

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 16, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: **Goodhue County Christmas Project Gifts Due Today!**
6:00PM Sunday School Christmas Worship
(Children arrive by 5:30PM)

Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir

Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle: Jdgs. 6:36-40; Eph. 4:7, 11-16; Jn. 20:24-29

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Kim Frazier
Tuesday - Mary Augustin, Patricia Schmitz
Thursday - Linda Rehder
Friday - Tyler Ballman, Carol Koester
Saturday - Anika Rortvedt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Walter Banitt, Phillip Sorenson Roy & Jane Krueger, Raymond "Swede" Theobald, Bonnie Kassen (experiencing nerve pain), Doug Callstrom, and Nancy Weber, sister of Bonnie Kassen (recovering from the removal of a cancerous kidney).

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/WORSHIP

The Children's Christmas Program will be held tonight at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Sunday School students should be at church by 5:30 PM.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

The final Advent midweek worship service of the season will be held this Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. We will conclude our theme, **The Women of Advent**, by focusing on Anna, the prophetess.

PROJECTS WITH PAM!

Pastor has asked Pam Holst if she would consider leading an activities group at church. Pam is an excellent crafter and quilter and says she has many shorter type projects that she would love to share with interested people in the congregation. If you might enjoy this type of opportunity, please give Pam a call directly (923-4190). Once we know we have a group of interested people, we will consider days and times. Thanks to Pam for being willing to share her talents!

REQUEST FROM THE RED WING HEALTH CENTER

The Red Wing Health Center called during this last week to request help giving their residents small Christmas gifts: candy bars, socks, etc. If you would like to donate small items of this nature, please place them in the box in the narthex designated for this purpose. The Health Center was going to call all the churches in Red Wing for help. Pastor Sorenson informed them that this is late notice and that we are already doing the Goodhue County Christmas Project. Pastor made no guarantees about what could be collected in such a short time; he will simply bring whatever comes in to the Health Center.

CHURCH HISTORY

1878: 90 voting members. The church was to be painted. So that the fence could be repaired, each member was asked to bring three posts or pay \$.30 (that's thirty cents).

1879: Each member was asked to bring a half-cord of wood to the church property. More boards were to be put on the pastor's barn to keep it warmer.

1880: Debt was \$249.85. Figuring inflation, the computer says that's equal to about \$6,200 today. Then again, it says the average wage for the labor of men on farms (for hire by the year without board) was about \$18.50 per month or about \$222 per year. Something does not compute; however, the congregation has been blessed abundantly regarding the payment of debt throughout the years.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer

The First Petition: "Hallowed be Thy name."

What is the connection between this petition and the Second Commandment?

Both speak about the name of God. "In this petition we pray for exactly what God demands in the Second Commandment. We pray that His name not be taken in vain...but be used well for God's praise and honor" (Large Catechism III:45).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 23, 2018

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

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

"The King's Strength "

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A true king's strength is seen, not in vaults and arsenals, but in the loyalty of his people. We celebrate the birth of the King who won the victory, not by taxing his subjects and killing his enemies, but by serving, loving and dying for them. By his resurrection, He destroyed the power of sin and lends us strength to become His loyal subjects. (Luke 1:26-56)

LIFE QUOTE

December 16 "We love children as they can remind us of the simple fact of love's openness and embrace of new life and communion of one person with another. Children can open up our hearts to this. That our society now treats children the way it does is a dark shame, another sign of its separation from God. Regardless, we confess that Jesus Christ, Son of God, has come in the flesh and preach these glad tidings to all." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org