

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 21, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 6:00PM Children's Christmas Program
Monday: 11:00AM Jim Kelm Funeral
(Visitation starts at 10:00 a.m.)
Wednesday: 4:00PM Christmas Eve Worship
Thursday: 10:00AM Christmas Day Worship
Friday: St. Stephen, Martyr: 2 Chron. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60; Matt. 23:34-39
10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Saturday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Rev. 1:1-6; 1 Jn. 1:1-2:2; Jn. 21:20-25
No Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
No Sunday School and Bible Class Today
9:30AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Carol Koester, Tyler Ballman
Monday - Herman von Knobelsdorff, Anika Rortvedt
Wednesday - Carol Dicke
Friday - Mary Jo Arndt, Katelyn Ballman, Brandon Schmitz, Tristan Von Bargaen
Saturday - Chad Meyer, Caitlyn Von Bargaen, Neil & Karen Stemmann

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).

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - TONIGHT

The Christmas Program for our Sunday School students will be held tonight at 6:00 PM. Refreshments will follow the program in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come and hear the Christmas story!

MILITARY OFFERING

Great news!! \$939.00 was collected last week from our holiday military door offering. With some additional funds from the Ladies Aid, each service person from our congregation will receive \$190 as a Christmas gift. Thank you for your generosity and love for these men and women who serve our country.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT CONCORDIA

A free Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be served on Christmas Day from noon to 1:30 PM at Concordia Lutheran Church in Red Wing. Everyone is welcome! For delivery, please call the church at 388-5447 or Carol Steffenhagen at 388-4361. This is a Thrivent sponsored event.

IMMANUEL SCHOOL BUILDING MEMORABILIA

Time is running out to submit your memories of the Immanuel School Building! Items will be accepted through December 21st at which time the memory box will be sealed. You may place your photos, notes, letters or other small memorabilia in the orange box by the Box Tops Collection bins. Please note: These items will NOT be returned. If you have questions, talk to Bonnie Kassen. Thanks!

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LIFE QUOTES

December 21 "God is a person, and in the Church, He offers Himself to you. Jesus has promised that where two or more are gathered He is here Himself. Though we can't detect this with our eye, it is nevertheless real. Jesus was born to Virgin Mary [and] ... This very Jesus gives Himself to you in His holy Word and Sacrament. He will not abandon you ..." *Dr. Harold Senkbeil, executive director for Spiritual Care for DOXOLOGY – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 28, 2014

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

"Monsters in Our Tomorrows"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Unknown monsters lurk in the shadows of the new year but Christ will carry us through. (Romans 8:37-39)

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

Of the Church

We believe that there is one holy Christian Church on earth, the Head of which is Christ and which is gathered, preserved, and governed by Christ through the Gospel.

The members of the Christian Church are the Christians, that is, all those who have despaired of their own righteousness before God and believe that God forgives their sins for Christ's sake. The Christian Church, in the proper sense of the term, is composed of believers only, Acts 5:14; 26:18; which means that no person in whom the Holy Ghost has wrought faith in the Gospel, or — which is the same thing — in the doctrine of justification, can be divested of his membership in the Christian Church; and, on the other hand, that no person in whose heart this faith does not dwell can be invested with such membership. All unbelievers, though they be in external communion with the Church and even hold the office of teacher or any other office in the Church, are not members of the Church, but, on the contrary, dwelling-places and instruments of Satan, Eph. 2:2. This is also the teaching of our Lutheran Confessions: "It is certain, however, that the wicked are in the power of the devil and members of the kingdom of the devil, as Paul teaches, Eph. 2:2, when he says that 'the devil now worketh in the children of disobedience,' " etc. (Apology, Triglot, p. 231, Paragraph 16; M., p. 154.)