

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**  
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**First Sunday in Advent**

**December 2, 2007**

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**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.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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### **Snow Shoveling**

Now that it is getting cold out, it is time to think about snow shoveling! Anyone in the congregation is welcome to help. Check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thanks for any help you are able to give.

### **Red Wing Area Food Shelf Collection**

New Horizons will be sponsoring a collection of food and money for the Food Shelf again this year. Please bring food items to the church by December 12<sup>th</sup> or leave your donation of money in the box.

### **Advent Midweek Suppers**

During the Advent season, everyone is invited to the midweek suppers held on Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. This would be a great opportunity for families with confirmation age students as confirmation concludes at 6:30PM. The suppers will end before the worship service at 7:30PM. The dates are December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. This week the altos of the choir are providing the food.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Wednesday: 4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
6:30PM Advent Midweek Supper  
7:30PM Advent Midweek Worship #1  
8:15PM Choir  
Thursday: 7:00PM CILS School Board Meeting – Concordia  
Friday: Day of St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan  
Next Sunday: 9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00AM Fellowship Time  
10:30AM Worship  
7:30PM Nybo's Family Night

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Today - Peter Gjestvang  
Monday - Joel Kassen  
Tuesday - Kristin Reding  
Wednesday - Kelsey Reding, Jerry Stehr  
Thursday - M/M Steve Alms

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Tom Kolberg (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Dorothy Bremer (for strength and peace as she faces terminal cancer); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Marian Burkard (recovering from a broken arm); Mary Jo Arndt (recovering from surgery); Jacob Diercks (recovering from rodeo injuries); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen undergoing chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma).

### **Life Quote – December 2**

"To deny full humanity to a conceptus [embryo] is to deny full humanity to the Savior, 'qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria virgine' (Latin). We worship the coming Savior, we worship the ascended Lord, we worship the resurrected Son of Man, we worship the crucified Lamb, we worship the Boy in the temple, we worship the Babe in the manger, we worship the Conceptus in the womb of the Mother of God. Amen." *Posted on Cyberbrethren, a Lutheran Blog.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

### **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 9**

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

### **"Hope in Hopeless Times"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

When good news seems in short supply, God's people find hope in the Lord. (Romans 15:13)

### **Advent Midweek Series: "Longing for the Lord"**

Based on a concept by Rev. L. Lloyd Behnken, our midweek Advent focus will be "Longing for the Lord." Advent Midweek services will be held, God-willing, on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Come earlier at 6:30PM for an Advent Supper in the Fellowship Hall! The themes for the individual services are:

Dec. 5: "Longing for the Christ of Heaven" Rev. 22:20

Dec. 12: "Longing for the Courts of the Lord" Ps. 84:1-2

Dec. 19: "Longing for the Christ of Christmas" Hag. 2:6-9

### **Goodhue County American Red Cross**

The Goodhue Chapter of the American Red Cross needs your help in order to continue its response to those suffering from emergencies, those who need help in contacting loved ones serving in the military, those who want to learn CPR, and those who need life-giving blood. Your much needed and much appreciated financial gift should be mailed to Goodhue County Red Cross at P.O. Box 29, Red Wing, 55066. Thank you for your continued support and your careful consideration of our request.

### **MN South District LCMS Senior High Youth Gathering**

**Attention Immanuel High School Students:** Would you be interested in attending the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Gathering this year? The event will be held February 1-3 (Friday night to Sunday noon) at the Holiday Inn Select in Bloomington. The gathering will include worship, mission projects, free time, and music by Against All Odds. If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the bulletin board. We will also need at least one adult leader. Pastor can attend the first two days, but would need to be back for church on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Talk over this opportunity with your friends and parents!

### **Thank You**

*We would like to thank the Immanuel softball team for the wonderful tree they have planted by the new addition in memory of Duane. He always enjoyed the softball games with all of you. We thank our Immanuel family and friends for your thoughts and prayers through the last five years. May God bless all of you.*

*Sue and Ben Domagala*