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Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany February 20, 2011

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.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our quests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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Youth Group Meeting

Pastor Sorenson will meet with the youth of the congregation at 6:30 PM on Friday, February 25th at Applebee's Restaurant. Please bring money for food. The purpose of this meeting will be to plan our schedule of events for the near future. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board. Thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project

Tuesday: 9:00AM LWML Delegate Board Meeting – Trinity, Elgin

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

7:30PM Choir

Thursday: St. Matthias, Apostle: Acts 1:15-26;

1 John 2:15-17; Matt. 11:25-30

7:30PM Women's Bible Study 7:30PM Men's Bible Study

Friday: 6:30PM Youth Group Dinner and Meeting at Applebee's

Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit

9:00AM South District Theological Convocation on

Women in the Church - Mankato

Next Sunday: Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Nita Callstrom

Tuesday - Derek Banitt, Dean Holden

Wednesday - Carson Callstrom

Thursday - Alicia Hoffman, Haley Rupe

Friday - Kevin Hoffman

Saturday - Herman & Sue von Knobelsdorff

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Lori Ramig (recovering from a heart transplant), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Steven Finstad (a Marine serving in Afghanistan who is a friend of Ryan Kassen), Wayne Thomforde, Judith Whipple, Jean Bateman, Genevieve Schultz, Brody Enz (Pastor's nephew, having liver problems), the family of Patrick Gadient (as they reflect on his passing) and the family of Irene Betcher (as they reflect on her passing).

Life Quotes

February 20 "This [the humanity of the embryo] implies a commitment in advance to treat all human beings as persons, even when their personal qualities have not yet become manifest to us. The embryo is of interest to us because it is human; it is 'ourselves." Oliver O'Donovan, a scholar in the field of Christian ethics – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, February 27

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

"Love Lays Life on the Line" Guest Speaker: Dr. Alton Wedel

Action speaks louder than words. When God speaks the Word, the action begins. (1 John 3:11-18)

The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932)

"Of Faith in Christ"

Since God has reconciled the whole world unto Himself through the vicarious life and death of His Son and has commanded that the reconciliation effected by Christ be proclaimed to men in the Gospel, to the end that they may believe it, 2 Cor. 5:18, 19; Rom. 1:5, therefore faith in Christ is the only way for men to obtain personal reconciliation with God, that is, forgiveness of sins, as both the Old and the New Testament Scriptures testify, Acts 10:43; John 3:16-18, 36. By this faith in Christ, through which men obtain the forgiveness of sins, is not meant any human effort to fulfill the Law of God after the example of Christ, but faith in the Gospel, that is, in the forgiveness of sins, or justification, which was fully earned for us by Christ and is offered by the Gospel. This faith justifies, not inasmuch as it is a work of man, but inasmuch as it lays hold of the grace offered, the forgiveness of sins, Rom. 4:16.