

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 3, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 8:00AM Men's Bible Breakfast
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship
7:45PM Choir
Thursday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – Hammond
No Women's Bible Class this Month
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
2:00PM Plaza Service
Saturday: 9AM-10AM Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship
11:00AM Mentorship Event (with Lunch, Games, and Gift Exchange)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Joel Kassen
Monday - Kristin Franks
Tuesday - Kelsey Reding, Jerry Stehr
Wednesday - Hannah Dicke, Steve & Maureen Alms
Saturday - Bob & Mary Langhans

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jeanette Falkner, Melissa Barbey, Pat Banitt (struggling with Disembarkment Syndrome and recovering from knee replacement surgery), Bob Langhans, Jack Vold, former member Kelli Boles/Schmitz (facing terminal cancer), Roy and Jane Krueger (thanksgiving for healing received), and Kathy Voth (recovering from surgery), Doug Callstrom (recovering from surgery), Neil Stemmann (undergoing chemotherapy), and the family and friends of Ronnie Stumpf (as they mourn his passing).

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek worship will be held during the Wednesdays of Advent. This year's preaching series is: "Prophets with Advent Messages." Each of the three weeks we will review an Advent message of one of the prophets. Services are at 7:00 p.m. This week we will consider Jeremiah.

CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDER

A Christmas scrip order will be placed on Tuesday, December 6th. Orders larger than \$100 must be prepaid. Stop at the Scrip table for a current list. Call Bonnie Kassen with questions: Cell 764-5902 or Home 923-4884.

GOODHUE COUNTY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Our congregation is again participating in the Goodhue County Christmas Project, an effort to help struggling families with Christmas resources and gifts for the holidays. A poster has been placed in the narthex to let everyone know what the needs are. Please sign your name to whatever gifts you plan on purchasing so that we can track which needs have been fulfilled. If you do not sign your name, it is quite possible that double purchases will be made; we do not want to come up short for our families! Gifts should be placed under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. If you choose to wrap your gifts (which is NOT necessary), please put a note on the outside indicating what's inside or we will need to unwrap them. Thanks so very much for your generosity this Christmas season!

SNOW SHOVELING

A schedule for winter snow shoveling has been posted on the bulletin board. We need volunteers to help clear sidewalks and driveways around the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year's Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 PM. In addition to practice during Sunday School, two Saturday practices will be held: December 9th from 9 AM to 10 AM and December 16th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. If you have questions or comments, please call Nikki Scheele (380-5646) or Leslie Germann-Hutter (380-1910).

LIFE QUOTE

December 3 "God created you in the womb. He formed your very being. He called you by name for His great plans. He made your life new through the Holy One of Israel. God gave you a new heart through Christ. God has loved you so deeply—and He gives you the gift of life so deeply—that He gave you the heart of Christ. HIS heart beats within you. THAT is God's gift of grace."

Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Second Article: Redemption

What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's life, suffering, and death?

They teach that Christ

- A) endured poverty, contempt, and persecution in His earthly life;
- B) suffered great agony of body and soul under Pontius Pilate;
- C) died in excruciating agony on the cross.

What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's burial?

They teach that Christ's body was buried in the tomb and remained there until the third day, without decaying in any way.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 10, 2017

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

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

"Prep Time"

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

Preparing for Christmas is quite different than preparing for Christ. Today's Lutheran Hour message explores those differences.

(Mark 1:1-3)