

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 1, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
4:45PM Chime Choir
Tuesday: 8:00AM Men's Bible Breakfast
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship #1
7:40PM Choir
Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Conference – Plainview
Saturday: 12:00PM Red Wing Singers – Anderson Center
Next Sunday: The Second Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School/Bible Class/Christmas Program Practice
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship
11:00AM Christmas Mentorship/Congregational Potluck

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Blake Janski, Brad Kolberg, Brian Smith
Tuesday - Joel Kassen
Wednesday - Kristin Franks
Thursday - Kelsey Peasley, Jerry Stehr
Friday - Hannah Dicke, Steve & Maureen Alms

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Bob Langhans, Pat Banitt, Phillip Sorenson, Dustin Stumpf, Heather Baune, Gerald Dicke, Burnetta Dicke, and Keith Holst (diagnosed with aggressive pancreatic cancer).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH COLLECTION

The Sunday Morning High School Group is collecting items for the needy and downtrodden. A box in the narthex will be used to gather items like toiletries and winter clothing. Toiletries should be new; clothing for winter may be new or in gently used condition. Suggestions for needed items are: little flashlights, socks, foot powder, hats, gloves, long johns, blankets, hand & foot warmers, small can opener, personal care/hygiene items, Ziploc bags, drawstring bags. Monetary donations also accepted. If you have questions about the collection, please speak with Nikki Scheele.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS/PARTICIPANTS

Immanuel Hay Creek will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, December 13, from noon until 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the narthex for people willing to give blood and also for people who want to volunteer. We need volunteers for helping with setup (one hour before event) and clean up (for one hour after the event). We also need people to help greet donors and assist in the refreshment area. These volunteer times are in two-hour blocks. You may sign up for as many as you desire. Those wanting to give blood may register on paper here at church or register online at redcrossblood.org. To cut down on time, you may also go to RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass and fill out your pre-donation form. You don't need to have an appointment to walk in and give, but you will probably end up spending more time at church if you go that route.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek services will again be conducted during the season of Advent. From the book of Isaiah, we will consider the importance of God's **PLACE** (December 4), God's **PERSON** (December 11), and God's **Presence** (December 18). Services are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDER

The Christmas Scrip Order will be placed on Monday, December 2. New shopping lists can be picked up from Bonnie at the table in the entryway. Remember, you can purchase Scrip for gift-giving or your own shopping needs, so be sure to stock up for all.

THANK YOU TO MALEY REMUS

The chime choir appears in worship today wearing robes created for the children by Maley Remus. Many thanks to Maley for using her creative talents to beautify our worship life! It really helps add to the sense of dignity and transcendence befitting the worship of our Holy God.

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism

Why do the Scriptures call Baptism the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit?

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit works faith and so creates in us new spiritual life with the power to overcome sin (see Romans 6:6 and Titus 3:5-8).

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Many thanks to Bobbi Langhans for overseeing the Goodhue County Christmas Project again this year! As we have done in previous years, the poster in the narthex notes the items desired by needy families during this holiday season. Please mark your name next to the items you wish to purchase. Items should be brought to church and placed under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. You do not need to wrap items. If you choose to do so, the item must be marked with a note concerning what is inside. Otherwise, wrapped items will need to be unwrapped before delivery. Thanks so much for your generosity!

CHURCH HISTORY (continued from last week)

By 1930, Uncle Chris was listed on the census of Goodhue County as a lodger with Claus and Anna Duden and their children, Edna and Walter. Uncle Chris died on December 19, 1934 and is buried in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. (His sister, Dorothea Mehrkens, lived in Thief River Falls at the time.)

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 8, 2019

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis / 6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"God's Yes"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Loved and Sent Series - "If we say that God's purpose is simply to take our souls to heaven when we die, we might miss God's bigger 'yes' ... God's 'yes' to putting bodies and souls back together again in the resurrection; God's 'yes' to creation as He intended it to be."

(Romans 8:18-39)