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24th Sunday After Pentecost

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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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Dedication of Building Fund Pledges

During the worship service on November 22nd, the Last Sunday of the Church Year, we will dedicate our 2010 building fund pledges in thanksgiving for what God has given us in our new building and facilities here at Immanuel. Everyone should have received a letter and pledge cards in either your home mailbox or your mailbox at church. Please prayerfully consider what your level of participation will be for the upcoming year. Thanks for your generosity.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
CILS 2nd Quarter Begins

Tuesday: 8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson

Wednesday: 2:00PM Chapel at Seminary Home
4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir

Thursday: 8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson
2:00PM Ladies Aid with Election of Officers/Kitchen Shower
No CILS School Board this Month

Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit
(Rescheduled from November 28th)
11:00AM Youth Event – Swim and Waterslide at
Maplewood Community Center

Next Sunday: Last Sunday of the Church Year
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00AM Fellowship Time
10:30AM Worship with Dedication of Building Pledges
for 2010

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Curt Augustin

Wednesday - Bob Augustin, Judy Kliewer

Thursday - Sue Dicke, Marge Henke, Denise Holm

Saturday - Leah Ahlgrim, Dawn Laffey, M/M David Sucher

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Philip Sorenson, Larry Horn, Dave Dicke, Ruth Ofstie, Jenny Bauer, Sara (Voth) Kroll and Lana Horn.

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

Preparing for Military Service: David Banitt

Life Quote – November 15

“Sarah, and all children with Down [syndrome], are human persons. But we live in a culture that is rapidly losing its capacity to recognize human personhood where it is to be found. We well have reason to fear that, in our technical sophistications and narcissistic obsession with the unimpeded pursuit of every personal preference, there is very little separating us from a new barbarism.” *Father Thomas Berg, L.C., executive director of the Westchester Institute for Ethics and the Human Person, from his article “Eliminating Down Babies.”* **This “Life Quote” is from**

Lutherans For Life. www.lutheransforlife.org

Youth Swimming and Waterslide Event – November 21

Pastor plans on taking the youth of the church to Maplewood Community Center for an afternoon of indoor swimming and waterslide fun. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st. Please meet at church at 11:00AM. The cost is \$7 and a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Please bring extra money for food. Youth of all ages are welcome to attend!

Thanksgiving Dinner

A Thanksgiving dinner is being served at First United Methodist Church, 403 East Avenue, Red Wing on Thanksgiving Day (November 26th), from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in their fellowship hall. The facility is accessible to those with physical challenges. The dinner is for anyone who may not have a family gathering and would like to get out among people. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. Call the church office at 388-3262 to make a reservation.

Thank You

Leslie Germann-Hutter would like to thank the congregation for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and kindness on her behalf during her recovery from surgery. What a blessing that we can support each other in the family of the Christian congregation!

Christmas Scrip Order

The Christmas Scrip order will be placed on **November 24th** with expected delivery date the first part of the following week. Depending upon need, there may be another order placed before Christmas, but don't count on it! Updated order forms are available from Bonnie at the Scrip table. Think gift giving AND personal use. For example, if you know you are buying a new television or gaming system from Best Buy, purchase gift cards. Remember that Econofoods, Wal-Mart/Sam's Club and Cub Foods are all available for those holiday baking plans as well. Plan ahead and think SCRIP!

Nominations for Church Offices

The elders are currently working on the slate of candidates for the 2010 church offices. If you have a suggestion of someone you would like to see serve, please speak with one of the elders – Jim Arndt, Chuck Bremer, or Dan Banitt. Thank you.

Advent Midweek Suppers and Services

We will again this year offer midweek suppers and services on the Wednesdays of Advent. The dates are the 2nd, 9th, and the 16th of December. The suppers will be held at 6:30 p.m., between confirmation and the 7:30 p.m. worship service. What a great opportunity to have some fellowship with the saints on the Wednesdays of the rich season of Advent! A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to volunteer to bring a meal or a portion thereof. Both the suppers and the services will be held in Immanuel's fellowship hall. The theme for this year's services will be: "Three Cries of Advent from Isaiah 40." Topics and texts are as follows:

December 2 – "The Cry of Comfort" Isaiah 40:1
December 9 – "The Cry of Release" Isaiah 40:2
December 16 – "The Cry to Prepare" Isaiah 40:3

A Request from the Ladies Aid

We are inviting members of Immanuel to help us stock our new kitchen with needed items. Supplies we are thinking of include paper towels, tall kitchen garbage bags, large garbage bags, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic bags, and dish soap. Other items that are always needed are toilet paper, Kleenex, and liquid hand soap.

We are also in need of empty plastic containers such as ice cream pails, margarine tubs, and Cool Whip containers. When we serve for funerals, these containers are handy to send leftovers home in.

Please bring these items to the fellowship hall during the next few weeks. There is a table by the kitchen for these items.

Thanks so much for your help. Any questions, please call Marion Kolberg at 388-2722.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 22

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

"Thankful for What You Don't Have"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

We can also thank God for the pains and illnesses we don't have, the disasters that were averted, the punishment for sin that Christ took upon Himself. (Luke 17:11-19)

Church Finances

It was reported at the last voters' meeting that, as of the end of September, the home fund was in a deficit of \$22,560.98. The district mission fund was in a deficit of \$2,232.78. Working together as brothers and sisters in Christ, let's tackle these challenges in a spirit of thankfulness and community. God has given us all we need for this life and the one to come. How can we respond to that love? Let us excel in the grace of giving!

Catechism Review

The Close of the Commandments: What does God say about all these commandments? He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.