# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK 24686 OLD CHURCH ROAD, RED WING, MN 55066

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5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	July 1, 2012
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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.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Tuesday: 7:30PM Adult Softball

8:30AM Adult Softball

Wednesday: Happy Fourth of July!

Friday: TBA Board of Elders

Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Worship

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Leslie Abell, Dean BudensiekThursday - Mike Rehder, Larry Stumpf

Saturday - Pat Banitt

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Barbara Vieths, Janis Thomford, Willard Holst, Cathy Hamilton, Henry Stellrecht (struggling with kidney failure), Taryn Bartel (3 year old recovering from mower accident), Jordan Hildebrandt (former CILS student with a brain tumor) and the Jim and Barb Kelm family (as they mourn the passing of Jim's father, Harland).

### **Life Quotes**

**July 1** "When we call things like abortion or embryonic stem cell research or assisted suicide political issues and avoid talking about them in church, our silence speaks loudly. Our silence allows the destruction of human beings who belong to God. He paid a price for them and won a victory for them. Thus, our silence insults Him. We need to speak for them. We need to speak for Him." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life — A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

## **Congratulations Pastor Sorenson!**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Minnesota South District held its convention last weekend in Mankato. The Reverend Lowell S. Sorenson was elected as District Pastoral Counselor for the Minnesota South LWML. May his service be a blessing to all the congregations of the Minnesota South District!

## Mission Presentations at Bethany, Lake City

Join your friends at Bethany in Lake City for mission updates from two of the mission families sponsored by Bethany. Beverages and snacks will be available while we open our hearts and ears for these special presentations. Fungchatou Lo and his family have been called to Cambodia by LCMS World Mission. They work with our synod to assist the people of Cambodia to meet their spiritual needs as well as other needs. This family will present on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM in Bethany's fellowship hall. A few days later we will hear from Enoch and Kristin Petersen. They have been called to help with field and research development in English language teaching in the country of Turkey, where 99.8% of the people are Muslim. Enoch calls on and works with schools, colleges, and educational groups in Turkey and studies the language of the country. This presentation is scheduled for Thursday, July 19th at 7:00 PM in Bethany's fellowship hall. Hope you can make it to one or both!

#### **Potsdam Ice Cream Social**

Come out on July 22nd and help raise funds for the Plainview/Elgin Area Food Shelf. An Ice Cream Social event will be held at Immanuel, Potsdam from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Music will be provided by Gene and Friends. There will be good food, good jokes, and games for the kids.

#### 4-H Ice Cream Social

The Belvidere Happy Go Luckies are hosting their annual ice cream social from 4:00-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the American Legion in Bellechester. BBQs, chips and beans will be served as well as ice cream treats!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" - Sunday, July 8

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

"Good News...Jesus is Here!"

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

When life comes at us too fast, the best news is that Jesus is here for us, even now. (Mark 5:35-42)

#### **Catechism Review**

## What is original sin?

Original sin is that total corruption of our whole human nature which we have inherited from Adam through our parents.

# What has original sin done to human nature?

Original sin A) has brought guilt and condemnation to all people; B) has left everyone without true fear and love of God, that is, spiritually blind, dead, and enemies of God; C) causes everyone to commit all kinds of actual sins.

#### What is actual sin?

Actual sin is every act against a commandment of God in thoughts, desires, words, or deeds.

#### Thank You

Dear Immanuel Members,

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and calls following my surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Sorenson for his visits.

Burnetta Dicke

## **Lutheran Hour Devotion (Published May 30, 2012)**

Romans 14:12-13 "Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil"
Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour

There's not a pastor or parish which is filled with sweetness and light 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In my almost 30 years in the parish, I remember serious arguments concerning what time we would worship, about whether we should switch hymnals (we did), about what color the church would be painted, about whether we would - in Minnesota - bury an individual during January and February (we didn't), and about whether the staff should get a raise (50-50). I remember some people who truly, TRULY hated my selection of hymns. Indeed, looking back, I can't think of a single hymn that pleased everyone. That is just my way of saying that an organization made up of sinners, being taught by a sinner, is going to have problems...and may occasionally make enemies.

# (Some Things To Think About)

- 1) A congregation which is always arguing is focused inward and not witnessing and winning souls for the Savior.
- 2) A congregation which always argues is taking the energy the Holy Spirit bestows and spends it on the wrong stuff.
- A congregation which spends a lot of time fighting over nondoctrinal matters has forgotten the Savior's directive and purpose.
- 4) Finally, a congregation which always fights usually believes their fighting is ministry.

Understand, I'm not saying the Savior's disciples don't argue. They do, and there are fights which are worth fighting. Still, it behooves us to remember we are the Savior's redeemed brothers and sisters. It is proper for us to recall that we allow that which God allows, and we are silent where God is silent; and we take a stand when God takes a stand, and we leave the things that are not commanded or forbidden up to an individual's conscience.

# Prayer

Dear Lord, send Your Holy Spirit to bless and direct both my pastor and parish. Help us to set aside the petty and encourage each other while we can. Help us walk together in the joy which is ours in Jesus. In His Name. Amen.