

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 1, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Conference at Bethany, Lake City
7:00PM Women's Bible Class
Friday: The Epiphany of Our Lord: Isa. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12
Next Sunday: First Sunday after the Epiphany/Baptism of Our Lord
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Sherri Smith, Dan & Dianne Lee
Monday - Nathan Ballman, Jacob & Pam Dahl

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, Catherine Smith, Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold (being treated for leukemia), Ronald Johnson (diagnosed with leukemia).

PLANNING FOR ELEVATOR/BASEMENT USE

The Board of Properties invites all interested members of the congregation to attend a meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will be concerned with ideas for how to best utilize the church basement space that is currently unfinished. This planning will go hand in hand with the proposal for putting in an elevator. If you are not able to attend, please speak with a member of the Board of Properties to provide your input. The board includes Paul Reding, Brad Kolberg, Dale Banitt, Randy Meyer, Brad Diercks, Jerry Kohn, Kevin Ballman, and Myron Alms.

CATECHISM REVIEW - THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

What is cursing by God's name?

Cursing by God's name is

- A. blaspheming God by speaking evil of Him or mocking Him;
- B. calling down the anger and punishment of God upon oneself or any other person or thing.

What is swearing by God's name?

Swearing by God's name is taking an oath in which we call on God to witness the truth of what we say or promise and to punish us if we lie or break our promise.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, January 8, 2017

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

“God's Real Promise of Righteousness and Justice”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Jesus brings us righteousness and justice to restore bruised reeds and reignite faintly burning wicks. (Isaiah 42:1-9)

LIFE QUOTE

January 1 “We are weary and overwhelmed by a multitude of life issues. Sometimes we are prideful after doubting God's Word and trusting something else. As the culture decays and evil abounds, we may believe that God asks the impossible of us ... In the face of evil, let it be said of us: Look! They remember ‘the Lord, who is great and awesome,’ and they ‘fight for [their] brothers ... sons ... daughters ... wives, and ... homes’ (Nehemiah 4:14).” *Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*