

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 18, 2015

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project  
Tuesday: 7:00PM Church Council  
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:30PM Choir  
Thursday: 7:00PM Women's Bible Class  
Friday: St. James, Brother of Jesus and Martyr:  
Acts 15:12-22a; James 1:1-12; Matt. 13:54-58  
Saturday: 6:00PM Confirmation Mentorship Event: Pizza Making  
Next Sunday: Day of Reformation (Observed)  
9:00AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion  
11:15AM Service of Baptism for Isabella Marie Dullum

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Today - Sheila Stehr, Kevin & Elyse Holm  
Monday - Kay Schmitz, Matthew Stumpf, Tony & Becky Von Bargen  
Wednesday - Marshall Kitzmann, Jadyn Stumpf  
Thursday - Diane Holst, Paul & Lori Reding  
Friday - Alan Dicke, Lori Reding

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Leonard Dicke, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern, Catherine Smith (recovering from surgery), Barb Kelm (now on hospice care), the family and friends of JoMar Dicke (as they mourn her passing), and the family and friends of Norma Mandelkow (as they mourn her passing).

### **CHILI LUNCH – NOVEMBER 1**

After worship on Sunday, November 1, we will have our annual chili and cinnamon roll lunch. All are welcome to stay for the event. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to bring food items or help serve the meal. Thank you!

### **CHURCH COUNCIL AND VOTERS' MEETINGS**

It is that time again for our quarterly meetings! The council will convene this coming Tuesday night at 7:00 PM.

The Voters will gather on the following Tuesday (October 27th) at 7:30 PM. A full agenda will be provided in next week's bulletin for the Voters' Meeting.

### **OCTOBER YOUTH MENTORSHIP EVENT**

7th and 8th grade confirmation students and their mentors will meet on Saturday, October 24th, for a fun pizza-making event. This is a food and fellowship event designed to help students and mentors get to know each other better. The fun begins at 6:00 PM on the 24th. Confirmation students who have a conflict for that night are asked to speak with Pastor as soon as possible.

### **THANK YOU TO BETHANY, LAKE CITY AND VERA CARLSON**

Many thanks to Bethany in Lake City for allowing Hay Creek to use their extra communion set while plans are made to refurbish our set. Funds for this project are coming from the memorials given at the passing of Russell Carlson. Many thanks to Vera Carlson for choosing to use these funds in this manner.

## LIFE QUOTE

**October 18** "We simply need to see no child as unwanted. We need to focus on others, rather than ourselves, and be open to visiting orphans—that is, be open to wanting the 'unwanted,' helping the child in need. And it can start with just one. One life loved can make all the difference. After all, one life changed the entire world." *Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, October 25, 2015**

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

**"Reformation Freedom, Reformation Faith"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

People have risked and even sacrificed their lives so that we could come to know the joy of God's forgiving love for us in Jesus. (Romans 1:16-17)

## LWML WHITEWATER CONFERENCE FALL RALLY

The Winona, Rochester, and Lake Pepin Zones of the LWML will gather for their fall rally on Saturday, October 24 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church of Winona. The special speaker will be Ms. Karen Carter of the Bethesda Auxiliary. The Bible study will be led by Pastor Samuel Morsching, Winona Zone Pastoral Counselor. The cost is \$10. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the program will start at 9:00 AM. The events of the day will conclude with lunch. Gifts from the Heart for this rally are bathroom or kitchen linens for Bethesda group homes or food shelf items for Winona. St. Martin's is located at 328 East Broadway in Winona.

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

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

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.

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Christians can and should be assured of their eternal election. This is evident from the fact that Scripture addresses them as the chosen ones and comforts them with their election, Eph. 1:4; 2 Thess. 2:13. This assurance of one's personal election, however, springs only from faith in the Gospel, from the assurance that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; on the contrary, through the life, suffering, and death of His Son He fully reconciled the whole world of sinner unto Himself. Faith in this truth leaves no room for the fear that God might still harbor thoughts of wrath and damnation concerning us. Scripture inculcates that in Rom. 8:32, 33: "He that spared not His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." Luther's pastoral advice is therefore in accord with Scripture: "Gaze upon the wounds of Christ and the blood shed for you; there predestination will shine forth." (St. Louis ed., II, 181; on Gen. 26:9) That the Christian obtains the personal assurance of his eternal election in this way is taught also by our Lutheran Confessions (Formula of Concord, Triglot, p. 1071, Paragraph 26, M. 709): "Of this we should not judge according to our reason nor according to the Law or from any external appearance. Neither should we attempt to investigate the secret, concealed abyss of divine predestination, but should give heed to the revealed will of God. For He has made known unto us the mystery of His will and made it manifest through Christ that it might be preached, Eph. 1:9ff.; 2 Tim. 1:9f." -- In order to insure the proper method of viewing eternal election and the Christian's assurance of it, the Lutheran Confessions set forth at length the principle that election is not to be considered "in a bare manner (nude), as though God only held a muster, thus: 'This one shall be saved, that one shall be damned'" (Formula of Concord, Triglot, p. 1065, Paragraph 9; M., p. 706); but "the Scriptures teach this doctrine in no other way than to direct us thereby to the Word, Eph. 1:13; 1 Cor. 1:7; exhort to repentance, 2 Tim. 3:16; urge to godliness, Eph. 1:14; John 15:3; strengthen faith and assure us of our salvation, Eph. 1:13; John 10:27f.; 2 Thess. 2:13f." (Formula of Concord, Triglot, p. 1067, Paragraph 12; M., p. 707). -- To sum up, just as God in time

draws the Christian unto Himself through the Gospel, so He has already in His eternal election endowed them with "sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth," 2 Thess. 2:13. Therefore: If, by the grace of God, you believe in the Gospel of the forgiveness of your sins for Christ's sake, you are to be certain that you also belong to the number of God's elect, even as Scripture, 2 Thess. 2:13, addresses the believing Thessalonians as the chosen of God and gives thanks to God for their election.