

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 15, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:30AM Baptism of Isabella Marie Dullum
Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: 11:00AM Seminary Home Chapel Service
2:00PM Ladies Aid
Saturday: 9:00AM Goodhue County Christmas Project Sharing Day
9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit
7:00PM Confirmation Mentorship Event
Next Sunday: Last Sunday of the Church Year
9:00AM Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship
11:00AM Special Voters' Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Curtis Augustin
Wednesday - Bob Augustin, Judy Kliewer
Thursday - Sue Dicke, Denise Holm
Saturday - Dawn Laffey, David & Avis Sucher

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern, Catherine Smith (recovering from surgery), Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Wayne Dicke (recovering from a four-wheeler accident), and the family and friends of Leonard Dicke (as they mourn his passing).

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

A special voters' Meeting has been called for Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following the worship service. This meeting will address and finalize plans for rental of the teacherage. All voters are encouraged to stay for this brief but important meeting.

CONFIRMATION MENTORSHIP EVENT

All 7th and 8th grade confirmation students and their families should take note of the next confirmation mentorship event, scheduled for November 21st at 7:00 PM. This month we are providing a game night in the fellowship hall. Please let Pastor Sorenson know if you are unable to attend.

YOUTH EVENT

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to attend November's youth event. We will be going to the Bierstube for bowling on Sunday, November 29th, at 6:00 PM. We will meet at church beforehand unless it is easier for the youth to get dropped off at the bowling alley. The cost is \$8.00 (three games, plus shoes). Extra money will be needed if you would like to buy snacks at the lanes.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

A Thanksgiving Dinner is being served at First United Methodist Church, 403 East Avenue, Red Wing, on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The meal will be served in the handicap-accessible fellowship hall. 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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FIRST CHOICE BABY BOTTLES

Immanuel is again participating in the First Choice Clinic Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Please take a baby bottle and fill it with your change over the coming weeks. Please bring them back to church by Christmastime. If you would prefer to donate by writing a check, that is also acceptable. Just place your donation inside one of the baby bottles in the narthex. When you give to First Choice Clinic, you are helping to provide ultrasounds, pregnancy testing with options education, parenting and life-skills education, and material assistance to a woman in need.

Because of First Choice's faith-based, life-affirming foundation, the clinic does not offer, recommend, or refer for abortion or abortifacients.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 22, 2015

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

"Our Heart-Song of Thanks"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Heart-songs of praise are sung by those who realize the Lord loves the unlovable and saves those who thought they were beyond saving. (Ephesians 5:18b-21)

LLL ZONE RALLY

Everyone is invited to the Lutheran Laymen's League Fall Rally at St. John's in Stewartville on November 22nd.

Rev. Gregory Heidorn of Grace, Rochester will speak about his work at the English Language Bible Camp in Vyborg, Russia. The camp is sponsored by the Lutheran Hour Ministries office in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Registration starts at 5:30 PM with supper following at 6:00 PM and the presentation at 7:00 PM. Everything should conclude by 8:00 PM. The cost for supper is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Children under \$12 are \$10. The meal will feature Roast Beef. To make a reservation (so that we have a proper amount of food), please call Pastor Greg Heidorn at 507-289-7833 on or before November 18th.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERIES

Immanuel, Hay Creek will feature an Advent Midweek Series this year entitled, Hark the Glad Sound! This series focuses on the biblical songs of God's people as they awaited the Savior. Each week we will learn about a song from Scripture that highlights an Advent activity that prepares us for Christ's coming among us as a baby in Bethlehem. Hymns in the series include "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry," "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord," "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" and "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns."

- **Week 1: The Song of Zechariah** (Luke 1:67-79): Zechariah's Song revealed that his newborn son will be a prophet, sent to prepare the way of the Lord, and the song serves as a melody of repentance for us.
- **Week 2: The Song of Mary** (Luke 1:46-55): Mary's Song declares that the Lord has remembered His promise with us through His Son, making this a melody of remembrance.
- **Week 3: The Song of the Angels** (Luke 2:8-14): The Song of the Angels announced with great joy the Good News of Christ's birth, and echoes through our lives today as a melody of rejoicing.

The first entry of "Hark the Glad Sound!" will be on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM.

CATECHISM REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD Of the Antichrist (From "The Brief Statement")

As to the Antichrist we teach that the prophecies of the Holy Scriptures concerning the Antichrist, 2 Thess. 2:3-12; 1 John 2:18, have been fulfilled in the Pope of Rome and his dominion. All the features of the Antichrist as drawn in these prophecies, including the most abominable and horrible ones, for example, that the Antichrist "as God sitteth in the temple of God," 2 Thess. 2:4; that he anathematizes the very heart of the Gospel of Christ, that is, the doctrine of the forgiveness of sins by grace alone, for Christ's sake alone, through faith alone, without any merit or worthiness in man (Rom. 3:20-28; Gal. 2:16); that he recognizes only those as members of the Christian Church who bow to his authority; and that, like a deluge, he had inundated the whole Church with his antichristian doctrines till God revealed him through the Reformation -- these very features are the outstanding characteristics of the Papacy. (Cf. Smalcald Articles, Triglot, p. 515, Paragraphs 39-41; p. 401, Paragraph 45; M. pp. 336, 258.) Hence we subscribe to the statement of our confessions that the Pope is "the very Antichrist." (Smalcald Articles, Triglot, p. 475, Paragraph 10; M., p. 308.)