ANNOUNCEMENTS - AUGUST 20, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 1:00PM Funeral for William E. Langhans

Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle: Prov. 3:1-8; 2 Cor. 4:7-10; Jn. 1:43-51

Next Sunday: The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Outdoor Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Dylan Frazier, Bill & Sheila Boyer

Monday - Ashleigh Gernentz

Tuesday - Connie Rausch, Alex Simanski, Adam Bremer, Dean & Laurie Budensiek
Wednesday - Cole Gernentz, Elyse Kliewer, Marissa Augustin, Lucas & Charissa Stumpf

Thursday - Ryan Kassen, Dale Dicke, Myron & Ruth Alms

Saturday - Kandi Kirchner, Jim & Sue Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold, Pastor Scott Fiege (health problems), Gloria Stehr (recovering from a dislocated shoulder), Bonnie Kassen (recovering from foot surgery), the family and friends of William Langhans (as they mourn his passing), and former member Kelli Boles/Schmitz (facing terminal cancer).

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - NEXT SUNDAY

On August 27th, we will gather outside (God-willing) for our Sunday morning worship. Feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair and hear the Word of God under the pines behind the sanctuary. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the social room.

2017-2018 CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED

It's hard to believe that the new school year will be upon us before we realize it! With the start of school comes the beginning of another year of our confirmation mentorship program. There will be 8 students in grades 7 & 8 who are in need of mentors. Mentor qualifications are simple; be an adult member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and have a desire to spend some time with one of our wonderful confirmation students once per month. All activities are done in a group, so if you can't make some of the events, your student will be well taken care of by the other mentors. Please consider taking part in this wonderful program!! As we did last year, the mentors will be getting together in mid August to plan dates and events. If you have questions, please talk to Bonnie Kassen at church or give her a call (home: 651-923-4884 or Cell: 651-764-5902).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" - Sunday, August 27, 2017

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis

6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Absolutely Nothing"

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

Pastor Ken Klaus explains how something that is "absolutely nothing" can be a very good thing. (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)

STAMPIN' WITH THE SPIRIT - AUGUST CANCELLATION

No Stampin' with the Spirit will be held on Saturday, August 26th. See Bonnie Kassen if you are interested in upcoming stamping and crafting fellowship opportunities.

LIFE QUOTE

August 20 A prayer for parents for their children: "Today I rededicate them to You. You designed and fashioned them, Father. Lord Jesus, You redeemed them. Spirit, You live in them. Keep them Yours now and always. Keep their guardian angels on duty, as You have promised. Help them grow into adults who will find joy in serving You and building Your kingdom. Lord, thank You for my miracle children." *Pastor Mark Jeske, (www.timeofgrace.org) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR 2017-2018

Would you like to help children in their lives of faith and grow in your relationship with God at the same time? Consider becoming a Sunday School teacher. "Do I qualify to serve in this capacity?" some members ask. Here are the qualifications: a willingness to learn while you teach, a commitment to the children in your class, faithfulness in attending worship after you teach, and the resolve to seek morality in one's day to day life. Not sure you want to teach for a whole year? Remember, you may always team teach or rotate with other teachers. Some teachers trade off on a weekly or monthly or seasonal basis. The Sunday School students will be divided up as follows:

- Preschool/Kindergarten
- 1st and 2nd grade
- 3rd and 4th grade
- 5th through 8th grade (confirmation ages), taught by Mr. Wayne Voth

Please speak with Pastor Sorenson if you are interested.

FALL ACTIVITIES

On September 10th, we will revert to our school year Sunday morning schedule. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:00 AM, fellowship time treats will be served at 9:45 AM, and worship will begin at 10:00 AM. Confirmation and choir practices will resume Wednesday, September 13th, with 5th/6th grade confirmation at 4:30 PM (every other week), 7th/8th grade confirmation at 5:30 PM, and choir at 7:30 PM.

JOIN THE REFORMATION 500 CHOIR

Would you like to sing in a once in a lifetime experience for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation? Children, youth, and adults are invited to sing in three massed choirs during an October 29th worship service at the Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University, St. Paul. LCMS President, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, will preach for the once-in-500 years event! Rehearsals for the service will be held at 1 PM on October 29th with the service to follow at 4 PM. Rehearsal schedules, musical selections, and choir registration can be found online at csp.edu/reformation500. The Reformation 500 celebration is sponsored by the Minnesota North and Minnesota South Districts of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and Concordia University, St. Paul.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Creed – The First Article: Creation

Who are human beings?

Human beings are the most important visible creatures. God created Adam and Eve in His own image, with authority over all the earth.

Why do we say, "God has made me"?

God created the first man and woman, and God has created each one of us.

How did God first create life?

God created all living things, both plant and animal, by His Word alone, from nothing. He created humanity specially, from dust, then gave us His own breath as life.

What plan does God use for the reproduction of living things?

God created living things to reproduce "according to their kinds." Animals, plants, and people can reproduce only living things like themselves.