THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK 24686 OLD CHURCH ROAD, RED WING, MN 55066

www.immanuel-lcms.org

Pastor: Rev. Lowell Sorenson, 388-4577 Organist: Sara Sorenson Thailand Missionary: Rev. Carl Kaye **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost** July 10, 2011 **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. Outdoor Worship Hymnal: "All God's People Sing" Pre-Service Music Welcome Ringing of the Bell Opening Song: #247, "Thy Word Is a Lamp" Call to Prayer P: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, C: have mercy and hear us. Lord's Prayerp. 40 Responsive Verses from the Psalms P: I cry to You, O Lord; C: in the morning my prayer comes before You. P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, C: and uphold me with a willing spirit. P: My mouth is filled with Your praise, C: and with Your glory all the day. P: Every day I will bless You C: and praise Your name forever and ever. P: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, C: O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

P: He redeems your life from the pit C: and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; C: let my cry come to You. Prayer of the Day, prayed in unison by allworship insert Song of God's Word: #123, "How Precious Is the Book Divine" Readings: Apostles' Creedp. 29 Song of the Day: #62, "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" Message: "How Is Your Hearing?" Offerina Prayer of the Church P: ... Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer. Luther's Morning Prayerp. 30 Blessing P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. P: The Lord almighty bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. C: Amen. Closing Song: #223, "Take My Life, O Lord, Renew" Silent Prayer Announcements **Departing Music**

C: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 8:30PM Adult Softball vs. Cross of Christ, Field 1

Tuesday: 7:00PM Board of Elders

Friday: 6:00PM Church Golfing Group at Gopher Hills

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday - Jerry Kohn Friday - Bruce Carlson Saturday - Justin Stumpf

IN OUR PRAYERS

Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Mark Yahn, Jean Bateman, Melissa Barbey, Thor Starch, and Leonard Dicke (healing).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" - Sunday, July 17

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

"Experiening Heavenly Heartburn!" Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God's Word produces "heavenly heartburn" when it reveals to us that Jesus is God in the flesh, the One Who suffered, died, and rose again to reconcile sinners with God. (Luke 24:32-35)

Life Quotes

July 10 "Stand beside and help that single mother. Stand beside and help those with special needs. Stand beside and help those caring for an Alzheimer's patient. And, beloved Church, for which our Savior died, please faithfully teach the full council of God, so much of which is anchored in the doctrine of the sanctity of human life." Rev. Don Richman, Lutherans For Life International Representative – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

A Message from Dave Dicke

Hello Friends,

Well...it seems my liver disease is beginning to slowly advance and I am closer to a transplant. My MELD score has risen to 19. The MELD score is a scale used to determine how close a person is to a transplant. It's determined by assigning numerical values to 4 blood tests that are used to gauge liver function. My "19" puts me in the upper third of Mayo's transplant patient list. The top MELD scores on the list are 24s and 25s. My pre-transplant coordinator said I could start receiving calls if available transplant organs are not suitable for the people above me. While I am

done with tests for the week, I am scheduled to return next Thursday, June 30, for an ERCP. The rise in my MELD has led to concerns that I may have a bile duct blockage that, if not cleared, could lead to an infection. There was some concern that I had some water in my gut, or Ascites, but an ultrasound revealed nothing. That means I have extra "potatoes," as my doc says. So more activity and less junk. That pretty much sums things up. I'll keep you updated on the ERCP results and the "potato" situation. Thanks so much for keeping my family and me in your thoughts and prayers!! It means way more to us that you can imagine! Dave and the Dicke Chicks

The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932)

"Of the Millennium"

With the Augsburg Confession (Art. XVII) we reject every type of millennialism, or Chiliasm, the opinions that Christ will return visibly to this earth a thousand years before the end of the world and establish a dominion of the Church over the world; or that before the end of the world the Church is to enjoy a season of special prosperity; or that before a general resurrection on Judgment Day a number of departed Christians or martyrs are to be raised again to reign in glory in this world; or that before the end of the world a universal conversion of the Jewish nation (of Israel according to the flesh) will take place.

Over against this, Scripture clearly teaches, and we teach accordingly, that the kingdom of Christ on earth will remain under the cross until the end of the world, Act 14:22; John 16:33; 18:36; Luke 9:23; 14:27; 17:20-37; 2 Tim. 4:18; Heb. 12:28; Luke 18:8; that the second visible coming of the Lord will be His final advent, His coming to judge the quick and the dead, Matt. 24:29, 30; 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1; 2 Thess. 2:8; Heb. 9:26-28; that there will be but one resurrection of the dead, John 5:28; 6:39, 40; that the time of the Last Day is, and will remain, unknown, Matt. 24:42; 25:13; Mark 13:32, 37; Acts 1:7, which would not be the case if the Last Day were to come a thousand years after the beginning of a millennium; and that there will be no general conversion, a conversion en masse, of the Jewish nation, Rom. 11:7; 2 Cor. 3:14; Rom. 11:25; 1 Thess. 2:16.

According to these clear passages of Scripture we reject the whole of Millennialism, since it not only contradicts Scripture, but also engenders a false conception of the kingdom of Christ, turns the hope of Christians upon earthly goals, 1 Cor. 15:19; Col. 3:2, and leads them to look upon the Bible as an obscure book.