

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 2, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – Bethany, Lake City
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15PM Lenten Midweek Worship
8:00PM Choir
Thursday: 11:00AM Seminary Home Chapel
Next Sunday: First Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 1 - David Dressen
Today - Luke Augustin
Tuesday - Gavin Stumpf
Thursday - Rosie Kohn

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans, Dennis Dankers, Hermann von Knobelsdorff (fighting pancreatic cancer) and the family and friends of Marilyn Kromminga, mourning her departure.

LIFE QUOTE

March 2 "We limit the power of God if we say He can accomplish things only in people who are healthy and up and around. He's God! He can work in your life as well as in the life of Paul. He can work in the life of the chronically ill or the terminally ill or the bed-ridden grandma unaware of her surroundings. Christ isn't honored because of what we do. He is honored because of what He does in us! In fact, you could say that the less we are able to do, the more Christ is exalted as He works through us!" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

The season of Lent is a time for us to face together the brokenness of our lives and our world, and then turn that brokenness over to Christ so that we can be restored by Him through the cross. Our Lenten midweek worship series this year is entitled, "Restored in Christ." With the help of Missouri Synod Professor Joel Biermann, each Wednesday of Lent will feature a certain event in the Lenten story. We will take a good, hard look at a broken element from that particular story. Then we will apply the healing of the Gospel and discover how restoration in Jesus is the key to living today as new creations in Christ. The first midweek service will be this week on Ash Wednesday (March 5th) at 7:15 PM. Please see the bulletin insert for more exciting details about our 2014 Lenten midweek series!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 9, 2014

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

"Life God's Way"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Satan tempts us to adopt his flawed idea of God's design for our lives. (Matthew 4:1-11)

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FORTY DAYS OF LENT - BASKETS OF PROMISE

This Lenten season, our congregation's journey can be the beginning of a better future for communities in need around the world. Through a program implemented by Lutheran World Relief, congregations are asked to collect and assemble Personal Care Kits and help provide basic sanitation and hygiene for families coping with some of life's most difficult situations. In places like the Philippines, where Typhoon Haiyan destroyed entire communities, Personal Care Kits allow families who have lost their belongings to stay healthy and clean and preserve personal dignity. Each of the Sundays of Lent you are asked to bring specific items for our collection. If you would prefer, you may also collect all of these at one time and bring them to church. Here is our collection schedule week by week:

March 9 - Bars of Soap (Any brand in original wrapping)

March 16 - Bath Towel (light weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)

March 23 - Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

March 30 - Combs

April 6 - Nail Clippers (Metal, with attached file option)

April 13 - Bars of Soap

LIFETOUCH PICTURE DIRECTORY PROJECT

Keep in mind that plans for our new picture directory are well underway! The photography dates are April 30th (Wednesday) through May 3rd (Saturday). We want to have everyone included in our new directory!! A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to serve as hosts/hostesses; they will help check people in on the days that the pictures are taken. It would be great if we could get at least two people to volunteer for each four hour slot. Picture appointment sign-up will begin in a couple weeks, so please be thinking about what days and times will be most convenient for you and your family to be photographed.

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism

Why does the church encourage the use of sponsors at Baptisms?

Sponsors witness that those who receive this sacrament have been properly baptized. They also pray for them and in the case of children, help with their Christian upbringing, especially if they should lose their parents. Only those of the same confession of faith should be sponsors.

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)