

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 25, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 3:00PM Circuit Forum
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – Trinity, Elgin
7:00PM Women's Bible Class
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion
9:00AM-1:00PM Goodhue Lion's Spring Brunch, Goodhue Community Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Kevin Hoffman
Friday - Luke Augustin
Saturday - Rosemary Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Burnetta Dicke, and Dan Kerns (recovering from surgery).

?? QUESTIONS FOR LENT ??

Each week of Lent, Pastor will address specific questions that have been submitted to him for consideration. This week's questions concern the Last Judgment: "When does Judgment occur, at death or on Judgment Day? How will Jesus separate believers from unbelievers, from the text 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18? Is the Judgment a listing of all the wrongs an individual has done during their lifetime? Will this be public to all in heaven? Should I expect my personal failings to be made known to all in heaven? Will Christ's Judgment include giving rewards other than being with God in paradise forever? Lenten midweek services are being held on the Wednesdays of Lent up until the week of Palm Sunday (Holy Week). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Second Article: Redemption

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Why do you close this article with the words, "This is most certainly true?"

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UPDATING THE USHER LIST

The elders are requesting everyone's assistance in updating the usher list. A list of current ushers has been placed on a table in the narthex. If you want to continue to be on the usher list, you don't need to do anything. However, if you are currently on that list and would prefer not to be scheduled to usher, please cross off your name from the list. If you are not currently on the list and would like to usher, please add your name at the bottom of the sheet. Traditionally, serving as an usher has been a job for the men of the congregation while the women serve in the care of communion ware and supplies. However, we have had a few ladies help in the past. Confirmed members of the congregation who would like to help usher are encouraged to sign-up.

REVISING THE LIST OF VOTERS

If you joined the Voters' Assembly in the past and are no longer interested in being on that list, please speak with Pastor or one of the elders (Jim Dicke, Dale Dicke, or Joel Kassen) at your convenience. We realize that life is hectic. Please understand that you may always rejoin the Voters' Assembly by coming to a meeting and signing up again! Also, if you are getting up in years (65+) and would like to become an honorary voter (always able to vote, but not counted towards quorum for the purpose of establishing a legitimate meeting), you may certainly elect that option. Thank you!

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

Eligible Thrivent Financial members with Choice Dollars available have until **March 29** (last working day) to direct them before they **expire**. Help support our congregation or another organization of your choice. Direct Choice Dollars now! Go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or, call **800-847-4836** and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. The Member Connection Center is open until 6 PM Central Time, Monday through Friday. Thank you!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 4, 2018

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

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

"When God's Darkness Surrounds You "

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

When times are darkest, God wants you to know how close He really is. It's in those threatening times that you can especially learn and live in His love. (Exodus 20:1-17)

LENTEN PROJECT: PERSONAL CARE KITS

Our congregation will partner with Lutheran World Relief to collect Personal Care Kits for people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap! Here's how it works. Every week of Lent, bring in an item to donate to a personal care kit. Each week will feature a specific item, but you may collect them all at once, if you wish. If you plan on participating, please don't just pick and choose certain items, because we then end up with mismatched kits that cannot be used. Pastor Sorenson still has a church closet full of extra toothbrushes from last time we did this project! Here is the schedule and items:

By February 25: one bath towel (dark recommended, min. size 20" x 40" - max. size 52" x 27")

By March 4: two bars of soap, regular sized (must be in original boxes)

By March 11: one adult size toothbrush (must be in original packaging)

March 18: one sturdy comb

March 25: one nail-clipper

No items with patriotic symbols, flags, or camouflage will be accepted. Used items will be thrown away. If you have additional questions, please speak with Pastor Sorenson.

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