

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 24, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 4:30PM Chime Choir
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Friday: 10:00AM KWNG Recording Session
10:30AM St. Crispin's Chapel
Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Vera Carlson
Monday - Myron Alms
Wednesday - Brady Meyer
Thursday - Kevin Schafer
Friday - Gretchen Kelm
Saturday - Tara Goranson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt, Bob Langhans, Phillip Sorenson, Roy & Jane Krueger, Myron Alms (recovering from hernia surgery), and Robert Schultz (aortic tear).

BAPTISM TODAY

Today we rejoice as Adalynn Elizabeth Dicke, daughter of Mark and Allison Dicke, receives the kingdom of God through the new birth of water and the Spirit (John 3:5). Serving as sponsors are Leah Dicke and Amanda Carlson. Adalynn was physically born on February 28 and today she is born into God's family. May God bless her and her family!

EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers from Sargent's Nursery will be available for purchase for the Easter Sunday Service. The flowers are used to beautify the sanctuary and then may be taken home after the service. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church. Orders and payment are due **Sunday, April 7**. Please make checks payable to Laurel Rortvedt.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

The balance remaining on the building fund loan at the end of February is \$17,730.

CHURCH PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

The Property Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Evening services are being held on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00 PM. The series this year is based on our Lord's Sermon on the Mount; the themes for the individual Wednesdays were conceptualized by our former District President, Dr. Dean Nadasdy. The remaining dates and topics are as follows:

March 27: "Do Not Worry"
April 3: "Judge Not"
April 10: "Build on Rock"

SUGGESTIONS FOR MEMORIALS

Anyone who has suggestions for projects that might be funded by memorials given to the church is asked to turn them in to Becky Kirtz so that a list may be compiled. Previous memorials have included things like the mailboxes, communion ware, plant stands, altar linens, etc. Suggestions may be sent to bkirtz@live.com, put in her church mailbox, or given directly to her.

LIFE QUOTE

March 24 "The Virgin Mary's womb became the dwelling place of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Word by whom all things were made. Within the first month, the heart of the Logos in human flesh was beating, like ours, with electrical impulses, pumping blood through His body, blood He would later shed for our sins. But the full miracle of the Incarnation was not just in seeing the Man in the flesh but much more: in Mary's Son we saw with our eyes real things that are only visible by their effects: divine mercy, love, compassion, faith, meekness, and justice." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer

The Fourth Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread."

How does God provide our daily bread?

He makes the earth fruitful and blesses us with the ability to work for the things we need.

What does God want us to do for those who are unable to work for daily food?

God does not want us to be selfish but to share with those who are unable to work and to include them in our prayers for daily bread.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 31, 2019

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

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

"Life Worth Living"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus calls us to hate life in this world, not because he wants hateful people. Rather, he wants us to more deeply love true life. (John 12:12-36)

CHURCH HISTORY: HIGH WATER COMING HOME FROM SCHOOL

From a conversation with Elmer Voth ... He remembered school starting at Immanuel at 9:00. They left home at 7:30. School got out at 3:30. The morning was spent in religious training and the afternoon was spent learning other subjects. Elmer (and brothers) usually didn't have to do morning chores; they did chores when they got home. Elmer, at the time, lived with his parents close to where Craig Duden now lives. He was a cousin to the Dicke's who also lived in the Featherstone area. It was customary for each of the boys to take a girl cousin to school. The boys would then take care of the horses when they got to school. In the winter, the kids would stay with their Grandma and Grandpa Dicke who lived in what was later Leonard Dicke's house, or with Uncle Hermann Dicke who lived where Peter Gjestvang now lives, or with siblings Ray, Ruben and Lucile who farmed/kept house at the place where Fitschen's later lived, or possibly with other aunts or uncles. This cut down considerably on their mileage to school. Weather permitting, they also took the field road from the home farm down toward the Trout Brook School, then cut through the Strusz pasture, which took them to the low maintenance road that abuts Hay Creek Trail. They also had another alternate route. It seems that many of the cousins went to school on the prairie for the first four years and went to Immanuel in grades 5-8 for confirmation instruction. When Amos picked up the girls for school, he came down the road (which now looks like a fence line) from the vicinity of Hope Church. Verna, who lived where Martin Voth now lives, would meet Amos on that road, then they would follow it down to where it intersected the road that ran directly in front of Irene's house. Elmer's brother Hubert and also Viola (Dicke Rohe) were coming home from school in Hay Creek (Immanuel) and got to the bridge just past the brick house (Charles Bang's house) on Hay Creek Trail. It had rained and water was coming up through the boards on the bridge. They probably could have made it across that bridge but they knew the next bridge was lower and there were no houses in between. So, Hubert turned back and they spent the night at Charles Bang's house. From a taped conversation with Irene Dicke Gerdes, she recalled: "When you were mentioning about Hubie staying overnight because of the flooded creek, it probably was the same night (chuckle) when we were coming home, too, from school, and after we had driven a mile or two, Amos said if we can make it as far as Uncle Oscar's (Germann), we're going to stay there. So we did make it that far. When we get there I'll show you the place where the little bridge was over the creek, but it wasn't much of a bridge, it was just a little wooden thing and it's on the driveway, not a regular road. So, it wasn't much of a bridge. But we did get over it. But an hour later it had washed out. And then when we got closer to the buildings there's a ravine that comes down from the...well, from the Arndt place that we just passed up there (and that ordinarily was dry), you just drove through a dip in the ground. That night it was coming full water and our horse would not step into it. So Verna (Voth Larson) and I found a place where we could jump across, which we did, and we went to the house and told them our sad tale. Anard (Germann) and his dad went out and helped Amos get the horse across. And they kept us overnight. We sat on the front porch and watched all the flood water go down the valley. This whole valley was flooded that night."