

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 28, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Wednesday: New Year's Eve
Isa. 30:8-17; Rom. 8:31-39; Lk. 12:35-40
Thursday: Circumcision and Name of Jesus
Num. 6:22-27; Gal. 3:23-29; Lk. 2:21
Friday: 7:30PM Board of Elders
Next Sunday: Second Sunday after Christmas
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion
Acolyte Marshall Kitzmann

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Bob Langhans
Thursday - Joan Brown, Sherri Smith, Dan & Diane Lee
Friday - Nathan Ballman, Jacob & Pam Dahl

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Kari Janssen (cancer treatments), Melissa Barbey (brain tumor), the family and friends of Richard Diercks (as they mourn his passing), the family and friends of Dolores Cedar (as they mourn her departure), and the family and friends of Jim Kelm (as they mourn his departure).

LIFE QUOTES

December 28 "[T]he very hand that formed us in the beginning and shapes us in our mother's womb, came to seek us in these latter days, when we were lost, laying hold on His lost sheep and placing it on His shoulders and joyfully restoring it to the sheepfold of life." *Irenaeus, second bishop of Lyons (second century)* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 4, 2015

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

"Gospel Power for Personal Patience"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus teaches us to be patient and wait with hope in God's promises. (Luke 2:40-52)

REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Of the Church (continued from last week)

Since it is by faith in the Gospel alone that men become members of the Christian Church, and since this faith cannot be seen by men, but is known to God alone, 1 Kings 8:39; Acts 1:24; 2 Tim. 2:19, therefore the Christian Church on earth is invisible till Judgment Day, Col. 3:3, 4. In our day some Lutherans speak of two sides of the Church, taking the means of grace to be its "visible side." It is true, the means of grace are necessarily related to the Church, seeing that the Church is created and preserved through them. But the means of grace are not for that reason a part of the Church; for the Church, in the proper sense of the word, consists only of believers, Eph. 2:19, 20; Acts 5:14. Lest we abet the notion that the Christian Church in the proper sense of the term is an external institution, we shall continue to call the means of grace the "marks" of the Church. Just as wheat is to be found only where it has been sown, so the Church can be found only where the Word of God is in use.