

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 2, 2018

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today: 4:00PM Red Wing Singers Concert, Church of St. Joseph  
Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Quilting Project  
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship  
7:45PM Choir  
Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – Immanuel, Plainview  
No Women's Bible Class this month  
Saturday: 9AM-10AM Sunday School Christmas Program Practice  
Next Sunday: The Second Sunday in Advent  
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship  
11:00AM-2:00PM Mentorship Event: Lunch and Gift Exchange

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Monday - Joel Kassen  
Tuesday - Kristin Franks  
Wednesday - Kelsey Peasley, Jerry Stehr  
Thursday - Hannah Dicke, Steve & Maureen Alms

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Walter Banitt, Phillip Sorenson Roy & Jane Krueger, and Raymond "Swede" Theobald.

### **RED WING SINGERS CONCERT TODAY**

Everyone is welcome to attend the Christmas concert of the Red Wing Singers being held this afternoon at the Church of St. Joseph. The music will begin at 4:00 PM. Pastor and Sara, as well as Sara's sister, Heather, will be performing in the concert. The theme is "The Incarnate Word," stressing the importance and truth of God coming in the flesh for us and for our salvation.

### **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES**

Three Advent midweek services will be held this year leading up to the week of Christmas. These worship services will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on the following dates: December 5, December 12, and December 19. This year's theme is: **The Women of Advent**. Each week we will consider a different woman from Scripture and her importance to the meaning of Advent. Come and hear about Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna!

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND REHEARSALS**

Leslie Germann-Hutter, Nikki Scheele, and Sara Sorenson will again work together to coordinate our Children's Christmas Program. Rehearsals will begin in Sunday School already on November 25. The program is scheduled for **6:00 PM on Sunday, December 16**. In addition to the Sunday School rehearsal times, the following Saturdays in December will have morning practices:

December 8, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Rehearsal

December 15, 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Rehearsal, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Cookie Bake

**WEB SITE FOR ORDERING GERMAN CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS:** [www.inge-glas.com](http://www.inge-glas.com)

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 9, 2018**

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

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

**"Reality Therapy"**

**"Redeemer with a Capital R"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense—redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-R Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into his clan, his people, his household, that we might be with him forever. (Ruth 3-4)

## **CATECHISM REVIEW**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

***In what way does the word "Father" in the Lord's Prayer encourage us to pray?***

The word "Father" tells us that God loves us and wants us to pray to Him confidently and without fear.

***What does the word "our" impress upon us when we pray, "Our Father"?***

In Jesus all believers are children of the one Father and should pray for one another.

## **CHURCH HISTORY**

1870 was the year with the largest number of funerals at Immanuel: twenty-one. Johann Holst is listed as passing away at age 66 from a fall from a wagon which resulted in a serious head injury. A married female died at age 23; four children were stillborn; fifteen children ranging in age from three days to eight years were buried, including the three children of Peter and Maria Cordes: Maria Cordes, age 1, died on 6-26; Heinrich Cordes, age 4 1/2, died on 9-18; and Johann Cordes, age 3, died on 11-24. At least five of the twenty-one burials were not in the Immanuel cemetery. Friedrich Krause was born on 1-28-1870 in Germany and died 7-21-1870 in Hay Creek; he covered a lot of distance in his short life.

## **GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

Every member of Immanuel is asked to prayerfully consider participating in the Goodhue County Christmas Project to help provide a meaningful holiday for needy families. A poster is on display in the narthex with items that you can purchase to give a gift to a poor child or family this Christmas. Please write your name next to the item you plan to purchase. Items should be placed under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. If you do wrap your item, which is not necessary, please put a post-it note on the package so that we know what's inside. If you don't, the item will need to be unwrapped before delivery. Thank you all for your generosity. Please have your gifts under the tree by December 16th.

## **LIFE QUOTE**

**December 2** "Advent is about Return—the Lord's Second Coming, our return to Him, which is another way of saying 'repentance.' Repentance requires memory, for return requires memory. The Prodigal did some mental research and remembered the facts about his father's house from his personal history. Informed by a paternal history, he struck a new course, which was to return. And the Homecoming was sweet, like the marriage supper in paradise, when all history will be fulfilled, and the guests live happily ever after. Advent reminds us, based on history that we know, that He is coming, which should remind us, Repent!" *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)