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

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26th Sunday After Pentecost

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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. Service of Prayer and Preachingpp. 260-267 Prelude Welcome Opening Hymn: #509, "Christ Is Surely Coming" CILS Song: "Thy Word" Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith Old Testament ReadingAmos 5:18-24 Response p. 263 Response p. 263 Choral Offering: "I Need Thee Every Hour" Annie Hawks & Robert Lowry Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 Response p. 263 Apostles' Creedp. 264 Lord's Prayerp. 264 Hymn of the Day: #508, "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" Sermon: "The Reason for Hope" Offering Hymn: #673, "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" Collect of the Day/Collect for the Wordp. 265 Morning Prayerp. 266 Closing Hymn: #715, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" Silent Prayer **Announcements** Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 7:30PM Nybo's Family Night

Monday: Martin Luther's Birthday (1483)

CILS Second Quarter Begins

Tuesday: Veteran's Day

7:00PM Board of Elders

Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir

Thursday: 7:30PM Women's Bible Study

Friday: 6:00PM Youth Pizza Party at Church

Film: "Expelled" on Intelligent Design

Next Sunday: 9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Marge Augustin, M/M Greg Germann

Tuesday - Tanner Smith
Thursday - Roger Henke
Friday - Sally Abell

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (finished chemotherapy; in need of healing); Dale Safe (Pat Banitt's brother, recovering from a bull attack); Linda Soifakis (recovering from surgery); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Curtis Horn (healing).

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – Chapter Leader Elections Today

If you are a Thrivent benefit member, please take a moment to stop at the table in the entry as you leave church today to vote for the 2009 Chapter Leaders. Names of the candidates will be available along with a brief biography on each of the candidates. Your vote is important!

Auction Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the chili lunch and silent auction on October 26th. The total received from donations and auction items was \$2,753.50. An additional \$567 is expected from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans through their "Care in Congregations" Program. Money raised will go towards landscaping expenses around the church.

Memorial Thank You

Thank you to Immanuel congregation members for memorials given in memory of Mildred Reitman. The money will be given to the Building Fund.

150th Anniversary Pictures and Souvenirs for Sale

Christmas is coming! We still have salt and pepper shaker sets, Christmas ornaments, and numerous event pictures of all sizes available for purchase. All pictures are \$5. The salt and pepper shaker sets are \$14 and the Christmas ornaments are \$10. Members of the 150th Anniversary Committee will be available after the service to help those who would like to make a purchase.

Youth Pizza Party – November 14th

This coming Friday, Pastor would like to meet with the youth of the congregation for a pizza party/movie night. The movie to be shown features Ben Stein and discusses how many high-ranking and legitimate scientists support the idea of Intelligent Design, much to the dismay of the liberal university establishment. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:00PM. Please bring \$5 for pizza. Drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Treats for Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

A new sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to help out with the Sunday morning treats. Fellowship time is between 10:00 and 10:25 on Sunday mornings. What a great time to talk to Christian friends and to warmly greet our visitors. Currently, the offerings collected during fellowship time go to support the building fund of the church.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 16 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "I Didn't Know"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

God accepts no excuses. He calls us to repentance and faith in our crucified and risen Savior. (1 Thessalonians 5:2-4)

Life Quote - November 9

"There will be nothing new under the sun until Christians realize that abortion is not just a political issue. There will be nothing new under the sun until Christians realize they can influence and transform society when it comes to honoring life because they have been transformed by the Word of Life who does not change." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org

Sunday Morning Bible Class to View Film on Intelligent Design

On Sunday, November 23rd, at 9:00AM, Pastor will show a film on intelligent design. The film, featuring Ben Stein, is entitled: "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed." The documentary discusses the scientific foundation for intelligent design theory (not to be confused with creationism). It also exposes the persecution faced by those who allow that the universe might not have arisen by random chance. The whole congregation is invited to attend on the 23rd. Due to the film's length, the Sunday morning Bible Class will continue to view it on November 30th.

Women's Bible Study Features New Topic

This week the ladies of the Women's Bible Study will begin a new topic from the "Faith on the Edge Series." The study is entitled, "The Unexplained." Come and learn with the group as Sara Sorenson leads you in a discussion about miracles, dreams, angels, demons, and more. No previous Bible study experience is necessary to participate. All women are welcome! Bring a friend!

Scrip Order

The Christmas Scrip Order will be placed on Tuesday, November 18th. Delivery should be guaranteed by Thanksgiving. There is a chance that Bonnie will be placing another order before Christmas if there is a great "last minute" demand; however, you are encouraged not to count on this. Pick up a new Scrip List from Bonnie or download your own at www.glscrip.com and click on the link that says "retailer list." Please remember that large orders (over \$50) need to be prepaid. Also, let Bonnie know if you would like something you use frequently to be stocked in the box instead of special ordered. A Walgreen's is under construction in Red Wing and Walgreen scrip will be on hand in the near future.

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

Did you know that in the first 100 years of the LCMS, mission work was begun in 17 countries, including the United States? Noteworthy is the Rev. Edward L. Arndt, who had been a professor at Concordia College, St. Paul, who resigned in order to promote mission work in China. In 1912 he organized the Evangelical Lutheran Mission for China. In 1917 the work in China was taken over by the Synod, and in 1922 a seminary was established in Hankow. The seminary was closed in 1949 when the Chinese People's Republic forced the withdrawal of all Missouri Synod personnel.