

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 26, 2014

### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 7:30PM Annual Voters' Meeting  
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:30PM Choir  
Thursday: 7:30PM Women's Bible Study  
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session  
Next Sunday: The Presentation of Our Lord  
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion  
Acolyte: Cody Callstrom

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - David Banitt  
Monday - Vanessa Frazier  
Tuesday - Chuck Bremer  
Wednesday - Kristin Budensiek  
Thursday - Bonnie Kassen  
Friday - Cody Callstrom  
Saturday - Kim Burns, Robert Schultz

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Skip Baker, Marilyn Kromminga, Pastor Sorenson, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans and Dennis Dankers.

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, February 2, 2014**

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

**"Jesus Gets It"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus understands your pain and has a heart of mercy for your hurt. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

### **LIFE QUOTE**

**January 26** "Pro-life parents should never compromise on the truth, but we should never neglect compassion, either. I believe it is very important to bring our children along and involve them in pro-life work. In the end, if pro-life parents are truthful, passionate, creative, caring, prayerful, and active, I believe we will go a long way in leading our children to life." *Kristi Burton Brown, stay-at-home mom and pro-life attorney (volunteering for Life Legal Defense Foundation and also as an allied attorney for Alliance Defending Freedom)* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://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.

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## ANNUAL MEETING AND AGENDA

The Annual Meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held this Tuesday, January 28th, at 7:30 PM. If you are at least 18 years of age and wish to join the Voters' Assembly, please come to the meeting, sign the constitution, and begin serving your congregation in this important capacity. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Opening Devotion
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Acceptance of Minutes
- 4) Reception of New Voting Members
- 5) Reports: Pastor/Elders, Treasurer, Trustees, Scrip Report, Cemetery Board, Other
- 6) Old Business: Church Painting
- 7) New Business: Election of Officers, Congregational Fund Interest Disbursement, District Pledge, Scrip Fund Disbursement, Russian Mission Support, Funding for Hmong Mission in St. Paul, Endowment Matters, Potential Upcoming Projects, Lenten Offering Disbursement, Teacherage Rental, Salaries (Janitors, Organist, Choir Director, Treasurer, Pastor), Continuing Education for Pastor. Appointments and Other Matters.
- 8) Adjournment with Prayer

## Slate of Officers To Be Approved or Modified

President: Don Kliever	Home Counter: Pam Holst
Vice-President: Craig Duden	Mission Counter: Gail Dicke
Secretary: Dawn Laffey	Board of Elders: Joel Kassen
Treasurer: Brad Kolberg	Board of Education: Robert Augustin
Home Financial Secretary: Lana Horn	Board of Trustees: Kevin Ballman
Mission Financial Secretary: Carol Dicke	Cemetery Board: Greg Germann

## 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.

## CATECHISM REVIEW

### *What is a Sacrament?*

A Sacrament is a sacred act

- A) instituted by God
- B) in which God Himself has joined His Word of promise to a visible element,
- C) and by which He offers, gives, and seals the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ.

### *How many Sacraments are there?*

By this definition there are two Sacraments: Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Note: Sometimes Holy Absolution is counted as a third Sacrament, even though it has no divinely instituted visible element (Large Catechism IV:74; Apology XIII:4).

### *Why are we to treasure the Sacraments, when water, bread, and wine are such common elements?*

"The Sacraments and all the external things ordained and instituted by God should be regarded not according to the gross, external mask (as we see the shell of a nut) but as that in which God's Word is enclosed" (Large Catechism IV:19).