

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 11, 2015**

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

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: 2:00PM Ladies Aid  
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session  
Saturday: 3:30PM Corn Maze Youth Event  
Next Sunday: The 21st Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

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

Today - Linda Diercks, Rick Stemmann  
Monday - Wayne Rehder & Janice Kassen-Rehder  
Tuesday - Jada Scheele  
Wednesday - Stan & Carol Koester  
Thursday - Rebecca Good, Jessica Mattson, Roger & Shelley Pohlman  
Friday - Becky Kirtz  
Saturday - Connie Duden

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Leonard Dicke, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern, Catherine Smith (recovering from surgery), and the family of JoMar Dicke (as they mourn her passing).

### **ALICIA HOFFMAN POSTER**

A poster of pictures has been placed in the narthex pertaining to Alicia Hoffman's recent service-learning trip to Hawaii. Peruse at your convenience! Alicia thanks everyone for their support and prayers.

### **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, October 18, 2015**

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

#### **"Someone Up There Must Like Me"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Faith in Jesus means you can live knowing that Someone “up there” really, really loves you. (Mk. 10:23-31)

### **LWML WHITEWATER CONFERENCE FALL RALLY**

The Winona, Rochester, and Lake Pepin Zones of the LWML will gather for their fall rally on Saturday, October 24 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church of Winona. The special speaker will be Ms. Karen Carter of the Bethesda Auxiliary. The Bible study will be led by Pastor Samuel Morsching, Winona Zone Pastoral Counselor. The cost is \$10. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the program will start at 9:00 AM. The events of the day will conclude with lunch. Gifts from the Heart for this rally are bathroom or kitchen linens for Bethesda group homes or food shelf items for Winona. St. Martin's is located at 328 East Broadway in Winona.

### **THANK YOU TO BETHANY, LAKE CITY AND VERA CARLSON**

Many thanks to Bethany in Lake City for allowing Hay Creek to use their extra communion set while plans are made to refurbish our set. Funds for this project are coming from the memorials given at the passing of Russell Carlson. Many thanks to Vera Carlson for choosing to use these funds in this manner.

### **OCTOBER YOUTH MENTORSHIP EVENT**

7th and 8th grade confirmation students and their mentors will meet on Saturday, October 24th, for a fun pizza-making event. This is a food and fellowship event designed to help students and mentors get to know each other better. The fun begins at 6:00 PM on the 24th. Confirmation students who have a conflict for that night are asked to speak with Pastor as soon as possible.

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## **CHILI LUNCH**

The plans are in the works to have our annual chili and cinnamon roll lunch after worship on Sunday, November 1st. Mark the date and plan on staying for some food and fellowship!

## **LAY-DELEGATE TO SYNOD CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE**

Congratulations to Becky Kirtz of Immanuel, Hay Creek who was recently elected at the Circuit Forum to serve as the lay delegate from our area to the next synodical convention. The convention will be held the week of July 9th, 2016 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We thank Becky for her willingness to serve and know that she will do a fine job!

## **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. Triglot, 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 (Triglot, 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..'"

But as earnestly as we maintain that there is an election of grace, or a predestination to salvation, so decidedly do we teach, on the other hand, that there is no election of wrath, or predestination to damnation. Scripture plainly reveals the truth that the love of God for the world of lost sinners is universal, that is, that it embraces all men without exception, that Christ has fully reconciled all men unto God, and that God earnestly desires to bring all men to faith, to preserve them therein, and thus to save them, as Scripture testifies, 1 Tim. 2:4: "God will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." No man is lost because God has predestined him to eternal damnation. -- Eternal election is a cause why the elect are brought to faith in time, Acts 13:48; but election is not a cause why men remain unbelievers when they hear the Word of God. The reason assigned by Scripture for this sad fact is that these men judge themselves unworthy of everlasting life, putting the Word of God from them and obstinately resisting the Holy Ghost, whose earnest will it is to bring also them to repentance and faith by means of the Word, Act 13:46; 7:51; Matt. 23:37.

To be sure, it is necessary to observe the Scriptural distinction between the election of grace and the universal will of grace. This universal gracious will of God embraces all men; the election of grace, however, does not embrace all, but only a definite number, whom "God hat from the beginning chosen to salvation," 2 Thess. 2:13, the "remnant," the "seed" which "the Lord left," Rom. 9:27-29, the "election," Rom. 11:7; and while the universal will of grace is frustrated in the case of most men, Matt. 22:14; Luke 7:30, the election of grace attains its end with all whom it embraces, Rom. 8:28-30. Scripture, however, while distinguishing between the universal will of grace and the election of grace, does not place the two in opposition to each other. On the contrary, it teaches that the grace dealing with those who are lost is altogether earnest and fully efficacious for conversion. Blind reason indeed declares these two truths to be contradictory; but we impose silence on our reason. The seeming disharmony will disappear in the light of heaven, 1 Cor. 13:12.