

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS –July 17, 2016**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Pastor on vacation until July 23  
Tuesday: 7:00PM Church Council Meeting  
Thursday: 11:00AM Chapel at Seminary Home  
Friday: St. Mary Magdalene: Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Cor. 5:14-18; Jn. 20:1-2, 11-18  
Next Sunday: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
9:30AM Worship

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Monday - Jody Augustin, Summer Scheele, Cindy Stumpf  
Wednesday - Samantha Langhans, Larry & Annie Stumpf  
Thursday - Cory & Leslie Germann-Hutter  
Friday - Laurie Budensiek, Jeff Kitzmann  
Saturday - Ally Boyer

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, Catherine Smith, Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Jean Peterson (dealing with cancer), Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Burnetta Dicke, the Rev. Richard Alms, Bob Langhans (recovering from accident and surgery), and the family and friends of Janell Janhsen (mourning her passing).

### **QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

The summer church council meeting will be held this Tuesday night at 7:00 PM. The quarterly voters' meeting will be held the following Tuesday night, July 26, at 7:30 PM. Many people are out of town this month. If you are a voter and are able to attend, please do so! Thanks.

### **OUTDOOR SERVICE – July 31**

An outdoor service will be held on Sunday, July 31, at 9:30 AM. Sara Sorenson will lead the music with the violin. Please bring your favorite lawn chair and join us behind church. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the fellowship hall.

### **VBS NEWS**

St. Peter's - Belvidere welcomes children ages 4 through grade 6 for Camp Omega Day Camp. This FREE camp will run the first week in August. For Monday through Thursday, day camp will be held 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; day camp for preschoolers will be offered in the mornings from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. On Friday all ages will meet from 8:00 am to noon with a closing program and potluck at 11:00 am. The camp will be led by counselors from Camp Omega. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Mark your calendars and spread the word. Everyone is welcome. Contact Michelle Benrud (651-923-5274) or Amy Alkire (651-323-4844) to register.

### **VBS LUNCH**

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would be willing to help provide a lunch for VBS. VBS is being held at St. Peter's–Belvidere the first week of August. Immanuel will be responsible for Thursday's lunch. Plan on enough food for 50. Thanks for your help.

### **TEACHERAGE RENTAL**

Do you know of anyone looking for housing in our area? The teacherage is available to rent at a cost of \$900 per month. Water and garbage are included in that price. However, the tenant will need to pay for gas and electricity. A damage deposit will also be required. All questions regarding the rental of the teacherage should be directed to one of our trustees: Kevin Ballman, Randy Meyer, or Jerry Kohn.

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## **LOOKING FOR 2016-2017 CONFIRMATION MENTORS**

We are preparing to embark on our second year of the confirmation mentorship experience. Year one was a great success and this is your chance to become involved! I would love to have a full slate of mentors lined up by August 1<sup>st</sup> so we can meet to discuss workable dates and monthly activities prior to the September kick-off. The plan is to include both 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the program this year as we have no 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students. There will be a need for a minimum of 7 mentors or mentor couples; however, we can accommodate as many as are interested! Please see Bonnie Kassen or phone her at 923-4884 if you want to volunteer for this very important ministry effort at Immanuel Lutheran! Look for a full description of the Mentorship program in your mailbox within the next couple of weeks.

**“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, July 24, 2016**

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

**“Never to See Them Again”**

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

Opportunity knocks; Christ invites us to receive the gift of faith. (Luke 9:51-62)

## **CATECHISM REVIEW**

### **Confession**

#### ***What is the Office of the Keys?***

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

#### ***Where is this written?***

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven” (John 20:22-23)