

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 26, 2015

Christ is risen!



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In Sunday School today, students learn the story of "Paul's First Missionary Journey." Just as God sent Paul and Barnabas to spread the Gospel, so today He sends pastors to preach the Gospel, baptize, and feed Jesus' body and blood to His children, against whom the gates of hell cannot prevail. Consider discussing, "Who gave Paul directions on where to travel? What was Paul's message?"

NEXT SUNDAY: "Paul and Timothy" (Acts 15:1-16:5)



From Our Pastor



There they are. Pastor Lange (who came to preach for the 15th anniversary of the Student Ctr). Pastor Watkins (who married Kathy and me). Jenny, Brian, Gayle, Lisa, Marcia Moll. Brothers and sisters in Christ who were knit together to form a net of protection and a body of interdependance. Part of the Body of Christ here at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in 1984. Today my hair is shorter, but my need is the same.

We need the Body of Christ.

Earlier this week, Barb Powell died

and the Body of Christ came together to listen to the Lord of the grave and to love her family. This past Thursday our Lutheranism 101 Class discussed how we need the Church to exercise discipline, in love, to keep one another repentant, right, and salutary. Forgiven.

The people gathered in this picture blessed me. So, who's in the picture with you? Do you lean upon them? And are you expecting them to lean your way? The Body of Christ here as "Immanuel" includes you, and is for you. Smile. Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Pastor Mike Engels

THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL & Today's Light Bible Readings

Sunday April 26

Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Christian Education (C)	9:45 AM
Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM
Potluck Lunch (C)	12:15 PM
Voters Assembly Mtg. (C)	1:15 PM
Venture Crew Mtg (C)	7:00pm

Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Student Bible Study (SC)	8:00 PM
Thursday April 30	Amos 3:1-15
Lutheranism 101 (SC)	7:00 PM
Friday May 1	Amos 4:1-5:27
Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM
Saturday May 2	Amos 6:1-14
Sunday May 3	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Worship (C)	8:30am
Sunday School (C)	9:45 AM
Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM
LSF Mtg (SC)	12:15pm

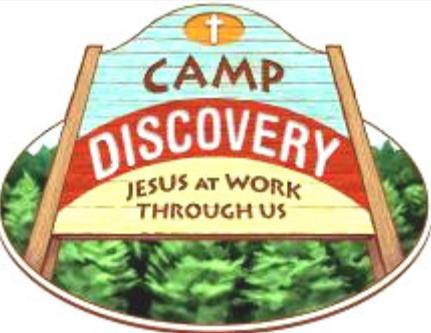
Monday April 27 Joel 2:1-32

Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM
Tuesday April 28	Joel 3:1-21
Adult Bible Study (C)	7:00 PM
Wednesday April 29	Amos 1:1-2:16
Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM

SC =Student Center (303 N. Clay) C = Church (906 E. Grant)



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Our Family Servant Event with the residents of Bethesda homes in Springfield will be June 28-July 1! It's a great time of challenge, love, service, and growth.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League...The LWML Meeting will be May 7 @ 7:00 PM at the Church. Our host will be Elaine Vanni. Elaine will also provide us with Bible Study and Diny Burnell will report on LBT- David & Valerie Mission project. All ladies of the congregation are invited.



Quarterly Voters Assembly today 1:15pm at CHURCH. Potluck at 12:15pm!

LWML will host a **farewell luncheon for Mary Jo** on Friday May 1st from 11:30 to 1:00 at the Student Center ...all are invited so please come by and wish her bon voyage!

Delivered is a helpful book, as it includes numerous stories of men and women who are no longer dominated by the dark world of porn. This is a topic we have to talk about in the Church. **We can talk about it**, and because of the Gospel and grace of God, we can live freely. For a free copy of the book, ask Pastor. No questions asked unless you want to talk further! It's time to talk about it. It's safe, in Christ.

Next week on Lutheran Hour: "You Can Live a Meaningful Life" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
A life that is meaningful is one that is connected to Jesus. (John 15:1-8)

Welcome, Students!

