

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 22, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00AM Special Voters' Meeting
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
10:00AM Worship
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday: First Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship
6:00PM Bierstube Bowling Youth Event

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Jan Langhans
Wednesday - Bill & Jan Langhans
Thursday - Amanda Dupre, Ronnie & Jean Stumpf
Saturday - Isabel Germann-Hutter

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Bill Langhans, Melissa Barbey, DaWayne Wichern, Catherine Smith (recovering from surgery), Phillip Sorenson (dealing with chronic illness), Wayne Dicke (recovering from a four-wheeler accident), and the family and friends of Linda Betcher (as they mourn her passing).

YOUTH EVENT

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to attend November's youth event. We will be going to the Bierstube for bowling on Sunday, November 29th, at 6:00 PM. We will meet at church beforehand unless it is easier for the youth to get dropped off at the bowling alley. The cost is \$8.00 (three games, plus shoes). Extra money will be needed if you would like to buy snacks at the lanes.

HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDER

Scrip makes a great Christmas gift and is also a neat way to gain a little extra money for the ministry of our congregation! If you would like to place an order for something particular for the holidays, please do so by December 6th. Delivery of your requests will take place by December 13th. If you have further questions about this program, speak with Bonnie Kassen.

FIRST CHOICE BABY BOTTLES

Immanuel is again participating in the First Choice Clinic Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Please take a baby bottle and fill it with your change over the coming weeks. Please bring them back to church by Christmastime. If you would prefer to donate by writing a check, that is also acceptable. Just place your donation inside one of the baby bottles in the narthex. When you give to First Choice Clinic, you are helping to provide ultrasounds, pregnancy testing with options education, parenting and life-skills education, and material assistance to a woman in need. Because of First Choice's faith-based, life-affirming foundation, the clinic does not offer, recommend, or refer for abortion or abortifacients.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the many prayers of Immanuel congregation for Leonard, especially when he was at the Seminary Home. God bless you all.

The Leonard Dicke family

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERIES

Immanuel, Hay Creek will feature an Advent Midweek Series this year entitled, Hark the Glad Sound! This series focuses on the biblical songs of God's people as they awaited the Savior. Each week we will learn about a song from Scripture that highlights an Advent activity that prepares us for Christ's coming among us as a baby in Bethlehem. Hymns in the series include "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry," "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord," "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" and "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns."

- **Week 1: The Song of Zechariah** (Luke 1:67-79): Zechariah's Song revealed that his newborn son will be a prophet, sent to prepare the way of the Lord, and the song serves as a melody of repentance for us.
- **Week 2: The Song of Mary** (Luke 1:46-55): Mary's Song declares that the Lord has remembered His promise with us through His Son, making this a melody of remembrance.
- **Week 3: The Song of the Angels** (Luke 2:8-14): The Song of the Angels announced with great joy the Good News of Christ's birth, and echoes through our lives today as a melody of rejoicing.

The first entry of "Hark the Glad Sound!" will be on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM.

LIFE QUOTE

November 22 "If you keep thinking of your life—which is utterly unique in the entire universe!—as a true gift, you will draw nearer to the Giver of that gift. So, Happy Thanksgiving!" *James M. Kushiner, the Fellowship of St. James* – A "Life Quote" from *Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 29, 2015

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

"Are You Ready?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Advent looks forward to Christmas and that final day when Christ will return. Are you ready? (Luke 21:34-36)

CATECHISM REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD Of Open Questions (From "The Brief Statement")

Those questions in the domain of Christian doctrine may be termed open questions which Scripture answers either not at all or not clearly. Since neither an individual nor the Church as a whole is permitted to develop or augment the Christian doctrine, but are rather ordered and commanded by God to continue in the doctrine of the apostles, 2 Thess. 2:15; Acts 2:42, open questions must remain open questions. -- Not to be included in the number of open questions are the following: the doctrine of the Church and the Ministry, of Sunday, of Chiliasm, and of Antichrist, these doctrines being clearly defined in Scripture.