with you to the annual meeting.

Youth Subs - Pick up your Youth Committee subs to enjoy during the annual meeting. Pre-order by Feb 5.

Education Hour For All

Sundays at 9:15 am

FOR CHILDREN

February 5

Pre-K: Jesus calms the storm

K-6: The Sower

Confirmation: Jesus calls the first disciples

FOR ADULTS - FELLOWSHIP HALL

February 5 & 12 - Criminal Justice Issues Series



From Pastor Katie

“Gratitude Follows Grace”

When we hear of the great love that God so freely offers us, when we receive absolution for a mistake that had been troubling us, when we ask God for the power to forgive another, when we recite our belief in the Resurrection to everlasting life - our lives are shaped by God's grace. And as we hear great truths or experience a great

blessing, there is a need in all of us to respond! We yearn to respond to the gifts and presence God offers us. Gratitude follows grace. (Take a look at page 5 to see how one guest responded to the grace they received through The Road Home week here at Midvale.)

This past year, as our family says nightly prayers, we have tried to add “one more thing”. In order to cultivate a life-giving sense of gratitude, we have each asked ourselves this question, “for what were you thankful today?” Sometimes it has been pretty basic stuff, like an item purchased with allowance. Sometimes it has been surprising, like a daily interchange that was quickly forgotten but had great personal meaning. Sometimes it has been downright goofy- this is bedtime after all! But it has been a continual inspiration for us to share what makes us grateful. And the best part is, as a parent, I no longer need to initiate it. Our daughters are yearning to share the grace in their lives.

This practice of considering our response to God's grace has a long history in the life of the church. The Apostle Paul begins every letter with this kind of “gratitude sharing”. See how he begins every letter to churches with something like this, “We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as it’s right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.”- 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Let us continue to find ways to express gratitude for the grace given freely in Jesus Christ!



In Your Prayers this Week Remember:

- † hospitality as we welcome friends, visitors and guests
- † health, comfort and healing for: Nan Goble, Steve Borth, Sylvia Laedtke, Tilden Kaup, Arlys Kempf, Everett Hanson, Jean Finstad, Ruth Blanch, Tom Reynolds, Clarence Guetzkow, Debby Loftsgordon, Frank Turk (Tricia Holm’s uncle), Jennifer Edmundson (Pam Frey’s sister), Tim Elmer (Tom Elmer’s brother), Vivian Cottrell (Eddy Paske’s sister), Stan Ewanowski (Teri Wian’s father).
- † For the safety and well-being of all who serve in the military, acknowledging all they do in service to our nation
- † Hope in the resurrection for Ruth Rockwell, upon the death of her husband, Roland Rockwell.

Nan Goble Recognition Day

On February 12, we will honor Nan Goble for her 23 years of dedicated and outstanding service to Midvale Community Lutheran Church.

At worship we will offer a special prayer and speak a few words sharing a resolution that will be offered at the annual meeting following the 10:30 service that day.

In addition, we will have a coffee fellowship in her honor between services. Cards and expressions of gratitude are encouraged.

Prayer Chain

Please call Mary Lou Leslie, 849-6450 or Marilyn Knutson, 274-5662; if you have a prayer request.



2012 Youth Sub Sale

February 12 - coordinated with the Annual Meeting.

Pick up your order form in the Gathering Space and submit your order:

- * Before and after services on Sunday or
- * Fax 238-2112 or
- * Place in an envelope by the office door bulletin board.

Please order by February 5. You may eat your sub during the meeting if you like. We will have drinks, chips and cookies available for purchase.

Second Saturday Potluck

Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun following the 5:00 service on Saturday February 11. Sunday worshippers are also welcome!

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by Cheryl Krull in memory of her mother, on the first anniversary of her death.

Church Leadership Positions Open for 2012

The following church leadership positions need to be filled in 2012:

- Vice President/President Elect
- Chair of the Evangelism Committee
- Chair of Life and Growth Committee
- Chair of the Stewardship Committee.

