

ANNOUNCEMENTS –June 26, 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: Pastor Sorenson at LWML District Convention
Monday: Lutheran Youth Day – Valleyfair
Tuesday: 7:00PM Board of Properties
Wednesday: St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles: Acts 15:1-21; Gal. 2:1-10; Matt. 16:13-19
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Shelly & Denise Simanski
Thursday - Erika Beach, Mark Diercks
Friday - Brad Rortvedt
Saturday - Bud Rehder

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, Catherine Smith, Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Jean Peterson (dealing with cancer), Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Burnetta Dicke, and Bob Langhans (recovering from accident and surgery).

PROCESSIONAL CROSS

Immanuel's processional cross is being featured in the worship services of the LWML this weekend!

THANK YOU

Dear Immanuel Members,
Thank you for your prayers, visits and cards while I was and am recovering from surgery.
God bless you. ~Burnetta Dicke

VBS NEWS

St. Peter's - Belvidere welcomes children ages 4 through grade 6 for Camp Omega Day Camp. This FREE camp will run the first week in August. For Monday through Thursday, day camp will be held 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; day camp for preschoolers will be offered in the mornings from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. On Friday all ages will meet from 8:00 am to noon with a closing program and potluck at 11:00 am. The camp will be led by counselors from Camp Omega. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Mark your calendars and spread the word. Everyone is welcome. Contact Michelle Benrud (651-923-5274) or Amy Alkire (651-323-4844) to register.

LOOKING FOR 2016-2017 CONFIRMATION MENTORS

We are preparing to embark on our second year of the confirmation mentorship experience. Year one was a great success and this is your chance to become involved! I would love to have a full slate of mentors lined up by August 1st so we can meet to discuss workable dates and monthly activities prior to the September kick-off. The plan is to include both 6th and 7th graders in the program this year as we have no 8th grade confirmation students. There will be a need for a minimum of 7 mentors or mentor couples; however, we can accommodate as many as are interested! Please see Bonnie Kassen or phone her at 923-4884 if you want to volunteer for this very important ministry effort at Immanuel Lutheran! Look for a full description of the Mentorship program in your mailbox within the next couple of weeks.

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TEACHERAGE RENTAL

Do you know of anyone looking for housing in our area? The teacherage is available to rent at a cost of \$900 per month. Water and garbage are included in that price. However, the tenant will need to pay for gas and electricity. A damage deposit will also be required. All questions regarding the rental of the teacherage should be directed to one of our trustees: Kevin Ballman, Randy Meyer, or Jerry Kohn.

D.MIN. UPDATE

Pastor has now completed the final residency period for the Doctor of Ministry Degree. Now, he must complete a third year project as well as a publishable thesis. The title of the thesis project is: "Luther's Deutsche Messe as a Model and Stimulus for Lutheran Worship in the Twenty-First Century." While it is conceivable that he could graduate next spring, it will most likely be the spring of 2018. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated!

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:4)

LIFE QUOTE

June 26 "Christianity isn't decorative. God is for real life, modeling in Jesus what perfect forgiveness looks like. As long as your relationship doesn't risk your safety or your sanity, it's probably better to dig in right where you are. Some waste a lifetime hunting for contentment, running with resentment from this person to that, searching for the human equivalent of a pot of gold; but quick hitches aren't quick fixes. Rainbows come after storms. So, build up your partner, laugh together, be vulnerable, and let the Spirit sculpt you into a better self for that someone."

Rev. John Nunes commenting on marriage – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

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"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, July 3, 2016

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

"Freedom in Action"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

In Christ, you are free from being ruled by your burdens, free to serve others for the glory of God. (Galatians 6:1-18)