

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
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From our Pastor ...

Two scenarios repeat themselves each Preschool school year. First, we begin the year with few students and add more. Second, one or more of the students grow exponentially in their life skills and their understanding of who Jesus is, and what He has done for their family.



With the first class session only four weeks away we currently have two students registered, with two more on the cusp. We have room for more, of course, and the class will work even better with more. I urge you to be an advocate for Immanuel Lutheran Preschool. Whenever you are visiting with parents of 3 and 4 year olds, encourage them to consider ILP. You, and they, can download the enrollment and informational forms from our website -- www.ImmanuelMacomb.com.

Cindy Lueck (Director) and our Board members (Karen Burtch, Donna Quick, Michelle Wemndt, and myself) are glad to speak about the mission of the Preschool. In short, we support the family, teach the faith, and prepare for school!



Immanuel Lutheran Preschool
Building Blocks of Faith

In our weekly Chapel time, I get to see the students blossom in their understanding of Bible stories. Sometimes they cry out "God made the birds!" and sometimes it's "Jesus is alive now!" Though it's good to see the progress in staying in line, raising their hands to ask a question, or focusing on what Mrs. Lueck is teaching, it's especially good see that they are meeting Jesus in our Preschool through His Word and His people.

Let's share this Preschool mission with more families!



Next Week on The Lutheran Hour ... 7:30 AM "A Savior Who Goes Where No One Has Gone Before"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz Jesus is the Savior who goes where no one else could go in order to rescue, heal, and save us. (Matthew 15:21-28)

Most Stores are having back to school sales so please remember our **Back to SCHOOL KITS...** Items that make up a school kit:

- ONE ruler (12 inches)
 - ONE pencil sharpener
 - ONE blunt pair scissors
 - ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
 - ONE eraser (2 1/2" pink or white)
 - FOUR 70-sheet spiral notebooks
 - FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils (bundle with rubber band)
 - FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) (bundle with rubber band)
- Please donate complete school kits in grocery sacks in the provided bin.



Work Party at our Student Center, next **Sunday, August 17, 3:00-5:00pm.** We'll be trimming, raking, hauling, and primping in preparation for the arrival of our mission field and partners. There's something for everyone to do. Come help, please! Thanks.



"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6

St. Lawrence was in charge of the church's almsgiving to the poor in Rome. When the Emperor demanded him to bring the treasures of the Church to the government coffers, St. Lawrence showed up the next day with the throngs of the poor and said: "Here, O Emperor, are the treasures of the Church!" Lawrence was martyred for his faith in Christ, which overflowed in his generous life toward others.

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

Sunday August 10	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Communion Service (C)	8:30 AM
Bible Study (C)	9:45 AM
Wesley Vespers (Wesley Village)	6:30pm
Monday August 11	2Kings 6:1-7:20
Evening Prayer Service (SC)	7:00 PM
Tuesday August 12	2 Kings 8:1-29
Church Council Mtg. (SC)	7:00 PM
Wednesday August 13	2 Kings 9:1-10:36
7:00pm Confirmation Review Session (C)	3:30pm
Thursday August 14	2 Kings 11:1-12:21
Friday August 15	2 Kings 13:1-14:29
Saturday August 16	2 Kings 15:1-16:20
Sunday August 17	
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
Work Party (SC)	3:00-5:00pm
SC = Student Center (303 N. Clay) C = Church (906 E. Grant)	

FYI ... Spoon River College is currently looking for volunteer tutors to assist our Adult Education students in improving their basic literacy skills in math, reading, writing, social studies and science during their class time. The GED classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12 and also in the evenings from 5-8. Some of the requirements that we ask of the tutors is to participate in a tutor training and take advantage of in-service training opportunities as well. We would like the tutor to meet with the student one or two times a week or 1-2 hours a week and commit to a minimum of 8 weeks. The tutor will also be asked to keep track of his/her own hours as well. If you have any questions you can call (309) 833-6038 or email me at cyndi.johnson@src.edu. Thanks you and have a nice day!



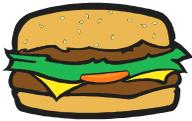
For Your Involvement ... **Pray** about how our congregation can reach out to more of the **international** students (and their families) who come to Macomb. While North America is certainly a mission field in itself,

consider the fact that many students come here from countries where sharing the Christian message is illegal. Here, we are free to share it. It's time to share it a bit (or a lot) more than we have been. The semester is just around the corner. Let's build bridges to our international neighbors ... and walk across them with God's mercy and Word. (You know what we mean: walk across the bridges, not the neighbors!)

