

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 11, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 7:30PM Board of Elders
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Thursday: 7:00PM Women's Bible Class
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Saturday: 9AM-5PM Hay Creek Crafters
Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Megan Bartel, Nathan Voth
Thursday - Janice Kassen-Rehder
Saturday - Traci Turner, Stan & Lois Klair

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Burnetta Dicke, and Dan Kerns (recovering from surgery).

EASTER FLOWERS

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in back of church for anyone who would like to purchase flowers for Easter. The deadline for order and payment (made out to Laurel Rortvedt) is **Sunday, March 18th**.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST - RESCHEDULED

Due to the snow storm on Monday night, the Men's Bible Breakfast was cancelled this last Tuesday. We will meet, God-willing, on March 20 at 8:00 AM. Our topic is the "Curse of Canaan." All men of the congregation are invited to attend!

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

A Palm Sunday Brunch will be held on March 25th following the worship service. Everyone is welcome to attend. New Horizons is sponsoring the event. If you are willing to bring food or help set up and serve for the brunch, please sign up on the bulletin board.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into our fellowship Richard and Gwen Heesch! Gwen is the daughter of Alfred and Margaret (Deden) Halverson. She was baptized and confirmed at Hay Creek. Richard is a baptized Christian who received adult instruction at St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Wing. We welcome this brother and sister with open arms and pray for God's blessings upon them. It is good to have them "home" at Hay Creek!

EASTER EGG HUNT

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held again this year on Holy Saturday, March 31, at 10:00 AM. Children who are second grade and younger are invited to attend. Many thanks to Leslie Germann-Hutter and Nikki Scheele for organizing this fun activity for our children! In case of poor weather, all activities will be inside the church building.

YOUTH EVENT: SHOREVIEW WATER PARK

On Saturday, March 24th, Pastor will host a youth trip to Shoreview Water Park for an afternoon of swimming and water slides. We will leave from church at 12:30 PM. Please eat lunch before the trip. The cost is \$9.40 for youth and \$10.25 for those over 18. Adults who would like to attend with their children are welcome to do so. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Please sign-up in advance so that appropriate transportation may be arranged. You may bring treats from home or purchase concessions at the Water Park.

LENTEN PROJECT: PERSONAL CARE KITS

Our congregation will partner with Lutheran World Relief to collect Personal Care Kits for people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap! Here's how it works. Every week of Lent, bring in an item to donate to a personal care kit. Each week will feature a specific item, but you may collect them all at once, if you wish. If you plan on participating, please don't just pick and choose certain items, because we then end up with mismatched kits that cannot be used. Pastor Sorenson still has a church closet full of extra toothbrushes from last time we did this project! Here is the schedule and items:

By February 25: one bath towel (dark recommended, min. size 20" x 40" - max. size 52" x 27")

By March 4: two bars of soap, regular sized (must be in original boxes)

By March 11: one adult size toothbrush (must be in original packaging)

March 18: one sturdy comb

March 25: one nail-clipper

No items with patriotic symbols, flags, or camouflage will be accepted. Used items will be thrown away. If you have additional questions, please speak with Pastor Sorenson.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Apostles' Creed: The Third Article

Sanctification

What five points does this article discuss?

- I. The Holy Spirit
- II. The Church, the Communion of Saints
- III. The Forgiveness of Sins
- IV. The Resurrection of the Body
- V. The Life Everlasting

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Holy Trinity, true God with the Father and the Son - therefore not merely the power or energy of God.

UPDATING THE USHER LIST

The elders are requesting everyone's assistance in updating the usher list. A list of current ushers has been placed on a table in the narthex. If you want to continue to be on the usher list, you don't need to do anything. However, if you are currently on that list and would prefer not to be scheduled to usher, please cross off your name from the list. If you are not currently on the list and would like to usher, please add your name at the bottom of the sheet. Traditionally, serving as an usher has been a job for the men of the congregation while the women serve in the care of communion ware and supplies. However, we have had a few ladies help in the past. Confirmed members of the congregation who would like to help usher are encouraged to sign-up.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 18, 2018

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

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

"Thrown into the Arms of God"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

The desire to advance your own interests can alienate you from others and God. Serving others without thought of reward is God's way forward for followers of Jesus. (Mark 10:32-45)