

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 25, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor: Acts 20:28-35; Tit. 1:1-9; Lk. 10:1-9
Tuesday: 7:30PM Voters' Meeting
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion
6:00PM LLL Rally – Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Byron, MN

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday	- David Banitt	Thursday	- Kristin Budensiek
Tuesday	- Vanessa Frazier	Friday	- Bonnie Kassen
Wednesday	- Chuck Bremer	Saturday	- Cody Callstrom

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Kari Janssen, Melissa Barbey, and the family and friends of Henry Stellrecht (as they mourn his passing).

BAPTISMS TODAY

Today we rejoice in two baptisms. Mercedes Rathbun (engaged to Phillip Sorenson) will be baptized after our worship today in a private baptismal service. Her daughter, Brielle Gould, will be baptized during the regular morning worship service. Mercedes was born on December 20, 1991. Brielle was born on December 22, 2011. Serving as sponsors for Brielle are Pastor and Sara Sorenson. Isaiah Erickson serves as a witness. Mercedes and Brielle are becoming members at South Shore Trinity (LCMS) in White Bear Lake. God bless them as they pass through the waters of Holy Baptism!

NEW RED PARAMENTS

The beautiful new red paraments unveiled in the sanctuary today were purchased with funds given as gifts in memory of Margie Stumpf. Notice the seven flames on the superfrontal (the cloth hanging in front of the altar). The flames picture the seven-fold description of the Holy Spirit in Isaiah. As the prophet said of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord (1) will rest on Him - the Spirit of wisdom (2) and of understanding (3), the Spirit of counsel (4) and of power (5), the Spirit of knowledge (6) and of the fear of the Lord (7)" (Isa. 11:2). The seven flames are also visually depicted on the pulpit cloth, along with the descending dove. On the lectern cloth you will see a picture of the Holy Bible with a two-fold cross behind it, showing us that Christ and His work is at the center of God's Word. These paraments were custom made for us in Belgium by the Slabbinck company, one of the finest names in Church textiles. Though this is not ordinarily the time of the year for red paraments, it seemed fitting to show you how lovely they are! Moreover, we have two baptisms today. The Spirit is at work to give new birth and life, even as He was active that first Pentecost! What a beautiful gift in memory of Margie Stumpf, a woman who loved her church.

LIFE QUOTES

January 25 "Roe is a radical decision and a legally indefensible one. But what really makes Roe unbearably wrong is its consequences. The result of Roe and Doe has been the legally authorized killing of nearly sixty million Americans since 1973. *Roe v. Wade* authorized unrestricted private violence against human life on an almost unimaginable scale, and did so, falsely, in the name of the Constitution." *Michael Stokes Paulsen, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org (OVER)

PRO-LIFE PETITION

Did you know that each year taxpayers in Minnesota are forced to pay more than one million dollars to the abortion industry? Did you know that since 1995 the State of Minnesota has paid more than twenty million dollars for abortions? Legislation supported by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) would ban taxpayer funded abortion in Minnesota. To support legislation that would end the use of your tax dollars for the abortion industry, please sign the petition located in the narthex. Thanks for your support of life!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, February 1, 2015
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

"Boring? Not Likely!"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Jesus' enemies considered Him too dangerous to let live, but we have wrapped the Savior in a cloak of dullness. (Mark 1:21-28)

YOUTH SKI TRIP

Pastor is in the process of making arrangements for a youth group ski trip to Welch Village. The date for the event is February 7th. We will leave from church at 2:45 PM. We will ski until 10:00 PM, or until everyone in the group has decided they have had enough fun! The cost is \$39 for those who will get a lift ticket, rental equipment, and a beginner lesson. Lessons are available for beginners who are at least eleven years of age or older. Lessons will begin at 5:00 PM sharp. Those who just purchase a lift ticket will pay \$23 for the evening of skiing. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to attend. Note: While this is a youth group event, all ages are welcome to participate. However, young children will need to be accompanied by a parent.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held this Tuesday, January 27th, at 7:30 PM. If you are at least 18 years of age and wish to join the Voters' Assembly, please come to the meeting, sign the constitution, and begin serving your congregation in this important capacity. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Opening Devotion
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Acceptance of Minutes
- 4) Reception of New Voting Members
- 5) Reports: Pastor/Elders, Treasurer, Trustees, Scrip Report, Cemetery Board, Other
- 6) Old Business: Church Painting/Siding, Sanctuary Insulation
- 7) New Business: Election of Officers, Elector for Circuit Forum, Delegate to District Convention, Advent Mission Offering, Congregational Fund Interest Disbursement, District Pledge, Scrip Fund Disbursement, Togo Mission Support, Lenten Midweek Offering Disbursement (First Choice Clinic), Teacherage Rental, Janitor Position, Salaries (Janitor, Organist, Choir Director, Treasurer, Pastor).

REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Of the Public Ministry (From "The Brief Statement")

By the public ministry we mean the office by which the Word of God is preached and the Sacraments are administered by order and in the name of a Christian congregation. Concerning this office we teach that it is a divine ordinance; that is, the Christians of a certain locality must apply the means of grace not only privately and within the circle of their families nor merely in their common intercourse with fellow-Christians, John 5:39; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:16, but they are also required, by the divine order, to make provision that the Word of God be publicly preached in their midst, and the Sacraments administered according to the institution of Christ, by persons qualified for such work, whose qualifications and official functions are exactly defined in Scripture, Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23; 20:28; 2 Tim. 2:2.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all for your concern and prayers the past eight months as I dealt with cancer. I have always relied on I Cor. 10:13 for encouragement and strength, and now I must remember I Thessalonians 5:18. At this time, the cancer treatments appear to have been successful. We will plan to return to Mayo in April for another round of tests. Thanks! Neil Stemmann