

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 22, 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 6:30PM Sunday School Children's Christmas Program
Tuesday: 4:00PM Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday: 10:00AM Christmas Day Worship
Thursday: St. Stephen, Martyr
2 Chron. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-7:2A, 51-60; Matt. 23:34-39
Friday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Rev. 1:1-6; 1 Jn. 1:1-2:2; Jn. 21:20-25
9:30AM Hi-Park Chapel with Pastor Sorenson
5:00PM Board of Elders
Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Jer. 31:15-17; Rev. 14:1-5; Matt. 2:13-18
Arndt Family Reunion in Fellowship Hall
Next Sunday: First Sunday after Christmas
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Herman von Knobelsdorff
Tuesday - Carol Dicke
Thursday - Mary Jo Arndt, Brandon Schmitz, Tristan Von Bargaen
Friday - Chad Meyer, Caitlyn Von Bargaen, Neil & Karen Stemmann
Saturday - Robert Langhans

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Skip Baker, Marilyn Kromminga, Pastor Sorenson, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans (recovering from a broken leg), the family and friends of Lorena Stemmann (as they reflect on her passing), and Dave and Sharon Frederickson (as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary).

BAPTISM TODAY

We rejoice in the Lord as Chase Kyle Wilcox receives the new birth of water and the Spirit (John 3)! Chase is the son of Kyle Wilcox and Mariah Smith. Serving as sponsors are Mariah's brothers, Ethan and Riordan Smith. May God bless Chase and His family with a life of baptismal grace and faith!

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

Tentative plans have been made to have photos taken for a new picture directory between April 30th and May 3rd of 2014. The directory committee needs to know if those dates work for you. Let Pastor Sorenson know ASAP if that time frame would preclude your participation. A sign-up sheet has also been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to serve on the directory committee. Thank you!

SNOW SHOVELING

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would be able to help with snow shoveling this winter. Thanks for your help!

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FIRST CHOICE CLINIC FUNDRAISERS

It's that time again to help our local pro-life, crisis pregnancy center. The annual baby bottle fundraiser is a great way to help in a simple way. Just take a bottle, fill it with change in the coming weeks, and bring it back by the end of January. If you would prefer to write a check, you may do that as well and place it in a bottle. Donations are tax-deductible and may be made in honor or in memory of someone special. Another way of helping out is to purchase Papa Murphy's cards that are available in the narthex. You pay only \$10 for a Papa Murphy's coupon card that will save you over \$25. First Choice makes some money; you get great pizza and a great deal. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Sorenson, who is the Pastoral Adviser on the Board of Directors of First Choice Clinic. God Bless!

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer: The 6th Petition: "And lead us not into temptation."

Into what kinds of evil do our spiritual enemies try to mislead us?

The devil, the world, and our sinful nature try to mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great sins.

What do we ask God to do for us when we pray this petition?

We ask our Father in heaven to give us strength to resist and overcome temptations.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

The annual Christmas Dinner will again be served at Concordia on Christmas Day from noon to 1:30 PM. There is no charge for the meal. If you are going to be alone, please come and be with us. You may also call the church at 388-5447 after 11:30 AM on the 25th and someone will be available to pick you up for dinner and return you to your home after the meal. If you would like to have food delivered to your home, or if you have any other questions, please call either 388-4361 or 388-5447. We would enjoy having you join us for this Christmas Dinner. You may give a free-will donation if you so desire, but the meal is free of charge. God bless.

2013 OFFERINGS

All church donations must be received by next Sunday, December 29th, to be counted as contributions for the 2013 year. If you have outstanding pledges or other offerings you would like to give, please make a point of getting them in by the worship service on the 29th. Thank you.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 29

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

"Regrets, More Than a Few"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Christ's forgiveness enables us to start the new year with gratitude instead of regret. (1 John 1:9)

LIFE QUOTE

December 22 "The great joy of Christmas is multiplied when we realize our Savior, at His birth, has already been humbling Himself for nine months because of His unparalleled love for all humanity from the moment of conception." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org