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The Festival of Epiphany

January 6, 2008

VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	12:00PM	New Horizons Potluck/Christmas Clean-Up
Monday:	9:00AM	Ladies Quilting Project
Tuesday:	9:00AM	Circuit Pastoral Conference - Belvidere
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir Party
Thursday:	7:00PM	School Board Meeting at Immanuel (rescheduled from the 17 th)
	7:30PM	Women's Bible Study
Next Sun:		The Baptism of Our Lord
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	- Lindsay Bremer
Thursday	- Travis Edquist
Saturday	- Craig Duden

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Dorothy Bremer (for strength and peace as she faces terminal cancer); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Marian Burkard (recovering from a broken arm); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen undergoing chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma); the Kolberg and Reding families (as they mourn the loss of Tom).

Life Quote – January 6

"The magi knew Jesus was more than a baby—they recognized His star, they traveled hundreds of miles, they presented kingly gifts, but most telling of all, they *worshipped* Him. The magi recognized Jesus as God. Because Jesus was more than a baby, His life, death, and resurrection have eternal significance. His life, death, and resurrection also have temporal significance. The price He paid to redeem all people gives value to all people. That means every baby is more than a baby ... Every unborn baby is more than a baby! He or she is a person for whom Jesus lived, died, and rose again." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org*

2008 Offering Envelopes

Next year's offering envelopes are in the back pew of the church. Please take time to pick up yours as you leave today if you have not already done so. Thank you!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 13

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

"Polluted Waters"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The day Jesus walked into the Jordan, those waters were filled with sin—your sin, my sin, the sins of all humanity. Even so He went in so you could be saved. (Matthew 3:13-15)

Ladies Quilting Project

On Monday the ladies of the Quilting Project will meet at 9:00AM for a day of quilting. Please bring a sack lunch. Thanks!

Christmas Decoration Clean-Up

Today New Horizons will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Everyone is invited to join us for a potluck lunch following the worship service and help us with the clean-up.

Pro-Life Petition

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life is working diligently to prevent the University of Minnesota from cloning and killing human embryos for ghoulish experimentation. The Kahn-Cohen Cloning Bill that would authorize taxpayer funding of these experiments was blocked through our efforts, but it will be back and was only a few votes short. The University's killing of tiny human beings is violence against the human family. You can save some of these lives by preventing taxpayer funding of the U of M's cloning and killing of human embryos. A petition is available for you to sign after the worship service.

MCCL March for Life

January 22nd marks the 35th commemoration of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision allowing abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Your presence at the Capitol will send a clear message to state lawmakers that the majority of Minnesotans believe abortion on demand is wrong. Since 1973, 50 million unborn babies have been aborted in this country. 530,000 have been aborted in Minnesota. How many more children must die? If you would be interested in attending the peaceful demonstration at the state Capitol along with Pastor Sorenson, please speak with him at your earliest convenience. The program begins at noon on the 22nd.