

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 29, 2015

### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 6:00PM Bierstube Bowling Youth Event  
Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle: Ezek. 3:16-21; Rom. 10:10-18; Jn. 1:35-42  
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:00PM Advent Midweek Service  
Acolyte: Brandon Schmitz  
7:45PM Choir  
Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Conference – Immanuel, Plainview  
Friday: 7:00PM Board of Elders  
Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent  
9:00AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion  
Acolyte: Tyler Ballman

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Brad Kolberg, Brian Smith  
Thursday - Joel Kassen  
Friday - Kristin Franks  
Saturday - Kelsey Reding, Jerry Stehr

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern, Catherine Smith (recovering from surgery), Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Wayne Dicke (recovering from a four-wheeler accident), and the family and friends of Linda Betcher (as they mourn her passing).

### GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Our congregation is again partnering with the Goodhue County Christmas Project to help provide gifts and food for three families during the Christmas season. A poster board is on display in the narthex with the items that are needed; simply remove the post-it note concerning the item you would like to buy and also write your name on the board so that you don't forget the item you have selected! If you would be so kind as to have your items back to church by December 13th, the Third Sunday in Advent, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please speak with Bobbi Langhans (385-8167).

### HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDER

Scrip makes a great Christmas gift and is also a neat way to gain a little extra money for the ministry of our congregation! If you would like to place an order for something particular for the holidays, please do so by December 6th. Delivery of your requests will take place by December 13th. If you have further questions about this program, speak with Bonnie Kassen.

### FIRST CHOICE BABY BOTTLES

Immanuel is again participating in the First Choice Clinic Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Please take a baby bottle and fill it with your change over the coming weeks. Please bring them back to church by Christmastime. If you would prefer to donate by writing a check, that is also acceptable. Just place your donation inside one of the baby bottles in the narthex. When you give to First Choice Clinic, you are helping to provide ultrasounds, pregnancy testing with options education, parenting and life-skills education, and material assistance to a woman in need.

Because of First Choice's faith-based, life-affirming foundation, the clinic does not offer, recommend, or refer for abortion or abortifacients.

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## **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERIES**

Immanuel, Hay Creek will feature an Advent Midweek Series this year entitled, Hark the Glad Sound! This series focuses on the biblical songs of God's people as they awaited the Savior. Each week we will learn about a song from Scripture that highlights an Advent activity that prepares us for Christ's coming among us as a baby in Bethlehem. Hymns in the series include "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry," "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord," "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" and "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns."

- **Week 1: The Song of Zechariah** (Luke 1:67-79): Zechariah's Song revealed that his newborn son will be a prophet, sent to prepare the way of the Lord, and the song serves as a melody of repentance for us.
- **Week 2: The Song of Mary** (Luke 1:46-55): Mary's Song declares that the Lord has remembered His promise with us through His Son, making this a melody of remembrance.
- **Week 3: The Song of the Angels** (Luke 2:8-14): The Song of the Angels announced with great joy the Good News of Christ's birth, and echoes through our lives today as a melody of rejoicing.

The first entry of "Hark the Glad Sound!" will be on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM.

## **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

A Christmas potluck sponsored by the Ladies Aid will be held directly following worship on Sunday, December 13th. Everyone is invited to attend and also bring a dish to pass!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Mark your calendars for the Sunday School Christmas program. Again this year it will be held on the Sunday before Christmas (December 20th). The program will begin at 6:30 PM and will be followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. Many thanks to Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter for serving again as coordinators.

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 6, 2015**

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

**"The Voice"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The voice of John the Baptist calls us to repent and trust in the Savior Who walked in our shoes.

(Luke 3:1-20)

## **CATECHISM REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD Of the Symbols of the Lutheran Church**

We accept as our confession all the symbols contained in the Book of Concord of the year 1580. -- The symbols of the Lutheran Church are not a rule of faith beyond, and supplementary to, Scripture, but a confession of the doctrines of Scripture over against those who deny these doctrines.

Since the Christian Church cannot make doctrines, but can and should simply profess the doctrine revealed in Holy Scripture, the doctrinal decisions of the symbols are binding upon the conscience not because they are the outcome of doctrinal controversies, but only because they are the doctrinal decisions of Holy Scripture itself.

Those desiring to be admitted into the public ministry of the Lutheran Church pledge themselves to teach according to the symbols not "in so far as," but "because," the symbols agree with Scripture. He who is unable to accept as Scriptural the doctrine set forth in the Lutheran symbols and their rejection of the corresponding errors must not be admitted into the ministry of the Lutheran Church.

The confessional obligation covers all doctrines, not only those that are treated ex professo, but also those that are merely introduced in support of other doctrines.

The obligation does not extend to historical questions, "purely exegetical questions," and other matters not belonging to the doctrinal content of the symbols. All doctrines of the Symbols are based on clear statements of Scripture.