ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 19, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: Spring Begins Today

1:00PM Ladies Mission Project

Tuesday: 7:30PM Board of Elders

Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship

7:45PM Choir

Saturday: The Annunciation of our Lord: Isa. 7:10-14; Heb. 10:4-10; Lk. 1:26-38

9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit

2:00PM Bob Langhans Benefit - American Legion, Red Wing

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

9:45AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship with Service of Holy Baptism

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Logan Dicke

Monday - Brian Augustin, Dan Langhans Tuesday - Marshall & Kari Benedict

Wednesday - Kevin Holm

Thursday - Karen Stemmann Friday - Vera Carlson Saturday - Myron Alms

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, Catherine Smith, Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold (being treated for leukemia), Pastor Scott Fiege (health problems), Charissa Stumpf and her pre-born baby (as they face placental issues).

EASTER FLOWERS

There is a sign up for Easter Flowers on the bulletin board. As in the past, Sargent's Nursery is offering a variety of options to choose from, so please check them out. This is a wonderful way to beautify the altar area on Easter morning, AND you get to take your flowers home after the service! **All orders and payments are due by Sunday, April 2nd.** Checks should be made payable to Bonnie Kassen.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

New Horizons will be hosting their annual Palm Sunday Brunch after the worship service on April 9th. If you would like to help or can provide food items, sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

The next Properties Committee Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on March 28th. If you have questions or comments regarding the work of the committee and the plans being developed regarding the installation of an elevator or the use of the basement space, you are welcome to attend. Those who were not able to participate in the Open Forum/Potluck on March 12th are especially invited to share their comments or questions. All committee members are asked to mark their calendars for the 28th. Thanks.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Over the next month you are invited to participate in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for First Choice Clinic, our local pro-life pregnancy center. Simply take one of the bottles from the narthex, fill it with change, paper bills, or checks and bring it back to church by March 26th. If you prefer, you may also just write a check and leave it in a bottle in the narthex. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

PILLOW CLEANING OPPORTUNITY

Carlson Pillow Cleaning mobile unit will be at Shear Enhancement Salon in Goodhue on Tuesday, April 4th, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, April 5th, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Down and feather pillows are cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, fluffed and new ticking on. On-the-spot cleaning. If you have questions, call Deb Gnotke at 651-764-5587.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Fourth Commandment: "Honor your father and your mother." Who are parents and other authorities?

Parents are fathers, mothers, and guardians; other authorities are all those whom God has placed over us at home, in government, at school, at the place where we work, and in the church.

LWML ZONE SPRING RALLY

The Lake Pepin Zone of the LWML will have its Spring Rally at Concordia Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 1. The topic is: "The Golden Triangle: Freedom, Virtue, and Faith." The Speaker will be the public policy advocate for the MInnesota South District, the Rev. Fred Hinz. Devotion and Bible Study will be led by Rev. Tyge Zucker of Concordia. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with the rally starting at 9:00 AM. Gifts for the Heart will go to First Choice Clinic, a life-affirming pregnancy center in need of NEW baby items.

VBS NEWS

St Peter's Belvidere will again host VBS this year in partnership with Camp Omega Day Camp. This free camp will run July 31 - August 4. The camp will be led by counselors from Camp Omega. More details will be available soon. Mark your calendars and spread the word! Everyone is welcome. Contact Michelle Benrud (651-923-5274) or Amy Alkire (651-323-4844) with questions.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERIES

This year's Lenten midweek focus is based on the hymn: "Were You There?" Each week we will consider different aspects of the Passion of our Lord and find ourselves in the Biblical witness. The remaining dates and topics of this preaching series are as follows:

March 22: "Were You There When He Was Condemned?" (Wednesday)

March 29: "Were You There When He Was Crowned with Thorns?" (Wednesday)

March 5: "Were You There When He Was Crucified?" (Wednesday)

March 13: "Were You There When He Instituted The Holy Supper?" (Maundy Thursday)

March 14: "Were You There When He Was Laid in the Tomb?" (Good Friday)

March 16: "Were You There When He Rose from the Grave?" (Easter)

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 26, 2017 6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis; 6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault "God's Got It In For Me"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

God can use our troubles and crosses for a higher purpose that we may not understand until we reach heaven. (John 9:1-41)