

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: Labor Day  
Tuesday: 9:00AM Circuit Conference at Hay Creek  
Thursday: 7:00PM Women's Bible Study  
Friday: 2:00PM Plaza Chapel  
Next Sunday: The 16th Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Leslie Germann-Hutter, Becky Von Bargen, Don & Judy Kliewer  
Monday - Dan Banitt, Catherine Smith, Lucas Stumpf, Kevin & Vicky Hoffman  
Tuesday - Jordan Taylor  
Thursday - Todd Burns  
Saturday - Adam & Melissa Dicke, Jerry & Denise Holm

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Leonard Dicke, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern (lung cancer), Jomar Dicke (lung cancer), Neil Stemmann (recovering from surgery), and Colleen Kahn.

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 13, 2015**

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

**"There is Something More"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God has something more in store for all who put their faith in Him. (Isaiah 50:4-10)

### **MENTORSHIP MINISTRY UPDATE**

There are 5 boys in grades 7 & 8 grade confirmation this year. We are still in need of a mentor(s) for one of the boys. It is perfectly acceptable to share a confirmand between two individuals or two couples. Although it would be nice if you could attend each planned event, it is understandable that there will be conflicts at times. PLEASE don't let that deter you from making a difference in the lives of our youth! I am asking you to prayerfully consider your involvement in this very important ministry effort. For more information, please talk to Bonnie Kassen.

### **ANY INTEREST IN A MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST?**

Pastor Sorenson is wondering if any guys from the congregation would like to meet informally once or twice a month in the morning at a restaurant for an informal topic study of some sort. For example, we could read a chapter of a book beforehand and then discuss it over the meal. It would be very low key and fellowship-oriented. If interested, please talk to Pastor Sorenson or include your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and Pastor will give you a call.

### **BIBLE STUDY ON THE IMPRECATORY PSALMS**

Pastor Sorenson's doctoral project for this year is based on the Imprecatory Psalms - that is, Psalms in which David or the other inspired authors curse their enemies. How do we understand these prayers from God's Word? How can we use them even today? Join us for several weeks of study on this interesting subject. After that time, we will return to our study of the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation. All are welcome to participate in the Sunday Morning Bible Class which resumes on September 13th at 9:00 AM.

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## SCRIP NEWS

There are new retailers in the Scrip Box (in addition to the more than 50 retailers I've carried for years!). Now here and ready for purchase are the following: Oriental Trading Company, Famous Footwear; Groupon, Restaurant.com, Buffalo Wild Wings, DQ, Great Harvest Bread Co. & Papa Murphy's. Check out the box and see the options you have for helping the Scrip program become more profitable. Remember: You pay face value for the gift cards, but Immanuel buys them at a reduced rate; thereby creating a profit for our church. Local businesses participating on their own include Econofoods, Liberty's and Perkins. Over the years, Scrip profits have been used to purchase new kitchen cookware and utensils, a new refrigerator, a new stand for the candle snuffers, picture restoration and more! **Shop Now and be a part of the success!!**

## FIRST CHOICE CLINIC FALL BANQUET

Pastor Sorenson would like to fill a table with Hay Creek people at First Choice Clinic's Fall Banquet. The event is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 PM. The meal and presentation will be at the Banquet Hall of Cornerstone Community Church (420 West Third Street, Red Wing). There is no charge to attend or to participate in the meal, but reservations are required. Due to the subject matter, this banquet is for adults only! You will be given an opportunity to financially support FCC at the event, if you so desire. The keynote speaker this year is Melissa Ohden. She will share a powerful personal story. Melissa is a survivor of an attempted saline abortion. Her biological family tried to abort her in 1977. She survived and was born at approximately 7 months gestation. Melissa's life story is about the beauty of God's grace in our lives, about the power of love, about the hope for joy and healing in the midst of grief and loss, and the transformational power of forgiveness. Fulfilling the purpose that she believes God set out for her when He saved her from the abortion attempt, Melissa is truly a voice for the voiceless. A sign-up sheet has been provided on the bulletin board for those who would be willing to attend this powerful event with Pastor and Sara.

## REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Of the Church (From "The Brief Statement")

Continued from Last Week

The orthodox character of a church is established not by its mere name nor by its outward acceptance of, and subscription to, an orthodox creed, but by the doctrine which is actually taught in its pulpits, in its theological seminaries, and in its publications. On the other hand, a church does not forfeit its orthodox character through the casual intrusion of errors, provided these are combated and eventually removed by means of doctrinal discipline, Acts 20:30; 1 Tim. 1:3.

## THANK YOU

*Just a year ago you were reading a similar thank you note from me. After dealing with two rounds of cancer and treatments in 2014, I was looking forward to a healthy summer of 2015. It didn't turn out that way. Somehow God saw fit for me to face another challenge this year. Thanks to Karen's constant care and the skills of the medical professionals, I hope to recover from this episode also. Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, well wishes and visits the past three months. I'm still facing challenges ahead as healing is going really slow. Thanks again!*

*Neil Stemann*