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The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2009

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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2010 Offering Envelopes

Envelope packets for 2010 are on the table in the entryway. Please pick them up as you leave today.

Food Shelf Collection

New Horizons has been collecting items for the Red Wing Area Food Shelf throughout the month of December. Today is the last opportunity to deposit items in the box placed in the entryway. However, even if you didn't bring food today, you are welcome to make a monetary donation before leaving church. Thanks.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 6:30PM Sunday School Christmas Program
(treats to follow program)

Monday: 10:00AM CILS Singing at Hi-Park
PTL Pizza Party Day (K-7th grades)
CILS Classroom Parties

Tuesday: CILS Christmas Break Begins

Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir

Thursday: 4:00PM Christmas Eve Service

Friday: 10:00AM Christmas Day Service

Saturday: St. Stephen, Martyr: 2 Chr. 24:17-22;
Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60; Matt. 23:34-39
No Stampin' with the Spirit this Month

Next Sunday: First Sunday after Christmas
No Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Linda Rehder

Monday - Carol Koester, Tyler Ballman

Tuesday - Herman von Knobelsdorff

Thursday - Carol Dicke

Saturday - Mary Jo Arndt, Brandon Schmitz

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Philip Sorenson, Dave Dicke, Ruth Ofstie, Jenny Bauer, Sara (Voth) Kroll, Lana Horn.

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

Preparing for Military Service: David Banitt

Comfort for the Bereaved: the family and friends of Larry Horn.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 27

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

"In Christ, a Glad New Year"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Bugbee

Don't pack Christmas away too fast! God wants you to meet His great Gift: that little Child Who brought such gladness to an old, patient man named Simeon so long ago.
(Luke 2:25-32)

Collection for the Roschen Family

The Ladies Aid took an offering at their potluck on December 17th in order to provide a gift to help the Bradley Roschen family. Late this fall, the Roschens lost all of their personal possessions in a fire. Bradley is the grandson of the late Dallas and Elaine Roschen. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please give your donation to Janice Kassen before leaving church this morning. If you want to write a check, please make it to "Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid." Thank you for your consideration.

Life Quote – December 20

"At Christmas we celebrate the ending of a pregnancy and the beginning of seeing the glory of God in the face of Christ and we look forward to the new beginning His death and resurrection would bring." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life.* This **"Life Quote"** is from **Lutherans For Life.** www.lutheransforlife.org

Holiday Worship Schedule

December 20 Sunday School Christmas Program (6:30 PM)

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship (4:00 PM)

December 25 Christmas Day Worship (10:00 AM)

December 31 New Year's Eve Worship (7:00 PM)

Catechism Review

The Lord's Prayer: The First Petition: Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Fellowship Time Treats

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for those interested in bringing treats to share for fellowship time. Fellowship time is held in Immanuel's fellowship hall between 10:00 and 10:25 on Sunday mornings. It's a great opportunity to connect with your Christian friends before worship. If you haven't participated in fellowship time before, please know that you are always welcome.

Large Print Portals of Prayer

Did you know that the Portals of Prayer devotionals are available in a large print format? This is an option provided by our Concordia Publishing House. If you would like more information about receiving this resource, please speak with Pastor Sorenson at your convenience. Marion Kolberg also has information. If you know you would like to receive your Portals of Prayer in this format, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Pastor will contact you regarding the details.

'Tis the Season for Snow Shoveling

Winter has arrived and the church is in need of volunteers to shovel sidewalks before services or events. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Addresses for Military Members:

Nick and April Augustin
3833 No. Oak St., Apt. 037
Valdosta, GA 31605

Pvt. David Banitt
C Co. 787 MP Bn 2nd Plt.
2230 Iowa Avenue, Bldg. 936
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473

Amanda Dupre
214 Selfridge Avenue
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110

LCPL Chad R. Meyer
1170 West Lexington St.
Oak Harbor, Washington 98278

Through Jan. 13th, cards for Chad should be sent to:
36124 County 45 Blvd.
Lake City, MN 55041

Thank You from Nick and April Augustin

All the way from Georgia, Nick and April Augustin send their love. They really appreciate the care package that was sent to them from Immanuel's Fellowship Club. They are deeply touched by the thoughts and prayers of the Hay Creek congregation on their behalf. They wish all of us a very Merry Christmas!