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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 20, 2008

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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 P: Alleluia!
C: Alleluia!
 P: Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again;
C: death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia!
 P: The Lord says: "I am the way and the truth and the life."
C: No one comes to the Father except through Me." Alleluia!

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Hymn of the Day: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"
 Text: R. E. Herklots LSB #843; Tune: John B. Dykes LSB #554

- 1) "Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord to pray;
 But You along can grant us grace To live the words we say.
- 2) How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
 That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?
- 3) In blazing light Your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
 What trivial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!
- 4) Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
 Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday:	7:30PM	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Wednesday:	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:		No Women's Bible Class This Week
Friday:		St. Mark, Evangelist: Isaiah 52:7-10; 2 Timothy 4:6-18; Mark 16:14-20
Saturday:	9AM-5PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
	4:00PM	150 th Anniversary Prayer Service
	5:00PM	Hayride/Memorial Drive
	6:00PM	Fellowship and Wiener Roast
Next Sun:	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today	- Kelvin Hoffman
Monday	- Josh Arndt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen in remission from Lymphoma); Garland Bradley (husband of prospective member, in need of healing); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (receiving treatments for skin cancer); Cheri Greenwaldt (healing for her and her baby born prematurely); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Elaine Diercks (recovering from open heart surgery); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Janice Kassen (recovering from surgery).

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, at 7:30PM. Note: this is a time change from what is found on the calendar. Members desiring to join the Voters' Assembly of Immanuel are encouraged to do so. If you have specific questions about this opportunity, please speak with Pastor or one of the elders.

Fellowship Time Treat Sign-Up

A new sign-up sheet for those who would like to bring treats for fellowship time has been posted on the bulletin board. It covers dates through the end of May. All donations collected during this time will go towards the building project.

Life Quote – April 20

"There ... continues to be, enormous fallout from the deaths of over 48 million unborn children ... with damage not only to women's health and psyche, but also to her relationship with the baby's father ... The good news is that as more post-abortion healing and helping takes place, there will be more mothers and fathers to stand beside us and spread the word that abortion kills children and hurts their parents." *Olivia Gans, director, American Victims of Abortion. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org*

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, April 27
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
"A Matter of Life and Death"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark Muenchow

If we are only born once, we die twice. If we are born twice, we only die once. Pastor Mark Muenchow says baptism is a "near-death experience" that connects us to Christ's death and resurrection. (Romans 6:1-7)

Please Help Keep Our New Facilities Clean

Things get pretty muddy this time of year. With spring thaw and the rainy season upon us, it can be hard not to track dirt onto the new church carpeting. One way you can help avoid bringing mud into the new building is by not parking south of the church under the trees, ballpark, or near the new drain field until the ground firms up. It's an every member responsibility to try and keep our new carpets clean. Thanks for your consideration and help!

Cemetery and Church Lawn Mowing Job Available

The Trustees are looking for someone to mow the cemetery and the church grounds this summer. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please speak with one of the Trustees for details: Herman von Knobelsdorff, Lyle Dicke or Larry Horn.

150th Anniversary Prayer Service and Evening Event

Don't forget about the special prayer service near the original location of the church on Saturday at 4:00PM. The event will be at the K. C. Flueger Farm on County Road 21 (29880 Flower Valley Road). Please bring lawn chairs for use during the service. Following the service, we will have a hayride, dedicate the new Art Kenyon print, and also share an evening of food and fellowship. Please bring wieners, buns, a picnic dish to share, and, if possible, your own roasting supplies. Drinks and condiments will be provided. Activities will be held at church in the case of inclement weather. Sign-up sheets have been posted for those who want to ride the hay wagon and also for those willing to help with clean-up and set-up. Thanks!

Art Kenyon Oil Painting to Be Unveiled

As part of our celebration next weekend, we will be unveiling and dedicating the Art Kenyon oil painting of the church. This will take place after the service and hayride. Prints will be available for purchase and Art Kenyon will be present to sign them, if you so desire. Three sizes will be available at different costs:

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| 1) Small | (6 x 10) | \$15 |
| 2) Medium | (11 x 17) | \$35 |
| 3) Large | (13 x 22) | \$70 |

Church Clean-Up Days

Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd have been designated church clean-up days. Our school building also needs some work. A sign-up sheet with a wide range of jobs has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are willing to help out. If everyone takes just one job, the work will get done quickly and efficiently. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Congregational Lunch – May 4th

The Ladies Aid of Immanuel will be having a lunch for the congregation after worship on Sunday, May 4th. All members of Immanuel are invited to attend and are also encouraged to bring friends and/or relatives from outside the congregation. A free-will offering will be taken.

Orphan Grain Train Collection at Immanuel

All congregations in the Minnesota North and South Districts are invited to collect new socks and underwear (men's, women's and children's) for Orphan Grain Train. Please place your donated items in the basket marked: "Orphan Grain Train." Pastor Sorenson will be bringing the collection to the ingathering at the Minnesota State Pastoral Conference on May 12th - 14th. The orphan Grain Train is an organization that provides relief for human need worldwide. Thank you.

Scrip Order

A Great Lakes Scrip Order will be placed on April 22nd. Orders must be received by today. Any orders exceeding \$50 will need to be pre-paid. Start planning now for confirmation and graduation gifts, wedding and anniversary celebrations, and summer trips (hotels and eating out), cookouts and picnics. Plan ahead now and make Scrip a priority this summer! You're most likely already shopping where scrip is accepted. I encourage each family to make a commitment to buy just \$25 this quarter. It's just like using cash! There isn't an easier way for our church to raise funds. If you don't understand the concept, PLEASE talk to Bonnie Kassen after church or give her a call at 923-4884.

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

Hay Creek received her first resident pastor in 1862: the Rev. Johann Horst, Sr., born in Hessen, Germany. He came to Hay Creek after serving as the first resident pastor of Trinity First in Minneapolis. He established a school, acted as teacher, and also served five missions while at Trinity First. Horst went to Waconia in 1865 as the first resident pastor there. He ultimately founded St. Peter's in Watertown. After further development in Hay Creek, Horst was again called to Immanuel and returned here in 1869. He was installed at Courtland where he served until his unexpected death in 1893.

Confirmation Dates and Times

May 16: 5:30PM Confirmation Pictures

May 16: 6:00PM Confirmation Dinner

May 18: 10:30AM Confirmation Sunday

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to help with the confirmation dinner. This year we have two students being confirmed: Kelvin Hoffman and Tyson Smith. Plan on enough food for those who serve at the event plus twenty people. If you have specific questions, please speak with Pastor Sorenson. Thanks.

