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Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2008

VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	6:30PM	Sunday School Christmas Program
Tuesday:		CILS on break until January 5th
Wednesday:		Christmas Eve
	4:00PM	Worship with German Influences
	8:00PM	Worship with German Influences
Thursday:	10:00AM	Christmas Day Worship
Friday:		St. Stephen, The First Martyr: 2 Chr. 24:17-22; Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60; Matt. 23:34-49
Saturday:		St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Hos. 11:1-4; 1 Jn. 1:1-10; Jn. 21:20-24
	9AM-5PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday:		1 st Sunday After Christmas No Sunday School or Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Friendship Sunday Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Carol Koester, Tyler Ballman
Monday - Herman von Knobelsdorff
Wednesday - Carol Dicke
Friday - Mary Jo Arndt, Brandon Schmitz
Saturday - Chad Meyer, M/M Neil Stemmann

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (finished chemotherapy; in need of healing); Dale Safe (Pat Banitt's brother, recovering from a bull attack); Linda Soifakis (resurgence of cancer); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Phillip Sorenson (diagnosed with Adult Onset Cystic Fibrosis); Marge Augustin (recovering from eye surgery); Harold Augustin (for peace and comfort); Larry Horn (diagnosed with Lymphoma); Sara (Voth) Kroll (niece to Becky Kirtz and Rosie Kohn, undergoing cancer treatments); the Augustin family (as they mourn the loss of Hilbert).

Sunday School Christmas Program – Tonight

Invite your family and friends to join us as we hear our children tell the story of the Nativity. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held tonight at 6:30PM. Many thanks to Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter for leading the Sunday School in this project. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Envelope Packets for 2009

Please take a moment to stop in the narthex after church today to pick up your contribution envelopes for 2009. They are on a table by the coat racks. Thank you.

150th Anniversary Pictures and Souvenirs for Sale

Christmas is coming! We still have salt and pepper shaker sets, Christmas ornaments, and numerous event pictures of all sizes available for purchase. All pictures are \$5. The salt and pepper shaker sets are \$14 and the Christmas ornaments are \$10. Members of the 150th Anniversary Committee will be available after the service to help those who would like to make a purchase.

Life Quote – December 21

"God became man, beginning life as an unborn child. That 'life' was already called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace' while still growing in the womb. From the moment of the angel's announcement to Mary, he was 'Immanuel' (meaning, 'God with us') ... We are reminded that God became man, that man might live with God forever. May this Christmas find you always focused on the Christ in Christmas, and dedicated to reflecting His love to all who need it." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, national director of Christian Life Resources. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org*

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 28

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

"Sent to Save!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. James Kalthoff

"Now is the favorable time ... now is the day of salvation." Those words of St. Paul, written to Christians more than 1900 years ago, are true for us, as well. (Galatians 4:4-5)