

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From our Pastor ...

It's so hard on her to say "good-bye." To look at her during the week, you wouldn't think that she was loving it. She mostly watches what others are doing. She doesn't swim, doesn't play baggo or ladder-golf, doesn't eat all the snack foods that are seemingly important to the rest of us. She doesn't even smile much. But Abby loves the time we spend together with our extended family near Lake Shelbyville each summer. Kathy and I do, too, but we know that it's hard work -- to pack all the stuff for Abby and the twins, cook, clean, compromise, serve, lead, forgive, and live together as a family of 20+ people. And we get to do the fun stuff! Oh, it's hard on Abby, too. She doesn't breathe quite as well, sleep as well, or get to go every place the rest of the family does. It would be easier to stay home.

And yet on Friday when it was time to say good-bye to grandparents and cousins, Abby cried. Just like every year. It becomes apparent that she loves being together with her family. She Loves. It. Because she loves her family, even when it's hard.

This is one more way that Abby takes the lead and teaches us.

It's hard to be in Church. To be the Church. It would be easier to stay home. My precious daughter teaches me (and you) that it is better -- though harder -- to be (in) Church. At 8:30am every Sunday, and throughout the week. In Church we receive God's blood-bought gifts, together as the family. It is good. Not always easy. Sometimes it's easy and it's good, and that's wonderful. Then I cry in a flood of appreciation for God's forgiveness, promise, hope, and trustworthiness in Christ.

Be an Abby. Choose to love being the Church and being in Church every single week, for this is your family in Christ. When you are an Abby, you'll be a source of encouragement for others.

I know she is for me.




"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

Next Week on The Lutheran Hour ... 7:30 AM **"Nothing"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus Nothing in all of creation can separate you from the love of God which is yours in Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:38-39)

Romans 8:18 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel – if we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed" we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

The Church Quilters are having an All Day Quilting Project, August 6th from 9 AM to 2 PM. Lunch will be provided!! Along with our regulars Quilts we are trying something new.....Tied Fleece Blankets NO SEWING required. Anyone can do this. Please come and enjoy the fun....All are welcome. -- Sally Powell
**Can't make it to Sunday Service?
 Worship Monday at 7pm at the Student Center!**

Our congregation will prayerfully nominate and elect lay leaders for Immanuel's ministry today at 9:45am. Terms of service begin September 1st. All members of Immanuel are welcome and urged to submit nominations, and you may prayerfully nominate yourself. Nominations may be made to Mitch Standard, Mary Strode, or Pastor Burdick. Nominations thus far include:

- President: Mitch Standard
- Vice-President: Chris Frankhauser
- Recording Secretary: Sally Powell
- Treasurer: Bill Polley
- Financial Secretary: Kathy Coats
- Council of Elders: add Doug Erickson; Tom Burtch & Bob Coats continue service
- Board of Education: Lynde France
- Board of Fellowship: Amy Quinn
- Board of Outreach: Mary Strode
- Board of Trustees: Mike Powell
- Preschool: Karen Burtch
- Council Member at Large:

Also on the agenda is prayerful consideration of a Marriage Policy for our congregation, recommended by our Synod, intended to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) and uphold God's design for marriage. The proposed policy, with some supporting materials, is available in the narthex today.

THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL & Today's Light Bible Readings		
Sunday July 20		
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)		7:30 AM
Communion Service (C)		8:30 AM
Voters Assembly (C)		9:45 AM
Monday July 21	2 Samuel 23:1-39	
Evening Prayer Service (SC)		7:00 PM
Tuesday July 22	2 Samuel 24:1-25	
Wednesday July 23	1 Kings 1:1-2:46	
Quilters (C)		9-11 AM
Thursday July 24	1 Kings 3:1-4:34	
Friday July 25	1 Kings 5:1-7:51	
Saturday July 26	1 Kings 8:1-66	
Sunday July 27		
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)		7:30 AM
Communion Service (C)		8:30 AM
Bible Study (C)		9:45 AM

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



go to <http://reformation500.csl.edu/> for great resources about God's grace and truth in Jesus, connected to the 500th anniversary of The Reformation (quickly coming up in 3 years!).

