

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 23, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 4:00PM Christmas Eve Worship
Tuesday: 10:00AM Christmas Day Worship
Wednesday: St. Stephen, Martyr: 2 Chron. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60;
Att. 23:34-39
No Confirmation or Choir today
Thursday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Rev. 1:1-6; 1 Jn. 1:1-2:2;
Jn. 21:20-25
Friday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs: Jer. 31:15-17; Rev. 14:1-5; Matt. 2:13-18
10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday: First Sunday After Christmas
No Sunday School/Bible Class
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Carol Dicke
Wednesday - Mary Jo Arndt, Katelyn Ballman, Brandon Schmitz, Tristan Von Bargen
Thursday - Chad Meyer, Caitlyn Von Bargen, Neil & Karen Stemmann
Friday - Bob Langhans

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Walter Banitt, Phillip Sorenson Roy & Jane Krueger, Raymond "Swede" Theobald, Bonnie Kassen (experiencing nerve pain), Doug Callstrom, and Nancy Weber, sister of Bonnie Kassen (recovering from the removal of a cancerous kidney).

PROJECTS WITH PAM!

Pastor has asked Pam Holst if she would consider leading an activities group at church. Pam is an excellent crafter and quilter and says she has many shorter type projects that she would love to share with interested people in the congregation. If you might enjoy this type of opportunity, please give Pam a call directly (923-4190). Once we know we have a group of interested people, we will consider days and times. Thanks to Pam for being willing to share her talents!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 30, 2018

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

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

"A Long Good-By"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy

As the year come to a close, we likely have regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left undone, but Jesus Christ has assured us that He is your hope. His grace is more than sufficient to take us into another year and give us peace. (Luke 2:27-32)

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer

The First Petition: "Hallowed Be Thy Name."

What are we asking when we pray that God's name be made holy?

Since God's name is God as He has revealed Himself to us, we cannot make His name holy, but we do pray that He would help us keep His name holy in our lives.

How do we keep God's name holy?

We keep God's name holy

- A) when God's Word is taught among us in its truth and purity;
- B) when we live according to the Word of God.

CHURCH HISTORY - A NOTE FROM BECKY KIRTZ

Several people have asked where the church trivia is found. The Goodhue County Historical Society had a copy of the church burial records translated from German to English by Irene Gerdes. Irene also translated selections from the church minutes. Irene was a "go to" person for historical information, having a very clear mind until the end of her long life. After a conversation with her, I often wrote up a report of the things she had told me and had her proof read it for accuracy. She shared both verbal and written information.

In addition, there are two older histories of Goodhue County, one from 1878 and another from 1909 which provide sketches of early citizens. The Minnesota Historical Society as well as conversations with area residents have also been helpful resources.

Rev. Walter C. Daib, a descendent of early missionary Peter Dicke (brother of Friedrich W. Dicke and Catherine Ilsabein Dicke Horstkotte Meyer {Mrs. Heinrich Herman Meyer} of this congregation), did extensive research and interviews leaving us with two volumes of information. These pertain only to the Dicke families, but paint a good picture of life in the old country and resettlement in America. If requested, I will reprint some of those stories. Here is a short excerpt from reminiscences of A. H. Dicke after coming to Red Wing: "In May 1855 we all came by boat from St. Louis to Red Wing. That summer the three families lived in a small shack about where the Catholic church* is now located. The building was so small that it was necessary to place all stoves in the open...When cold weather set in, we moved into an almost crude log house far out on Main Street. A colony of Indians had their tepees a little further on in the woods in the bottoms. They were very friendly. Some of the men would often stop in, take a smoke and then walk on."

The Concordia Historical Institute (Fall of 2005, Volume 78, Number 3) also has a nice story of Peter Dicke and his early missionary work in Wisconsin and Michigan. The booklet also contains a story written by his wife from her perspective. Several years ago a copy of this Quarterly was donated to the church library.

I've also searched Ancestry.com, the find a grave site, census records, plat books, German church records, military enlistments, widows' military pension records, recorded marriages, ship immigration rosters and cemetery records on line.

While I'm sure all sources strive for accuracy, it should be noted that there certainly can be discrepancies and confusion in historical records. In addition to misspellings, people often changed their names to something sounding more "American." Another common problem was that names were used again and again within a family. Often, perhaps because of this, many people were referred to by their middle names. Church minutes sometimes recorded a first initial for a member. Early on the Mehrkens were hung up on the name "Claus" and the Holst family had an abundance of the name "Johann." It makes one think that "Alphabet" Strusz wasn't such a bad idea after all! (The picture donated in his memory hangs on the landing of the back stairway to the basement.)

*Probably the Catholic church that was located at the corner of 6th and North Park at that time.