

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 4, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 9AM-1PM Goodhue Lion's Spring Brunch, Goodhue Community Center
Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
7:00PM Church Properties Committee Meeting
Tuesday: 8:00AM Men's Bible Breakfast
2:00PM Red Wing Health Center Chapel
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Friday: 2:00PM Plaza Service
Saturday: 5PM-8PM Mentorship Activity
Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Gavin Stumpf
Tuesday - Rosie Kohn, Ruben & Megan DeLeon
Friday - Fred Stumpf
Saturday - Sarah McCarthy

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Burnetta Dicke, and Dan Kerns (recovering from surgery).

UPDATING THE USHER LIST

The elders are requesting everyone's assistance in updating the usher list. A list of current ushers has been placed on a table in the narthex. If you want to continue to be on the usher list, you don't need to do anything. However, if you are currently on that list and would prefer not to be scheduled to usher, please cross off your name from the list. If you are not currently on the list and would like to usher, please add your name at the bottom of the sheet. Traditionally, serving as an usher has been a job for the men of the congregation while the women serve in the care of communion ware and supplies. However, we have had a few ladies help in the past. Confirmed members of the congregation who would like to help usher are encouraged to sign-up.

REVISING THE LIST OF VOTERS

If you joined the Voters' Assembly in the past and are no longer interested in being on that list, please speak with Pastor or one of the elders (Jim Dicke, Dale Dicke, or Joel Kassen) at your convenience. We realize that life is hectic. Please understand that you may always rejoin the Voters' Assembly by coming to a meeting and signing up again! Also, if you are getting up in years (65+) and would like to become an honorary voter (always able to vote, but not counted towards quorum for the purpose of establishing a legitimate meeting), you may certainly elect that option. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWERS

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in back of church for anyone who would like to purchase flowers for Easter. The deadline for order and payment (made out to Laurel Rortvedt) is **Sunday, March 18th**.

LENTEN PROJECT: PERSONAL CARE KITS

Our congregation will partner with Lutheran World Relief to collect Personal Care Kits for people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap! Here's how it works. Every week of Lent, bring in an item to donate to a personal care kit. Each week will feature a specific item, but you may collect them all at once, if you wish. If you plan on participating, please don't just pick and choose certain items, because we then end up with mismatched kits that cannot be used. Pastor Sorenson still has a church closet full of extra toothbrushes from last time we did this project! Here is the schedule and items:

By February 25: one bath towel (dark recommended, min. size 20" x 40" - max. size 52" x 27")

By March 4: two bars of soap, regular sized (must be in original boxes)

By March 11: one adult size toothbrush (must be in original packaging)

March 18: one sturdy comb

March 25: one nail-clipper

No items with patriotic symbols, flags, or camouflage will be accepted. Used items will be thrown away. If you have additional questions, please speak with Pastor Sorenson.

?? QUESTIONS FOR LENT ??

Each Wednesday of Lent, Pastor will address specific questions that have been submitted to him for consideration. Lenten midweek services are held at 7:00 PM on the Wednesdays of Lent until the week of Palm Sunday (Holy Week). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This week we will consider the following matters: What is God's plan as it relates to earthly rulers? Will people always live with some people as leaders and rulers and others taking orders? How does this relate to the theocracy in the Old Testament and the people's wicked demand to be ruled by a king, which God allowed?

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Apostles' Creed: The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Pew Sisters," a 12 session Bible study for women, "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today. From alcoholism to postpartum depression to cancer, twelve different women generously share the story of God's faithfulness in their lives for the consolation of their sisters in Christ. Each session begins with a Scripture reading followed by a narrative of an individual woman's real-life story. Eight study questions, designed for both personal and group study, help the reader apply the reading and narrative to her own life in Christ. A meditative hymn stanza and collect complete each session. The goal of this study is to encourage and build up the faith of our Christian sisters. Every woman sitting in the pew has a story to share of God's faithfulness in her life, and women love nothing more than to hear a good story and to delight in the sisterhood of believers. The next session of "Pew Sisters" will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Please let Sara Sorenson know if you'll be attending so a book may be ordered for you.