The Vice President/President Elect is elected to the Council for a two-year term. The chairs of the three committees are elected for three-year terms.

Please note that a person elected to be the Chair of a Council Committee can have a Co-Chair. In this situation one person usually serves on the Council as the committee representative and the other person chairs meetings, does minutes, etc. In recent years this has become a good way to keep the job more manageable and actually makes it possible to involve more members in the work of the church.

Also needed are congregation members to serve on various committees. Please prayerfully consider using your talents to assume a leadership role at Midvale Community Lutheran.

The congregation will be voting on the list of nominees at the annual meeting on February 12. For further information on these positions, contact Pastor Bruce, Pastor Katie, or any of the current council members.

Those Serving

February 4-5

Preaching & Presiding

Pastor Bruce Loewenhagen

Assisting

5:00 pm Lila Jean Stahnke
 8:00 am Mark & Nan Thompson
 10:30 am Cheryl Krull, Alan White

Lectors

5:00 pm Edie Paske
 8:00 am Mark Thompson
 10:30 am Alan White

Acolytes

8:00 am Emily Zerger
 10:30 am Tanner Zimmerman, Kari Cole

Greeters

5:00 pm Lila Jean Stahnke
 8:00 am Mark & Nan Thompson,
 Gary Grummer
 10:30 am Cheryl Krull, Sonja Rabe

Nursery

8:00 am Kristin Zorn
 10:30 am Kristin Zorn, Elizabeth Meier

Music

Coordinator of Music: Janice Hites
Organists: Ted Reinke, Dean Gardner
Pianists: Nancy Linder, Sybil Klatt
Guitar: Jim Pharo

Ushers

5:00 pm Al Hovland, Chris Bjorklund,
 Jim Haedt, Shaun Haedt,
 Bill Kessler, Joel Peterson
 8:00 am Don Pierstorff, Arlen Spaanem,
 Gary Grummer, Kent Lawson
 10:30 am Jim Christenson, Alan White,
 Bill Berndt, Matt Goble,
 Mark Swandby

Chancel Guild

Sue Wroblewski, Pat Drogsvold, Becky Evans, Adelle Johnson, Gail Maki

Your gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal make a world of difference

During the holiday season, Midvale members collected money in coin boxes for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Money is still coming in, but as of Sunday, January 22 we had received \$855. So far we have raised enough money to send one cow (\$500), one sheep (\$125), four goats (\$50 each) and one pig (\$30). If you still have a coin box or would still like to make a contribution, please get it to the church office before the end of January so we can send this money to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal in early February.

One person who has already been helped by the ELCA World Hunger Appeal is a woman named Luku Elema. Luku Elema a 36-year-old mother of seven. For the last several years, her family has gone two months or more with hardly anything to eat.

In July 2010, Luku received a gift of three goats. The goats are hardy, surviving in even the driest, hottest climates. Within five months, the three goats had already multiplied into seven. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support this program and others like it in more than 60 countries around the world.

Adult Forum - February 5 *What Does 'Justice' Mean?*

Amy Johnson, director of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Wisconsin (LOPPW) will open our series with an overview of the study document HEARING THE CRIES: FAITH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. We are called through our baptism to work for justice and peace. But does the word justice have two distinct meanings? Amy will join us to sort out this question and share the experience of her friend who serves on the task force preparing the social statement for the ELCA.

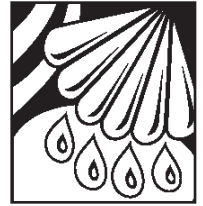
This study document is part of a process that will lead to the ELCA social statement on Criminal Justice. The social statements are teaching documents that assist members in their thinking about social issues. Social statements also set policy for our church and guide its advocacy and work in the public arena. They result from an extensive process of participation and deliberation and are adopted by a two-thirds vote of a Churchwide Assembly.

Advertiser of the Week

Life Watch USA
800-998-5601

We extend a special thank you to Life Watch USA for advertising in *The Moments*. Please support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter. Let them know you saw their ad in *The Moments*!

