

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 4, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday: The Epiphany of Our Lord: Isa. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir/Epiphany Party
Thursday: 9:00AM Koinonia Project – Redeemer, Winona
7:30PM Women's Bible Study
Friday: 9:30AM Hi-Park Chapel
10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
2:00PM LCMS Plaza Service
Next Sunday: The Baptism of Our Lord
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship
Acolyte: Caitlyn Von Bargaen
11:00AM New Horizons Potluck and Christmas Clean-Up

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Thursday - Lindsay Henderson
Friday - Chris Ballman, M/M Ryan Holm
Saturday - Travis Edquist

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Kari Janssen (cancer treatments), Melissa Barbey (brain tumor), the family and friends of Richard Diercks (as they mourn his passing), the family and friends of Dolores Cedar (as they mourn her departure), and the family and friends of Jim Kelm (as they mourn his departure).

LIFE QUOTES

January 4 "If you sit silently alone in the darkness, know that God loves you. He enters the very depths of your darkness and shines upon you with the light of His forgiveness. In that light you can find hope and begin the path toward healing. 'Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears ... there is hope for your future, declares the Lord' (Jeremiah 31:16-17)." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP AND POTLUCK

Next Sunday New Horizons will have a potluck lunch after the church service followed by taking down the Christmas decorations. All in the congregation are invited to join us.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR

"I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts that Sara and I received this Christmas. It is a joy to serve this congregation. May the Lord Jesus richly bless God's people here in this place! Peace in His Name!" Pastor Sorenson

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 11, 2015

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

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

"God qualifies us for eternal life through our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection." (Romans 6:1-11)

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

Of the Church (continued from last week)

We teach that this Church, which is the invisible communion of all believers, is to be found not only in those external church communions which teach the Word of God purely in every part, but also where, along with error, so much of the Word of God still remains that men may be brought to the knowledge of their sins and to faith in the forgiveness of sins, which Christ has gained for all men, Mark 16:16; Samaritans: Luke 17:16; John 4:25.

Local Churches or Local Congregations. — Holy Scripture, however, does not speak merely of the one Church, which embraces the believers of all places, as in Matt. 16:18; John 10:16, but also of churches in the plural, that is, of local churches, as in 1 Cor. 16:19; 1:2; Acts 8:1: the Churches of Asia, the church of God in Corinth, the church in Jerusalem. But this does not mean that there are two kinds of churches, for the local churches also, in as far as they are churches, consist solely of believers, as we see clearly from the addresses of the epistles to local churches; for example, "unto the church which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified, in Christ Jesus, called to be saints," 1 Cor. 1:2, Rom. 1:7, etc. The visible society, containing hypocrites as well as believers, is called a church only in an improper sense, Matt. 13:47-50, 24-30, 38-43.