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The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 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.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

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Palm Sunday Brunch - March 24

New Horizons will be hosting a brunch following the worship service next Sunday. On the menu will be pancakes, egg casseroles, fresh fruit, muffins/sweet rolls/donuts and beverages.

Help is still needed in several areas. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for food items that you would be able to donate and for areas where help is needed.

Plan now to attend – family and friends are welcome!

Men's Bible Class

All men of the congregation are invited to participate in the new Men's Bible Class. Our study is entitled: "We The People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms." We are exploring the proper distinction between the Church and the State. What is the function of the State? What is the function of the Church? Where is there intersection between the Church and the State? These and other fascinating questions will be explored on March 21st at 7:30 p.m. and in the months to follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 6:00PM Family Bowling Night (Rescheduled)

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project

Tuesday: St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus: 2 Sam. 7:4-16

Rom. 4:13-18; Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23

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

7:30PM Lenten Midweek Worship

Acolyte: Tyler Ballman

8:15PM Choir

Thursday: 2:00PM Ladies Aid

7:30PM Men's Bible Class

7:30PM Women's Bible Class (Rescheduled)
Saturday: 10:00AM Concordia Easter Egg Hunt (ages 0-12)

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

9:45AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship

Acolyte: Brandon Schmitz

11:00AM Palm Sunday Brunch

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Traci Turner, Stan & Lois Klair

Monday - Sue Domagala Tuesday - Matt Diercks

Wednesday - Brian Augustin, Jennifer Carlson, Dan Langhans

Thursday - Marshall & Kari Benedict

Friday - Kevin Holm Saturday - Karen Stemmann

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery), Cindy Redman, and Gretel Meyer (recovering from a stroke).

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First Choice Clinic Donations

Our local crisis pregnancy center is always in need of donations to facilitate their work in our community. A box has been placed in the narthex to receive gifts on their behalf. The following items are in high demand: Similac advance formula, Similac sensitive formula, pacifiers, sippy cups, diaper ointment, diapers 9newborn through size 5), baby wipes, baby bottles, baby safety equipment, crib mattresses, postage stamps, diaper bags, baby combs and brushes, baby lotion, baby wash, \$25 gift cards to Target or Wal-Mart, envelopes, copy paper, and jugs of drinking water. Our collection for First Choice will continue through the end of April. Thanks very much.

Food Shelf Collection

Our congregation is participating in a collection for the Red Wing Food Shelf. A box has been placed in the narthex to receive your donations. Please have all donations at church on or before April 14th. Thank you for your generosity!

Catechism Review

How do the Scriptures describe the gracious work of the Holy Spirit in bringing you to faith?

The Scriptures teach that by the Gospel the Holy Spirit "enlightened me with His gifts," that is, He gave me the saving knowledge of Jesus, my Savior, so that I trust, rejoice, and find comfort in Him.

What is this work of the Holy Spirit called?

It is called conversion (being turned) or regenerated (new birth).

Why do you say that the Holy Spirit has done this by the Gospel?

The Gospel is the means by which the Holy Spirit offers us all the blessings of Christ and creates faith in us.

March 17 "Unique and irreplaceable potential is crushed in Planned Parenthood abortion clinics about 1,000 times a day. My adopted son could have been one of them. But his birth mom turned the unplanned into a loving plan. And now, he's loved like crazy. It's hard to imagine that he might never have been because of the 'crime' of being 'unplanned.'" Ryan Bomberger, Emmy® Awardwinning creative director and co-founder of The Radiance Foundation − A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life ● www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 24 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "The Death of Death"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus Pastor Ken Klaus delivers a eulogy for the funeral of Death itself. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)