ANNOUNCEMENTS - JULY 13, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 7:30PM Adult Softball, Field 1 Tuesday: 7:00PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday: 6:30PM Pre-Marriage/New Member Instruction

Thursday: 12:30PM Ladies Aid Lunch at Chickadee Cottage, Lake City – Mite Collection

7:00PM Summer Bible Class

Friday: 6:00PM Church Golfing Group – Gopher Hills

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

5:30PM-8:00PM Joint VBS at St. Peter's, Belvidere

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday - Jerry Kohn Tuesday - Bruce Carlson Wednesday - Justin Stumpf

Friday - Jody Augustin, Cindy Stumpf, Summer Scheele

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Richard Diercks, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Neil Stemmann (recovering from surgery) and Dolores Cedar (Donna Meyer's mother, entering hospice care).

LIFE QUOTE

July 13 "God has put us into community, into church and family and state precisely so that we will learn to love our neighbor, so that we will set aside the delusion of autonomy and our selfish desires to serve our neighbor ... (Romans 14:7) ... To be the Lord's, to belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, is to love the weak, the wretched, the burdensome, the annoying, the stinking, the foolish." Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

SUMMER BIBLE CLASS

You are invited to attend a summer Bible study this Thursday night at 7:00 PM. The topic for the class will be the nature of Law and Gospel in God's Word.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Mark your calendars! The Church Council will convene this Tuesday night (July 15th) at 7:00 PM. Due to Vacation Bible School being July 20th through the 24th, the Voters will not convene until July 29th at 7:30 PM. A full agenda will follow soon.

FIRST CHOICE GARAGE SALE

A garage sale benefitting First Choice Clinic (our local pro-life, pro-adoption clinic) will be held at First Covenant Church on Friday and Saturday, July 25th and 26th. Friday hours will be 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Saturday hours will be 8:00 AM to noon. If you have any items you would like to donate, please speak with Pastor Sorenson, the Pastoral Advisor for First Choice Clinic.

CHURCH GOLFING GROUP

Church golfing was inadvertently omitted from the July calendar. Please note that the next outing is planned for July 18th at 6:00 PM at Gopher Hills. Remember, these evenings of fun and fellowship are open to everyone - all ages and all golfing abilities.

VBS DINNER

Immanuel will be responsible for the VBS supper on the Monday of the week of VBS (July 21st). Supper is being served at 5:30 PM at St. Peter's. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who are willing to help by serving and/or donating food. Pastor Sorenson will be able to drive a limited number of items to St. Peter's for those who would rather not drive out to Belvidere. A potluck will then be held on Thursday, July 24th and Immanuel members are asked to supply desserts. Plan on food for 50 people.

LCMS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - "Gangway to Galilee"

Register now for our joint VBS to be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Belvidere! This program will bring together many people from our communities, including children from the congregations of Concordia in Red Wing, Immanuel in Hay Creek, St. Peter's – Belvidere, and Bethany in Lake City. "Gangway to Galilee" will be running Sunday, July 20th through Thursday, July 24th. The schedule is supper at 5:30 p.m. with VBS to follow from 6:00-8:00PM. Pastor Sorenson will again lead the music and incorporate all of his rhythm instruments. To sign up, please e-mail Melissa at maxgirl10@gmail.com with your child's name, age, the grade they are entering, your phone number, and any known allergies of the child, along with an emergency contact number. Please try to register by June 27th. Also, we are in need of adults to lead the groups for these five nights. If you would like to help some or all of the nights, put that in the e-mail as well! Thank You! Melissa McDonnell

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, July 20, 2014 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "Hope Worth Waiting For"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

In Christ, we wait in hope and confidence that our struggles have purpose for our life now and in the world to come. (Romans 8:18-27)