

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 20, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 6:30PM Sunday School Christmas Program
Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle: Judges 6:36-40; Eph. 4:7, 11-16; John 20:24-29
Wednesday: No Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: **Christmas Eve**
4:00PM Worship Service
Acolyte: Jada Scheele
Friday: **Christmas Day**
10:00AM Worship Service
Acolyte: William Langhans
Saturday: No Stampin' With the Spirit This Month
St. Stephen, Martyr: 2 Chron. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60; Matt. 23:34-39
Next Sunday: First Sunday After Christmas
No Sunday School or Bible Class
9:30AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship
Acolyte: Caitlyn Von Bargaen

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Linda Rehder
Monday - Tyler Ballman, Carol Koester
Tuesday - Anika Rortvedt
Thursday - Carol Dicke
Saturday - Mary Jo Arndt, Katelyn Ballman, Brandon Schmitz, Tristan Von Bargaen

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern, Catherine Smith (recovering from surgery), and Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - TONIGHT

Our 2015 Sunday School program will begin at 6:30 PM this evening. Refreshments will follow the program in the fellowship hall. Many thanks to Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter for serving again as coordinators! Come out tonight and support our Sunday School students, teachers, and families!

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your offering envelopes for 2016, please do so at your earliest convenience. The remaining envelopes are on the table in the narthex.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Concordia Lutheran Church will again feature a free Christmas dinner with all the trimmings to be served on Christmas Day from noon to 1:30 PM. For a ride to the church or for home delivery of the meal, please call the church at 388-5447 or Carole Steffenhagen at 388-4361. Everyone is welcome! This is a Thrivent sponsored event.

BAPTISM YESTERDAY

A private baptism was held yesterday for Blake Allen Janski. Blake is the son of Tricia Callstrom and Mark Janski. Karen Janski, Linda Kuyath, and Chad Callstrom serve as sponsors. Blake was physically born on December 1st of this year and was spiritually reborn on December 19th. What a blessing from God! We thank Him for His adopting grace!

MILITARY DOOR OFFERING

Last Sunday's collection for the military members of our congregation totaled \$959!! Each military member will receive a check in the amount of \$195 as a Christmas present from the Immanuel congregation. Thank you to everyone who donated!

CATECHISM REVIEW: THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 27, 2015

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

"No Regrets"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Jesus invites you to leave your burden of regret at the foot of His cross. (1 Timothy 1:16)

LIFE QUOTE

December 20 "I encourage you to look upon the little hands [of baby Jesus] and remember they will be pierced to save you. See His beautiful brow and recall how it will be crowned with thorns. Listen to His first cry and hear that cry echo, 33 years later, upon Calvary's cross as He proclaims our salvation is finished." *Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus on "The Lutheran Hour" – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*