ANNOUNCEMENTS - FEBRUARY 26, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship

Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference at Belvidere

7:00PM Women's Bible Class

Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session

Next Sunday: First Sunday in Lent

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

9:45AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday - Luke Augustin Saturday - Gavin Stumpf

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 (being treated for leukemia), Chris Ballman (recovering from broken radius bone), Pastor Scott Fiege (health problems), Charissa Stumpf and her pre-born baby (as they face placental issues), and Nita Callstrom.

GREETINGS FROM MANDY FLEMING/BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Executive Director of First Choice Clinic, Mandy Fleming, is with us this morning to bring her greetings and give us some information about our local pro-life clinic. Our ongoing support of this organization is greatly appreciated. Over the next month we will participate in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Simply fill it with change, cash, or checks and bring it back to church by March 26th. You may also just write a check and leave it in a bottle in the narthex. Thanks in advance for your consideration. We also rejoice that Mandy could be with us this morning to share about the lifesaving work that is going on in our community.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome into our church family Rosemary Lois Dicke. She is the daughter of Dennis and Lisa Klindworth and the wife of Micah Dicke. They were married on August 6, 2016. Rosemary was baptized at St. John's in Mazeppa and comes to us from United Redeemer in Zumbrota, Minnesota. As she was confirmed Lutheran (but outside of the LCMS), Pastor Sorenson gave her a short course on what makes the Missouri Synod distinctive among Lutherans. She is therefore received by profession of faith. We are glad to have Rosemary in our midst and look forward to getting to know her better as a member of our fellowship!

POTLUCK AND MEETING REGARDING CHURCH BASEMENT PLANS

On Sunday, March 12th, after the Sunday morning worship service, all members of the congregation are invited to stay after church for a potluck and meeting regarding the future use of the church basement. You do not need to be a member of the Voters' Assembly or hold a church office in order to participate. Everyone is invited, including families with children. Please plan on attending the meeting after church on March 12th and bring a dish to share!

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERIES

This year's Lenten midweek focus is based on the hymn: "Were You There?" Each week we will consider different aspects of the passion of our Lord and find ourselves in the Biblical witness. The dates and topics of this preaching series are as follows:

March 1: "Were You There When He Was Betrayed?" (Ash Wednesday)

March 8: "Were You There When He Was Denied?" (Wednesday)

March 15: "Were You There When He Was Accused?" (Wednesday)

March 22: "Were You There When He Was Condemned?" (Wednesday)

March 29: "Were You There When He Was Crowned with Thorns?" (Wednesday)

March 5: "Were You There When He Was Crucified?" (Wednesday)

March 13: "Were You There When He Instituted The Holy Supper?" (Maundy Thursday)

March 14: "Were You There When He Was Laid in the Tomb?" (Good Friday)

March 16: "Were You There When He Rose from the Grave?" (Easter)

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Law

Besides showing us our sin, what else does God's Law do for us?

In the Ten Commandments God shows us what His will is. Christians, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are eager to do God's will.

What is the summary of commandments 4-10 (Second Table)?

"Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39).

Who is our neighbor?

All people are our neighbors.

How should we love our neighbor?

We should love our neighbor as ourselves and show this love by keeping the commandments of the Second Table.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

The date for the Youth Lock-In has been changed in light of the confirmation mentorship event planned for Saturday, March 11. The Lock-In will be held on Friday March 17th until Saturday morning, March 18th. Participants are asked to bring \$5 for pizza and any beverages or snacks they desire to share. Please also bring movies, games, and other appropriate activities you would like to do during the event. The Lock-In will begin at 8 PM on Friday night. All participants need to be picked up from church by 8 AM the next morning so that Pastor can get some rest! We are also seeking an additional adult chaperone who would be willing to supervise between the hours of 8 PM and midnight. Please speak with Pastor if you are interested. The youth may bring friends from outside the congregation, but the names of all attendees must be noted on the bulletin board sign-up sheet. There is no age restriction for this event, but those who attend should be able to handle a night away from mom and dad and not require constant supervision/entertainment by the adults. If you have any questions, please see Pastor.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 5, 2017 6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis; 6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault "A Savior Who Fights for You!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Satan is a bully, but Jesus is the Savior Who fights for you. (Matthew 4:1-11)