## **ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

#### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 3:00PM New Horizons Church Decorating for Christmas

Monday: 1:00PM Ladies Quilting Project Wednesday: 4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation 7:00PM Advent Midweek Worship

7:45PM Choir

Thursday: 9:00AM Koinonia Project at Bethany, Lake City

10:00AM-2:30PM Adjustment to Blindness Class

Friday: 1:00PM J. Brown Visit

7:30PM Board of Elders Meeting

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

9:45AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Brad Kolberg, Brian Smith

Wednesday - Joel Kassen Thursday - Kristin Franks

Friday - Kelsey Reding, Jerry Stehr Saturday - Steve & Maureen Alms

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Richard Diercks, Bill Langhans, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Leonard Dicke, Dolores Cedar, Kari Janssen (cancer treatments), Melissa Barbey (brain tumor), Colleen Kahn, Neil Stemmann (cancer treatments), and the family and friends of Amos Dicke (as they mourn his passing).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 7, 2014 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

"We Need Something Stronger"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus exchanges our weakness for His strength. (Mark 1:1-8)

# REVIEW: THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD Of Good Works

Before God only those works are good which are done for the glory of God and the good of man, according to the rule of divine Law. Such works, however, no man performs unless he first believes that God has forgiven him his sins and has given him eternal life by grace, for Christ's sake, without any works of his own, John 15:4, 5. We reject as a great folly the assertion, frequently made in our day, that works must be placed in the fore, and "faith in dogmas" —meaning the Gospel of Christ crucified for the sins of the world — must be relegated to the rear. Since good works never precede faith, but are always and in every instance the result of faith in the Gospel, it is evident that the only means by which we Christians can become rich in good works (and God would have us to be rich in good works, Titus 2:14) is unceasingly to remember the grace of God which we have received in Christ, Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:9. Hence we reject as unchristian and foolish any attempt to produce good works by the compulsion of the Law or through carnal motives.