

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 26, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist: Rev. 6:9-11; Rom. 6:1-5;
Mark 6:14-29
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday: The 15th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Kandi Kirchner, Jim & Sue Dicke
Monday - Walter Banitt, Tally Stehr, Caden Stumpf
Tuesday - Neil Stemmann, Nick & Katie Kurtti
Wednesday - Zach Laffey
Thursday - Jacob Diercks, Cheyenne Meyer, Dan & Pat Banitt
Friday - Lauren Dargus

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans (recovering from infection following his latest surgery), Walter Banitt, Janice Kassen-Rehder (recovering from a broken ankle), Joel Kassen (recovering from a fall and broken ribs), and Kandi Kirchner (recovering from a ligament fracture).

FALL SCHEDULE TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9TH

On Sunday, September 9th, the fall schedule will resume for Sunday morning activities. Education time (Sunday School/Bible Class) will begin at 9:00 AM; fellowship time will be held at 9:45 AM. Worship will begin at 10:00 AM, with Holy Communion offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

SHOULD WE CHANGE THE SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE??

It has been suggested that we consider revising our Sunday morning schedule during the school year in order to strengthen education hour. One proposal that has been offered would have education hour start at the same time (9:00 AM), but go for an hour until 10:00 AM. Fellowship time would then be held for fifteen minutes, with worship beginning at 10:15 AM. The elders would like your feedback on this proposal. Is this something we should bring to the Voters at the October meeting? Jim Dicke, Dale Dicke, and Joel Kassen want to hear from you! The Sunday School teachers and Sunday School families are especially asked to think about whether this would be a good change for you and your families. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 12TH

Confirmation will kick off on Wednesday, September 12th, with a party in both classes. 5th and 6th grades will meet at 4:30 PM. This class will meet every other week throughout the school year. The 7th and 8th grade class will meet at 5:30 PM. This class will meet every week throughout the school year. For the first night, we will talk about what we did this summer, play games, and enjoy treats. All students are invited to bring a snack to share. Pastor will send home a sheet detailing the class expectations for the year. New 5th grade students will also be taught how to serve as an acolyte.

CHOIR TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 12TH

The Immanuel Church Choir will begin rehearsing at 7:00 PM on September 12th. We have so many folks in this congregation who can sing and who would make great additions to the choir! Won't you consider joining us? It's a time of music, fun, and fellowship! Many choir members have spoken of how it helps them keep a Christian focus during the week. Great voices are not a requirement, just a humble spirit willing to learn and grow. Confirmation and high school students are also welcome to join the choir.

A CHIME CHOIR FOR CHILDREN?

Sara Sorenson has access to some chimes that could be used to start a chime choir. Would any youth of our congregation like to commit to a weekly rehearsal for learning and playing hand chimes? We would then play our music for worship in church. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Once we get a list of interested youth, we can talk about potential days for rehearsal. If you have questions, please speak with Sara Sorenson.

BIBLE CLASS TOPIC

The Adult Bible Class will begin a new topic when it convenes on September 9th. We will be studying the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. It's a challenging subject - mysterious even, but absolutely essential. Come and explore this crucial doctrine of the Christian faith at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings, beginning September 9th. All participants will receive a study guide for their own use.

CHURCH HISTORY

With the beginning of school right around the corner, it's appropriate to note that in the early years of the Immanuel congregation, school was held from about the first part of October until the end of August each year. It was taught in both Flower Valley and Hay Creek at the same time. At one time, school vacation started with the beginning of harvest and lasted two months. Interesting note from the 1871 records: "In response to a request from a congregation in St. Paul, our teacher will be allowed to serve them for several months. During this time our school will have vacation."

1870 - At Christmas time, the congregation resolved to call Teacher Henry Augustin to take charge of the school. There were sixty students. Pastor Horst had been teaching up until this time. \$300 a year was stipulated for Teacher Augustin.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction: "Our Father who art in heaven."

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

FIRST CHOICE CLINIC ANNUAL BANQUET

NEED A GOOD LAUGH? Don't forget to RSVP for the 12th Annual First Choice Clinic Annual Banquet. Come to learn more about the life saving work of this local pregnancy center and be entertained by nationally recognized Christian Comedian, Mike Williams! Reservations to attend are due Friday, September 14th. There is NO COST to attend, but reservations are required and you are encouraged to do so soon, as seating is limited. Please visit the website or call 651-267-4357 for more information. This event will take place on Thursday, September 20th at Cornerstone Community Church in Red Wing. The same program is being offered twice; doors opening at 11:30 AM for the lunch program and at 6:00 PM for the dinner program. This is an annual event you don't want to miss! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to attend.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 2, 2018

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis

6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Eager to Preach the Good News"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

In a classic message from 1968, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann says, "The Good News (of Christ) is really good; good enough to believe, good enough to trust."

(Romans 1:14-17)