

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 8, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00AM Christmas Mentorship/Congregational Potluck
Tuesday: 7:30PM Board of Elders
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship #2
7:45PM Choir
Friday: 10:00AM KWNG Recording Session
10:30AM St. Crispin's Chapel
12:00PM-6:00PM Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday: 9:00-10:00AM Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
Sara Sorenson – Baccalaureate and Graduation at Concordia, Mequon
Next Sunday: The Third Sunday in Advent
Goodhue County Christmas Project Donations Due
9:00AM Sunday School/Bible Class/Christmas Program Practice
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion
4:00PM Red Wing Singers Concert at Christ, Episcopal

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Bob & Mary Langhans
Tuesday - Jerry Holm
Saturday - Lily Germann-Hutter

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Bob Langhans, Pat Banitt, Phillip Sorenson, Dustin Stumpf, Heather Baune (in thanksgiving for her stabilized condition), Gerald Dicke, Burnetta Dicke, Keith Holst (diagnosed with aggressive pancreatic cancer), and the family and friends of John Rehder, brother of Mike Rehder, as they mourn his passing.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH COLLECTION

The Sunday Morning High School Group is collecting items for the needy and downtrodden. A box in the narthex will be used to gather items like toiletries and winter clothing. Toiletries should be new; clothing for winter may be new or in gently used condition. Suggestions for needed items are: little flashlights, socks, foot powder, hats, gloves, long johns, blankets, hand & foot warmers, small can opener, personal care/hygiene items, Ziploc bags, drawstring bags. Monetary donations also accepted. If you have questions about the collection, please speak with Nikki Scheele.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS/PARTICIPANTS

Immanuel Hay Creek will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, December 13, from noon until 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the narthex for people willing to give blood and also for people who want to volunteer. We need volunteers for helping with setup (one hour before event) and clean up (for one hour after the event). We also need people to help greet donors and assist in the refreshment area. These volunteer times are in two-hour blocks. You may sign up for as many as you desire. Those wanting to give blood may register on paper here at church or register online at redcrossblood.org. To cut down on time, you may also go to RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass and fill out your pre-donation form. You don't need to have an appointment to walk in and give, but you will probably end up spending more time at church if you go that route.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held during the worship time on Sunday, December 22nd at 10:00 AM. Invite family and friends to join us as we celebrate Christmas with our children!

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek services will again be conducted during the season of Advent. From the book of Isaiah, we will consider the importance of God's **PLACE** (December 4), God's **PERSON** (December 11), and God's **Presence** (December 18). Services are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

All donations for the Goodhue County Christmas Project are due next Sunday, December 15th! Please bring your items to church and place under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. Gift cards should be given to Bobbi Langhans or Pastor Sorenson so that these don't get misplaced.

SARA SORENSON RECITAL

Sara Sorenson will provide a recital of Advent organ music at 12:15 PM on Wednesday, December 18th at the First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing. Everyone is welcome!

CHURCH HISTORY (continued from last week)

Pioneer Tales of Uncle Chris and the Homestead Days

--contributed by Marvin Mehrkens

Uncle Chris did many things for which he got little or no credit. For example, not only did he "break the ice" for our Voth family in North Dakota, but for the many others who later came into his homestead area there.

One remarkable feat that few know about was the time when Chris and (his brother) John walked on foot through soft snow from Velva to Greatstone in the month of March. This was a distance of some 40 miles, and they didn't even have a lunch with them. No one lived along the way, and no one lived at Greatstone, their destination! The next time Chris went to look at his homestead claim was in summer, and he traveled from Washburn with horse and buggy. He tied the horse to a stone with a long rope and went to sleep under the buggy. When he awoke the next morning, the horse was gone!

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." [Romans 6:4]

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 15, 2019

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis / 6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Love Is Enough"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Loved and Sent Series - God shows us a different kind of love. It's love for the world that is not of this world, love that is focused outward, love that gives without requiring anything in return. (Matthew 22:35-40)