

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 15, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Thursday: 1:00PM Ladies Aid with Joan Brown at Seminary Home
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday: First Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Pastor Sorenson
Monday - Marian Bloom, Chloe Sorenson, Leah Sorenson
Tuesday - Ethan Ballman
Wednesday - Brad Diercks, Chad Schmitz, Anneliese von Knobelsdorff
Thursday - Avis Sucher, Jay & Traci Turner
Friday - Nita Callstrom, Clara Rortvedt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Kari Janssen, Melissa Barbey and the family and friends of John Schafer (as they mourn his passing).

PLACING OF CHURCH OFFICERS

New and returning church officers for the 2015 year are invited to participate in a short rite of installation that will be held during the worship service on February 22nd. Even if you are in the middle of your term, you are welcome to come forward and renew your commitments. Thank you for your service to our congregation!

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Midweek services will be held again this year on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. Pastor is featuring a series entitled: "The Battle Within." The series explores the warfare that goes on in the Christian life between spirit and the flesh. This series was designed in partial fulfillment of Pastor's continuing education requirements in the D.Min. program at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. The first midweek service of the Lenten season will be this coming Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), February 18th at 7:00 PM. The outline of the preaching series is as follows:

February 18: The Awakened Soul (Romans 7:7-13)
February 25: The Spiritual Heart (Romans 7:14)
March 4: The Conflicted Christian (Romans 7:15-20)
March 11: The Double Servant (Romans 7:21-23, 25b)
March 18: The Wretched Saint (Romans 7:24)
March 25: The Hopeful Victor (Romans 7:24-25)

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, February 22, 2015

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

"Regrets, Reality, and Grace-filled Restoration"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Through Christ's forgiveness, regrets give way to restoration. (Luke 15)

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LIFE QUOTES

February 15 "[W]e can set an example in purity by honoring God's plan for sexuality and relationships. For those of us who are single, we do this by living a pure and chaste life and not being ashamed of it. This can be a daily challenge and struggle but, by living differently, we show others how different, and wonderful, love in Christ can be!" *Laura Davis, director of Y4Life (Y4Life.org) – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD Of The Election Of Grace (From "The Brief Statement")

By the election of grace we mean this truth, that all those who by the grace of God alone, for Christ's sake, through the means of grace, are brought to faith, are justified, sanctified, and preserved in faith here in time, that all these have already from eternity been endowed by God with faith, justification, sanctification, and preservation in faith, and this for the same reason, namely, by grace alone, for Christ's sake, and by way of the means of grace. That this is the doctrine of the Holy Scripture is evident from Eph. 1:3-7; 2 Thess. 2:13, 14; Acts 13:48; Rom. 8:28-30; 2 Tim. 1:9; Matt. 24:22-24 (cp. Form. of Conc. Triglote, p. 1065, Paragraphs 5, 8, 23; M., p. 705). Accordingly we reject as an anti-Scriptural error the doctrine that not alone the grace of God and the merit of Christ are the cause of the election of grace, but that God has, in addition, found or regarded something good in us which prompted or caused Him to elect us, this being variously designated as "good works," "right conduct," "proper self-determination," "refraining from willful resistance," etc. Nor does Holy Scripture know of an election "by foreseen faith," "in view of faith," as though the faith of the elect were to be placed before their election; but according to Scripture the faith which the elect have in time belongs to the spiritual blessings with which God has endowed them by His eternal election. For Scripture teaches Acts 13:48: "And as many as were ordained unto eternal life believed." Our Lutheran Confession also testifies (Triglote, p. 1065, Paragraph 8; M. p. 705): "The eternal election of God however, not only foresees and foreknows the salvation of the elect, but is also, from the gracious will and pleasure of God in Christ Jesus, a cause which procures, works, helps, and promotes our salvation and what pertains thereto; and upon this our salvation is so founded that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it, Matt. 16:18, as is written John 10:28: 'Neither shall any man pluck My sheep out of My hand'; and again, Acts 13:48: 'And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed..'"