

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 9, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00AM Mentorship Event: Lunch and Gift Exchange
Tuesday: 7:30PM Board of Elders
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Friday: 10:00AM KWNG Recording Session
10:30AM St. Crispin's Chapel
2:00PM Plaza Service
Saturday: 9AM-11AM Sunday School Christmas Program Practice and Cookie Making
Next Sunday: The Third Sunday in Advent
Christmas Project Gifts Due Today
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion
6:00PM Sunday School Christmas Program
(children arrive by 5:30 PM)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Bob & Mary Langhans
Monday - Jerry Holm
Friday - Lilian Germann-Hutter

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Walter Banitt, Phillip Sorenson Roy & Jane Krueger, and Raymond "Swede" Theobald.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST - CANCELLED

Due to scheduling conflicts and projected absences, the Mens' Bible Breakfast has been cancelled for this week. We will resume our topics in January.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Advent midweek worship services are being held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. This year's theme is: **The Women of Advent**. The focus last week was on Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist and relative of Mary. This week we will consider Mary, the mother of Jesus. Come join us for a short, devotional service!

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

With only a week left before donations are due, we still have a number of unclaimed requests on the poster for the Christmas project. Won't you please help a needy child this Christmas? Just sign your name to the item you are willing to purchase and then have the gifts under the tree by next Sunday. Reminder: If you do wrap your item, which is not necessary, please put a post-it note on the package so that we know what's inside. If you don't, the item will need to be unwrapped before delivery. Thank you all for your generosity.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas program will be held at 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 16. One more Saturday rehearsal will be held on December 15th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The second half of that time will be spent making cookies to serve as refreshments following the program.

FOAM FOR NEW CHURCH CHIMES

Chimes or handbells rest on foam squares during the worship service when they are not in use. Sara Sorenson is looking for someone who would be willing to help get pieces of foam cut to a specific table size for this purpose. If you are interested in helping out, please see Sara at your convenience.

REQUEST FROM THE RED WING HEALTH CENTER

The Red Wing Health Center called during this last week to request help giving their residents small Christmas gifts: candy bars, socks, etc. If you would like to donate small items of this nature, please place them in the box in the narthex designated for this purpose. The Health Center was going to call all the churches in Red Wing for help. Pastor Sorenson informed them that this is late notice and that we are already doing the Goodhue County Christmas Project. Pastor made no guarantees about what could be collected in such a short time; he will simply bring whatever comes in to the Health Center.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 9, 2018

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis

6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"In Anxious Times - Rejoice! "

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. With anxiety on the rise, the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice always" seems all but unobtainable. While there are many helpful ways to cope with society's increasing anxiety, Paul points us to a frequently overlooked source of joy and peace, God's grace in Christ. (Philippians 4:4-7)

CHURCH HISTORY

For 1871, Immanuel records have fifteen funerals listed. Margaretha Hinrichs Bremer (born in Ozensee, Hanover, Germany) died as a result of difficult child delivery and was buried together with her stillborn child. She was in her early thirties. She was survived by her husband, Peter Bremer, sons Peter - 9, Henry -7, Diedrich - 5, and Johan - 3. She was the daughter of Engel Augustine and Hein Hinrichs; both preceded her in death (Germany). Margaretha's twin brother died three years later and is buried at Immanuel. Her sister, Engel Reese, died five years after Margaretha and is also buried at Immanuel. The eldest of the four siblings lived a long life before passing away in Winona.

Margaretha Paulig was almost eight years old when she died from an "injury on [the] head from a blow from a horse." Berthold Augustin, age 40 (born in Ozensee, Hanover, Germany) died on April 13, 1871. On March 30, he had been kicked in the stomach by a horse. An infection developed internally. A 21-year old died of diphtheria. There were two more stillborns and the remainder of the deaths were children. Did you know? Cows kill 22 people annually in the U.S., horses kill 20, deer kill 130 and sharks kill 1.

LIFE QUOTE

December 9 "The very best light show comes from the smile on the Baby's face in the manger. He is smiling because He likes you and has come to rescue you. 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12 NIV)." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction

What do the words, "who art in heaven" say about God?

These words assure us that our heavenly Father, as Lord over all, has the power to grant our prayers.