ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 7, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

January 9-15 Pastor and Family on Vacation

(Wednesday) No Confirmation or Choir Saturday: 2PM-4PM Mentorship Event: Bowling

Next Sunday: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00AM Sunday School or Bible Class

9:45AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Lindsay Henderson

Tuesday - Chris Ballman, Ryan & Michelle Holm

Wednesday - Travis Edquist Friday - Craig Duden

Saturday - Pam Dahl, Caleb Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome and recovering from knee replacement surgery), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold, Roy and Jane Krueger, Kathy Voth (recovering from surgery) and Burnetta Dicke (recovering from a broken knee cap).

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR

A hearty "thank you" to all the members of Hay Creek who gave our family gifts over the Christmas season. It was a great outpouring of love and support. It is a joy to serve in this congregation!

All Our Love.

+ Pastor, Sara, Chloe, and Leah +

SUPER BOWL SUBS

The confirmation mentorship group will once again be selling sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday. The sandwiches must be pre-ordered and will cost \$3.50 per sandwich. There is a slight chance there will be extras, but don't plan on it. If you want to make sure you get a sandwich, order one today! Each order will come with a free homemade cookie! Order forms can be found on the Scrip table in the entryway. Please use one form per sandwich. Note: There will be no lettuce or condiments added to the sandwiches (they'd get soggy). Orders MUST be placed by Sunday, January, 28th. Please see Bonnie Kassen if you have any questions.

HAY CREEK CRAFTERS

You may have noticed a new activity on the church calendar for the last Saturday of January. "Hay Creek Crafters" is the new name for the original Stampin' With the Spirit group that has been meeting for close to 15 years! It was decided that a name change was needed to reflect the fact that not everyone that comes completes rubber stamping or scrapbooking projects. In fact, we've had people knit, crochet and even quilt during our gatherings. Anyone who has a hobby that they want to dedicate a little extra time doing is encouraged to come to our monthly gathering anytime between 9-5. Invite friends, neighbors, spouses; anyone is welcome! Beginning in 2018, we will be gathering monthly following the school year calendar. Lunch is no longer being served, so please pack a lunch, or pick something up from Dressen's. The coffee pot will be on, a devotion will be read, and you can spend some quality time enjoying the company of fellow crafters. Please join us! For more information, contact Bonnie Kassen (651-923-4884) or cell: 651-764-5902)

COFFEE MILL SKIING YOUTH EVENT

Pastor would like to take the youth group on a ski trip to a beautiful little ski hill in Wabasha on January 27th. We will meet at church at 3:00 PM. Skiing at Coffee Mill will be from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Cost is \$18 for a ticket, which is extremely reasonable in comparison to other local options. Ski rental equipment is \$20 and snowboard rental is \$32. If the cost is prohibitive for you and your family, please see Pastor Sorenson. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who plan on attending. Additional adult drivers may be needed. Other interested adults are encouraged to sign-up! You may pack your own meal or buy concessions at the chalet.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 14, 2018 6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis 6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Next Sunday the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Second Article: Redemption

Why is Christ's descent into hell part of His exaltation?

The Scriptures teach that Christ, after He was made alive in His grave, descended into hell, not to suffer punishment, but to proclaim His victory over His enemies in hell. See 1 Peter 3:18-19 and Colossians 2:15.

MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalized abortion-on-demand nationwide. Each year, pro-life Minnesotans mark the anniversary of Roe and Doe with the MCCL March for Life at the State Capitol in St. Paul. The purpose of the March is to commemorate the lives lost to abortion (and the women and men who have been hurt as a result) and to call for renewed respect and protection for all members of the human family, including unborn children and their mothers. The March For Life begins at 12:00 PM at the State Capitol. It will be followed by a brief program on the Capitol steps at 12:30. MCCL will introduce its legislative agenda for the upcoming session during the program. Many pro-life elected officials are expected to attend the March and will be introduced to the crowd.

For further information on the MCCL March For Life, visit https://www.mccl.org/march or contact Pastor James Kroonblawd, MNS District Life Coordinator, at 651-454-7235. Pastor Sorenson would be pleased to drive fellow adults or students who would like to attend.

TO ALL GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN

To cultivate a stronger commitment to Christian education, the Minnesota South District has embarked on a special appeal to enhance Christian education throughout our district. *To All Generations* offers a bold plan to invest in parish education and school ministries. All funds generated by this appeal will be granted to congregations and schools for projects and programs that achieve the appeal's initiatives.

Initiative A: Strengthening Education Ministries

Initiative B: Developing Unified Marketing Strategies

Initiative C: Increasing Efforts for Parental Choice in Education

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