

ANNOUNCEMENTS –August 14, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Pastor on vacation this week
Monday: St. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord: Isa. 61:7-11; Gal. 4:4-7; Lk. 1:39-55
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion
4:00PM Installation of Rev. Chad Kirchoff at Shepherd of the Valley/
ReDo Fitness Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Trevor Dicke
Monday - Glenn Alms, Stan Klair, David & Carissta Arndt, Randall & Connie Rausch
Tuesday - David Arndt, Jeremy Schafer
Saturday - Dylan Frazier, Bill & Sheila 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, Bob Langhans, and Luke and Stephanie Augustin (for blessings upon their marriage).

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

It's time to start planning for our 2016-2017 Sunday School program! If you would be willing to help out this year, please sign up on the bulletin board. Those teaching Sunday School should be members in good standing who are willing to set a good example by being regular in church attendance. Teachers working in rotation (either every other week or every other month) is perfectly acceptable. Team teaching is also encouraged.

NEW PIANO FOR THE SANCTUARY

Pastor found a beautiful Kawai piano on craigslist which will serve as our new sanctuary piano to replace the ailing Wurlitzer in the balcony. The piano is on display in the narthex at this time.

Pastor and his dad went out to Apple Valley last weekend to pick it up for the church. The piano was free from a lady who purchased it brand new 16 years ago and can no longer use it. The piano is in excellent condition and should serve us well! It will be moved into the balcony and tuned very soon.

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 1st so we can meet to discuss workable dates and monthly activities prior to the September kick-off. The plan is to include both 6th and 7th graders in the program this year as we have no 8th 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, August 21, 2016

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

“Hope Not in Politicians”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

“Archives August” concludes with a classic yet timely message originally presented by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (Isaiah 31:1-3)

NURSE POSITION AT FIRST CHOICE CLINIC

Our friends at First Choice Clinic of Red Wing are looking to hire an FTE Nurse Manager. Applicants must hold a current Registered Nurse's License in good standing with the Minnesota State Board of Directors, and be an active Christian, able to uphold the Statement of Faith, Mission Statement, Policies and Procedures and Philosophy of FCC and parent organization, Total Life Care Options for Women. If you or someone you know holds the necessary credentials, this would be a wonderful way to serve and be an advocate for the unborn. First Choice Clinic offers a great deal of flexibility and competitive wages. For more information please visit their website <http://firstchoiceclinicrw.com> or call First Choice Clinic at 651.267.4357.

LCMS CONVENTION MATERIALS

Many thanks to Becky Kirtz for serving as the lay delegate from our circuit to the National Convention of Synod. If you would be interested in reviewing some of the materials from the convention, the following items may be found in the LCEF tote bag in the narthex:

- * Copies of the LCMS "Reporter"
 - * Copies of "Christian News"
 - * Copies of "Lutheran Clarion"
 - * "Lutherans Engage the World"
 - * "Upon This Rock" Daily Worship
 - * 2 CDS from Lutheran Concerns Association
 - * A Booklet entitled, "Lutheran Mission Matters"
 - * Lutheran Hour Pasadena Float Material
 - * "Theological and Hermeneutical Reflections" Booklet
 - * "Upon This Rock" Convention Workbook
 - * Biographical Synopses and Statements of Nominees
 - * A Brochure from Concordia University - St. Paul
 - * Letters from Churches Around the World
- (Found in "Upon This Rock," Today's Business, Issue 2, Part 1, Sun., 7/10)

If you would like to look at this material, please do so prior to September 19th, at which time they will be removed. Thanks.

PLANNED GIVING MEETING

Immanuel of Potsdam and Immanuel of Plainview are hosting a planned giving seminar on Sunday, August 28 at 3:00 PM at the church in Plainview. All the congregations of the circuit are welcome to attend. The presentation is about forty-five minutes and then we will have some light refreshments. Have you thought about what kind of gift you might provide for the church when the time comes for you to leave this earth? It's something to think about and something to plan for.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Sacrament of the Altar

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."