

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 26, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 1:00-4:00PM Visitation for Burnetta Dicke at Mahn Funeral Home
Monday: 4:45PM Chime Choir
Tuesday: 7:30PM Annual Voters' Meeting
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: 7:00PM Women's Bible Class
Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - David Banitt
Monday - Vanessa Frazier
Tuesday - Chuck Bremer
Wednesday - Kristin Wernberg
Thursday - Fletcher Dicke, Bonnie Kassen
Friday - Cody Callstrom

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Bob Langhans, Pat Banitt, Phillip Sorenson, Dustin Stumpf, Gerald Dicke, Keith Holst, Anaka Baker (recovering from heart surgery), Sophia Baker (mourning the loss of her mother), and the family and friends of Burnetta Dicke (mourning her passing).

ORDER YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS TODAY!

The Mentorship group will once again be coordinating the sale of Super Bowl sub sandwiches. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, January 26th with pick up being on Sunday, February 2. The cost of each sub will be \$3.50 which includes a cookie. Order forms are located on the table in the entryway, and we are asking that you use a new order form for each sandwich ordered. (We wrap it on the outside of your sandwich so if you put multiple orders on one form, we have to write up new ones anyway!) You will have your choice of white or wheat sub buns and an assortment of meats/cheeses. The youth will be making the sandwiches Saturday night, February 1 at the church, so if you need to stop down and pick them up early, you can make those arrangements. There may be a few extras, but we don't plan for that, so if you want to make sure you get a sub sandwich, please place your order by the deadline. See one of the mentors/mentees if you have any questions!

PRO-LIFE PETITION

An MCCL pro-life petition has been placed in the narthex for those who would like to sign. In 2018, 117 abortions in Minnesota took place at 22 weeks gestation or later, when scientific evidence clearly indicates these unborn children experience pain while being killed. Legislation supported by MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) will take the first step towards ending such barbarism by protecting these pain-capable unborn children.

FEBRUARY 15TH BABYSITTING

The Sunday Morning Youth Service Group, led by Brian and Nikki Scheele, will be hosting a February 15th babysitting event on the day after Valentine's day. This is a time for mom and dad to have dinner or go shopping or do other tasks that need to be done. Parents are welcome to drop their children off at church for babysitting at 4:00 PM. The event will conclude at 9:00 PM. Dinner will be served to the children. The youth of the congregation who are providing this service will be under the supervision of adults at all times. A sign-up sheet has been put on the bulletin board if

you would like your children to attend. If you have any questions, please speak with Brian or Nikki for clarification.

NEW MEMBERS

It is with great joy that we welcome four new members into our congregation. Donna (Voth) Baker transfers to us from Concordia, Red Wing. She is the daughter of Elmer and Bertha Voth (who were members at Hay Creek for a time). She is married to Clarence (Skip Baker). He joined our congregation from Concordia a few months back. Donna and Skip were married at Hay Creek by Pastor Meyr on November 14, 1981. We welcome Donna back to Hay Creek! A wonderful young couple has also submitted paperwork for membership: Jacob and Samantha Gaster of Frontenac. Jacob is the Park Manager at Frontenac State Park; Samantha is an MBA student who will graduate in May of this year. The Gasters were married in 2011 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale, Iowa. We welcome the Gasters to Hay Creek! We also welcome into our church family Beth Ann Langlois. She continues to work at HR Solutions, Incorporated as a Manager in Client and Career Services. She anticipates retirement sometime in 2020! She also has been extensively involved in Bible Studies over the years. May Donna, Jacob, Samantha, and Beth Ann be richly blessed in our Hay Creek fellowship!

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

The Voters' Assembly will convene at 7:00 PM this Tuesday night, January 28th, for the annual meeting. In addition to reports, the following items require action: Election of Officers, Amendment of the Synodical Constitution (to clarify individual membership and advisory delegate status), Scrip Disbursement, District Pledge, Togo Mission Pledge, Advent Midweek Offering Disbursement, Lenten Midweek Offering Disbursement, Congregational Fund Disbursement, District Mission Overage, Togo Mission Overage, Salaries, and Other Potential Items from the Floor. All voters are encouraged to attend. If you have reached the age of 18 and are a confirmed member of this congregation, you are welcome to join the voters and help make decisions for the benefit of our congregation and the mission of the church.

CHURCH HISTORY - NOTES ON UNCLE CHRIS (recorded by Raymond Voth)

(continued from last week)

The elder Voth parents returned to Goodhue County, where Christian died at the home of his son Henry in Featherstone Township on March 21, 1909. He was buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery at Hay Creek. His wife, Catherina, died March 8, 1913 at the home of her daughter Katherine Matthees in Goodhue township, and she was buried beside her husband.

AMENDMENT TO LCMS CONSTITUTION

Congregations of our Synod are being asked to consider amending the Synodical constitution to the effect of the following: (1) clarifying who is an advisory delegate at the district convention; (2) restoring the ability of a congregation that is part of a multi-congregation parish to send an advisory delegate to the synod convention if the congregation is not sending the voting delegate; (3) promoting clarity about individual membership in the synod with advisory representation, a confusion that has cost some congregations their pastoral representation; (4) employing consistent language throughout the Constitution about ordained versus commissioned ministers and moving the various types of commissioned ministers to the Bylaws; and (5) adopting the proposal to retitle certified lay ministers as "directors of church ministries," consistent with other commissioned offices.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, February 2, 2020

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis

6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Gold Without Glitter"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Without the fire of the refiner's forge, there can be no glittering gold. And so it is with us. You are more precious to God than gold. But, like gold, you and I need refining. (Genesis 42)