

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 26, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00AM Chili Lunch and Bake Sale
Tuesday: St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles: Jer. 26:1-16; 1 Pet. 1:3-9; Jn. 15:17-21
7:30PM Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: 7:30PM Midweek Bible Class
Friday: Reformation Day/Halloween
Rev. 14:6-7; Rom. 3:19-28; Jn. 8:31-36
10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday: All Saints' Day (Observed)
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday - Allison Dicke
Saturday - Doug Callstrom, Micah Ballman

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Richard Diercks, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Dolores Cedar, Kari Janssen (cancer treatments), Melissa Barbey (brain tumor), and Evan Smith (as he serves our country amidst the ISIS threat).

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY - PROJECT #1

Pastor Sorenson has completed the first project of his Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) work. The project features an essay comparing and analyzing various approaches to Romans 7:7-25. Many theologians are brought into the discussion, including Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Barrett, and Achtemeier. After the textual analysis, the project concludes with a sermon series entitled: "The Battle Within." It has been designed for our Lenten midweek worship in 2015. A copy of this forty-one page project will be placed in the narthex for you to peruse at your convenience. If you would like a personal copy for your own use, Pastor would be more than willing to provide you with one.

PRO-LIFE VOTERS' GUIDE

Would you like to know where the current candidates for public office stand on the issue of abortion? If so, you are welcome to take a copy of the pro-life voters' guide on the table in the narthex. We have plenty of extra copies, so please take more than one if you know others who would benefit from this guide. Thank you.

PAPA MURPHY'S COUPON CARDS

Would you like to spend \$10 and get \$30 worth in coupons for Papa Murphy's take and bake pizza? Not only do you get a great deal, but your purchase helps support services to families in need through First Choice Clinic. Pastor Sorenson has the coupons. See him today to buy your Papa Murphy coupon card. And there is more good news: these coupons have no expiration date!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 2, 2014

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

"Blessed in Hard Times"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

During hard times, God is still with you and at work for you. (Matthew 5:1-12)

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NEW SCRIP ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM!

There are some new retailers in the Scrip Box which include: Dairy Queen, Great Harvest Bread, Oriental Trading Co., and Papa Murphy's. For those new to the congregation: Scrip is gift cards that the church sells at face value but has purchased at a discount from the Great Lakes Scrip Center. There is NO expiration date on these cards & you use them like cash. Remember, Scrip does not have to be used simply for gifts! Pay for your everyday purchases with Scrip and help Immanuel raise funds for special projects. Picture this trip to town for errands: You stop at Kwik Trip, BP or S/A for gas and coffee. (If you prefer Caribou, stop there instead for that great latte!). The next stop is Walgreen's to pick up your prescriptions. You have to get some keys made & a screen fixed, so you make a quick stop at Ace Hardware. Next stop: Target and/or Walmart for household products. You swing past Menards for that special order for the do-it-yourself home project. You decide to eat lunch at Perkins, Applebee's or Liberty's. Since you're headed home, it's time for groceries. Econofoods is the perfect place to get those. On your way out of the parking lot, you decide to grab a take and bake pizza from Papa Murphy's for supper. Whew! Busy day AND you just paid for everything with Scrip! You get home and realize you forgot to stop at Radio Shack to check out the latest electronics and your hair is just begging for a cut from Great Clips. You start a new list for the next errand day & make a note to stock up on Scrip for those stops. There's no end to the support you can lend to the Immanuel Scrip program when you THINK SCRIP! Some items purchased and projects funded with Scrip profits include candle stand and snuffers, new stand for altar Bible, photo restoration in the fellowship hall, social ministry assistance & more. For more information on the Scrip program, please see Bonnie Kassen or call her at [651-923-4884](tel:651-923-4884). The Immanuel Scrip Box carries gift cards for well over 50 local and online businesses from gas to groceries as well as various retailers. Stop now and start shopping!

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

On the basis of these clear statements of the Holy Scriptures (Phil. 1:29; Eph. 2:8; 1:19; Jer. 31:18; Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12; Jn. 1:12-13; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; 2 Cor. 4:6) 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.