

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

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

Monday: Happy Labor Day!  
Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – Hay Creek  
Friday: 2:00PM Plaza Service  
Next Sunday: The 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship with Placing of Sunday School Teachers  
11:00AM Special Voters' Meeting  
11:15AM Congregational Mentorship Potluck

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Today - Megan DeLeon, Mark & Judy Diercks  
Monday - Rebecca Augustin, Randy & Donna Meyer  
Wednesday - Becky Von Bargaen, Leslie Germann-Hutter, Don & Judy Kliever  
Thursday - Catherine Smith, Lucas Stumpf, Dan Banitt, Kevin & Vicky Hoffman  
Friday - Jordan Taylor  
Saturday - Bev Kerns

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold, Gloria Stehr (recovering from a dislocated shoulder), Bonnie Kassen (recovering from foot surgery), and former member Kelli Boles/Schmitz (facing terminal cancer).

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Teachers are still needed for Sunday School classes that begin next week! Chris Ballman is looking to trade off with someone in the preschool/kindergarten room. A 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher is still needed. Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter will be taking the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. Wayne Voth will lead the confirmation ages. Please speak with Pastor Sorenson as soon as possible if you are able to help out with teaching Sunday School!

### **SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

In preparing the final specs for the LULA elevator, it was learned that it would not serve all our purposes. Specifically, we would not be able to transport tables. Following additional research, the Properties Committee is now recommending the installation of a platform lift instead of the LULA elevator. The platform lift will meet all building code requirements, as well as all of our identified needs, at about 1/2 of the cost of the LULA. Additionally, the platform lift will not require the installation of a fire alarm system and therefore will not require the ongoing cost of monitoring a fire alarm system. While not as sophisticated as an elevator, we believe the platform lift certainly will meet our needs now and in the future. The Properties Committee is asking for voter approval of this change.

### **CATECHISM REVIEW - THE CREED CREATION**

#### ***What was the image of God?***

The image of God was this:

- A) Adam and Eve truly knew God as He wishes to be known and were perfectly happy in Him.
  - B) They were righteous and holy, doing God's will.
- (In Christians, God has begun to rebuild His image, but only in heaven will it be fully restored.)

## **JOIN THE REFORMATION 500 CHOIR**

*Would you like to sing in a once in a lifetime experience for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation?* Children, youth, and adults are invited to sing in three massed choirs during an October 29th worship service at the Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University, St. Paul. LCMS President, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, will preach for the once-in-500 years event!

Rehearsals for the service will be held at 1 PM on October 29th with the service to follow at 4 PM. Rehearsal schedules, musical selections, and choir registration can be found online at [csp.edu/reformation500](http://csp.edu/reformation500). The Reformation 500 celebration is sponsored by the Minnesota North and Minnesota South Districts of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and Concordia University, St. Paul.

## **UPDATE ON OUR "JUNK" COLLECTION**

It has been a while since there has been an update about what items members may save to provide some cash for our church and for St. John's Lutheran School. There are bins on a table near the Scrip table where you may place the following items.

- \* Econofoods receipts
- \* Milk Moola caps or bag tops (Kwik Trip Milk)
- \* Kemps Milk Caps
- \* Land O' Lakes Milk Caps
- \* Our Family UPC codes (cut from any Our Family Brand item)
- \* Campbell's Labels for Learning UPC codes
- \* Used ink jet cartridges (There is a list in the collection box identifying those that are collected. This list has really diminished, so please check it out before bringing your cartridges as many are no longer accepted.)

### **We are no longer able to use the following items:**

- \* Cell Phones
- \* Old Portals of Prayer (current ones may be sent to the prison ministry, but they do not want old ones)
- \* Any milk caps that have no label on them

## **"LET LIFE SHINE" - FIRST CHOICE CLINIC FALL BANQUET**

All adults are invited to First Choice Clinic's 11th Annual Fall Banquet. This year there are two options: a lunch program or a dinner program, both being held on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

The lunch program begins with a meal served at noon (doors open at 11:30 AM). The dinner program begins at 6:30 PM (with doors opening at 6:00 PM). The event will be held at Cornerstone Community Church in the 2nd Floor Banquet Hall. There is no charge to attend or enjoy the meal, but reservations are required. And you will be given an opportunity to support the work of First Choice Clinic. This year's speaker is Henry Jernigan. Henry will share how he and his wife chose life for their child even when they were told he would be born with Spina Bifida. As Mr. Jernigan puts it, "If we had ended Pierce's life through abortion - not only would we have denied God the opportunity to fulfill His purpose for Pierce - but our own lives as well. His life and story thus far is quite simply to illustrate that God has a plan and purpose for our lives."

Reservations need to be received by September 8th. If you would like to sit at the Immanuel table at the evening banquet, please sign up on the bulletin board.

## **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 10, 2017**

**6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis**

**6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault**

### **"Who's the Greatest?"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Jesus redefined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 18:1-20)