

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 19, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
4:45PM Chime Choir
Tuesday: 9:00AM District Mission Committee
7:00PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday: Roe v. Wade Anniversary
12:00PM March for Life
4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Friday: St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor: Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 6:11-16;
Matt. 24:42-47
10:00AM KWNG Recording Session
Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul: Acts 9:1-22; Gal. 1:11-24; Matt. 19:27-30
9:00AM Projects with Pam
Next Sunday: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday - Brendan & Elyse Heine
Friday - Vicky Hoffman

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Bob Langhans, Pat Banitt, Phillip Sorenson, Dustin Stumpf, Gerald Dicke, Burnetta Dicke, and Keith Holst.

ORDER YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS TODAY!

The Mentorship group will once again be coordinating the sale of Super Bowl sub sandwiches. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, January 26th with pick up being on Sunday, February 2. The cost of each sub will be \$3.50 which includes a cookie. Order forms are located on the table in the entryway, and we are asking that you use a new order form for each sandwich ordered. (We wrap it on the outside of your sandwich so if you put multiple orders on one form, we have to write up new ones anyway!) You will have your choice of white or wheat sub buns and an assortment of meats/cheeses. The youth will be making the sandwiches Saturday night, February 1 at the church, so if you need to stop down and pick them up early, you can make those arrangements. There may be a few extras, but we don't plan for that, so if you want to make sure you get a sub sandwich, please place your order by the deadline. See one of the mentors/mentees if you have any questions!

NEW MEMBERS

It is with great joy that we welcome three new members into our congregation. Donna (Voth) Baker transfers to us from Concordia, Red Wing. As a Voth, she has had much experience with the Immanuel and Concordia congregations. She is the daughter of Elmer and Bertha Voth (who were members at Hay Creek for a time). She is married to Clarence (Skip) Baker. He joined our congregation from Concordia a few months back. Donna and Skip were married at Hay Creek by Pastor Meyr on November 14, 1981. We welcome Donna back to Hay Creek!

A wonderful young couple has also submitted paperwork for membership: Jacob and Samantha Gaster of Frontenac. Jacob is the Park Manager at Frontenac State Park; Samantha is an MBA student who will graduate in May of this year. The Gasters were married in 2011 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale, Iowa. We welcome the Gasters to Hay Creek! May God bless

Donna Baker and Jacob and Samantha Gaster as they join us in hearing God's Word and praising the Triune God!

CATECHISM REVIEW

Confession

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

PRO-LIFE PETITION

An MCCL pro-life petition has been placed in the narthex for those who would like to sign. In 2018, 117 abortions in Minnesota took place at 22 weeks gestation or later, when scientific evidence clearly indicates these unborn children experience pain while being killed. Legislation supported by MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) will take the first step towards ending such barbarism by protecting these pain-capable unborn children.

MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life is again holding a March for Life at the State Capital on January 22nd, the Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that has left more than 60 million dead children in its wake. If you would like to attend with Pastor Sorenson, please let him know at your earliest convenience. The program begins with a walk in front of the State Capital at 12:00 PM. A short program will then be held at 12:30 PM. Your presence sends a message to lawmakers and all Minnesotans that the lives of these murdered children will not be forgotten. We will continue to speak for those who cannot be heard.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 26, 2020

6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis

6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault

"Call it a Comeback"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

New Series - "In Christ, God is writing a comeback story for you. But we don't call it a comeback if it's the same old you that's been here for years. You call it a comeback because life in Jesus means the death of the old you, and through faith in Jesus the real you can truly live."

(Genesis 41)

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR AND SARA

Dear Immanuel Members:

A warm thank you to everyone who offered up prayers for our family during the holiday season.

Thank you also to everyone who remembered us with cards, food, and gifts. It was quite an outpouring of kindness, support, and love. Blessings to Hay Creek in 2020 and beyond!

All our Love to you!

Pastor and Sara Sorenson

CHURCH HISTORY - NOTES ON UNCLE CHRIS (recorded by Raymond Voth)

When they (Uncle Chris and family) arrived in Red Wing, they spent the first night with the family of Peter Damman, who were friends of theirs in Germany. They lived on the farm now owned by Harold (now Brian) Augustin in Hay Creek township. Then they moved into their first home in Goodhue on a Lindeman farm north of St. John's Lutheran Church. It was a mere shack, of which nothing now remains. Here they spent their first winter in America and here Henry was born on August 16, 1875. In the spring of 1876 they moved to Goodhue township, Section 23, to keep house for Peter, who was not yet married. While stacking grain, Christian had an accident with the mules (Uncle Chris thought he suffered a broken leg), which laid him up for some time. When able to work again in April 1877, Christian relocated his family near Hay Creek (Featherstone township, Section 25), near Claus Muhlman's blacksmith shop, later the Henry Stellrecht place. Christian practiced his home-country trade as a shoemaker here, and while they lived here from 1877-1884, Peter, Frank, and Kate were born. During the next three years, they lived in Goodhue township, Section 14, on the same eighty where they spent their first winter. Here Wilhelm and Anna were born. In 1887 they moved to the Betcher eighty farm in Featherstone township, Section 11, more recently the Earl Peterson and the Magee farms. Dorothea was born here, as was Marie, who died as an infant, and Henry was confirmed while they lived here, a considerable distance from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hay Creek. Next they farmed one year on the Busch farm in Featherstone township, Section 4, later the Claus Duden farm (now farmed by Craig and Duane Duden). They then moved to North Dakota to homestead in Greatstone township of McLean County, south of Benedict, ND.