

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 23, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: The Annunciation of Our Lord: Isa. 7:10-14; Heb. 10:4-10; Lk. 1:26-38
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:15PM Lenten Midweek Worship
8:00PM Choir
Thursday: 7:30PM Women's Bible Study
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mar. 19 - Logan Dicke
Today - Karen Stemmann
Monday - Karlene Abell, Vera Carlson
Tuesday - Myron Alms
Wednesday - Eric Stumpf, William K. Langhans
Thursday - Brady Meyer
Friday - Kevin Schafer
Saturday - Gretchen Kelm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Catherine Smith, Bill Langhans, Dennis Dankers, Hermann von Knobelsdorff, Vera Carlson (recovering from a fall), and the family and friends of Harry Oelkers, as they mourn his passing.

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.

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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 23 - Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)

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 Bread."

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 30, 2014

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

"The Bogeyman"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Pastor Ken Klaus says God is not out to get you. (John 9:1-41)

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Power of Baptism

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying" (Titus 3:5-8).