ANNOUNCEMENTS - SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00AM Special Voters' Meeting

11:15AM Congregational Potluck

Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation

5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir

Thursday: Holy Cross Day: Num. 21:4-9; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; Jn. 12:20-33

7:00PM Women's Bible Study

Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session

Next Sunday: The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

9:45AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Adam & Melissa Dicke, Jerry & Denise Holm

Wednesday - Annie Stumpf, Kathy Voth

Thursday - Adam Dicke, Tim & Vicki Hattemer, Fred & Cindy Stumpf

Friday - Lisa Dicke, Emme Hattemer, Ben Domagala, Brian & Tara Goranson

Saturday - Tricia Callstrom

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold, Gloria Stehr (recovering from a dislocated shoulder), Bonnie Kassen (recovering from foot surgery), former member Kelli Boles/Schmitz (facing terminal cancer) and the victims of hurricanes and storms.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" - Sunday, September 17, 2017

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

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

"Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us. (Matthew 18:21-35)

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING - TODAY

In preparing the final specs for the LULA elevator, it was learned that it would not serve all our purposes. Specifically, we would not be able to transport tables. Following additional research, the Properties Committee is now recommending the installation of a platform lift instead of the LULA elevator. The platform lift will meet all building code requirements, as well as all of our identified needs, at about 1/2 of the cost of the LULA. Additionally, the platform lift will not require the installation of a fire alarm system and therefore will not require the ongoing cost of monitoring a fire alarm system. While not as sophisticated as an elevator, we believe the platform lift certainly will meet our needs now and in the future. The Properties Committee is asking for voter approval of this change. A special meeting will take place directly following the service this morning.

CHOIR REHEARSALS TO BEGIN

Choir practices will resume this Wednesday night at 7:30 PM. All who enjoy singing are welcome to join! We are especially in need of soprano voices, but we can always use more people in the other sections as well. If you have questions, please speak with Sara Sorenson.

YOUTH PIZZA/MOVIE NIGHT

On September 23, Pastor will gather the youth for a pizza and movie night at church. Please bring \$5 for pizza and your own beverage. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to attend. You may also bring friends from outside the congregation. This event is open to youth of all ages. The event begins at 6:30 PM on the 23rd and ends at 10:00 PM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS STILL NEEDED

While all the Sunday School classes currently have teachers, we are still in need of substitute teachers. Also, Nikki Scheele would like someone who will trade off with her, especially later in the fall. If you are interested in helping out, please speak with Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience.

GERMANY TRIP PRESENTATION

Pastor would like to schedule a time - perhaps during Bible Class on a Sunday - to have a presentation on the Germany Trip that was held this summer in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. All those who went to Germany are encouraged to get pictures together and fill out the sheet Pastor has prepared as a guide to speaking about the trip. We will set up a meeting time to discuss what material will be presented.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

The first Men's Bible Breakfast of the season will be held on Tuesday morning, September 19th, at 8:00 AM. Please speak with Pastor if you would like to volunteer to bring the first meal. The first topic will be, by request, our Lord's descent into hell and the meaning of that event for our life of faith. All men of the congregation are welcome to join the group!

CATECHISM REVIEW

Creation

How does the universe still depend on God?

God sustains all things by His wisdom and power.

Why are there evil and suffering in this world?

Evil and suffering are in the world because of sin. But in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has demonstrated His power over sin and death. God in His almighty power and love causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him.

LUTHER FILM TO AIR ON PBS

"Martin Luther: 'The Idea that Changed the World," the full-length feature film that premiered in selected theaters in February, is set to air nationally on PBS on Tuesday, September 12, at 7 PM Central time. The film brings to life the events that shaped Luther and examines the questions he wrestled with, such as "Who am I?", "What is my purpose?", and "How do I get right with God?" Included are insights and commentary from LCMS theologians and historians.

GIVING TO SUPPORT HURRICANE VICTIMS

The LCMS is at work to give hope and help to the victims of the hurricanes. To make a donation by mail, make a check payable to "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod" or "LCMS". Write "Disaster Response" in the memo line and send your check to:

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