

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 26, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle: Ezek. 3:16-21; Rom. 10:8b-18; Jn. 1:35-42a
Next Sunday: First Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Amanda Dupre, William Kirchner, Ronnie & Jean Stumpf
Tuesday - Isabel Germann-Hutter
Friday - Blake Janski, Brad Kolberg, Brian Smith

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome and recovering from knee replacement surgery), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold, former member Kelli Boles/Schmitz (facing terminal cancer), Roy and Jane Krueger (recovering from auto accident injuries), and Kathy Voth (having surgery on November 27th; pray for her doctor as he works to straighten her leg).

CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDER

A Christmas scrip order will be placed on Tuesday, December 6th. Orders larger than \$100 must be prepaid. Stop at the Scrip table for a current list. Call Bonnie Kassen with questions: Cell 764-5902 or Home 923-4884.

SNOW SHOVELING

A schedule for winter snow shoveling has been posted on the bulletin board. We need volunteers to help clear sidewalks and driveways around the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Our congregation is again participating in the Goodhue County Christmas Project, an effort to help struggling families with Christmas resources and gifts for the holidays. A poster has been placed in the narthex to let everyone know what the needs are. Please sign your name to whatever gifts you plan on purchasing so that we can track which needs have been fulfilled. If you do not sign your name, it is quite possible that double purchases will be made; we do not want to come up short for our families! Gifts should be placed under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. If you choose to wrap your gifts (which is NOT necessary), please put a note on the outside indicating what's inside or we will need to unwrap them. Thanks so very much for your generosity this Christmas season!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year's Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 PM. In addition to practice during Sunday School, two Saturday practices will be held: December 9th from 9 AM to 10 AM and December 16th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. If you have questions or comments, please call Nikki Scheele (380-5646) or Leslie Germann-Hutter (380-1910).

LIFE QUOTE

November 26 "All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity* – A Life Quote from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

HELP WITH BASEMENT PLANNING/NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

Five different drawings are available for you to consider regarding finishing our church basement.

The elevator, which will soon be installed, is the gateway project to the completion of the entire basement. We would like your feedback on the drawings. Which one(s) do you like best and why? Please be specific about what you like and/or dislike. The proposal drawings, a comment sheet, and a basket have been placed in the narthex in order for you to share your thoughts about the proposals. We would like to receive all feedback by November 30th. Again, please don't just vote on one and leave it at that; tell us which proposals you like/don't like and why. The Properties Committee really appreciates your participation in this process. Thank you.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Second Article: Redemption

What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's conception?

They teach that Christ, the Son of God, received a true human body and soul in the Virgin Mary through the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, not through a human father.

What do the Scriptures teach of the birth of Christ?

They teach that Jesus Christ, the God-man, was born of the Virgin Mary.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 3, 2017

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis

6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Advent Adventure"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Sometimes our faith gets weaker, sometimes it grows stronger. Let's take this Advent to heart, and "live by faith, and not by sight." (Mark 13:24-37)

THANK YOU FROM THE LUKE STUMPF FAMILY

And to think Mason has already grown and is now a seven month, fourteen pound baby! "Thank you" will never be enough, but **thank you** to everyone who prayed for us, sent cards, visited us, and had us in your thoughts. We needed prayers and they were heard! A special thanks to the ladies who made the beautiful blanket for Mason. He loves to snuggle in it! And thank you, Pastor Sorenson, for being there for us the entire time. I know our journey would have had a different ending without all of you.

Sincerely,

Luke, Charissa, Ava, Brynn, and Mason Stumpf