

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 7, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 5:30PM First Choice Meeting
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Thurs: 10AM-2:30PM Adjustment to Blindness Class
11:00AM Seminary Home Chapel
No Women's Bible Class This Month
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
2:00PM Plaza LCMS Communion Service
Sat: 9:00-10:30AM Christmas Program Practice
Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship
11:00AM Ladies Aid/Fellowship Club Christmas Potluck
Goodhue County Christmas Program Donations Due!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Bob & Mary Langhans
Wednesday - Jerry Holm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Richard Diercks, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Dolores Cedar, Kari Janssen (cancer treatments), Melissa Barbey (brain tumor), and Neil Stemmann (cancer treatments).

CHRISTMAS MILITARY OFFERING - NEXT SUNDAY

A basket will be placed at the back of the sanctuary next Sunday in order to gather holiday donations for the military men and women of our congregation. The total amount received will be divided equally between these military brothers and sisters. If you would like to help give Christmas gifts for these special people, please remember to give a donation next Sunday.

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY - ALL ARE INVITED!

The Ladies Aid and Fellowship Club of Immanuel invite you to a Christmas potluck following the service next Sunday. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall directly following the Divine Service. You are welcome to bring a dish to share; furthermore, if you would like to participate in a holiday game/gift exchange, please bring a wrapped \$5 gift. Men bring gifts for men and women bring gifts for women. We always have plenty of food and would love for you to share it with us!!

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Immanuel is again featuring Advent midweek services during the 2014 holiday season. This year's sermon series is entitled: "The Revelation of the Eternal Son of God," and is based on Revelation 1:8. The services are being held at 7:00 PM on the Wednesday evenings of Advent. The remaining dates and themes for the services are as follows:

December 10: Of Him Who Is (Revelation 1:8)

December 17: Of Him Who Is To Come (Revelation 1:7)

IMMANUEL SCHOOL BUILDING MEMORABILIA

Time is running out to submit your memories of the Immanuel School Building! Items will be accepted through December 21st at which time the memory box will be sealed. You may place your photos, notes, letters or other small memorabilia in the orange box by the Box Tops Collection bins. Please note: These items will NOT be returned. If you have questions, talk to Bonnie Kassen. Thanks!

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ANNUAL SCRIP CHRISTMAS ORDER

The annual Scrip Christmas order will be placed on Tuesday, December 9 with payment and orders being due on Sunday, December 7th. The estimated date of arrival will be the following Sunday, December 16th. You may pick up a current Scrip list from Bonnie Kassen. This is typically our largest order, so think ahead for what you might need this holiday season. Remember, Scrip is not simply for gift-giving. You may do all your shopping using Scrip cards. Grab a list and take a look at the large number of retailers available. Using Scrip is the perfect way to support projects at Immanuel Lutheran Church without spending more than you were before!! (Many cards are already on hand, so stop by and do some shopping today!)

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Our church is again blessed to participate in the Goodhue County Christmas Project. This effort helps provide meaningful Christmas memories to needy families in our area. Here's what you do: Locate the poster in the narthex with items to purchase, peel off the sticker of an item you wish to buy, and write your name next to that item. After purchasing the gift, please place the item under the tree in the fellowship hall by **December 14th**. If you would like to wrap items, please put a sticker on the package indicating what is inside. We need to know this because not all of the items are going to the same family. Many thanks to Bobbi Langhans for again coordinating the effort this year. If you have any questions, you may reach Bobbi at church or by phone at 385-8167. Thanks for your generosity.

LIFE QUOTES

December 7 "The step He made in leaving heaven's high throne to be born in Bethlehem is a descent we cannot imagine, replacing the perfection of paradise with a world soured by sin and sadness. Jesus' birth gives us an indication of the amount and quality of His love and commitment ... No other faith can tell its followers: 'Look into the manger and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has done to save you' (see Luke 2:15). Christianity—and Christianity alone— says, 'We have a Redeemer who not only felt sorry for sin-sick souls, He actually took that sickness into Himself and carried it until it was gone and He could say, 'It is finished.'" *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of "The Lutheran Hour"* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 14, 2014

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

"In Christ, Unbroken"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God's grace restores those broken by sin and grief. (Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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Although God is present and operates everywhere throughout all creation and the whole earth is therefore full of the temporal bounties and blessings of God, Col. 1:17; Acts 17:28; 14:17, still we hold with Scripture that God offers and communicates to men the spiritual blessings purchased by Christ, namely, the forgiveness of sins and the treasures and gifts connected therewith, only through the external means of grace ordained by Him. These means of grace are the Word of the Gospel, in every form in which it is brought to man, and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and of the Lord's Supper. The Word of the gospel promises and applies the grace of God, works faith and thus regenerates man, and gives the Holy Ghost, Acts 20:24; Rom. 10:17; 1 Pet. 1:23; Gal. 3:2. Baptism, too, is applied for the remission of sins and is therefore a washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, Acts 2:38; 22:16; Titus 3:5. Likewise the object of the Lord's Supper, that is, of the ministration of the body and blood of Christ, is none other than the communication and sealing of the forgiveness of sins, as the words declare: "Given for you," and: "Shed for you for the remission of sins," Luke 22:19, 20; Matt. 26:28, and "This cup is the New Testament in My blood," 1 Cor. 11:23; Jer. 31:31-34 ("New Covenant").