

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 8, 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:		Bowling Night
	5:00PM	Bierstube Supper
	6:00PM	Church League
Tuesday:	10:00AM	Gretel Meyer Visit
	6:30PM	First Choice Clinic Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	6:30PM	Advent Midweek Supper
	7:15PM	Advent Midweek Worship
	8:00PM	Choir
Friday:	2:00PM	Plaza – Missouri Synod Communion Service
Saturday:	9AM-10AM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
Next Sunday:		Third Sunday in Advent
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	9:30AM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
	9:45AM	Fellowship Time
	10:00AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00AM	Christmas Potluck

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday	- Bob & Mary Langhans
Tuesday	- Jerry Holm
Saturday	- Lilian Germann-Hutter

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Skip Baker, Marilyn Kromminga, Pastor Sorenson, and Catherine Smith (recovering from surgery).

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES AND SUPPERS

Immanuel of Hay Creek is again featuring Advent midweek services and suppers during the 2013 holiday season. This year's sermon series is entitled: "Heavenly Advent: Contemplating Revelation 7." Contrary to what many believe, the season of Advent is not really about preparing for Christmas. Advent is about the Lord's Second Coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. This Advent we are pondering the wonderful, comforting images of heaven in Revelation chapter 7. Dinners are being held on the Wednesdays of Advent at 6:30 PM with the worship services starting at 7:15 PM. Note: This is a change from previous years. The services begin fifteen minutes earlier than last year. The remaining dates and themes are as follows:

December 11: Unending Bliss

December 18: Anthem of Redemption

CATECHISM REVIEW

"And lead us not into temptation."

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

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CHURCH BOWLING OPPORTUNITY

Hay Creek no longer has a church bowling group meeting the second Sunday of the month. However, Jerry Kohn has provided us with information about a new opportunity for those who would like to participate in a bowling night activity. St. Ansgar's has put together a small church league that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month. They will meet tonight for supper at the Bierstube at 5:00 PM and begin the league play at 6:00 PM. The structure is a little bit different as players will alternate frames with team members for a combined score. Four games will be bowled. Points will be awarded for each game won and for the winners of total pins. No handicap will be factored in. Everyone is welcome to come for the meal and the league play! If you would like to attend, it would be helpful if you come up with a team of two people (family/friends/church members). For more information, please call League Secretary John Hobert at [507-298-1147](tel:507-298-1147).

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY

All are invited to participate in the Christmas potluck being sponsored by the Fellowship Club/Ladies Aid next Sunday after church. We will begin promptly after the morning service. Bring a dish to pass and, if you would like to participate in a gift exchange, a \$5 gift. Men bring gifts for men; women bring gifts for women. Stay and enjoy some food and fun in our fellowship hall!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Immanuel Children's Christmas Program will be held on December 22 at 6:30 PM. Mark your calendars. Sunday School parents should have received a schedule of Sunday and Saturday morning rehearsals. If you have questions, please see Nikki Scheele or Leslie Germann-Hutter.

DOOR OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

A basket will be placed at the back of the sanctuary next Sunday for those who would like to give an offering in support of the military personnel from our congregation. The offering will be divided between our servicemen and servicewomen as a Christmas gift for them. A list of our congregation's military members will be provided in next Sunday's bulletin, along with their addresses. That way, if you would like to send them greetings or Christmas cards, you may do so. We thank God for those who serve for our protection and freedom.

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY

Tentative plans have been made to have photos taken for a new picture directory between April 30th and May 3rd of 2014. The directory committee needs to know if those dates do not work for you. Let Pastor Sorenson know ASAP if that time frame would preclude your participation. A sign-up sheet has also been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to serve on the directory committee. Thank you!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 15

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

"Forgiveness, the Gift That Keeps on Giving"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Forgiveness is God's gift that keeps on giving when our giving gives out. (Matthew 18:21-35)

LIFE QUOTE

December 8 "God went to *staggering* lengths to rescue us, dear friends. His conception, fetal life, and birth are only part of His condescension and sacrifice to save us. This Christmastime let's let these jaw-dropping truths do just that—drop our jaws and melt our hearts as joyful, speechless rescued rescuers." *Rev. Doug Merkey, Churches for Life* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org