

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**Third Sunday of Easter** **May 8, 2011**

**Confirmation Public Examination**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

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**May 1** "True love, as demonstrated by God in Christ, considers what is best for another before considering what is best for self. Making an adoption plan for a baby is an act of great love. Certainly, parenting may be a loving option, especially if there is maturity and levels of support. But love asks what is best for the baby." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**Confirmation Dinner**

The dinner for the families and friends of our 2011 confirmands, Dustin Stumpf and Jacob Duden, will be held on Friday, May 13th at 6:30 PM. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are willing to bring food items and/or serve for the occasion. Please plan on food for 30 people. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today:	11:45AM	Easter Brunch – All Are Welcome!
Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday:	2:00PM	Fairview Seminary Home Chapel Service
	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
		No Choir Tonight
Friday:	10:30AM	KWNG Recording Session
	7:30PM	Fellowship Club at Janice Kassen's
Friday & Sat:		Church Spring Cleaning and Work Days Outside
Next Sunday:		Third Sunday of Easter
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Public Examination of 2011 Confirmands

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Tuesday	- Ruth Ofstie
Thursday	- Lois Klair, Keith & Diane Holst
Friday	- Dale & Gail Dicke
Saturday	- Patti Dargus

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Healing:** Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Jean Bateman, Melissa Barbey, and the family and friends of Orville Augustin (as they reflect on his passing).

### **Work Days and Spring Church Cleaning**

The Trustees have set Friday and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> as work days for cleanup of the church grounds. Circles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 are scheduled for interior church cleaning. Please consider helping with this annual cleanup – your help is much appreciated!

### **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, May 8**

**8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**

**”Count On Christ’s Mercy for You”**

**Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz**

Thank God for the blessings of a mother’s love. Thank God, His love for us in Jesus Christ is even greater than the love a mother has for her children. (Matthew 15:21-28)

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**Fish Fry and Auction Fundraiser for Immanuel Lutheran School, Plainview – Friday, May 13, Plainview Legion, 5:00 p.m. until the fish is gone.** Advanced tickets are \$8.50. Tickets at the door are \$9.50 for adults, 12 and under \$5.00. You can get advanced tickets by calling Linda Hoiland at the school office, 507-534-2108. Come and join us for a fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, and friends! Partnered with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

### **Hands of Hope Annual Garage Sale at Holy Trinity Church, Goodhue**

May 20 – 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 21 – 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Donuts and coffee will be available throughout the morning. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be available over the supper and lunch hours. Proceeds will be given to children facing difficult challenges.

### **The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932)**

#### **"Of the Church" (Continued)**

Since it is by faith in the gospel alone that men become members of the Christian Church, and since this faith cannot be seen by men, but is known to God alone, 1 Kings 8:39; Acts 1:24; 2 Tim. 2:19, therefore the Christian Church on earth is invisible till Judgment Day, Col. 3:3, 4. In our day some

Lutherans speak of two sides of the Church, taking the means of grace to be its “visible side.” It is true, the means of grace are necessarily related to the Church, seeing that the Church is created and preserved through them. But the means of grace are not for that reason a part of the Church; for the Church, in the proper sense of the word, consists only of believers, Eph. 2:19, 20; Acts 5:14. Lest we abet the notion that the Christian Church in the proper sense of the term is an external institution, we shall continue to call the means of grace the “marks” of the Church. Just as wheat is to be found only where it has been sown, so the Church can be found only where the Word of God is in use.

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