On the web...

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and "Immanuel Lutheran Macomb" on Facebook.
Stay connected!

More outdated Portals of Prayer are needed to recycle to the Menard Correctional Center Receptacles at Immanuel Narthex and Student Center *Many Thanks*

Here are some projects around our properties to uphold and enhance the ministry:

Some folks have been working hard on projects listed in last week's green sheet, and we appreciate it (notice that some items have been removed!)

At the CHURCH:

1. organize the library books
2. defrost the freezer in the youth room. The fan blades hit the ice, making lots of noise.
3. Evaluate parking lot concrete cracks
4. others?

At the STUDENT CENTER

1. trim bushes on east side and pull vines and weeds
2. replace the broken parking lot light; have all four lights operational
3. put better covers on the outdoor drains to keep them from clogging with debris during rains
4. After the poison ivy has been killed and removed, place mulch on the sunken garden top edge (mulch is in the shed/closet)
5. wash the inside and outside of the message sign.
6. replace bulbs (and ballast?) in message sign
7. remove pine needles from northside steps leading to the furnace room
8. remove pine needs from around AC units on north side
9. clean off the garbage can pad along Chandler street.
10. organize the library books
11. remove the chain from the posts on the north end of the parking lot.
12. trim trees as necessary
13. repaint the yellow warning stripes on the east sidewalk and the threshold going into the east door
14. evaluate outdoor lighting. Perhaps Impact Grant funds could be used to improve it, including replacement of the sagging conduit attached to the building. Change from a time-clock to a darkness-activated sensor switch?
15. Wash West windows, inside and out.
16. Repair the cigarette-butt receptacle near the east door (needs epoxy glue to reattach the two chunks that have fallen off).
17. and if you see a task that needs attention, take it up or discuss it with Pastor Burdick.

Anyone can help. Please do! THANK YOU for volunteering to keep the properties God has entrusted to us beautiful and welcoming for Gospel ministry.



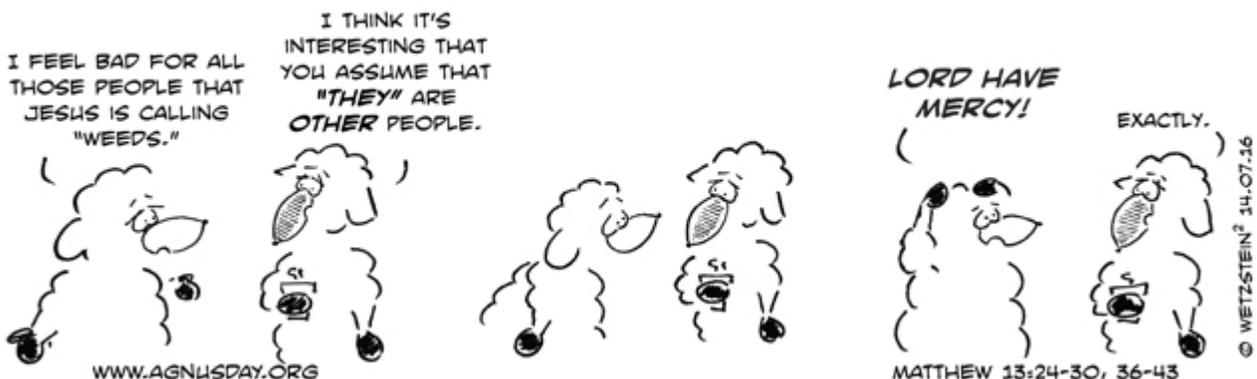
The Federwitz family, serving as missionaries in Ghana with Lutheran Bible Translators. This picture was taken on Advent 2012, when they last visited us in Macomb. Next Sunday is "Coins For Missions" Sunday. Be generous in their support - not only with coins, but with prayers and dollars -- because of the power of God's Word, Jesus Christ.



Ha! That's a real man!



Birthright supports the whole family. Our local Birthright office is housed within our Lutheran Student Center and is staffed with volunteers at various times, Monday through Friday. 309-836-2021



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MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

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