

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 9, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 6:30PM First Choice Clinic Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15PM Lenten Midweek Worship
8:00PM Choir
Thursday: 7:30PM Women's Bible Class
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
2:00PM Plaza Service
Next Sunday: The Second Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Barb Augustin, Fred Stumpf
Monday - Sarah Dargus
Tuesday - Megan Bartel, Nathan Voth
Saturday - Janice Kassen-Rehder

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans, Dennis Dankers, Hermann von Knobelsdorff (fighting pancreatic cancer), and Harry Oelkers (recovering from broken ribs).

LIFE QUOTE

March 9 "Like other bonds—friendship, relationships between siblings, parents and children—marriage involves a union of hearts and minds ... it's all-encompassingness refers to its distinctive feature, that is, in addition to being a union of hearts and minds, it's a bodily union, where the bodily union is made possible and intelligible by the sexual reproductive complimentary-ness of man and woman ... an all-encompassing union ... that is pledged to permanence and to sexuality fidelity, that which strengthens marriages when respected. Marriage unites husband and wife holistically." *Dr. Robert George, is McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University and director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Congratulations to Pastor Sorenson who has been accepted by the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary for the Doctor of Ministry Program (D.Min.). Pastor has begun this year's reading list of no less than 3,500 pages pertaining to St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. The Voters of Immanuel, Hay Creek approved Pastor's participation in this program at the annual meeting held in January. This year's residency period in Dubuque, Iowa will be from May 18th to May 30th. Please pray for Pastor as he begins work on the doctorate and continues to serve the Hay Creek congregation.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 16, 2014

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

"Re-Born Free"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Satan tempts us to adopt his flawed idea of God's design for our lives. (Matthew 4:1-11)

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FORTY DAYS OF LENT - BASKETS OF PROMISE

This Lenten season, our congregation's journey can be the beginning of a better future for communities in need around the world. Through a program implemented by Lutheran World Relief, congregations are asked to collect and assemble Personal Care Kits and help provide basic sanitation and hygiene for families coping with some of life's most difficult situations. In places like the Philippines, where Typhoon Haiyan destroyed entire communities, Personal Care Kits allow families who have lost their belongings to stay healthy and clean and preserve personal dignity. Each of the Sundays of Lent you are asked to bring specific items for our collection. If you would prefer, you may also collect all of these at one time and bring them to church. Here is our collection schedule week by week:

March 9 - Bars of Soap (Any brand in original wrapping)

March 16 - Bath Towel (light weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)

March 23 - Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

March 30 - Combs

April 6 - Nail Clippers (Metal, with attached file option)

April 13 - Bars of Soap

LIFETOUCH PICTURE DIRECTORY PROJECT

The photography dates for our new picture directory are April 30th (Wednesday) through May 3rd (Saturday). We want to have everyone included in the new directory! Please sign-up at your convenience in the narthex. An additional sheet has also been posted for those who would like to serve as hosts/hostesses; they will help check people in on the days that the pictures are taken. It would be great if we could get at least two people to volunteer for each four hour slot. Thanks for your help in making this project a success!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Any outstanding baby bottles for First Choice Clinic should be returned to church by March 23rd. If you are still interested in giving a donation to our pro-life pregnancy clinic in Red Wing, just make out a check to First Choice Clinic and place it in one of the empty baby bottles in the entryway. Furthermore, Pastor Sorenson still has Papa Murphy's coupons available if you would like to purchase some. For \$10 spent, you get coupons worth over \$25 in fresh pizza!

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism

What great and precious things are given in Baptism?

Baptism A) works forgiveness of sins; B) rescues from death and the devil;

C) gives eternal salvation.

If Christ has already won forgiveness and salvation for us and gives us all this by grace alone, why do we still need Baptism?

Christ has indeed won full forgiveness and salvation for the whole human race with His perfect life, suffering, death, and resurrection. He distributes this same forgiveness in Baptism. (Baptism is a means of grace.)

To whom does Baptism give all these blessings?

Baptism gives these blessings to all who believe God's saving promises.