ANNOUNCEMENTS - DECEMBER 22, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: No Chime Choir Today

Tuesday: Christmas Eve

2:00PM Red Wing Health Center Chapel

4:00PM Worship

Wednesday: Christmas Day

10:00AM Worship

Thursday: St. Stephen, Martyr: 2 Chron. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60;

Matt. 23:34-39

Friday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Rev. 1:1-6; Jn. 1:1-2:2;

Jn. 21:20-25

10:00AM KWNG Recording Session

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs: Jer. 31:15-17; Rev. 14:1-5;

Matt. 2:13-18

No Hay Creek Crafters No Projects with Pam

Next Sunday: The First Sunday after Christmas

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

9:45AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Anika Rortvedt
Tuesday - Carol Dicke

Thursday - Mary Jo Arndt, Katelyn Ballman, Brandon Schmitz, Tristan Von Bargen

- Chad Meyer, Caitlyn Von Bargen, Neil & Karen Stemmann

Saturday - Bob Langhans

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Bob Langhans, Pat Banitt, Phillip Sorenson, Dustin Stumpf, Gerald Dicke, Burnetta Dicke, and Keith Holst (diagnosed with aggressive pancreatic cancer).

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of offering envelopes for 2020 are available in the narthex. They have been arranged alphabetically for your convenience.

MINUTES FROM THE QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

Copies of the unapproved minutes of the last Quarterly Voters' Meeting have been placed on the table in the narthex for review. Feel free to take a copy and read the material at your own convenience. Questions about the minutes should be directed to congregational secretary, Ryan Kassen.

SNOW SHOVELING SIGN-UP SHEET

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for snow shoveling volunteers during this winter season. Please note that the commitment extends from Monday to Sunday of each week. if you have questions, please speak with Randy Meyer.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Thanks to all those who volunteered to help with the Red Cross Bloodmobile project at Hay Creek and also those who donated blood. The organization was very pleased at the turnout considering both the bad weather and the fact that this was a first-time blood drive in this location. Eighteen individuals came to donate blood.

LIFE QUOTE

December 22 "Mary, like us, had her problems and her sinful nature to deal with, but in Spiritworked faith she gave us a wondrous example of living faith, placing her Savior first. As we once more celebrate the day of our Savior's birth, let us follow Mary's example in celebrating the Christ Child with faith, humility, and joy! Have a Mary Christmas!" *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism

How does Baptism indicate the daily drowning of the Old Adam and the emergence of the New Man?

By Baptism we have been made to share in Christ's death and resurrection. As He has buried our sin, so we too can daily overcome and bury it. And as He is risen from the dead and lives, so we too can daily live a new life in Him.

CHURCH HISTORY (continued from the last week)

Uncle Chris told me (Marvin Mehrkens) about five fellows from "down South" who came up to homestead in North Dakota when Chris was the only one living in the area. These fellows hired a team and buggy in Washburn and "miraculously" found Chris's place, a good 40 miles away. Perhaps a feat by another extraordinary team of horses? However, these men brought no food, no blankets, no nothing—only themselves. Chris was living on flour and baking-powder pancakes, so he baked pancakes for the men. Soon night fell. So Chris had the men move his stove and table outside and then carry some hay inside to lay on the ground. This allowed the six men to sleep in Chris's 8' x 8' shack! The next morning they fed the hay to the horses, carried the stove back inside where Chris baked another meal of pancakes, and the five men returned to Washburn. To our knowledge, none of them ever came back to North Dakota, but this was certainly not due to Chris's generous hospitality with his limited resources.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 29, 2019 6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis / 6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault "VDMA"

Guest Speaker: Pastor John Nunes

From the days of the prophet Jeremiah to our own, some things haven't changed all that much. There's still corruption, violence, injustice, tragedy, and suffering. That's the bad news. However, "the Word of the Lord endures forever." So does God's love for us in Jesus Christ. (Jeremiah 23:24)