

Announcements

Today

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, March 16

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

6 p.m. Soup Supper @ WP

7:15 p.m. Lenten Service @ WP

Next Sunday, March 20

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship Service

7 p.m. Couples Club

7 p.m. Youth Group

Thanks to all for the cards, prayers and phone calls while I was in the hospital and since returning home. Many thanks also for Pastor's visits, flowers from the Caring Committee and the lap robe from the WOW quilters. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. Shirley Hanson

Council Members installed today are: Jan Reimann, Lanette Branstad, Denise Holst, Wendell Finer, Lisa Durby, Bill Schutter.

Sarah Circle — We will be meeting Sunday, April 3 right after worship service with a lunch followed by our Bible Study and meeting. All ladies are invited. Shirley Schutter will be hostess.

The Bible Study Club (formerly Couples' Club) will meet next Sunday, March 20 following worship service. Everyone is welcome to share in a potluck dinner, fellowship and a showing of the movie, "War Room."

Gideon's Prison Ministry will be traveling to Fort Dodge on Wednesday, March 30. We will be leaving from Bill's parking lot at 4 p.m. Ladies are also welcome. Contact Roger Peterson at 641-592-1451 before March 23 if you plan to go.

Like to read? Some good books are available on the table in Fellowship Hall.

WOW quilters are in need of new or gently used material. Donations can be left on the tables in the basement quilting rooms. Thanks!

Don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars!

Additional announcements on insert

Fifth Sunday in Lent

West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Praise Hymns, Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty LBW #250

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise, Glory to God in the Highestpage 79

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be Your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may follow Your commands and proclaim Your reign of love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way through the sea and a path through the mighty waters, who brings forth the chariot and the horse, the army and the mighty man (They will lie down together *and* not rise again; they have been quenched *and* extinguished like a wick):

"Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert. The beasts of the field will glorify Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I have given waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people. The people whom I formed for Myself will declare My praise.

PSALMS 126 (responsively)

L: When the LORD brought back the captive ones of Zion,

C: we were like those who dream.

L: Then our mouth was filled with laughter

C: and our tongue with joyful shouting;

L: Then they said among the nations,

C: "The LORD has done great things for them."

L: The LORD has done great things for us;

C: We are glad.

11 a.m., March 13, 2016

Pastor Steve Bang

L: Restore our captivity, O LORD,
C: as the streams in the South.

L: Those who sow in tears
C: shall reap with joyful shouting.

L: He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying *his* bag of seed,
C: Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:8-14

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 20:9-20

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And He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time. At the *harvest* time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him *some* of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed. And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out. The owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others." When they heard it, they said, "May it never be!" But Jesus looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,

THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them. So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they *could* deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor.

Response: *Praise to You, O Christ* page 83
You may be seated.

SERMON: Pastor Steve Bang

"Jesus, Our Cornerstone" Luke 20:9-19

Hymn, O Sacred Head, Now Wounded LBW #117
Please stand.

Installation of the 2016 Church Council

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Prayer

Sharing of the Peace.
You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory, Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God page 96

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Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn, Lift High the Cross LBW #377
Purple Note request by Phyllis Disque

Postlude

Pastor: Steven Bang

Organist/Pianist: Ruth Sheldon

Acolyte: Paris Reimann

Usher: Jan/Julie Reimann

Lectionary: Denise Holst

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Buffalo Center, is hosting the Simpson College Madrigal Singers in concert on Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m. No admission charge.

Easter Lillies— Anyone wanting to place lilies in the church, in memory of or in honor of a loved one, for Sunday, March 27, Easter worship service, please contact Lanette Branstad by March 20th so the order can be placed.

Painting Class at Creative Spirits, downtown Forest City, on Sunday, March 20 from 10 to 4 p.m. Reservations can be to Jill Holland or online at Creative Spirits. Fee is \$35.00

Prayer List—Donnie Jensen (Rita Schutter's father), Shirley Hanson, Mandy Carlson, Elaine Ritz, Calver Moffett, Kylie Holst, Marlas Reimann, Angela Haugen, Marlys Haugen, Mike Haack, Roger Peterson, Dale Zingg, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Blanche Durby, Eldora Reil. All prayer requests can be submitted to: www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer; leave message on church answering system @641-567-3733; or called in to Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

SERMON NOTES

"Jesus, Our Cornerstone" - Luke 20:9-19

1. Jesus is the _____ of the Christian church, the _____ of our Christian faith, & he also becomes the _____ of our life.
2. As we consider the words of the parable, we realize that some spurn God's Word, some _____ God's love, but finally God's _____ will come.
3. People seek advice from all sorts of experts and authorities but when it comes to the authority of _____, the world has little time for what it says.
4. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but _____ despise wisdom and discipline." (Proverbs 1:7)
5. Even though some spurn God's Word and reject God's love, it doesn't _____ the truth in scripture.
6. The tenants thought that if they got the son out of the way, the owner would have to give them the son's inheritance. "So they threw him out of the vineyard and _____ him."
7. "He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to his own, but his own did not _____ him." (John 1:10,11)
8. "The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to _____ him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them."
9. When we trust others rather than God, God's judgment comes & we are _____.
10. In a few days the religious leaders would reject God's love as they cried out for Jesus' _____ on the cross.
11. "See, I lay in a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who _____ in him will never be put to shame." (1 Peter 2:6)