ANNOUNCEMENTS – APRIL 15, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:15AM Pre-Marriage Counseling Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Mission Project Tuesday: 8:00AM Men's Bible Breakfast

7:30PM Board of Elders

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

7:30PM Choir

Thursday: 7:00PM Women's Bible Class

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

9:45AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Kevin & Chris Ballman, Jerry & Rosie Kohn

Monday - Willard Holst, LaVonne Schafer

Tuesday - Chad Callstrom

Wednesday - Lyle Dicke, Betty Von Bargen

Friday - Kelvin Hoffman

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome), Bob Langhans (recovering from surgery), Burnetta Dicke, Wayne Voth (recovering from the removal of spots on his face), Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery), Walter Banitt (recovering at a nursing home), and Noah Wall.

YOUTH LOCK-IN

A sign-up sheet has been posted for a youth lock-in that will be held on Friday to Saturday, April 27th and 28th. The event will begin at 8:00 PM and end at 8:00 AM the following morning. All youth are welcome to attend. Friends from outside the congregation may also come, but please have them signed up on the bulletin board. Pizza and drinks will be provided out of the youth fund; however, feel free to bring a snack to share. Also, bring your favorite games, appropriate movies, a pillow, and a sleeping bag. If you are interested in serving as an adult chaperone for part of the event, please let Pastor know at your earliest convenience.

CONFIRMATION DINNER

We will honor our 2018 confirmands with a dinner for them and their families on the evening of Friday, May 4th. Confirmation pictures will be taken at 6:00 PM and the dinner will follow at about 6:30 PM. We are looking for people willing to bring food items and/or serve for the meal. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. We have 3 confirmands this year: Meya Callstrom, William Langhans, and Caitlyn Von Bargen. Supplies for forty people will provide more than enough. Let's help our confirmation families celebrate the growth and learning that has taken place over these last four years!

VOTERS' MEETING

The Voters will gather for the Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 24th, at 7:30 PM. Constitutional matters will come up under "Old Business." Under "New Business," we will deal with the estimate for the church basement project, consider rain gutter replacement for the church, and also discuss necessary foundation work to keep water leaks out of the basement. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending so that we may go forward with these important projects!

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

The next Men's Bible Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, April 17th at 8:00 AM. We will continue and probably finish our discussion of the curse on Canaan. All men of the congregation are welcome to attend!

IMMANUEL, PLAINVIEW FUNDRAISER

The 8th Annual Immanuel Lutheran School Fish Fry and Auction will take place on Friday, April 20th, at the Plainview American Legion. Proceeds will go towards curriculum and technology at the school. The meal includes: fried (original Legion batter recipe) or baked fish, baked chicken, baked potato, french fries, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, beverage, and a dessert. The meal will be served from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A silent auction will also be held during that time and a live auction will begin at 7:15 PM. The event will feature the following items for sale (among others): quilts, baskets, beef packages, pontoon rides, and hosted dinners. The cost for the meal is \$10 for seniors, \$11 for adults (eleven and up), \$6 for children (ages 6-10), and five and under eat for free. A full announcement has been posted on the bulletin board.

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Apostles' Creed: The Third Article

Why do we say that the Holy Spirit works conversion by the Gospel?

The Gospel (the Good News of forgiveness in Jesus) is the means by which the Holy Spirit offers us all the blessings of Christ and creates faith in us.

Note: The written and spoken Word of the Gospel and the Sacraments are the means of grace (the means of giving us the gift of faith).

Besides faith, what else does the Holy Spirit create in you by the Gospel?

The Holy Spirit sanctifies me in the true faith, that is, by faith He works a renewal of my whole life - in spirit, will, attitude, and desires - so that I now strive to overcome sin and do good works.

LWML MN SOUTH DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 27th Biennial Convention of the Minnesota South Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be held June 29th and 30th at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, Minnesota. The goal statement of the convention is: "Under the grace of God, in Christ I am called as a servant to use my gifts for the furtherance of His kingdom." The Christian Life theme is: "Grace-Full Living." If you are interested in attending the convention this year, registration information is available in the church office.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, April 22, 2018 6:05AM on WCCO-AM (830), Minneapolis 6:00PM on KDHL-AM (920), Faribault "What's in a Name?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

We live in a disposable age. If something wears out, breaks down or is lost, we replace it. But who or what can replace Jesus? Who else can save us? (Acts 1:42)

LIFE QUOTE

April 15 "When people question the value of a life lived with disability, I share God's Word concerning the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:22 (NIV): 'On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.' Note it does not say those that are weaker, but those that 'seem to be weaker are indispensable'!" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org