

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 1, 2013**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today: 11:00AM Short Thrivent Election – Fellowship Hall  
3:00PM Church Decorating for Christmas (after football game)

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Quilting Project

Tuesday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – St. Peter's, Belvidere

Wednesday: 4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
6:30PM Advent Midweek Supper  
7:15PM Advent Midweek Worship  
8:00PM Choir

Thursday: No Women's Bible Study This Month!  
1:00PM-7:00PM Red Cross Bloodmobile at United Lutheran

Friday: 10:00AM J. Brown Visit  
10:30AM KWNG Recording Session  
11:00AM-5:00PM Red Cross Bloodmobile at United Lutheran  
5:00PM Board of Elders

Next Sunday: 9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
9:30AM Sunday School Christmas Program Practice  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship with Dedication of Building Pledges

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK**

Today - Brad Kolberg, Brian Smith

Tuesday - Joel Kassen

Wednesday - Kristin Franks

Thursday - Kelsey Reding, Jerry Stehr

Friday - Steve & Maureen Alms

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Skip Baker, Marilyn Kromminga, Pastor Sorenson, Catherine Smith (recovering from surgery), the Paul Reding family (as they mourn the passing of Jim), and Anneliese Von Knobelsdorff and Gretel Meyer (as they mourn the passing of a sister).

### **THRIVENT ELECTION TODAY**

Thrivent members are asked to stop in the fellowship hall immediately following today's service to complete a Member Leader Election Ballot to vote for persons willing to serve on their North Goodhue County Chapter. This will only take a minute and must be done today. The ballots must be returned by December 9th.

### **2014 BUILDING FUND APPEAL**

Information has been provided in the church mailboxes of all members in regard to the 2014 Building Fund Appeal. Please review the information carefully. We anticipate paying off all outstanding commitments on the building project during the 2014 year. What a great blessing from the Lord! Pledges in support of the project will be received and dedicated during the worship service on **December 8th**. Additional pledge cards and envelopes will be available on that morning. Thank you for supporting the ministry and work of your congregation!

### **CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDER**

The Christmas Scrip order will be placed on **Wednesday, December 4th**. The anticipated arrival of that order will be Wednesday, December 11th. You must pre-pay your order. Please see Bonnie Kassen for an updated list.

## LIFE QUOTE

**December 1** "As we move toward the joyous celebration of Christmas ... it might be good to remember that Jesus existed as a real little God-person known and loved by His heavenly Father nine months before He was actually born. Indeed, the miracle of the incarnation of our Lord did not happen in Bethlehem at His birth, but in Nazareth at His conception." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

## ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES AND SUPPERS

Immanuel of Hay Creek will again feature Advent midweek services and suppers during the 2013 holiday season. This year's sermon series is entitled: "Heavenly Advent: Contemplating Revelation 7." Contrary to what many believe, the season of Advent is not really about preparing for Christmas. Advent is about the Lord's Second Coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. And this Advent we will ponder the wonderful, comforting images of heaven in Revelation chapter 7. Dinners will be held on the Wednesdays of Advent at 6:30 PM with the worship service starting at 7:15 PM. Note: This is a change from previous years. The services will begin fifteen minutes earlier than last year. The dates and themes are as follows:

December 4: Saints Before the Throne  
December 11: Unending Bliss  
December 18: Anthem of Redemption

## Catechism Review

### The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

**"And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."**

***What does God want us to do for those who sin against us?***

Our heavenly Father wants us to forgive and to do good to those who sin against us.

***What does it show when we forgive others?***

It shows that we truly believe that God has forgiven us. Inasmuch as we sin greatly against God every day and yet He forgives it all through grace, we must always forgive our neighbor who does us harm, violence, and injustice [and] bears malice toward us....If you do not forgive, do not think that God forgives you (LC III:94-95).

## An Update from Larry and Marian Bloom

Larry and Marian Bloom have now been in Germany for about two months. They had been staying at a hotel since their arrival on October 3rd, but moved into a house early in November. Larry has been working at the dental clinic at Katterbach Army Airfield. Things have changed a lot since they were last here from 1996-99. Most larger posts back then had a Lutheran Service. However, they have driven one and a half hours to attend a Lutheran Service in Vilsek, Germany (nearest English service done by the Army). So that makes their 25 minute trek to Immanuel in Hay Creek seem like nothing! Marian says they need to try a German Lutheran Church near their house. They may do that and learn some more of the German language! They certainly do miss Immanuel and the people of our church. Marian also misses the quilting group. However, Germany is beautiful and they will enjoy seeing and experiencing as much of it as they can before returning to the States. May God bless Larry and Marian during their time away from us!

## "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 8

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

**"Daily Bread for Eternal Life"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

We can pray to God for daily bread because He's already given us Jesus, the Bread of Life. (Matthew 6:1-5)