

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**  
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**Fourth Sunday in Advent      December 19, 2010**

**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 guests, 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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Prayer of the Church  
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**C: hear our prayer.**

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 Chimes and Silent Prayer  
 Announcements  
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**Goodhue County Christmas Project**

All donations for the Goodhue County Christmas Project are due today.  
 Please place items under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. If you  
 did not remember to bring your item this morning, please speak with Pastor  
 about making arrangements to get the item to church some time today.  
 Thank you so much for your consideration and care for others.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today: 6:30PM Sunday School Christmas Program  
Tuesday: St. Thomas, Apostle: Jdgs. 6:36-40;  
Eph. 4:7, 11-16; Jn. 20:24-29  
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
No Choir Tonight  
Friday: 4:00PM Christmas Eve Worship  
Saturday: 10:00AM Christmas Day Worship  
Next Sunday: First Sunday After Christmas  
No Sunday School or Bible Class  
10:00AM Fellowship Time  
10:30AM Worship

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday - Linda Rehder  
Tuesday - Carol Koester, Tyler Ballman  
Wednesday - Herman von Knobelsdorff  
Friday - Carol Dicke

### **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), Sue Dicke, 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), Irene Gerdes (healing for her wrist), Steven Finstad (a Marine serving in Afghanistan who is a friend of Ryan Kassen), Ellee Goranson (recovering from surgery), Vera Carlson (healing), and Wayne and Gwen Thomforde.

### **Food Shelf Collection**

Today is the last day to donate items to the food shelf through the box in the entryway. You can still make a monetary donation by placing a check in the box before you leave church today. Thank you to New Horizons for sponsoring this effort and thanks to all who participated. You make a difference in our community!

### **Life Quote – December 19**

“Mary was pregnant with God. Jesus was God and man from the moment of conception and from that very moment of conception, He was Jesus, Savior, taking our place to save us from our sins. What love God has for us. What love we can share with others, from the moment of conception.”

*Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. This Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life. [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### **Snow Shoveling**

Winter is here and the church is in need of volunteers to shovel sidewalks before services and events. If you are able to help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

### **Fellowship Time Treats**

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for those interested in bringing treats to share for fellowship time. Fellowship time is held in the fellowship hall between 10:00 and 10:25 on Sunday mornings. It's a great opportunity to connect with your Christian friends before worship. If you haven't participated in fellowship time before, please know that you are always welcome.

### **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, December 26**

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

**”When You Feel So Painfully Alone”**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer**

A classic message from former Lutheran Hour Speaker, Dr. Dale A. Meyer. (Job 30:20-31)

### **2011 Offering Envelopes**

Envelope packets for 2011 are on the bench in the narthex. Please pick them up as you leave today. Sunday School envelopes for the children are also provided on the right-hand side of the bench. Thanks.

### **Catechism Review: The Sacrament of the Altar**

***How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?***

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

### **Holiday Worship Schedule**

Please mark your calendars for the special worship services of the holiday season.

Children's Christmas Program – December 19 – 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship – December 24 – 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship – December 25 – 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas – December 26

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. Worship

(No Sunday School or Bible Class)

New Year's Eve Worship – December 31 – 7:00 p.m.