

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 1, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Thursday: 9:00AM Koinonia Project – Winona
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Luke Augustin
Wednesday - Gavin Stumpf
Friday - Rosie Kohn, Ruben & Megan DeLeon

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Kari Janssen, Melissa Barbey and the family and friends of John Schafer (as they mourn his passing).

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Midweek services are being held on the Wednesday evenings of Lent at 7:00 PM. Pastor is featuring a series entitled: "The Battle Within." We are exploring the warfare that goes on in the Christian life between the spirit and the flesh. The remaining dates and topics are as follows:

March 4: The Conflicted Christian (Romans 7:15-20)
March 11: The Double Servant (Romans 7:21-23, 25b)
March 18: The Wretched Saint (Romans 7:24)
March 25: The Hopeful Victor (Romans 7:24-25)

BASKETS OF PROMISE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise campaign! You are asked to collect the following items: 2 bars of soap, one comb, one metal nail clippers and one bath towel (light-weight, maximum size 52" x 27", dark color recommended). Wrap all your items up in the towel and bring your completed kit to church by Easter Sunday. Note: The items must be new and the soap must still be packaged in order to be donated. These care kits will go to people around the world who are struggling to stay clean and healthy in life's most challenging situations. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

YOUTH EVENT

On Saturday, March 21, the youth group will visit Shoreview Tropics Waterpark for an afternoon of water-sliding and swimming. The youth fund will pay for admission, but food and beverages at the snack bar will be your responsibility. We will leave from church at 1:00 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Thanks.

EASTER FLOWERS

Interested individuals may check out the Easter flower order form which has been placed on the bulletin board. We will again be using Hallstrom's as our vendor. A large variety of flowers are available to choose from, so there's sure to be a beautiful assortment gracing the altar area on Easter Sunday! Orders must be made and paid for by March 22nd. Checks should be made out to Bonnie Kassen. You may take your flowers home after the Easter service. Thanks!

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"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 8, 2015
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
"Lifted Up"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

When sinful pride lays us low, God's grace in Christ lifts us up again. (Psalm 103:8-12)

REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD **Of The Election Of Grace (From "The Brief Statement" - continued from last week)**

To be sure, it is necessary to observe the Scriptural distinction between the election of grace and the universal will of grace. This universal gracious will of God embraces all men; the election of grace, however, does not embrace all, but only a definite number, whom "God hath from the beginning chosen to salvation," 2 Thess. 2:13, the "remnant," the "seed" which "the Lord left," Rom. 9:27-29, the "election," Rom. 11:7; and while the universal will of grace is frustrated in the case of most men, Matt. 22:14; Luke 7:30, the election of grace attains its end with all whom it embraces, Rom. 8:28-30. Scripture, however, while distinguishing between the universal will of grace and the election of grace, does not place the two in opposition to each other. On the contrary, it teaches that the grace dealing with those who are lost is altogether earnest and fully efficacious for conversion. Blind reason indeed declares these two truths to be contradictory; but we impose silence on our reason. The seeming disharmony will disappear in the light of heaven, 1 Cor. 13:12.

Furthermore, by election of grace, Scripture does not mean that one part of God's counsel of salvation according to which He will receive into heaven those who persevere in faith unto the end, but, on the contrary, Scripture means this, that God, before the foundation of the world, from pure grace, because of the redemption of Christ, has chosen for His own a definite number of persons out of the corrupt mass and has determined to bring them through Word and Sacrament, to faith and salvation.

LIFE QUOTES

March 1 "As baptized persons, we are sons and daughters of God in Christ. That makes us holy. Holy means being set aside for noble purpose. We are not common, but uncommon. As such, we are usable not just by anyone but by God. What a difference it makes to see ourselves this way." *Linda D. Bartlett, titus2-4life.org* – A "Life Quote" from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org