

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 10, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 4:30PM Chime Choir
Tuesday: 8:00AM Men's Bible Breakfast
7:30PM Board of Elders
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: Valentine's Day
9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – St. John's, Hammond
Friday: Happy Birthday, Pastor!
Next Sunday: The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Vicki Hattemer
Monday - Paul Reding
Wednesday - Marion Kolberg
Friday - Pastor Sorenson
Saturday - Chloe Sorenson, Leah Sorenson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt, Bob Langhans, Walter Banitt, Phillip Sorenson, Roy & Jane Krueger, David Sucher (hospitalized with breathing difficulties), and Dan Kerns (recovering from surgery).

CHIME CHOIR

The second Chime Choir rehearsal will be held tomorrow at 4:30 PM. All youth who would like to play (who are not currently signed up) and adults who would like to help out should let Sara Sorenson know today. We are starting with the basics of ringing and note reading. This will be a process of learning, fun, and fellowship. If you have any questions, please speak with Sara (380-6587).

NEW MEMBERS

It is with great joy that we welcome into our fellowship John (Jack), Kim, and Heather Baune! Jack is a handyman and Kim is retired from the United States Postal Service (she used to deliver our church mail!). Heather is their adult daughter who works at Pro-Act. Jack's religious background is Catholic and Kim and Heather were both confirmed as Methodists. Pastor Sorenson has shared the distinctive teachings of our Lutheran faith with the Baune family and they have completed their membership information and commitment forms. We are so glad to have them in our church family!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, February 17, 2019

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

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

"Enter His Labor"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What would you do if your Word was all-powerful? Jesus started a conversation with an outsider. (John 4:1-42)

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer

The Third Petition: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Why do we pray that the will of God be done?

We know that the will of God will always be done, but we want God's good and gracious will to be done in our lives. "As His name must be hallowed and His kingdom come whether we pray or not, so also His will must be done and succeed. This is true even though the devil with all his followers raise a great riot, are angry and rage against it, and try to exterminate the Gospel completely. But for our own sakes we must pray that, even against their fury, His will be done without hindrance among us also. We pray so that they may not be able to accomplish anything and that we may remain firm against all violence and persecution and submit to God's will" (Large Catechism III:68).

CHURCH HISTORY

It appears that there were "collectors" in the early days of the congregation. They collected for the church and ministry. *[Pastor Sorenson notes: It became common for pastors to meet with their parishioners to determine what they should be giving to the church. Church leaders would even request that financial ledgers be made available for scrutiny. I'm sure glad that's not part of my job today!]*

In the Concordia Historical Institute's Quarterly (Fall 2005, Vol. 78, No .3), a pastor wrote of his parish "Not only was the housing situation poor, but the same was true with regard to provision for our living. In the call I had been promised a salary of \$150 in cash and various provisions in kind. The salary and other provisions were supposed to have been pledged by individual members. But instead of \$150 the pledge list showed only \$90, and of this...\$12 were lost when three members left, so the list actually showed only \$78."

In those days people had very little in earthly possessions or cash. In addition, the Civil War caused considerable hardship for families. Support for pastors often included grain, vegetables, meat and other provisions, in addition to cash. There were also offerings taken at various services. All things considered, it seems the Immanuel congregation was generous in their giving.