

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JULY 26, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 7:30PM Adult Softball vs. St. Joe's I
Tuesday: 7:30PM Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Thursday: 11:00AM Seminary Home Chapel
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Thursday-Saturday: LWML Retreat in Mankato
Next Sunday: The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Jordan & Erika Beach
Monday - Mark & Allison Dicke
Tuesday - Dorraine Banitt, Denise Simanski, Bob & Mary Augustin
Saturday - Virgil Dicke, Jeff & Sandra Kitzmann, Brian & Sarah McCarthy

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Kari Janssen, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern (lung cancer), Jomar Dicke (lung cancer), Neil Stemann (recovering from surgery), Colleen Kahn, the family of one year old Lincoln Tews, who died tragically, and Christians suffering persecution and death in the Middle East, Africa, and around the world.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

The Immanuel Voters' Assembly will convene this Tuesday night, July 28th, at 7:30 PM. The agenda for the meeting is as follows: 1) Opening Devotion 2) Attendance 3) Acceptance of Minutes 4) Reception of New Voting Members 5) Reports: Pastor/Elders, Treasurer, Trustees, Scrip Report, Cemetery Board, Board of Education, Other 6) Old Business 7) New Business 8) Adjournment and Prayer

CONFIRMATION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Much information was provided in last week's bulletin about the new confirmation mentorship program that we will implement this September. If you would like to serve as a mentor for the 2015-2016 confirmation year, please review the information from last week (it is still in many of the church mail boxes). You may sign up as a couple or as an individual. Please fill out the form and give it to Pastor Sorenson or a member of the Board of Education (Bonnie Kassen, Doug Dankers, or Bob Augustin). You will be contacted once the pairing of Mentor/Mentee has occurred. A schedule of planned group activities/dates will also be available at that time. Thank you for your consideration!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS will again be a joint effort between Bethany of Lake City, St. Peter's of Belvidere, Concordia of Red Wing, and Immanuel of Hay Creek. The dates are August 16th through the 20th and the location is St. Peter's, Belvidere. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who are able to attend. Please provide the name of the participant and the grade he or she will be in this fall. If driving is an issue for you, Pastor will have room to give rides to a certain number of children.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TUITION FORMS

Families of the Immanuel congregation may apply for tuition scholarships to be used either at St. John's Lutheran School of Red Wing or St. John's Lutheran School of rural Goodhue. All applicants must be reviewed and approved by the Immanuel Board of Education before funds are disbursed. Forms are located in the narthex. This program is for K-8 education only, not for preschool.

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REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Of Good Works (From "The Brief Statement")

Before God only those works are good which are done for the glory of God and the good of man, according to the rule of divine Law. Such works, however, no man performs unless he first believes that God has forgiven him his sins and has given him eternal life by grace, for Christ's sake, without any works of his own, John 15:4, 5. We reject as a great folly the assertion, frequently made in our day, that works must be placed in the fore, and "faith in dogmas" -- meaning the Gospel of Christ crucified for the sins of the world -- must be regulated to the rear. Since good works never precede faith, but are always and in every instance the result of faith in the Gospel, it is evident that the only means by which we Christians can become rich in good works (and God would have us to be rich in good works, Titus 2:14) is unceasingly to remember the grace of God which we have received in Christ, Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:9. Hence we reject as unchristian and foolish any attempt to produce good works by the compulsion of the Law or through carnal motives.