Celebrating February Baptismal Birthdays



Congratulations to our young people and their families as they celebrate the day on which God said to them, "I love you. You are mine!"

2/3 Kendrick Koehler
2/10 Mitchell Kielstrup

Altar Flowers

To purchase altar flowers for 2012, please sign the flower chart posted on the bulletin board next to the office. **The cost of an arrangement is \$30.** The office will order the flowers and a reminder of payment will be sent to you before your chosen date.

Circles

Charity Circle will not be meeting in the month of February, the next meeting will be March 21. Miriam Circle will also not meet in February. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12.

Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 21, at 1:00 pm in the home of Margaret Hoffman.

Upcoming Adult Forums

Beginning February 5 Adult Forums will focus on issues surrounding criminal justice based on the study HEARING THE CRIES: FAITH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE written by the Criminal Justice Task Force of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This study was authorized in 2007 at the Churchwide Assembly, and will be considered at the 2013 Assembly.

Those who urged the development of this statement observed that Jesus tells his disciples that ministry to individuals in prison is ministry to him (Matthew 25:40). The church has had a long-held concern for the dignity of all, just and fair laws, the common good, the protection of the innocent, justice in matters of crime and punishment, the support of those who live their callings in assuring justice, the care of those who suffer the effects of crime, and the restoration of those who commit crimes. This study engages these issues as it seeks to assist the church in thinking about both criminal justice in our society and the church's ministry with victims, the accused, offenders, families and communities, and those who work in the criminal justice system.

The Adult Forums in this series are based on the study and considers the human impact of crime; the three areas of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, the judicial system, corrections; and life after crime.

The Adult Education Committee thanks Ben Kempinen, professor at the the UW Law School and Midvale member, for his assistance in planning this series.

The Road Home

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Hosting at Midvale

A big thank you to all the Midvale members who volunteered to help with IHN during our last host week. It made the week go so smoothly having your willing assistance in all the volunteer positions.

We had four wonderful families this week with children ranging from 4 to 14. One of the parents had a job with unique work hours that we worked around, another was going to school, and another just entered the IHN program this week and obtained a job too. They are all working hard to get back on their feet and into their own apartments. It was inspirational.

Sometimes it may feel that the job we do as volunteers isn't appreciated by our guests. But they have so many other things on their mind that they may not always remember to express their appreciation. However, when we were loading up their belongings on Sunday morning, we discovered a letter that one of the guests had written to our church. We'd like to share it with you:

"We would like to thank your congregation for all that you have done for us! We greatly appreciate the hospitality. Thank you for everything,"

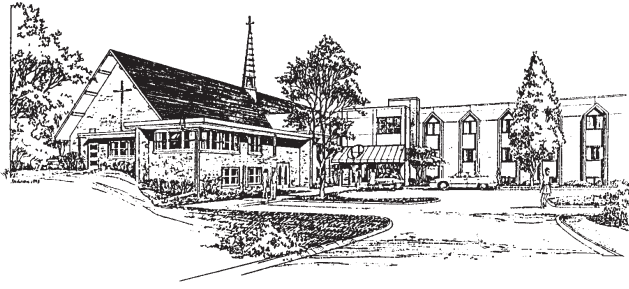
We also received a thank you from Kristen Rucinski, The Road Home's Interim Director. She wrote, **"The families expressed their appreciation for the space they had throughout the week and also mentioned how welcome all of the volunteers made them feel."**

It's nice to get letters of appreciation like these. But even when we don't, rest assured your efforts are appreciated. THANK YOU.

