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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2009

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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Immanuel Lutheran Church Golfing Group

It's that time again for our church family nights of golfing at Gopher Hills. The golfing group will meet at 6:00 PM on selected Fridays (and one Saturday) throughout the summer. The cost remains \$15, which includes the use of a cart. These evenings of fun are open to all members and friends of the congregation. You do not need to be an experienced golfer to participate. Please note: there might be some changes to the schedule if large groups book on our dates. Since our group has been small, we have agreed to be flexible with our dates and times. The first evening will be Friday, May 8th at 6:00 PM. A full schedule has been posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please call Jerry Kohn at 388-7590.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	No Quilting this Month
Tuesday:	9:00AM Circuit Conference - Potsdam
Wednesday:	4:30PM 5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer
Friday:	6:00PM Church Golfing Group – Gopher Hills
Saturday:	9AM-11AM Move For Life – Lower AP Anderson Park
Next Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM Fellowship Time
	10:30AM Worship with Public Questioning of Confirmands

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday	- Ruth Ofstie
Tuesday	- Lois Klair, M/M Keith Holst
Wednesday	- M/M Dale Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Pastor Lyle Kath, Paul Nystuen, Marian Burkard, Linda Hardy, Mike Heim, Linda Soifakis, Philip Sorenson, Larry Horn, Rodger Kivi, Kelsey Holst, Dave Dicke, Carol Koester, and Margie Stumpf.

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

Bethesda Bus Tour

It's a great deal. Travel on the Bethesda Bus Tour this summer and get two nights lodging, 3 meals, 2 continental breakfasts, bus fair, and entrance to all attractions for only \$249! The tour will be held from July 14-16. Several exciting events will be featured along the way, including a tour of the Bethesda Lutheran Home. The bus will load at South Shore Trinity in White Bear Lake and in Eau Claire on July 14th. South Shore Trinity is located at 2480 South Shore Boulevard and the phone # is 651-429-4293. A flyer has been posted on the bulletin board with full details.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, May 10

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

“This Is Love”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Does your mother love you? Jesus loves you more! Has your mother sacrificed for you? Jesus died and rose to redeem you from sin and eternal death! (1John 4:10)

Thank You

A huge thank you to all who provided bars for the Southeastern Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee. It was greatly appreciated!

Kimberly Burns

Help Needed for the Confirmation Dinner

On May 15th at 7:00 PM, we will honor our confirmands (Andrew Jurgens and Elyse Kliewer) with a dinner for them and their families. We need people to volunteer to bring food and help with serving and clean-up. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are able to assist. Parents of the confirmation students from the other classes are encouraged to volunteer, if at all possible. If you have further questions, please speak with Pastor Sorenson.

Life Quote – May 3

“Jesus alone has the power to heal what we have buried and tried to hide for so long. Remember that Jesus Christ defeated Satan with the cross. Because of that, we do not have to be held captive to shame at the hands of our enemy any longer. With Christ we are spotless, clean and pure without blemish. Let His grace be enough for you today as you trust Him to work all things for His good.” *Grace Kern, director of Word-of-Hope, LFL’s post-abortion ministry (888-217-8679)* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org**

Move For Life – 2009

New Beginnings Pregnancy and Family Services is sponsoring a move for life event on Saturday, May 9th at Lower AP Anderson Park. Participants will walk, bike, jog, and roller-blade along Cannon Valley Trail while showing support for life at all stages. Registration for the event will be from 9 AM to 11 AM at Lower AP Anderson Park. If you have additional questions or you would like a sponsor or pledge form, please contact New Beginnings Pregnancy and Family Services at 651-267-4357 or email at www.newbeginningsspc.com. An announcement has also been posted on the bulletin board. Thanks.

Bottles to Support Babies

Would you like to help support the mission of New Beginnings Pregnancy and Family Services here in Red Wing? This center is helping to foster a culture of life in the men and women of our community. Fifty percent of the women who visit a pregnancy center will change their mind about having an abortion. You can help! Fill one of the baby bottles in the narthex with cash, check or change, and place it in the box marked “Bottles for Babies.” Our congregation will conduct this campaign over the next two months. Also, the gift you provide may be given in honor of someone special. New Beginnings will send a card in honor of the person you designate on the yellow slip inside your baby bottle. When you take a bottle, please sign your name on the sheet with the number that appears on your bottle. Thank you for your tax-deductible gift!