

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 9, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Pastor Sorenson on Vacation until August 14th

Saturday: St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord: Isa. 61:7-11; Gal. 4:4-7; Lk. 1:39-55

8:30AM LWML Board of Directors' Meeting in Mankato

Next Sunday: The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

5:30-8:30PM Joint VBS at St. Peter's, Belvidere

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Sheila Boyer

Monday - Dustin Stumpf

Thursday - Joel Ofstie

Friday - Trevor Dicke

Saturday - Glenn Alms, Stan Klair, David & Carissta Arndt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Leonard Dicke, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern (lung cancer), Jomar Dicke (lung cancer), Neil Stemmann (recovering from surgery), and Colleen Kahn.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, August 16, 2015

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

"The Inevitable Question"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Pontius Pilate asks the question each of us must answer: "What shall I do with Jesus?" (Matthew 27:22)

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

Of the Means of Grace, continued from last week (From "The Brief Statement")

Since it is only through the external means ordained by Him that God has promised to communicate the grace and salvation purchased by Christ, the Christian Church must not remain at home with the means of grace entrusted to it, but go into the whole world with the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments, Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16. For the same reason also the churches at home should never forget that there is no other way of winning souls for the Church and keeping them with it than the faithful and diligent use of the divinely ordained means of grace. Whatever activities do not either directly apply the Word of God or subserve such application we condemn as "new methods," unchurchly activities, which do not build, but harm the Church.

We reject as a dangerous error the doctrine, which disrupted the Church of the Reformation, that the grace and the Spirit of God are communicated not through the external means ordained by Him, but by an immediate operation of grace. This erroneous doctrine bases the forgiveness of sins, or justification, upon a fictitious "infused grace," that is, upon a quality of man, and thus again establishes the work-doctrine of the papists.