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First Sunday in Advent December 2, 2012

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Quilting Project
Tuesday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
6:30PM Advent Midweek Supper
7:30PM Advent Midweek Worship
8:15PM Choir
Thursday: 1PM-7PM Red Cross Bloodmobile – United Lutheran
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
11AM-5PM Red Cross Bloodmobile – United Lutheran
Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship
6:00PM Church Bowling

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Joel Kassen
Tuesday - Kristin Franks
Wednesday - Kelsey Reding, Jerry Stehr
Thursday - Steve & Maureen Alms

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Fred Voth and Donna Edquist.

Building Pledge Dedication – Next Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 9th. We will dedicate our building pledges for the 2013 year. If you prefer, you may mail your pledge envelope back to the church. Thank you!

Advent Midweek Suppers

Midweek suppers will again be served during the season of Advent. A sign-up sheet has been posted for you to volunteer to bring a meal or a portion of a meal. Some small groups like to get together in order to provide a meal. Midweek meals provide a great opportunity for fellowship in between confirmation classes and the Advent midweek service.

Advent Midweek Preaching Series

This year Pastor Sorenson is pleased to present a preaching series he has developed entitled: "Christmas with Martin Luther." Pastor will present selections from Luther's Christmas sermons according to the following topics: I) Shepherds (December 5), II) Angels (December 12), and III) Manger at Bethlehem (December 19). Services are held at 7:30 PM on the Wednesday evenings of Advent. Come early at 6:30 PM for the Advent Midweek Suppers!

Give Blood

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at United Lutheran Church this coming Thursday (1:00 PM to 7:00 PM) and Friday (11:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Give the life-saving gift of blood!

2013 Offering Boxes

Offering boxes for the 2013 year are available by name in the church narthex. Please pick up your envelopes as soon as possible. If you have family members or friends who are not regular in attendance, please feel free to bring them their boxes.

Goodhue County Christmas Project Update

There are still a few items that have not been selected from the Christmas project poster. Please help us make this a special Christmas for our needy families. All donations are due back to church by **December 16th**. If you choose to wrap items, please make sure to identify to whom your gifts are to be given. Otherwise, they will need to be unwrapped before delivery. Please place your gifts under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. Thank you.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 9

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

"Promises for a Grinch-Proof Christmas"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

In Dr. Seuss' classic story, the Grinch tried to steal the joy of Christmas. Who's trying to steal your joy? (Malachi 3:1-7)

Holiday Potluck – Sunday, December 16

Attention: Members of Immanuel

The Fellowship Club and Ladies Aid are co-sponsoring a holiday potluck on Sunday, December 16th, immediately following the worship service. All are invited to join us. Bring a dish to pass and share in the good food and fellowship. We will take an offering and this will be sent to our four service men and women. More details next week. We will sing some Christmas songs and do a fun gift exchange. If you would like to be a part of the exchange, please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift (man for man, lady for lady). Hope to see many of you there!

Life Quotes

December 2 “If we as pro-life people can understand that the issue of orphan care—whether that’s advocating for unborn orphans, or advocating for born orphans in the United States or around the world—is not simply stopping bad things from happening to children ... Instead, there is also a deeper issue here, which is that our advocacy for women and children who are under assault by forces so dark and evil that we cannot even contemplate it, can teach us and show us how to be the Church, how to embrace the Gospel, how to live in the unity of the Spirit—and we see something of what this looks like by what the Spirit is doing in the life of Joseph.” *Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of “Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Catechism Review

What two states do the Scriptures distinguish in Christ's work of salvation?

- A) The state of humiliation
- B) The state of exaltation

What was Christ's humiliation?

Christ's humiliation was that as man He did not always or fully use His divine powers.

Which words of the Apostles' Creed describe the stages of Christ's humiliation?

"Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried."