

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 24, 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00AM John Goeppinger Potluck and Presentation at Concordia
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
10:00AM Worship
Saturday: St. Andrew, Apostle: Ezek. 3:16-21; Rom. 10:8b-18; Jn. 1:35-42a
No Stampin' this month
Next Sunday: First Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - John Schafer
Monday - Bill & Jan Langhans
Tuesday - Amanda Dupre, Ronnie & Jean Stumpf
Thursday - Isabel Germann-Hutter

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Skip Baker, Marilyn Kromminga, Pastor Sorenson and Catherine Smith (having surgery this week).

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES AND SUPPERS

Immanuel of Hay Creek will again feature Advent midweek services and suppers during the 2013 holiday season. This year's sermon series is entitled: "Heavenly Advent: Contemplating Revelation 7." Contrary to what many believe, the season of Advent is not really about preparing for Christmas. Advent is about the Lord's Second Coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. And this Advent we will ponder the wonderful, comforting images of heaven in Revelation chapter 7. Dinners will be held on the Wednesdays of Advent at 6:30 PM with the worship service starting at 7:15 PM. Note: This is a change from previous years. The services will begin fifteen minutes earlier than last year. The dates and themes are as follows:

December 4: Saints Before the Throne
December 11: Unending Bliss
December 18: Anthem of Redemption

THANKSGIVING DINNER

A Thanksgiving Dinner is being served at First United Methodist Church on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in their fellowship hall, which is accessible to those with physical challenges. The dinner is for anyone who may not have a family gathering and would like to get out among people. There is no charge but a free-will offering will be taken. Call the church office at 388-3262 to make a reservation.

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CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDER

The Christmas Scrip order will be placed on **Wednesday, December 4th**. The anticipated arrival of that order will be Wednesday, December 11th. You must pre-pay your order as I don't carry enough cash to cover everyone. An updated scrip list is available from Bonnie Kassen.

Please keep in mind that you don't just have to use Scrip as a gift in and of itself. If you love to shop at JC Penney, Kohls, Sears, etc. for deals, BUY scrip and use it at the check-out. The same goes for hundreds of other stores. Are you traveling for Christmas? Use Scrip to pay for your gas and hotel costs. Are you hosting this holiday season? Pick up Scrip to purchase your groceries!

A flyer has been posted to show the potential earnings for our Scrip program. We currently have about 12 families that use this fundraising program on a regular basis. We've made about \$1,000 per year from gift card sales. If we add just 8 additional families, we could almost double our income. This program is NOT about buying certificates you don't need. It is about thinking ahead and purchasing certificates to replace the cash you're ALREADY spending!

Give it a try! Everyone that buys Scrip in the months of November and December will receive a mini-sharpie marker on a keychain to write left-over card balances on Scrip cards. (You may have to wait until they come, but I won't forget you!)

2014 BUILDING FUND APPEAL

Information has been provided in the church mailboxes of all members in regard to the 2014 Building Fund Appeal. Please review the information carefully. We anticipate paying off all outstanding commitments on the building project during the 2014 year. What a great blessing from the Lord! Pledges in support of the project will be received and dedicated during the worship service on **December 8th**. Additional pledge cards and envelopes will be available on that morning. Thank you for supporting the ministry and work of your congregation!

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

"And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

What do we confess when we pray this petition?

We confess that we sin every day and deserve nothing but punishment.

What do we ask for in this petition?

We ask that our Father in heaven would for Christ's sake graciously forgive our sins.

Why do we include a prayer for forgiveness of sins in these petitions to our heavenly Father?

We are not worthy of the things for which we pray and have not deserved them. We therefore need God's forgiveness so that we may pray to Him confidently and in good conscience. "Where the heart is not right with God ... it will never dare to pray ... A confident and joyful heart can come only from the knowledge that our sins are forgiven (Large Catechism III, 92).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 1

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

"Where There's a Way, There's a Will"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God is at work in the world today and provides a way for His will to transform your life. (Revelation 22:1-5)

