

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – JUNE 22, 2014**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Monday: 7:30PM Adult Softball, Field 3  
Tuesday: The Nativity of St. John, the Baptist: Isa. 40:1-5; Acts 13:13-26; Lk. 1:57-80  
Wednesday: 6:30PM Pre-Marriage Counseling  
Thursday: 7:30PM Women's Bible Class  
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session  
Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit  
Next Sunday: Third Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM Worship  
3:00PM Retirement Service/Reception for Rev. John Fuchs – Immanuel, Potsdam

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Today - Emily Duden  
Tuesday - Nikki Scheele, Larry & Marian Bloom  
Wednesday - Jerry & Sheila Stehr  
Friday - Shelly & Denise Simanski

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Richard Diercks, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, and Leonard Dicke.

### **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR FUCHS**

The congregations of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Potsdam and St. John's Lutheran Church of Hammond cordially invite you to join them for the retirement celebration for Pastor John Fuchs on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A special service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Potsdam, at 3:00 p.m., with a reception following. We hope you will join us for this time of recognition for Pastor Fuchs and his selfless service to our churches over the course of the past years. Greetings may be sent to 605 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, Plainview, MN 55964. Thank You.

### **LCMS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – “Gangway to Galilee”**

Register now for our joint VBS to be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Belvidere! This program will bring together many people from our communities, including children from the congregations of Concordia in Red Wing, Immanuel in Hay Creek, St. Peter's – Belvidere, and Bethany in Lake City. “Gangway to Galilee” will be running Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is supper at 5:30 p.m. with VBS to follow from 6:00-8:00PM. Pastor Sorenson will again lead the music and incorporate all of his rhythm instruments. To sign up, please e-mail Melissa at [maxgirl10@gmail.com](mailto:maxgirl10@gmail.com) with your child's name, age, the grade they are entering, your phone number, and any known allergies of the child, along with an emergency contact number. Please try to register by June 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, we are in need of adults to lead the groups for these five nights. If you would like to help some or all of the nights, put that in the e-mail as well! Thank You! Melissa McDonnell

### **CATECHISM REVIEW**

#### **Confession/Absolution**

**What assurance do I have that my private confession to the pastor will remain confidential?**

The pastor is pledged not to tell anyone else of sins told him in private confession, for those sins have been removed.

**What is the benefit of private confession and absolution?**

In private confession and absolution, God himself through the pastor forgives each individual the sins that are confessed.

“If there is a heart that feels its sin and desires consolation, it has here a sure refuge when it hears in God's Word that through a man God looses and absolves him from his sins” (Large Catechism, Brief Exhortation 14).