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The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 18, 2012

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

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Monday:		St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus: 2 Sam. 7:4-16; Rom. 4:13-18; Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23
	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Lenten Midweek Worship
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:	7:30PM	Women's Bible Class
	7:30PM	Men's Bible Class
Friday:	7:00PM	Plainview Children's Musical
Saturday:	12:00PM	Youth Event: Tropics Waterpark
	2:00PM	Plainview Children's Musical
Next Sunday:		Fifth Sunday in Lent
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship
	4:00PM	Lenten Choral Vespers-Christ, Rochester
	6:15PM	Biotechnology Presentation-Rochester

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today	- Sue Domagala
Monday	- Matt Diercks
Tuesday	- Brian Augustin, Jennifer Carlson, Dan Langhans
Wednesday	- Marshall & Kari Benedict
Thursday	- Kevin Holm
Friday	- Karen Stemmann
Saturday	- Karlene Abell, Vera Carlson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Barbara Vieths, Janis Thomford, Willard Holst, and Cathy Hamilton (friend of Doug & Ruth Dankers).

Easter Lily Sign-Up

If you would like to order an Easter lily, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. The cost is \$10. Please make checks to Laurie Budensiek. Today is the deadline for sign-up and payment. Thanks.

Lenten Midweek Service

Everyone is invited to attend a forty-five minute service this Wednesday, March 21st. Pastor will continue his preaching series: "Psalms of Penitence and Passion." This week's focus will be on Psalm 34 and the theme is "No Broken Bones." We will discuss particularly Psalm 34:20 and observe the New Testament use of these words in John 19:36: "Not one of His bones will be broken." What does this have to do with Jesus being our Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7)? Hope you can make it!

March Youth Event

The plan is to take the youth of our congregation to the Shoreview Tropics Waterpark on March 24th. We will leave church at noon. Additional adult chaperones are also welcome to attend. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. You may bring friends from outside the congregation, but they need to be signed up for us to arrange appropriate transportation in advance. The cost for the event is \$8 per person. Please also bring additional money for use at the snack bar. Those desiring to bring bag lunches/snacks from home may do so.

Palm Sunday Brunch – April 1

New Horizons will be hosting a brunch following the service on Palm Sunday.

All members of the congregation are invited to participate. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for food items that you would be able to donate and for areas where help is needed.

New Horizons' members are also asked to bring 1½ dozen muffins, donuts, or sweet rolls and one bottle of pancake syrup.

Catechism Review

What does God require of us in the Fifth Commandment?

- A) We should help and support our neighbor in every bodily need.
- B) We should be merciful, kind, and forgiving towards our neighbor.
- C) We should assist our neighbor in avoiding the abuse of drugs and the use of any substance that harms the body and the mind.

Life Quotes

March 18 “A woman who faces the reality of her abortion is in need of someone else whom God has named. That person is you. It is me. We are friends. Comforters. Encouragers. We are imitators of the Good Shepherd who walks beside the heavy-hearted through a dark valley toward ‘goodness and mercy.’ A mother who mourns the loss of her child needs a Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18).” *Linda D. Bartlett*, www.titus2-4life.org – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, March 25

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

”He Knew”

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

Would you want to know how and when you will die? Jesus willingly faced the cross for us so that we can live—and die—with confidence and faith. (Mark 10:32-34)

Lenten Choral Vespers with Rev. Dr. James Lamb

Christ Lutheran Church of Rochester will host a Lenten Choral Vespers service at 4 PM on Sunday, March 25th. The Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, the Rev. Dr. James Lamb, will preach. Instrumental music, hymns, and choral anthems will also be featured. A reception will follow the service, hosted by Christ Lutheran Youth. At 6:15 PM, Rev. Lamb will lead a brief, hour-long presentation entitled “Biotechnology 101 – A Primer for Christians.” His presentation will tackle the issues of stem cell research and cloning. The event is sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church and the Rochester area chapter of Lutherans for Life. Christ Lutheran Church of Rochester is located at 2904 20th Street SE, on the corner of Marion Road and 20th Street. Please call 507-289-0271 for more information.

Children’s Musical

Immanuel Lutheran School of Plainview invites you to their children’s musical program, “The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit.” It is the story of David and Goliath. Students from preschool up to eighth grade will participate in this musical. It will be held in Immanuel’s Christian Life Center on Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM and also on Saturday, March 24th at 2:00 PM. A free-will offering will be taken.