Our next hosting opportunity is May 6-13. Thank you to the following people who volunteered to help during this host week:

IHN Co-coordinators for this week,
Greg Lampe, Sandy Jordan, Joyce Cotton

Mark Bangsberg	Carol Kroehn	Karen Richardson
Jackie Bangsberg	Mary Laedtke	Jocelyn Riley
George Bauman	Greg Lampe	Gloria Risberg
Becky Bauman	Mary Lorenz	Dan Roberts
Carolyn Cain	David Lorenz	Carly Roberts
Joyce Cotton	Sylvia & Greta Lorenz	Mollie Rostad
Becky Evans	Nancy McMahan	Chris Schey
Melinda Franke	Gene Nelson	Gus Schmidt
Judy Ginder	Kathy Norderhaug	Kara Schmidt
Ike Glinsmann	Carolyn Ostergren	Allison Schultz
Bethany Glinsmann	Edna Parisi	Betty Scott
Jan Haedt	Sue Parisi	Audrey Short
Jim Haedt	Diane Paskey	Lorraine Snyder
Jacky Haines	Keith Paskey	Jeff Steele
Lois Jarvis	Wayne Paulson	Maria Swandby
Sandy Jordan	Nancy Paulson	Pete Wood
Lois Kammer	Gayle Perlberg	Karen Wood
Bill Kessler	Robyn Perrin	Beverly Zimmerman
Judi Kessler	Ellie Thayer	



Coffee Hour Host/ Hostesses Needed

Sunday morning coffee hour is a wonderful time to share fellowship with other Midvale members and guests. We are needing hosts and hostesses to provide the yummy treats and make the coffee. If you can help with hosting, please sign up on the bulletin board next to the office.

We Thank Our Lay Ministers Who Served During the Week

Offering Counters - Pat Peterson and Jack Lohrentz
 Wafer Sealed *The Moments* - Mary Laedtke & Mike Brennecke
 Labeled *The Moments* - Bob and Bev Zimmerman
 Took *The Moments* to post office - LaVerne and Karon Quam
 Pew Supply Team - Jo Conger & Jan Anderzon
 Red Cross One-A-Week Club: Sue Stanton Messinet, Joe Johnson

This Week at Midvale

February 4-5

Saturday, February 4

5:00 pm WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 5

8:00 & 10:30 am - WORSHIP SERVICE

Hospitality Hour between services

9:15 am - Adult Forum F. Hall

9:15 am - Sunday School 2nd Floor

Monday, February 6

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 104 F. Hall

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 am LWR Quilters F. Hall

9:15 am Yoga for Life-Adv. Youth Rm

10:45 am Yoga For Life Youth Rml

1:00 pm Navajo Weavers F. Hall

6:00 pm Youth & Family Committee
Youth Rm

6:30 pm Diligent Doers 4-H F. Hall

6:45 pm Care & Share Small Group
Library

7:00 pm Madison Flute Choir Rm 31-33

Wednesday, February 8

11:00 am AA High Noon Group Rm 31-33

11:00 am Toastmasters - Hill Farms Club
Meeting Rm

6:00 pm Confirmation Youth Room

7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, February 9

9:15 am Yoga For Life - Advanced F. Hall

12:00 pm Thursday AA Group
(Lunch Bunch) Rm 21

3:30 pm Tai Chi for Older Adults F. Hall

4:45 pm Tai Chi for Older Adults F. Hall

6:30 pm COSA Rm 31-33

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary

Friday, February 10

11:00 am 11th Step Alanon Group
Rm 31-33, Rm 21

Saturday, February 11

5:00 pm WORSHIP SERVICE

6:00 pm Second Saturday Potluck F. Hall

Sunday, February 12

8:00 & 10:30 am - WORSHIP SERVICE

Hospitality Hour between services

9:15 am - Adult Forum F. Hall

9:15 am - Sunday School 2nd Floor

11:45 am - Youth Sub Sale F. Hall

12:00 pm - Annual Meeting F. Hall

Card Shower for Mary & Al Randall

Mary & Al Randall, past Midvale members, are going to be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on February 16. Their daughter, Trel, would like to give them a card shower. If you would like to send them a card, please send it to:

304 East First Street
Emmett, ID 83617-3002

Administrative Assistant Position

The Personnel Committee and the Executive Committee are pleased to report that we have hired Maria Huckleberry as the new Administrative Assistant in the office. Maria will start on Monday, January 30. Our volunteers and staff will be busy over the next few weeks helping familiarize Maria with the tasks in the office. Stop by and say hello.

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