

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 30, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – Potsdam
Wednesday: 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15PM Lenten Midweek Worship
8:00PM Choir
Saturday: LWML Lake Pepin Zone Spring Rally – Bethany, Lake City
8:30AM Registration
9:00AM Program
Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Tara Goranson
Monday - Bruce Holst
Wednesday - Brian & Jennifer Augustin
Thursday - Miranda McNamara
Friday - Wendy Augustin
Saturday - Ryan Holm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, and Vera Carlson (recovering from a fall).

LIFETOUCH PICTURE DIRECTORY PROJECT

The photography dates for our new picture directory are April 30th (Wednesday) through May 3rd (Saturday). We want to have everyone included in the new directory! Please sign-up at your convenience in the narthex. An additional sheet has also been posted for those who would like to serve as hosts/hostesses; they will help check people in on the days that the pictures are taken. It would be great if we could get at least two people to volunteer for each four hour slot. Thanks for your help in making this project a success!

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

There will be an Open House 80th Birthday Celebration for Elaine Diercks on Sunday, April 6th, from 1-4 PM at Concordia Lutheran Church, Red Wing.

LWML LAKE PEPIN SPRING RALLY

The LWML Spring Rally for our Lake Pepin Zone will be held on April 5th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Lake City. The special speaker will be Pastor Paul Haugen from People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person and lunch is included. For Gifts from the Heart donation ideas, please see the announcement posted on the bulletin board.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, April 6, 2014

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

“God Digs Deep”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

When our lives were on the line, Jesus dug deep to defeat sin and death. (John 11:1-45)

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FORTY DAYS OF LENT - BASKETS OF PROMISE

This Lenten season, our congregation's journey can be the beginning of a better future for communities in need around the world. Through a program implemented by Lutheran World Relief, congregations are asked to collect and assemble Personal Care Kits and help provide basic sanitation and hygiene for families coping with some of life's most difficult situations. In places like the Philippines, where Typhoon Haiyan destroyed entire communities, Personal Care Kits allow families who have lost their belongings to stay healthy and clean and preserve personal dignity. Each of the Sundays of Lent you are asked to bring specific items for our collection. If you would prefer, you may also collect all of these at one time and bring them to church. Here is our collection schedule week by week:

March 30 - Combs

April 6 - Nail Clippers (Metal, with attached file option)

April 13 - Bars of Soap

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

The season of Lent is a time for us to face together the brokenness of our lives and our world, and then turn that brokenness over to Christ so that we can be restored by Him through the cross. Our Lenten Midweek series this year is entitled, "Restored in Christ." With the help of Missouri Synod Professor Joel Biermann, each Wednesday of Lent will feature a certain event in the Lenten story. We will take a good, hard look at a broken element from that particular story. Then we will apply the healing of the Gospel and discover how restoration in Jesus is the key to living today as new creations in Christ. Services are held at 7:15 PM on Wednesdays. This week's focus is: "Broken Promises."

CATECHISM REVIEW

Holy Baptism

How does baptismal water work forgiveness of sin, rescue from death and the devil, and give eternal salvation?

God's Words of institution put these great blessings into Baptism. Faith, which trusts this Word of God in the water, takes the blessings out and makes them our own.

Why do the Scriptures call Baptism the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit?

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit works faith and so creates in us new spiritual life with the power to overcome sin.