

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – St. John's, Hammond
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday After the Epiphany
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Baptism of Katelyn Ballman

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday - Dale Banitt, Merle Dargus
Tuesday - Nathan Arndt, Boe Scheele
Wednesday - Leonard Dicke
Thursday - Jackson Turner
Saturday - Roger Pohlman

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Skip Baker (thanksgiving for healing received), Marilyn Kromminga, Pastor Sorenson, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans, Dennis Dankers and Myron Alms (recovering from surgery).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, February 9, 2014

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

"You're Still in the Game"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

No matter what, you're still in the game and have a purpose in God's Kingdom. (Matthew 5:14-20)

LIFE QUOTE

February 2 "What we see as a burden, God sees as an opportunity for service. To shortchange a life that we determine as a burden is to shortchange opportunities for the love of God to be manifest in others." *Evan S. McClanahan, pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

PRO-LIFE PETITION

A pro-life petition has been placed in the narthex for those who would like to sign. This petition will be directed to U.S. Senators concerning the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This legislation seeks to protect unborn children from painful abortions, beginning at 20 weeks of fetal age (about the beginning of the sixth month). By that point, if not earlier, the unborn child can experience excruciating pain while being dismembered or subjected to other brutal late abortion methods.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER

Janice Kassen-Rehder has served as our church historian for a number of years now. She has decided to give someone else the opportunity to serve in this position. The job entails preserving pictures, special bulletins, and news clippings in a scrapbook. This would be a great job for someone who enjoys stamping or scrapbooking or other similar artistic projects. Janice would welcome the opportunity to explain the job in greater detail. If interested in exploring this fun position, please speak with Pastor or one of the elders at your convenience. (over)

ITEMS TO SAVE

Saving items you normally throw away can turn into money! It has been awhile since I've reminded the congregation about the items we collect here that earns money for our congregation and for St. John's Lutheran School in Red Wing. Immanuel earns money by saving the following items: Our Family UPC codes (5 cents each), Econofoods receipts (1% return), old cell phones and computer inkjet cartridges (amount varies); Milk Moola from Kwik Trip (5 cents per cap or label from bag milk). St. John's is able to use the following: Box Tops for Education (10 cents per box top); Campbell's Soup UPC codes (redeem for merchandise); Kemps & Land O Lakes milk caps (5 cents each). Please support Immanuel and St. John's by dropping off your sorted items in the designated bins in the entry way.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Nature of Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

Which is that Word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

What does the word "baptize" mean?

"Baptize" means to apply water by immersing, washing, pouring, and the like.

Note: To baptize with the Holy Spirit means to pour out the Spirit (Pentecost).

YOUTH SKI TRIP

Let's try again! Pastor has scheduled a Welch Village Ski Trip for the youth group on the 22nd of February. The plan is to leave from church at 1:00 PM. If we can get at least ten people together, our price will be \$23 for a lift ticket and \$15 for a rental package. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to attend. Additional adult chaperones are always welcome to participate! When you sign up, please mark whether or not you will need rental equipment. Please note: Any young children (4th grade and under) who attend will need a parent or guardian to ski with them.

CHURCH OFFICER INSTALLATION

The installation of newly elected church officers will take place during the worship service on February 23rd.

Officers in the midst of their current terms may also come forward during the installation to rededicate their commitments to the Lord and His Church. If you know you will not be able to attend, please tell Pastor at your earliest convenience. The following people were elected to positions this past Tuesday night:

President: Don Kliwer

Vice-President: Craig Duden

Secretary: Dawn Laffey

Treasurer: Brad Kolberg

Home Financial Secretary: Lana Horn

Mission Financial Secretary: Carol Dicke

Home Counter: Judy Diercks

Mission Counter: Gail Dicke

Board of Elders: Joel Kassen

Board of Education: Robert Augustin

Board of Trustees: Kevin Ballman

Cemetery Board: Greg Germann