

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 25, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:00AM Palm Sunday Brunch
12:00PM Pre-Marriage Counseling
3:00PM St. Matthew's Passion – Christ Episcopal Church, Red Wing
Fig Monday: Mark 11:12-14, 20-25
Holy Tuesday: John 12:20-36; 13:21-28
Spy Wednesday: Matthew 26:14-25
4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Maundy Thursday:
7:00PM Worship
8:00PM Choir
Good Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
7:00PM Worship
Holy Saturday: Dan. 6:1-24; 1 Pet. 4:1-8; Matt. 27:57-66
10:00AM Easter Egg Hunt
Next Sunday: Easter Sunday
No Sunday School or Bible Class Today
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Myron Alms
Monday - William Langhans
Tuesday - Brady Meyer
Wednesday - Kevin Schafer
Thursday - Gretchen Kelm
Friday - Tara Goranson
Saturday - Bruce Holst

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans, Burnetta Dicke, Craig Remus (recovering from surgery), and Wayne Voth (recovering from the removal of spots on his face).

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH - TODAY

Everyone is welcome to attend the brunch being held following worship this morning. On the menu are pancakes, egg casseroles (some are gluten free), fresh fruit, muffins/sweet rolls/donuts and beverages. Many thanks to New Horizons for organizing and hosting the event.

ST. MATTHEW'S PASSION - TODAY

You are invited to hear a program from Johann Sebastian Bach's St. Matthew Passion, as re-imagined by Felix Mendelssohn and conducted by Dr. John A. Schultz. In 1829, Mendelssohn presented Bach's masterwork to a Berlin audience after almost one hundred years of silence. Mendelssohn's performance ideas about presenting the Passion have been used to re-create the accessibility of Bach's work, without losing its original impact and narrative. The Red Wing Singers will perform in this concert. The program will be presented today at 3:00 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 321 West Avenue, Red Wing. Dr. Schultz will present a pre-concert talk at 2:30 PM. Pastor Sorenson will sing in this program.

NEW SCRIP RETAILER!

Mills Fleet Farm is now available in the Scrip Box in \$25 or \$100 denominations. Get yours NOW!

EASTER EGG HUNT

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held again this year on Holy Saturday, March 31, at 10:00 AM. Children who are second grade and younger are invited to attend. Many thanks to Leslie Germann-Hutter and Nikki Scheele for organizing this fun activity for our children! In case of poor weather, all activities will be inside the church building.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Remember that many worship experiences are available to you as we come to the culmination of Lent! The Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:00 PM this Thursday (March 28th). Good Friday service will be at 7:00 PM the next day (March 29th). Easter Sunday is April 1st. No Sunday School or Bible Class will be held that morning. The service will be at 10:00 AM, our usual time.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, April 1, 2018

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

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

"They Were Afraid, You Know?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

It takes a lot to overcome fear, a lot of words, in fact a lifetime of words. Let this Easter Day be a new beginning of trusting Jesus' words of resurrection and life!

(Mark 16:1-8)

LIFE QUOTE

March 25 "Moreover, when Christ, the Son of God, was to be conceived in His mother's womb and become incarnate, He certainly had to be already present in essence and in person in the Virgin's womb, and had to assume humanity there." *Martin Luther (LW 37:62) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Apostles' Creed: The Third Article

Sanctification

What is the special work of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit sanctifies me (makes me holy) by bringing me to faith in Christ, so that I might have the blessings of redemption and lead a godly life (sanctification in the wide sense).

Note: The word "sanctification" is used in two ways:

- 1) The wide sense - the whole work of the Holy Spirit by which He brings us to faith and also enables us to lead a godly life.
- 2) The narrow sense - that part of the Holy Spirit's work by which He directs and empowers the believer to lead a godly life.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all for your prayers and concerns these past months during my chemotherapy treatments. Upcoming tests will determine the effectiveness of the treatments. This cancer stuff is really a challenge, and I appreciate your continued support and prayers.

Neil Stemmann