ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 18, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today 6:00PM Sunday School Christmas Program

Tuesday: 9:00AM Piano Tuning

Wednesday: St. Thomas, Apostle: Hab. 2:1-4; Eph. 1:3-6; Jn. 20:24-31

4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship

7:45PM Choir

Saturday: 4:00PM Christmas Eve Service

Next Sunday: Christmas Day

No Sunday School or Bible Class

10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Mary Augustin, Pat Schmitz

Tuesday - Linda Rehder

Wednesday - Tyler Ballman, Carol Koester

Thursday - Anika Rortvedt Saturday - Carol Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, Catherine Smith, Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold (11 year-old being treated for leukemia), Ronald Johnson (diagnosed with leukemia).

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

All items for the Christmas project are due at church today! Please place all gifts under the tree in the fellowship hall. If you have chosen to wrap your items, please ensure that you mark them with stickers so that we know for whom the package is intended. If you have further questions, please speak with Bobbi Langhans. Thank you for your generosity!

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The remaining services of the Advent-Christmas season are as follows:

Sunday, December 18: 6:00 PM Sunday School Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 21: 7:00 PM Advent Midweek Saturday, December 24: 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Sunday, December 25: 10:00 AM Christmas Day

No Sunday School or Bible Class

LIFE QUOTE

December 18 "As Christmas approaches, I'm reminded of another man more than 2,000 years ago who also made a difficult choice about a mother and a baby. Joseph could have cut and run, but he didn't. When men commit themselves to stand for life and for their families, they experience blessings far greater than wealth and fame." *Bradley Mattes, executive director of Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

2016 "KETCH-UP" CAMPAIGN

By God's grace, let's keep moving forward in reducing our debt. With all of us working together, we can "ketch-up" and begin January 2017 with a positive balance. Special envelopes are in the pews and by the "ketch-up" poster for your convenience.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 25, 2016 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "What We Really Want"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus What do you want this Christmas? Jesus is God's greatest gift to a sinful world. (Galatians 4:4-5)