

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 16, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
Wednesday: St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus: 2 Sam. 7:4-16; Rom, 4:13-18; Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15PM Lenten Midweek Worship
8:00PM Choir
Thursday: 2:00PM Ladies Aid Prayer Service/Mite Collection
7:30PM Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday: The Third Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Traci Turner, Stan & Lois Klair
Tuesday - Sue Domagala
Thursday - Brian Augustin, Jennifer Carlson, Daniel Langhans
Friday - Marshall & Kari Benedict
Saturday - Kevin Holm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans, Dennis Dankers, Hermann von Knobelsdorff (fighting pancreatic cancer), and the family and friends of Harry Oelkers, as they mourn his passing.

LIFE QUOTE

March 16 "Noah lived in a wicked generation and was often ridiculed and made fun of as he continued to build the ark as commanded by God. But Noah was ready to meet God, and so life went on as usual. It is only when we are ready to meet the Savior, either in His second coming or in death, that we are ready to live and enjoy each day. What a comfort to know that we are ready. Our fears, though they come, are under control. Our values, though influenced by the world, are corrected as we live with the Savior and learn what is really important in life." *Rev. Homer Larsen, Christian Crusaders radio program – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life •*

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LIFETOUCH PICTURE DIRECTORY PROJECT

The photography dates for our new picture directory are April 30th (Wednesday) through May 3rd (Saturday). We want to have everyone included in the new directory! Please sign-up at your convenience in the narthex. An additional sheet has also been posted for those who would like to serve as hosts/hostesses; they will help check people in on the days that the pictures are taken. It would be great if we could get at least two people to volunteer for each four hour slot. Thanks for your help in making this project a success!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 23, 2014

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

"Surprise, Surprise"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

A surprise encounter with a stranger at a well brings about a surprising blessing. (John 4:5-42)

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FORTY DAYS OF LENT - BASKETS OF PROMISE

This Lenten season, our congregation's journey can be the beginning of a better future for communities in need around the world. Through a program implemented by Lutheran World Relief, congregations are asked to collect and assemble Personal Care Kits and help provide basic sanitation and hygiene for families coping with some of life's most difficult situations. In places like the Philippines, where Typhoon Haiyan destroyed entire communities, Personal Care Kits allow families who have lost their belongings to stay healthy and clean and preserve personal dignity. Each of the Sundays of Lent you are asked to bring specific items for our collection. If you would prefer, you may also collect all of these at one time and bring them to church. Here is our collection schedule week by week:

March 16 - Bath Towel (light weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)

March 23 - Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

March 30 - Combs

April 6 - Nail Clippers (Metal, with attached file option)

April 13 - Bars of Soap

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

The season of Lent is a time for us to face together the brokenness of our lives and our world, and then turn that brokenness over to Christ so that we can be restored by Him through the cross. Our Lenten Midweek series this year is entitled, "Restored in Christ." With the help of Missouri Synod Professor Joel Biermann, each Wednesday of Lent will feature a certain event in the Lenten story. We will take a good, hard look at a broken element from that particular story. Then we will apply the healing of the Gospel and discover how restoration in Jesus is the key to living today as new creations in Christ. Services are held at 7:15 PM on Wednesdays. This week's focus is: "Broken Trust."

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism

Is it possible for an unbaptized person to be saved?

It is only unbelief that condemns. Faith cannot exist in the heart of a person who despises and rejects Baptism against better knowledge. But those who believe the Gospel, yet die before they have opportunity to be baptized are not condemned.

Why are we not to seek a "baptism with the Holy Spirit" in addition to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Beyond Sacramental Baptism we are to seek no other "baptism" because

- A) there is no other God-given Baptism today beside the Sacrament of Holy Baptism (see Eph. 4:5);
- B) the Sacrament is not a water-only or a Spirit-only baptism, but a water-and-Spirit Baptism;
- C) the special signs granted by the Holy Spirit were not another "baptism," but they proved the truth and power of the apostles' preaching.

Note: The "instruction about baptisms" (Heb. 6:2) does not mean that there are several Christian baptisms, but that the one true Baptism must be clearly distinguished from the many religious washings which were common in the ancient world (ex. Mark 7:4).

Note: Matthew 3:11 speaks of baptizing "with water" and "with the Holy Spirit and with fire." The difference here is not between sacramental Baptism and some sort of "Spirit baptism," but between the preparatory mission and baptism of John the Baptist and the full, permanent mission and Baptism of Jesus Christ. While John's baptism also gave the forgiveness of sins, it was different in that it pointed forward to the redemptive work of the Savior.