

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JUNE 21, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: Happy Father's Day!
Tuesday: 8:30PM Adult Softball vs. Holy Trinity, Field 1
Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Isa. 40:1-5; Acts 13:13-26; Lk. 1:57-80
Thursday-Sunday: LWML Convention in Des Moines
Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Brady Holst
Monday - Emily Duden
Wednesday - Abby Hattemer, Nikki Scheele, Larry & Marian Bloom
Thursday - Jerry & Sheila Stehr
Saturday - Shelly & Denise Simanski

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Kari Janssen, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern (lung cancer), Jomar Dicke (lung cancer) and Christians suffering persecution and death in the Middle East, Africa, and around the world.

LIFE QUOTE

June 21 – Father's Day "The primary goal in fatherhood is to help children grow in the Lord so that throughout their lives they will look to the Savior in faith and follow Him in Christian love. Our most fervent hope and prayer is that they will be and remain members of God's eternal family. May God bless our fathers in carrying out their crucial role in Christian fatherhood!" *Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY AT VALLEY FAIR

On Monday, June 29th, Pastor Sorenson will be taking the youth group to Valley Fair for the 34th Annual Lutheran Youth Day. The cost is \$30 per person, which is expensive, but is significantly reduced from the standard rate of \$47. You may choose to bring extra money for food in the park, or you may pack a couple bag lunches that we can eat together in the parking lot. Valley Fair no longer allows you to bring food with you into the park. If you would like to attend this special event - and the group last year had a wonderful time! - please sign up on the bulletin board as soon as possible so that Pastor is able to arrange appropriate transportation. This opportunity is open to people of all ages! If you would like to bring your whole family, that would be just fine! If the cost is prohibitive for you, please speak with Pastor Sorenson about it and he will make some arrangements.

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

Of Conversion (From "The Brief Statement")

We teach that conversion consists in this, that a man, having learned from the Law of God that he is a lost and condemned sinner, is brought to faith in the Gospel, which offers him forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation for the sake of Christ's vicarious satisfaction, Acts 11:21; Luke 24:46, 47; Acts 26:18.

All men, since the Fall, are dead in sins, Eph. 2:1-3, and inclined only to evil, Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Rom. 8:7. For this reason, and particularly because men regard the Gospel of Christ, crucified for the sins of the world, as foolishness, 1 Cor. 2:14, faith in the Gospel, or conversion to God, is neither wholly nor in the least part the work of man, but the work of God's grace and almighty power alone, Phil. 1:29; Eph. 2:8; 1:19; -- Jer. 31:18. Hence Scripture call the faith of men, or his conversion, a raising from the dead, Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12, a being born of God, John 1:12, 13, a new birth by the Gospel, 1 Pet. 1:23-25, a work of God like the creation of light at the creation of the world, 2 Cor. 4:6.