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The Second Sunday in Lent February 17, 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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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	7:30PM	Nybo's Family Night
Monday:		CILS No School – Teacher Work Day
Snow Shoveling:		Feb. 18-24: Chuck Bremer
Tuesday:	6:00PM	Pre-Marriage Counseling
	6:30-8:00PM	CILS Kindergarten Round-Up
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Lenten Midweek Worship
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:		CILS Half Day – Noon Dismissal
	2:00PM	Ladies Aid
	5:00PM	150 th Anniversary Committee
	7:00PM	CILS School Board, Concordia
Saturday:	9AM-5PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sun:		Third Sunday in Lent
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Placing of Church Officers

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Ethan Ballman
Monday - Brad Diercks, Dillon Dressen, Chad Schmitz
Anneliese von Knobelsdorff
Tuesday - Avis Sucher, M/M Jay Turner
Wednesday - Nita Callstrom
Friday - Derek Banitt
Saturday - Carson Callstrom

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 undergoing chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma); Kim Burns (recovering from eye surgery); Burnetta Dicke (recovering at home from bronchial complications); Henry Stellrecht (healing); 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); the Bremer family (as they mourn the earthly departure of Dorothy); Will Dicke and Bridget Kingsley (married February 16th in Keystone, Colorado).

Life Quote – February 17

"Innocent life taken for political expediency—does this sound familiar: We dally with such devaluation today, in embryonic-stem-cell research, abortion, euthanasia, terrorism—all treated as justifiable to relativists. How unseemly, how grotesque, that the devaluation of human life now runs under the banner of 'choice.' The question is not whether but what you choose. Among the choices, the hardest path is the road of the cross, following the example of Jesus. Yet if that stony, stumbling course is the hardest, it is also the best." *The Patriot Post*. **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org**

Dave Dicke Benefit

Dave Dicke, nephew to Keith Dicke, is in need of a liver transplant. Please keep him in your prayers. A special benefit with a live auction will be held on Sunday, February 24th at the Elks' Lodge in Winona. A spaghetti dinner will be served from 3:00-6:00PM with the auction at 4:00PM. Tickets for the dinner are \$7. Get your tickets at HBS (Main Office) or Winona Radio. Auction items include: MN Twins memorabilia, collector items, quilts, and more! See the poster on the bulletin board for full details.

Scrip Order

There will be a Great Lakes Scrip order placed on Monday, February 25th. Think ahead now for your Easter gifts and graduation needs. It's not too early to start buying scrip for those summer vacations as well. Stop by the scrip table and pick up a new list of merchants. There are well over 200 to choose from! Also, don't forget ... Wal-Mart is now on hand in the scrip box in \$25 increments.

Placing of Church Officers

All those elected to boards and other church offices should plan on being in worship on February 24th. During the service, we will have the official placing of church officers for the 2008 year. If you have a conflict, please speak with pastor at your earliest convenience so that he knows how many people to expect for the 24th. Thank you.

A Message from Leah Dicke

Thank you very much Pastor for always sending me the "Portals of Prayer" devotional. I love those books. Thank you also to the Immanuel Ladies Aid that sent me the box of goodies. It was wonderful! I hope everyone is staying warm this winter. Everything is good here. It is still warm, but it has quieted down so much. Please continue to keep all the soldiers here in your thoughts and prayers. Thanks so much for everything. Leah Dicke

Thank You from the O'Neal Family

Dear Friends in Christ:

Greetings from Seoul, South Korea! I have just returned home from a very exciting trip to North Korea where we were exploring how the Lutheran Church might be involved there. That this trip even happened is a miracle. Surely the Lord has opened the door for us. We were welcomed warmly and with the understanding that we are Christians seeking to help people because the love of God compels us to do so. What an opportunity!

We received notification from LCMS World Mission that you sent \$1,000 in October to support our mission work. Thank you for enabling us to be here to carry out this important Gospel work in Asia. We are glad that you are working together with us and LCMS World Mission. We hope that our newsletters help you keep up with what is going on in this part of the mission field. Thank you again for sharing your prayers and support. God bless you as you continue to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, sharing His love with the people you meet.

Patrick, Jennifer, John, Grace and James O'Neal

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, February 24
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
“...Because of the Woman’s Testimony”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Steve Siegel

The Samaritan woman Jesus met at the well was a social outcast, but that did not stop her from telling everyone in the village who Jesus was. And because of her testimony, many came to believe in Him as the Savior of the world. (John 4:5-26, 27-30, 39-42)

Lenten Midweek Series

On Ash Wednesday we began a new Lenten preaching series entitled “Sin and Grace.” Special midweek services will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30PM throughout Lent and will run according to the following schedule of themes:

February 20	“The Sinner and His God”	2 Sam. 12:13
February 27	“Sin and Grace”	Rom. 5:20
March 5	“The Perfect Physician”	Ex. 15:26b
March 12	“The Lamb of God”	John 1:29
March 20	(Maundy Thursday) “The Doctrine And Purpose of Holy Communion”	1 Cor. 11:23-29
March 21	(Good Friday) “Bought With a Price”	1 Cor. 6:20

Please plan on nurturing yourself with the preaching of the Lord during the holy season of Lent.

Support Mission Work in Kyrgyzstan

Bob and Sue Pfeil, missionaries in Kyrgyzstan report that they are looking forward to the completion of a new Lutheran Church building in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The church is named “Concordia,” The missionaries are looking forward to the dedication in the near future. Their medical vans continue to serve the citizens at no cost and have become a real opportunity in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a population that is primarily Muslim.

If you would like to support this work of soul-winning, please make checks out to Concordia Mission Society and mail to: Concordia Mission Society, P.O. Box 8555, St. Louis, MO 63126-0555.

Thank you and God’s richest blessings in your missionary work!