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The Fourth Sunday in Lent **March 2, 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:	Lutheran Education Week Begins
Monday:	Snow Shoveling March 3-9: Dale Dicke
Tuesday:	9:00AM Circuit Conference – St. John's, Hammond
Wednesday:	5:30PM 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM Lenten Midweek Worship
	8:15PM Choir
Next Sun:	9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM Fellowship Time
	10:30AM Worship
	12:30PM Fellowship Club – Lunch at Beth's Twin Bluff
	Café/Visit to National Eagle Center
	7:30PM Nybo's Family Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Luke Augustin
Thursday - Rosie Kohn
Friday - Yvonne Boles
Saturday - Jon Gernentz

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen in remission from Lymphoma); Kim Burns (recovering from 2nd eye surgery); Henry Stellrecht (healing); Garland Bradley (husband of prospective member, in need of healing); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (receiving treatments for skin cancer).

Easter Lilies – Last Day to Sign Up!

Easter lilies will be available for purchase for the Easter Sunday service. They are yours to take home immediately following the service. The price is \$8.75 and money must be received by today. A check can be written out to either Hallstrom Florist or to Laurie Budensiek. Please give your payment to Laurie. She will be available with the sign-up sheet after the service today.

Palm Sunday Brunch – March 16

New Horizons will again be sponsoring the Palm Sunday Brunch immediately following the worship service on March 16th. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be providing supplemental funds, and money raised will go towards the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to be kept in the church for medical emergencies. New Horizons' members and any congregation members who would be able to help at the brunch are asked to sign up on the bulletin board.

Life Quote – March 2

"Because this amazing news that Christ Jesus is for the lowly is our Gospel center and joy, then we as Lutherans can also look at our wider society and ask the same question. Who is important in our world? Those who are weak. Who is the greatest? Those who are most in need of help and protection ... Gospel-filled Christians ... have a special perspective. We look at the unborn and see them with eyes that have been given new sight by Jesus. These little ones, too, are helpless and can do nothing for themselves. Just as Christ has valued and loved us in our helplessness, so we, too, can cherish the children, precisely because they are weak and can contribute nothing. They are the greatest." *Dr. Jeffrey A. Gibbs, Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org**

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 9

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

"Destroying Evidence"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Some people do their best to tune out Jesus and what He has done. Next Sunday's Lutheran Hour message explores why doing so can be most dangerous indeed. (John 12:10-11)

Bible Class to Explore the History of Singing the Faith

The Adult Bible Class, which meets at 9:00AM every Sunday morning, is beginning a new study on hymnody and how the church has sung the faith throughout the centuries. Special attention will be paid to the rich heritage of the Lutheran liturgical tradition. This will be a fun and informative study with the aid of a DVD series from Concordia Publishing House. The DVD features interviews of Lutheran composers, famous organists, and other musicians. No previous adult Bible Study experience is necessary to participate in this class. If you have specific questions about the content of this seminar, please speak with Pastor Sorenson.

Lenten Midweek Series

March 5	"The Perfect Physician"	Ex. 15:26b
March 12	"The Lamb of God"	John 1:29
March 20	(Maundy Thursday) "The Doctrine And Purpose of Holy Communion"	1 Cor. 11:23-29
March 21	(Good Friday) "Bought With a Price"	1 Cor. 6:20

Please plan on nurturing yourself with the preaching of the Lord during the holy season of Lent.

Dave Dicke Fundraiser

On behalf of Kelly and Dave we want to thank everyone for their prayers and donations. The fundraiser was a complete success with over 600 people attending the spaghetti dinner and auction. A liver donor is still needed, so get the word out. If anyone is interested they should call the Mayo Clinic Liver Transplant Clinic to get on the list for Dave. The number is 866-227-7501. Ask for Lori. Monetary donations are also still being accepted. Checks can be written to Dave Dicke Transplant Trust and mailed to Kelly Dicke at 352 Wayne Street, Winona, MN 55987.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Student Days

The pro-life MCCL will host its annual student days at the State Capitol. The junior high event is scheduled for March 10th and the high school event is on March 3rd. The events will feature presentations about the history, alternatives and effects of abortion. There will also be opportunities to learn about the legislative process and the importance of lobbying. If you would like to register or would like more information, please see Pastor Sorenson.