- The Wesley Foundation is inviting Christians to **pray** throughout the day this Wednesday, April 29, 9:00am-9:00pm. We are encouraged to pray for there at the Wesley Foundation. Pastor Burdick has volunteered to cover 3:00-3:30pm, and will be focusing upon University leaders. Can you pray?
- Bible Study on Wednesday at 8pm. At our Student Center.
- **BRINNER* on Monday, May 11 at 6:00pm! Friends welcome.**
- *Are you graduating this May? Tell Mary Jo or Pastor in the Office so your family is invited to our Graduate Luncheon on Saturday, May 16!*



*Breakfast For Dinner!!!!

Birthright's fundraiser "Mothers' Day Flowers for Women in the Nursing Homes" takes place the week of May 3rd. Please remember to make a contribution so EVERY WOMEN in Macomb's nursing homes will receive a carnation from the hands of young preschool children. Contributions also help fund Birthright's free service to expectant and young mothers who are in need. (maternity and baby clothes, diapers, pregnancy tests, crib bedding, etc.) If you prefer, mail your tax deductible donation to Birthright at 303 N Clay St., Macomb, IL 61455 or call with questions 836-2021. **We'll receive a freewill offering following our services on May 3rd and 10th!**

Immanuel Lutheran & University Baptist "Clothing & Food Drive" in the WIU Res Halls. May 2-15, 2015

University Baptist is coordinating the Drive this year, and we can help by providing all, or some, of the "Pick-Up Teams." Each Team (or it can be an individual) needs to check the donation boxes once or twice a day on the main floor of their assigned dorm. This way, the boxes don't get full to overflowing. The donations are stuffed in garbage bags, and then dropped up in the fellowship hall at University Baptist Church. Other volunteers sort through all the donations.

All items received are given (not sold) to those in need in our community and throughout the State.

Please volunteer! If you are just interested, great. If you know what hall(s) you'd be willing to serve (and when), great. Mary Sherwood is the University Baptist Church Coordinator (309-836-6117 or 309-333-1117). Thank you!

April 2015

Dear Saints of Immanuel,

Well, Vicarage has flown by. This Monday (April 27), we will find out who my replacement is for the following year. As many of you know, I'm serving my Vicarage year at the same congregation and campus ministry combination that Aaron Uphoff did here at Trinity - Norman, Oklahoma. We serve as the Oklahoma District campus ministry location for the University of Oklahoma. It's been a joy to work with these students.

The campus ministry arena has been about a quarter of my duties with the church, day school and campus ministry combination. It's a busy place here, learning a lot. As I type this e-letter, I made 5 shut-in/hospital visits today, wrote my Sunday Bible Study and had dinner with some students at the cafeteria on campus. No joke, I had my best steak here in Norman over at Couch Hall Cafeteria. They sure have upped the dorm food game since I went to college back in Michigan.



I want to thank you for your financial support so far during my seminary training years, it has definitely helped out greatly. Further, your prayers and support and for those on Facebook, those "likes" and checking in from time to time has been a great blessing. I look forward to keeping in touch with you throughout the years, regardless of my service location(s).

At the conclusion of my Vicarage here, I'll be traveling for roughly a month to Kisumu, Kenya, to assist with Capstone Ministries, a RSO of the LCMS. Looking forward to learning from their setup and to see what lessons can be applied here in the States. I'll connect with Pastor Burdick for a time to come back to Macomb and to share that experience with you, hopefully this Fall. Thanks be to God, this trip is fully funded at this time.

Finally, while its a bit of a drive, I definitely want to invite you to visit Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It's a beautiful campus and I'd love to give you a tour if you'd be able to make it. If you combine a fall color drive to Michigan and return via Fort Wayne, it's quite the auto tour. Minus any church visit trips and such, I should be there from Labor Day 2015 through May 2016 with the completion of the Master of Divinity program. Continued Easter blessings to you all,

- John Zimmerman

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