

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**  
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**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**March 6, 2011**

**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:	After Service	Brief New Horizons meeting in Fellowship Hall to discuss Palm Sunday Brunch
Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:	7:00PM	Board of Elders
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Ash Wednesday Service
		Acolyte: Ellee Goranson
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:	7:30PM	Women's Bible Class
Friday:	10:30AM	KWNG Recording Session
	5-8PM	Fish Fry Benefit for St. John's, Hammond
Saturday:	11:00AM	Youth Tropics Water Park Event
Next Sunday:		First Sunday in Lent
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship/Baptism of Boe Gregory Scheele
	6:30PM	Nybo's Family Night

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Today	- Rosie Kohn
Monday	- Yvonne Boles
Tuesday	- Jon Gernentz
Wednesday	- Barb Augustin, Fred Stumpf
Thursday	- Sarah Dargus

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Healing:** Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Lori Ramig (recovering from a heart transplant), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), John Schafer (recovering from two heart attacks), Wayne Thomforde, Judith Whipple, Jean Bateman, and Genevieve Schultz.

### **Life Quotes**

**March 6** "Adopted sons are no different than sons. They have an inheritance coming, eternal life with the Father. That's why 'sons' is used in Galatians 4:7 and not 'children.' In those days sons received the inheritance. Paul makes the point that those who God adopts—men, women, boys and girls—all have the full right of sons, all have eternity waiting." / I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A **"Life Quote"** from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 13**

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

#### **"Sinful Shortcuts"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

The devil specializes in selling us sinful shortcuts. Simply stated, the devil offers a bad way to get a good thing. (Matthew 4:1-11)

### **The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932)**

#### **"Of Conversion"** (Continued from Last Week)

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 calls 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.

On the basis of these clear statements of the Holy Scriptures we reject every kind of synergism, that is, the doctrine that conversion is wrought not by the grace and power of God alone, but in part also by the co-operation of man himself, by man's right conduct, his right attitude, his right self-determination, his lesser guilt or less evil conduct as compared with others, his refraining from willful resistance, or anything else whereby man's conversion and salvation is taken out of the gracious hands of God and made to depend on what man does or leaves undone. For this refraining from willful resistance or from any kind of resistance is also solely a work of grace, which "changes unwilling into willing men," Ezek. 36:26; Phil. 2:13. We reject also the doctrine that man is able to decide for conversion through "powers imparted by grace," since this doctrine presupposes that before conversion man still possesses spiritual powers by which he can make the right use of such "powers imparted by grace."

On the other hand, we reject also the Calvinistic perversion of the doctrine of conversion, that is, the doctrine that God does not desire to convert and save all hearers of the Word, but only a portion of them. Many hearers of the Word indeed remain unconverted and are not saved, not because God does not earnestly desire their conversion and salvation, but solely because they stubbornly resist the gracious operation of the Holy Ghost, as Scripture teaches, Acts 7:51; Matt. 23:37; Acts 13:46.

### **New Church E-mail Address**

Please note that the church has a new e-mail address effective immediately: [immanuellcms@yahoo.com](mailto:immanuellcms@yahoo.com). If you desire to get in touch with Pastor through internet communication, this is the e-mail you should use. The old e-mail address, [immanuellcms@ll.net](mailto:immanuellcms@ll.net), will stop functioning in a matter of weeks. However, the Church website address will remain the same: [www.immanuel-lcms.org](http://www.immanuel-lcms.org) Thank you.

### **Hammond Benefit**

An all-you-can-eat Fish Fry Benefit will be held for St. John's Lutheran Church of Hammond on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The congregation's building sustained much damage, along with buildings throughout the whole community. The event will be held at the Elgin Legion. The benefit is being sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Potsdam. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children (ages 6-10), and 5 and under eat free. Carry-outs are also available.

### **Thrivent Financial Associate to Visit Hay Creek**

During the fellowship time on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Larry Hawe of Thrivent will be available to discuss the Giving Choice Program and other Thrivent opportunities that may benefit you or the congregation. A bulletin insert with more information will follow in next week's worship folder. By directing designated choice dollars, you are able to help support Lutheran organizations that matter to you, including your local church.

### **Nybo's Family Night Time Change**

Nybo's Family Bowling Night will be held at 6:30 PM next Sunday night. This is an hour earlier than it has been scheduled in the past. It is hoped that this change will facilitate a greater degree of participation in this event, especially for families of younger children. Remember, the deal is still \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes. If you have questions, please speak with Jerry Kohn.

### **Youth Event – March 12**

Pastor will take the youth of the congregation to the Tropics Waterpark and Fitness Center in Shoreview next Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will leave from church at 11:00AM. The cost for a youth ticket is \$7.50. Bring additional money for food/snacks. If the cost is prohibitive for your family, please talk to Pastor privately and he will work it out. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who will attend. As always, it is essential that you sign-up in order that Pastor can arrange for adequate transportation. Adult chaperons who would like to attend are warmly encouraged to do so. The cost for an adult ticket is \$8.50. Younger children who attend with a parent/guardian are also welcome to participate.

### **Lenten Midweek Series**

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond Pastor Sorenson's control, there will be no pulpit exchange for Lenten Midweek Services this year. Rest assured, Pastor Sorenson will try again to make that happen in the future. The Preaching Series this year at Hay Creek is entitled "Sounds of the Passion," and is based on a program designed by Dr. James E. Butler. The midweek series will start this week on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Unless noted, midweek services will be held at 7:30 PM. The topics and services will be conducted according to the following schedule:

- March 9: "Ripping Cloth" – Joel 2:13  
Ash Wednesday—7:30PM
- March 16: "Clinking Coins" – Matthew 26:14-16
- March 23: "Crying Tears" – John 11:35-36
- March 30: "Trampling Feet" – John 18:1-6
- April 6: "Crowing Rooster" – Luke 22:60-62
- April 13: "Shouting Mob" – Matthew 27:15-25
- April 21: "Sloshing Water" – John 13:1-20  
Maundy Thursday – 2:00PM and 7:30PM
- April 22: "Pounding Nails" – John 19:17-18  
Good Friday—7:30PM