

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2013

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's Songbook: "All God's People Sing"

Pre-Service Music
Greeting
Ringing of the Bell

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord is in His holy temple; His throne is in heaven. The Lord is near unto them that are of a humble and contrite spirit. He hears the prayers of the penitent and inclines to their prayers. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto His throne of grace and confess our sins.

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession)

P: Let us now confess together:

C: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness: according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Heavenly Father, hear my prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: May this be your sincere confession! May you with penitent hearts earnestly desire the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ! By the authority of God's Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto you, being penitent, that God through His grace forgives you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song: "This Is the Day" #241 (Sing Twice)

Prayer of the Day, spoken in unison (see worship insert)

Readings:

Isaiah 66:18-23

Hebrews 12:4-24

Luke 13:22-30

Apostles' Creedp. 29

Song of the Day: "Blest the Children of Our God" #75
(Alternate Tune: Dix)

Sermon: "A Perennial Question"

Offering

Offering Song: "Praise and Thanksgiving" #197

Prayers of the Faithful

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayerp. 30

Closing Prayer

P: Praised be the Lord, and blessed forever, Who by His Word has comforted, taught, exhorted, and admonished us. May His Holy Spirit confirm the Word in our hearts, that we be not forgetful hearers, but daily increase in faith, hope, love, and patience, unto the end, and obtain salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Song: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" #159

Announcements

Dismissal

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

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| Thursday: | Martyrdom of St. John, the Baptist: Rev. 6:9-11; Rom. 6:1-5; Mk. 6:14-29 |
| 7:00PM | Missionary Presentation and Refreshments |
| Friday: 10:30AM | KWNG Recording Session |
| Saturday: 9AM-5PM | Stampin' with the Spirit |
| Next Sunday: | The 15 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| 9:30AM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| Acolyte: | Dylan Frazier |

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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| Monday | - Jim & Sue Dicke |
| Tuesday | - Walter Banitt, Tally Stehr, Bruce & Jennifer Carlson |
| Wednesday | - Neil Stemmann, Nick & Katie Kurtti |
| Thursday | - Zach Laffey |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Cindy Redman, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Meghan Diercks, Tammy Johnson and Skip Baker (struggling with cancer).

Life Quote

August 25 "At the close of the day, before you go to sleep, you should not fail to pray to God to keep you from sin and from harm ... You should thank Him for all His good gifts; and learn, while young, to put your trust in Him; and the kind care of God will be with you." *Evening Prayer, from McGuffey's Eclectic First Reader (Selling a million copies a year for over 100 years, "McGuffey's Readers" were the mainstay of public education in America.)* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Missionary to Visit Hay Creek

Mark your calendars! Pastor Jonathan Muhly will visit Hay Creek on Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 PM. His family is currently being helped by the mission donations of our congregation. Pastor Muhly would love to share an update with you on his work on the Russian mission field.

A very brief program will be shared in the fellowship hall.
Refreshments will be provided by the Ladies Aid.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 1

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

"Lean Living"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God frees us from selfishness and challenges us to lead a new way of life, in His name. (Hebrews 13:1-11)

Catechism Review

How do we keep God's name holy?

We keep God's name holy

A) when God's Word is taught among us in its truth and purity;

B) when we live according to the Word of God.

How is God's name profaned?

God's name is profaned, that is, dishonored,

A) when anyone teaches contrary to God's Word;

B) when anyone lives contrary to God's Word.

Thank You from Meghan Diercks

Dear Members of Immanuel:

Thank you for the prayers and cards during my recovery from my broken leg. Thanks also to Pastor Sorenson for his visits. God bless all of you.

Love,

Meghan

Thank You from Pastor Victor Meyr

Dear Pastor Sorenson and Immanuel Members:

Thank you Pastor Sorenson for the prayers you offered on my behalf.

It was most appreciated. Thank you to the members who prayed for me and those of you who sent cards. What a wonderful way to express your caring thoughts. Your kind cards and prayers really touched my heart. I am feeling much better. Thanks again and God's richest blessings to all of you.

On His Mission,

Pastor Victor Meyr

Fall Schedule and Activities to Resume

September 8th, 2013 will mark the date on which we resume our fall schedule. Sunday School and Bible Class will be held at 9:00 AM on Sundays, followed by Fellowship/Coffee Time at 9:45 AM; worship will be held at 10:00 AM. Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 11th. The 5th/6th grades will meet every other week at 4:30 PM, and the 7th/8th grades will meet every week at 5:30 PM.

Choir practice will also resume on September 11th at 7:30 PM.

In Memory of Immanuel Lutheran School

On September 29th, following the Sunday morning service, a potluck will be held in the Immanuel fellowship hall. The whole congregation is invited to participate. The potluck will provide an occasion for the opening of the time capsule from the cornerstone of the Immanuel Lutheran School building (1952-2013). All are welcome to bring pictures to share of important church or school events that were held in that building.

Merri Mysteries Event at Immanuel

Sign up now to be a part of "Prom Pandemonium," a new mystery dinner created by Merri Mysteries as the result of a recent suggestion by Bonnie Kassen. The "Prom" will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, October 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Those who want to take part MUST be signed up by September 1st so parts can be assigned. You will be notified of your assigned character the week of September 2nd, which will allow you plenty of time to develop a costume that will complement your character. It is not necessary to purchase a costume; just use what you have at home; however, keep in mind that this is a prom-themed event!

Who may attend? Anyone over the age of 16—married, single, or married but attending alone. Parts can be assigned to anyone interested, so if your spouse doesn't enjoy this type of thing, feel free to sign up without him or her!

Dinner and other festivities will be a part of the evening. Since the event is scripted, it is necessary that everyone who is assigned a character must attend (or find their own replacement) or it will ruin the fun!

The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. There is no charge for participating. Talk to Bonnie Kassen if you have any questions. 651-923-4884