

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 27, 2016**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today: 3:30PM New Horizons Church Decorating  
Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project  
Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle: Deut. 30:11-14; Rom. 10:8-18; Matt. 4:18-22  
5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship  
7:45PM Choir  
Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference  
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session  
Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent  
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday - Isabel Germann-Hutter  
Thursday - Blake Janski, Brad Kolberg, Brian Smith  
Saturday - Joel Kassen

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, Catherine Smith, Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold (11 year-old being treated for leukemia), Ronald Johnson (diagnosed with leukemia).

### **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES**

Advent midweek services will be held during the Wednesdays of Advent at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The first service will be Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. This year's series is entitled: "Advent with Isaiah." We will meditate on the wonderful promises of the Messiah and His Kingdom in Isaiah. We will have four midweek services and the dates, themes, and texts are as follows:

November 30: God's Place (Isaiah 2:1-5)  
December 7: God's Person (Isaiah 11:1-10)  
December 14: God's Paradise (Isaiah 35:1-10)  
December 21: God's Presence (Isaiah 7:10-17)

### **CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDER**

A Christmas Scrip Order will be placed on December 5<sup>th</sup> with delivery expected by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Stop by the Scrip table and pick up a current list of participating retailers. Large orders (over \$100) will need to be pre-paid. Remember, a large number of gift cards are on hand on a regular basis, so don't just think of Scrip as a gift-giving opportunity. Use it for your everyday shopping needs! Hotels, restaurants, and on-line vendors participate, so I'm sure you can find what you're looking for! See Bonnie Kassen if you have any questions or give her a call at 923-4884.

### **MENTORSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**

All members of the congregation are invited to attend a Christmas potluck after worship on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The confirmation mentorship group will participate in this event and also go caroling later that afternoon. They will then return to church for treats and gifts.

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## **GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

Our congregation is again participating in the Goodhue County Christmas Project to support families in need in our community. "Thank you" to Bobbi Langhans who is again coordinating this project for us this year! Please take the stickers off the poster in the narthex for the items you wish to buy. Then, please kindly sign your name under the sticker. If you don't sign your name and you forget to buy the item, we have no way of tracking who was intending to make the purchase. This can result in last minute scrambling to get everything together. If you choose to wrap your items, please ensure that you mark the items with stickers in order to let us know what is in the packages. When you have your items, bring them to church and place them under the tree in the fellowship hall. Thanks!

## **2016 "KETCH-UP" CAMPAIGN**

Good News! As of October 31, the church deficit has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$19,753. By God's grace, let's keep moving forward in reducing our debt. You will notice the ketchup bottle on the poster has now been partially filled in! By December 31<sup>st</sup>, it would be great to see that bottle full! Remember, as an additional part of this campaign, a blessing basket has been placed in the narthex under the poster. What special blessings are you thankful for at this time of national Thanksgiving? Take an envelope, record your blessing on the line, and put a special offering in the envelope and place it in the basket. With all of us working together, we can "ketch-up" and begin January 2017 with a positive balance.

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 4, 2016**

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

**"Wait Until He Comes!"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

A broken world waits, yearns, and hopes for restoration. Jesus has already done everything to make that restoration a reality. (Isaiah 11:1-10)

## **CATECHISM REVIEW**

**The First Commandment**

***Who is the only true God?***

The only true God is the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons in one divine being (The Holy Trinity).