

ANNOUNCEMENTS – AUGUST 27, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 10:30AM Brief Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday: Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist: Rev. 6:9-11; Rom. 6:1-5;
Mark 6:14-29
Next Sunday: The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Walter Banitt, Tally Stehr, Caden Stumpf
Monday - Neil Stemmann, Nick & Katie Kurtti
Tuesday - Zach Laffey
Wednesday - Cheyenne Meyer, Jacob Diercks, Dan & Pat Banitt
Thursday - Lauren Dargus
Saturday - Ava Stumpf

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), Lois Klair (recovering from surgery on a broken hip), and former member Kelli Boles/Schmitz (facing terminal cancer).

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

In preparing the final specs for the LULA elevator, it was learned that it would not serve all our purposes. Specifically, we would not be able to transport tables. Following additional research, the Properties Committee is now recommending the installation of a platform lift instead of the LULA elevator. The platform lift will meet all building code requirements, as well as all of our identified needs, at about 1/2 of the cost of the LULA. Additionally, the platform lift will not require the installation of a fire alarm system and therefore will not require the ongoing cost of monitoring a fire alarm system. While not as sophisticated as an elevator, we believe the platform lift certainly will meet our needs now and in the future. The Properties Committee is asking for voter approval of this change.

CATECHISM REVIEW

What is the Christian's proper response to theories of evolution regarding the beginning of life on earth?

By faith Christians believe what the Word of God teaches about creation. Evolutionary theories are not scientifically verifiable.

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.

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LIFE QUOTE

August 27 "I know of obstetricians who have been doing abortions for many years who have broken down saying they cannot carry on any more. Despite all attempts at emotional neutrality, the heart does not work that way when you get a baby in front of you that colleagues on another floor of the same building would be trying to keep alive. [It is] extremely upsetting ... for the doctors." *Dr. Trevor Stammers, formerly a senior lecturer in general practice at St George's University Hospital, London – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

UPDATE ON OUR "JUNK" COLLECTION

It has been a while since there has been an update about what items members may save to provide some cash for our church and for St. John's Lutheran School. There are bins on a table near the Scrip table where you may place the following items.

- * Econofoods receipts
- * Milk Moola caps or bag tops (Kwik Trip Milk)
- * Kemps Milk Caps
- * Land O' Lakes Milk Caps
- * Our Family UPC codes (cut from any Our Family Brand item)
- * Campbell's Labels for Learning UPC codes
- * Used ink jet cartridges (There is a list in the collection box identifying those that are collected. This list has really diminished, so please check it out before bringing your cartridges as many are no longer accepted.)

We are no longer able to use the following items:

- * Cell Phones
- * Old Portals of Prayer (current ones may be sent to the prison ministry, but they do not want old ones)
- * Any milk caps that have no label on them

"LET LIFE SHINE" - FIRST CHOICE CLINIC FALL BANQUET

All adults are invited to First Choice Clinic's 11th Annual Fall Banquet. This year there are two options: a lunch program or a dinner program, both being held on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

The lunch program begins with a meal served at noon (doors open at 11:30 AM). The dinner program begins at 6:30 PM (with doors opening at 6:00 PM). The event will be held at Cornerstone Community Church in the 2nd Floor Banquet Hall. There is no charge to attend or enjoy the meal, but reservations are required. And you will be given an opportunity to support the work of First Choice Clinic. This year's speaker is Henry Jernigan. Henry will share how he and his wife chose life for their child even when they were told he would be born with Spina Bifida. As Mr. Jernigan puts it, "If we had ended Pierce's life through abortion - not only would we have denied God the opportunity to fulfill His purpose for Pierce - but our own lives as well. His life and story thus far is quite simply to illustrate that God has a plan and purpose for our lives."

Reservations need to be received by September 8th. If you would like to sit at the Immanuel table at the evening banquet, please sign up on the bulletin board.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 3, 2017

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

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

"Finding Life in Jesus' Steps"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps. (Matthew 16:24-25)