

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 5, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Pastor on Vacation through August 11th
Next Sunday: The 12th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Pam Holst, Dianne Lee
Monday - Kelly Langhans, Micah & Rosemary Dicke
Tuesday - Pam Germann, Craig & Connie Duden
Thursday - Sheila Boyer
Friday - Dustin Stumpf

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans (recovering from infection following his latest surgery), Walter Banitt, Janice Kassen-Rehder (recovering from a broken ankle), Joel Kassen (recovering from a fall and broken ribs), and Kandi Kirchner (recovering from a ligament fracture).

WELCOME TO PASTOR BERNIE AND ELLY

Today we welcome Pastor Bernie and his wife Elly, representatives of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. A power point presentation will be featured after the service for those who would like to learn more about the world-wide work of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. May the Lord fill each of us with a special eagerness to participate in reaching the lost with the Gospel! To support this important mission effort, you may use the special offering envelope attached to the enclosed LHF brochure.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

While Pastor Sorenson is on vacation, Pastor Tyge Zucker will be taking emergency calls. His cell phone number is 414-477-8816. You may also call Concordia Lutheran Church at 388-5447.

MENTORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

It's time once again to make a request for mentors for the 7th and 8th grade confirmation students. This successful program has positively impacted the lives of our youth and adults participating for the past three years. We will have 8 students in the program this year, and there is a need for as many adult members of the congregation to become involved as are interested. (At the very least, we need 8 individual or couples to pair up with the kids).

What is a mentor? A mentor is an adult member of Immanuel Lutheran who is interested in connecting with the youth of the congregation and willing to attend a monthly event with the entire mentorship group. It is understood that mentors cannot always make all events, and that is OK. Mentors can be paired together, married, single; it makes no difference. The main goal is to help the youth of our congregation know that **THEY MATTER**, that we **CARE ABOUT THEM** and their spiritual well-being and that we **WANT THEM** to remain active in our congregation long after those confirmation vows are made.

Please prayerfully consider getting involved in this fabulous mission outreach opportunity right here in our own congregation!!

There will be a planning event for all adult mentors at the home of Joel and Bonnie Kassen on Monday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided. **We will pair up kids/mentors as well as set up the schedule of events and dates at this meeting, so come with ideas!**

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TUITION FORMS

Families of the Immanuel congregation may apply for tuition scholarships to be used either at St. John's Lutheran School of Red Wing or St. John's Lutheran School of rural Goodhue. All applicants must be received and approved by the Immanuel Board of Education before funds are disbursed. Forms are located in the narthex. This program is for K-8 education only, not for preschool.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Third Article: Sanctification

What difference will there be between believers and unbelievers in the resurrection?

- A) The believers will rise with glorified bodies and enter everlasting life in heaven with God.
- B) The unbelievers will rise to eternal death, that is, to shame and torment in hell forever.

LIFE QUOTE

August 5 "We are not engaged in a battle for lives but souls. We fight for the souls that drift from the faith in their pursuit of abortion, and we battle for souls who do not yet know Christ as their Savior. It is our primary vocation because the evidence is clear. Society as a whole has no trouble ending human life if no longer values. We restore the value to human life when we venerate the place of its Creator." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, August 12, 2018

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis

6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Pigeonholed"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Just when you think you are getting to know Jesus, He says something which can confuse. Today the world remains confused about God's Son, our Savior. That's because Jesus refuses to be pigeonholed by the world's desires or expectations. He's God's Son, Who has come to save humankind. Anything else, or different than this, is simply unacceptable.

(John 6:42)

CHURCH HISTORY

Immanuel is a consolidation of the "Flower Valley Lutherans" and the "Hay Creek Lutherans."

Notes from church records:

In 1856, the Flower Valley Lutherans were visited by Reverend Ferdinand Sievers from Michigan, a traveling missionary of the Lutheran faith. He held a service for three families on a Sunday and on the next day gave them Holy Communion. In 1858, Reverend Friedrich Wilhelm Wier, a member of the Minnesota Synod who lived in St. Paul, came to Flower Valley twice that year and twice the following year to conduct divine worship services. On one of these visits, the families gathered at the home of George Meyer and formally established the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hay Creek Township. Records indicate that there were nine member families who could properly be considered founders of the congregation, but the names of only six of them are known. Another record shows that Reverend Wier served the congregation from 1858-1861.

Note from Pastor Sorenson: The Minnesota Synod and the Missouri Synod declared theological unity with one another in the early 1870s. The Minnesota Synod joined the Synodical Conference, which was organized in 1872. The Minnesota Synod eventually became part of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Other States, which eventually became what we know today as the Wisconsin Synod (WELS).

Some very interesting and timely things are noted in Glenn Offermann's *Missouri in Minnesota* (the book from 1982 with Immanuel, Hay Creek on the cover).

The work of Rev. Sievers resulted in the founding of Missouri's foreign missions in 1893.

Pastor Sievers came to Corcoran and he conducted worship there with Holy Communion. In one case a man and his adult son came who were not trained in the Lutheran faith. Says Offermann on page 10: "Following Missouri Synod practice, Sievers examined them and learned that they were from the Union church and had little knowledge of the catechism of Luther. The father, for instance, could see no difference between the Reformed and the Lutheran faiths. Sievers refused the two men Holy Communion, but begged them to receive further instruction in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church and then, after having reached agreement, participate in the Sacrament. The man was not convinced and, although he stayed for the service, he was deeply insulted." **Pastor Sorenson says: "Times may change, but we face so many of the same issues."**

Another interesting note from Offermann (page 14) about Sievers coming to Red Wing:

"Hurrying to the post road to catch the stage that would pass through that day, he arrived in Cannon Falls around noon and reached Red Wing by evening. The next morning, Sievers used posters and messengers to announce two Lutheran services on the following Sunday. The attendance was quite small **since most of the former Lutherans had joined the German Methodist church.** However, the majority of those present were interested in forming a congregation and in partaking of the Lord's Supper the next day. Sunday afternoon and evening were, therefore, used to examine the Three Ecumenical Creeds and the Augsburg Confession to determine whether there was unity in doctrine. Ten members attended the special service, confirming their oneness in the faith." **Pastor Sorenson writes: Isn't history awesome?! It teaches us so much about today! But I do wish we could still hang up posters and have people show up!**