

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From our Pastor ...

Thirty years ago this summer I was moving out of the apartment below my study (in our Student Center) and heading to the seminary. This past week, thousands of students moved into Macomb -- including Travis, who moved into that same apartment below my study. To all of you: **welcome**.



Welcome to this challenge of learning more about God's diverse world. The challenging part is chiefly in not losing your bearings according to God and His Word. Many things will steer us off course. Those things haven't changed much since I was a student, but there seems to be less concern about them. I would venture to say that's due to the increase in relativism in our minds and hearts. Not just "the world's" minds and hearts. Ours. Christians'.

Yet, it is very, very encouraging that you are here. You -- the student taking the time to read this. You -- the faculty and/or community member reading this because you're active in this church family and you have a heart for this campus mission.

It is so encouraging that you're here ... to listen to God and His Word, receive His Body and Blood, pray for His people, and love His children. Welcome! You are helping one another merely by being here in the Church. It's dangerous in this world. It's good to be together in the Church ... thinking about how we're laying a foundation for the students who will be moving here thirty years from now. Think about them. And what we can do now to help them then.

In ministry with you,



Welcome!

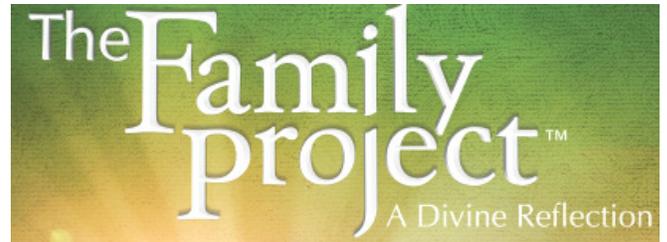
Welcome Back Potluck for Students and the whole congregation at Noon today at the Student Center!

Next Week on The Lutheran Hour ...7:30AM "God's Plan" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus Life seldom goes as planned. However, by God's grace things can turn out better than we deserve. (Matthew 16:21-23)



Please join family and friends in the fellowship room downstairs after first service today and have a piece of cake in celebration of **Terry & Linda Standard's 50th Anniversary!**

Happy Anniversary!
Thank you for your good example and loving service!



Sunday Morning Group Study for everyone high school age and above.

Begins September 7.

9:45-10:35am in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Rally Day will be the kickoff of a new Sunday School year ... Sunday, September 7th in the 8:30am Service!

College Students:

*** Your Lutheran Student Fellowship leaders are: Ryan Sutera, Matt DeSalvo, Shannon Wachter, and Devin Biggs. They meet Monday at 6:00pm. LSF Advisor is April Wilcoxon, instructor in the WESL Program. Pastor Burdick also serves in an advisory role.

*** Lutheran Student Fellowship will meet at 7:30pm this Wednesday (and every Wednesday) at our Student Ctr, 303 N Clay St. Come, hang. Stay for Bible Study if you wish.

*** College Bible Study will be Wednesday from 8:00-9:00pm. We'll introduce the letters of First and Second Timothy this week, and dig into them next week. All students are welcome.

*** Suggestion: don't go home next weekend. Invite your family to come see you, including to come to worship with you!

*** Pastor Burdick is available throughout the week to serve as your pastor. You can come see him at the Student Center, call his cell at 309-255-5580, or email him at pastor@ImmanuelMacomb.com. We're here to help!

*** Use our website: www.ImmanuelMacomb.com

FYI. We could use ...

- a four drawer filing cabinet for a portion of the Organ Music Lending Library at the Student Center.
- a passenger van (and driver) to help offer rides to students, on the North side of campus, to and from the 11:00am Service.

If you can help, contact Pastor Burdick or Mary Jo in the office (309-833-5483). Thanks.

Quilters are changing their meeting times to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting in September. This will begin September 3 from 9-11 and we will be quilting quilts and fleece.



The **LWML Meeting** September 2nd will be hosted by Mary Strode @ 7:00 PM at the Church. Diny Burnell will lead our Bible Study and Miriam Satern will report on POBLO mission project. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

Camp CILCA will hold its annual Chicken Fry and Auction next Sunday, Aug 31. The dinner will be served from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. A highlight will be the dedication of the two new cabins built this spring to honor the memory of Derald Sasse who built the winterized facilities at CILCA and served camp after retirement. The dedication will be at 1:30 pm, followed immediately by the auction.

Upcoming Outreach ...

- 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

Marriage Seminar

When: Saturday September 20, 2014 (9am-3pm)
Where: Christ Lutheran Church 311 Hershey Rd, Normal, IL

Presenter: Reverend Dr. Michael Eschelbach

Registration: Online at www.christlutherannormal.org through paypal or mail payment with registration form to Christ Lutheran Church

Cost: \$40/couple & \$25/person

Dr. Eschelbach will help you understand better the biblical model for marriage as found in Genesis, Ephesians, and Luther's Small Catechism. He will also discuss the contemporary challenges facing marriages today. You can purchase his book *Marriage and the Counsel of God* at amazon.com or at the seminar along with other books he will have displayed.

| THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL | |
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| & Today's Light Bible Readings | |
| Sunday August 24 | |
| Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) | 7:30 AM |
| Worship Service (C) | 8:30 AM |
| Bible Study (C) | 9:45 AM |
| Communion Service (SC) | 11:00AM |
| Welcome Back Potluck (SC) | Noon |
| Monday August 25 2 Kings 17:1-41 | |
| LSF Board Meeting (SC) | 6:00pm |
| Tuesday August 26 2 Kings 18:1-19:37 | |
| Wednesday August 27 2 Kings 20:1-21 | |
| Lutheranism 101 Bible Study (SC) | 9:30 AM |
| LSF hangout gathering (SC) | 7:30pm |
| College Bible Study (SC) | 8:00 PM |
| Thursday August 28 2 Kings 21:1-26 | |
| Friday August 29 2 Kings 22:1-23:37 | |
| LSF Movie (SC) | 7:00pm |
| Saturday August 30 2 Kings 24:1-25:30 | |
| Sunday August 31 | |
| 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 |
| SC =Student Center (303 N. Clay) C = Church (906 E. Grant) | |

Pray about how our congregation can reach out to more of the **international** students (and their families) who come to Macomb.



Are you interested in helping host a weekly **conversational English session** at the student center? The idea is that we'd invite internationals to

come for about an hour just to chat, giving them two things: practice and new friendships. We'd have coffee and tea available. With just 12 volunteers, you may only have to commit to being present every third week (or more often if you wish). Sign up if you're interested in learning more! We're only gathering interest right now.

Thanks ... to all who have pitched in around the Church and Student Center lately to get the grounds in much better shape! Your work is really appreciated!

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 if interested!

Two 60x80 pieces of fleece is what is needed to make a blanket for missions. JoAnn's Fabrics currently has fleece on sale for \$2.99/yard. We are directed to stay away from designs that depict specific themes (Superman, Sports teams, etc.) or symbols. If you wish to purchase or donate towards these blankets, please contact or see Sally Powell or Mary Strode.

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.

Check out the posters and signup clipboard for this new project :

Paint for a neighbor and brighten their day (and room!). We can love our neighbors who have developmental disabilities living in Mosaic homes... through volunteers who will band together and paint the bedrooms of 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. Our first volunteer day will be September 20, from Noon to 4:00pm. **This**

is for college students and Immanuel's members and friends, high school age and older! Speak with Ciara or Donna Marlow, Jess Mason-McFadden, or Pastor B if you have questions about our service back in June.

