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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2010

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson

7:00PM Board of Elders

Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation

5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir

Thursday: CILS Parent Transport Day

8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson 9:15AM CILS Music with Pastor Sorenson

7:30PM Women's Bible Study

Friday: CILS Valentine's Party/Grandparents' Day

Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship

7:30PM Nybo's Family Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Meghan Diercks
Thursday - Paul Reding
Saturday - Marion Kolberg

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Philip Sorenson, Dave Dicke, Jenny Bauer, Sara (Voth) Kroll, Lori Ramig (friend of Pastor and Sara), and Elle Goranson (recovering from surgery).

Catechism Review

<u>The Lord's Prayer: The Conclusion</u>: "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" - Sunday, February 14

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

"A Faithful Savior"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

In the midst of life's disappointments, both large and small, we might overlook God's love and the price Christ paid to redeem us. (Hebrews 3:1-2)

Life Quote – February 7

"It may not always be true in the sports world, but for the Christian, 'chastity' and 'champion' do go together. God makes us champions through Jesus Christ. Champions can make good decisions that honor God. Champions can make good decisions that honor others. Champions can be a positive influence and bring change within the Church and into society. Chastity! It is the choice of champions." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life.* "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life. www.lutheransforlife.org

Haiti Relief

"The unfolding drama in Haiti calls for unlimited mercy on the part of the people of the LCMS. The needs are urgent and overwhelming right now," said Glenn F. Merritt, director of Disaster Response. "I appeal to God's people to respond as generously as possible during this most difficult time." To donate, please mail your checks marked "Haiti Earthquake Relief" to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. You may also call 1-888-930-4438 to make a donation by phone.

CILS News

All members of Immanuel are invited to join the CILS family on Thursday, February 25th from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM for an open house, curriculum fair, and scholastic book fair! If you have school age children, this night would be a great time to come and check out our school for the 2010-2011 year. Bring your family and friends. The scholastic book fair is open to anyone who would like to purchase books! There will be books for kindergartners through eighth grade. There will also be a Christian section! The book fair will also be open on Sunday, February 21st from 8:30 to 9:30 and from 10:30 to 11:00. You will also have an opportunity on February 24th from 1:45 to 4:00 and from 5:30 to 7:00. Thanks for your participation and support!

February Ladies Aid

For this month's meeting, participants are asked to bring a wrapped sweet treat valued at one dollar or less. Along with this, bring an unsigned Valentine and include with it a three or four line description of yourself. The person who receives your Valentine will have to try to guess which person is being described. If you have questions, please speak with LaVonne Schafer.

Lenten Midweek Series

Lenten Midweek Services will begin on Ash Wednesday - February 17th at 7:30 PM. This year's series is entitled: "Seven Words from the Cross." It is based on the Septem Verba, the seven sayings of Jesus as He suffered on the cross. The dates, themes and texts are as follows:

February 17 (Ash Wednesday): "A Word of Forgiveness" Lk. 23:34

February 24: "A Word of Eternal Life" Lk. 23:43

March 3: "A Word of Care" Jn. 19:26-27 March 10: "A Word of Shame" Jn. 19:28

March 17: "A Word of Abandonment" Mt. 27:46

March 24: "A Word of Completion" Jn. 19:30

April 2 (Good Friday): "A Word of Trust" Lk. 23:46

MCCL Petition

This is the last week to sign the MCCL petition concerning saline abortion. You can make a difference. You can speak for those whose voices are not being heard. God bless.