The Wittenberg Project is all about witnessing among the travelers who come to Wittenberg, Germany as we approach the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. On October 26th we are receiving a special freewill offering in support of the project. We have an ambitious goal! www.thewittenbergproject.org

Welcome Back Potluck for Students and the whole congregation.

Sunday, August 24 immediately following the 11:00am Service at the Student Center. Hamburgers, buns, tableware and beverages will be provided. Think about the **home-cooked foods that students might be glad to have.** Bring a favorite dish or two to share, and give them a taste of home, with lots of love! August 24 at Noon!



 The American Guild of Organists local chapter will hold a Bach Recital at our Student Center on November 2nd at 5:00pm. WIU's Lynn Thompson is requesting that we form a special choir to sing one piece during that recital. He will lead the one rehearsal and the performance of it. Can you sing with us? Sing up on the Church bulletin board if interested!

Upcoming Outreach events:

- Sunday, September 21: a skit concerning "canvassing"
- Thursday, Oct 2: neighborhood canvassing
- Friday, October 17: neighborhood wiener roast
- Friday, October 31: Trunk-r-Treat
- Sunday, November 2: AGO Recital & Reception

The Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) volunteer training program provided by the LCMS Office of National Mission is Saturday, August 23, 8 am to 4:30 pm (registration begins 8 am, sessions begin 8:30 am) at the Lutheran Church of St. John, Quincy, IL. This 6 hour training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike **our community**. If you were thinking about signing up but haven't yet, please do so soon.

L.E.R.T Registration forms are available or call the Lutheran Church of St. John, 222-8579. The registration fee is \$35 which includes your disaster response training manual, LCMS volunteer vest, other helpful materials, and lunch. Plus, if you are an LCMS member, you will receive your certificate of participation and volunteer certification badge from LCMS Disaster Response and the Office of National Mission. If you know someone at one of the other congregations in our area, or neighboring counties east or west of the Mississippi, encourage them to call Marilyn Humphrey at 222-8579, to reserve their place. After a brief introduction regarding the goals and theological rationale of LCMS Disaster Response, the LERT volunteer training will address the following areas:

- 1) Christian Care in Times of Disaster
 - 2) A Ministry of Presence
 - 3) The LERT Program
 - 4) Introduction to Disaster Response
- At the Work Site - Debris Clean Up - Tarp and Patch
 - Flood and Mud Clean Up - Chainsaw Safety
 - Necessary Paperwork

Thank you, Marilyn Humphrey, Secretary



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MATTHEW 14:22-33

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LEARN TO DEAL WITH TOUGH QUESTIONS

Over 100 million people in the United States are unchurched. The number of self-identified Christians in America has dropped by 10 percent from 1990 to 2008. New religions have been on the rise. Buddhism has increased 500 percent and the number of Islam followers is up by 300 percent. Perhaps most alarming is the 300 percent increase of Americans who identify with no religion at all – this accounts for 12 million Americans. The least unchurched generation is the millennial generation. One in four teens and young adults identify with no religion at all.

Jesus has commissioned us to bring the Gospel to all nations. Our nation is especially in need of hearing the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. MISSION U School of Witnessing trains lay people to share the Gospel in a 21st-century setting.

MISSION U is a new witnessing training program. This workshop will be held at Camp CILCA on Saturday, September 6, 2014, beginning at 9 A.M. The topic will be "Dealing with Tough Questions." Cost is \$25 which includes lunch. Sponsored by the CID Lutheran Laymen's League. Register by August 25 to Delores Blessman, 24202 ECR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567 or to jtblssmn@grics.net or delorisblessman@yahoo.com.

"Worship for Shut-Ins" (WFSI) is a 30 minute Lutheran television worship service. It includes the readings for the



day, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is one-on-one to the viewer. Also included are up to four choir selections. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Weekly programs are distributed in three different ways: First, through the purchase of airtime on almost 100 local TV stations (see Schedule tab for stations); Second, through the Total Christian Television (TCT) network satellite broadcast; and Third, through webcasts that can be found on the Programming tab on the WFSI website.

www.worshipforshutins.org



Paint for a neighbor and brighten their

day (and room!). Our Church Council will hear this Tuesday about Mosaic's local work among people with developmental disabilities. After that, we'll officially launch our effort to love those neighbors through volunteers who will band together and paint the bedrooms of Mosaic residents in the colors they choose. During our Bethesda Servant trip in June we learned what a big thing this can be for these precious friends. Next Sunday we'll tell you when the first volunteer day will be (within the next five weeks!) This is for college students and Immanuel's members and friends to do.