

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 15, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 4:00PM Red Wing Singers Concert – Christ Episcopal
Goodhue County Christmas Project Donations Due

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
4:45PM Chime Choir

Wednesday: 12:15PM Sara Sorenson Organ Recital, First Presbyterian
4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship #3
7:45PM Choir

Saturday: 9:00-10:00AM Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
St. Thomas, Apostle: Jdgs. 6:36-40; Eph. 4:7, 11-16; Jn. 20:24-29

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Christmas Program Practice and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Sunday School Christmas Program

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday - Kim Frazier
Wednesday - Mary Augustin, Pat Schmitz
Friday - Linda Rehder
Saturday - Tyler Ballman, Carol Koester

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).

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Donations for the Goodhue County Christmas Project are due today! The Christmas donation project with the high school youth will continue until Christmas. Thanks for all your kindness and generosity!

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

The final Advent midweek service of the year will be held this Wednesday, December 18th, at 7:00 PM. We have spoken about God's **PLACE** and God's **PERSON**; we will end by speaking of God's **PRESENCE**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WORSHIP SERVICE

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held during the worship service next Sunday, December 22. Come and enjoy the Christmas story, some Christmas carols, and the blessing of the children of our congregation. Invite friends and family, too!

SARA SORENSON RECITAL

Sara Sorenson will provide an Advent organ recital at the First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing this coming Wednesday, December 18th, at 12:15 PM. Everyone is welcome!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism

What is the Old Adam?

The Old Adam is the corrupt and evil nature that we inherit because of Adam's fall into sin.

How is this Old Adam to be drowned in us?

The Old Adam is to be drowned by daily contrition (sorrow for sins) and repentance (faith), by which we resist and overcome evil desires.

What is the New Man?

The New Man is the new spiritual life and nature, created in us by the washing of rebirth.

How is this New Man to emerge and arise?

The New Man emerges and arises as we daily live and grow before God in true faith and good works.

CHURCH HISTORY (continued from last week)

After he (Uncle Chris) was living on his claim, he had to get his firewood from near the river, 26 miles away. One time he got caught in a bad storm, but he stayed with the team and load. When the horses finally stopped, Chris looked up and saw that the team had led him to the house of the Chris Kintz ranch. What some horses in those early days did for man is truly amazing! The Rev. Grum had a team like that, too.

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.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 22, 2019

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis / 6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Here to Stay"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

So long as there is time, God won't leave us alone-even if we say that's what we want. The message of Christmas is that God has come to be with us and He's here to stay. How do we know? Dr. Michael Zeigler says God has given us both direct and indirect signs that point us toward this truth. (Matthew 1:18-25)