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**Second Sunday After Christmas**

**January 1, 2011**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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**Door Offering for a Needy Family**

Pastor was contacted this week by a Lake City family in need of rent money. Pastor has confirmed the need with the landlord and is asking the congregation this morning to give to help this family in a crisis situation. The rent is \$350 and it would be great if all of us together could come up with that amount or even exceed it. Thanks for your generosity. "The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern" (Proverbs 29:7).

**Life Quote – January 2** "The first truth of life is that every life is the handiwork of God. The Psalmist says that God 'knitted' (Psalm 139:13) each of us together in our mother's womb. Job and Isaiah talk about God shaping and forming us in the womb. Yes, the truth of life is, every life is the work of God's hands." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life -*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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

Monday: TBA – Ladies Quilting Project  
Tuesday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – Concordia  
7:00PM Board of Elders  
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:30PM Choir  
Thursday: The Epiphany of Our Lord: Isa. 60:1-6;  
Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12  
Next Sunday: The Baptism of Our Lord  
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00AM Fellowship Time  
10:30AM Worship  
11:30AM New Horizons Potluck and taking down  
Christmas decorations – all are invited

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

Today - Nathan Ballman, Jacob & Pam Dahl, Joshua & Allie Nissen  
Saturday - Lindsay Henderson

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Healing:** Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Sue Dicke, Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Lori Ramig (recovering from a heart transplant), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Irene Gerdes (healing for her wrist), Steven Finstad (a Marine serving in Afghanistan who is a friend of Ryan Kassen), Wayne Thomforde, Judith Whipple and the family and friends of Gwen Thomforde (as they reflect on her passing).

### **Sunday Morning Bible Class**

Over the next few weeks, Pastor will speak on the unChristian cults that exist in our community. The errors of the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons will be exposed and corrected in light of Sacred Scripture. All are welcome to attend the discussions.

### **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, January 9**

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

**”Nothing”**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

The word “nothing” is a word filled with promise when we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God which is ours in Christ Jesus.  
(Romans 8:38-39)

### **The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932) On the Holy Scriptures (Paragraph 1)**

We teach that the Holy Scriptures differ from all other books in the world in that they are the Word of God. They are the Word of God because the holy men of God who wrote the Scriptures wrote only that which the Holy Ghost communicated to them by inspiration, 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21. We teach also that the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures is not a so-called “theological deduction,” but that it is taught by direct statements of the Scriptures, 2 Tim. 3:16, John 10:35, Rom. 3:2; 1 Cor. 2:13. Since the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God, it goes without saying that they contain no errors or contradictions, but that they are in all their parts and words the infallible truth, also in those parts which treat of historical, geographical, and other secular matters, John 10:35.

### **Youth Ski Trip**

Pastor is planning a trip to Welch Village for the youth of our congregation. The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 29th at 3:00 in the afternoon. We will meet at church and then proceed to the ski hill as a group. The cost for just a lift ticket is \$23. You may purchase the full package (which includes lift ticket, rental equipment, and a lesson) for \$39. Please bring extra money for food. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are able to attend. You may invite friends; however, please make sure that they are also signed up. Adult chaperones are also welcome to join us for the event.

### **Radio Devotion Program**

Would you like to sponsor a week of devotions on Red Wing's KWNG radio station? Pastor speaks the Gospel to our community five days out of every week. You may sponsor a week in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a special event in your life, or you may pay for a week without having your name mentioned on air. It is your choice. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Offerings to this program should go into the regular collection plate and should be marked “radio program” on the envelope or in the memo line on the check. Thanks for helping others to hear the Good News!!