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A couple of people came to my study this week for an important discussion and prayer. Among the many good things that happened was this: they left the phone in the car. That is, they wanted to dedicate their attention to our conversation, and so they took an action that made it more possible. I admire that. We can all learn from it.

The necessary action isn't always leaving the phone in the car. It may be removing the tv from the living room, or placing the Bible and *Portals of Prayer* in the middle of the kitchen table, or putting "worship" on your calendar every Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00am. Simple actions facilitate focus.

We're being told this morning in Ephesians 6 that we are engaged in warfare against evil forces -- within and outside of ourselves. It's a bloody mess. There will be casualties, and there will be grief. Some simple actions on our part facilitate focus in this battle. Yet, only the actions of God give us the victory. Only the death and resurrection of Christ conquer death and sin and devil. We stand in His blood and win. It is gift. Our simple actions -- turning off the phone, opening up the mind and heart in Divine Service, listening and praying around the Word at home -- facilitate focus on what He has done, and continues to do.

In your studies on the campus, your hard work in the family, your personal battle with evil, God grant you focus on His truth and grace!

*Pastor Mike Burdick*



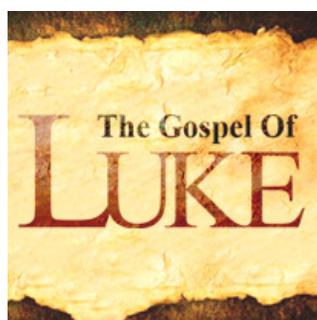
The 2015-16 Church Council is today in the 8:30am Service.

- President: Chris Frankhauser
- Vice President: Marc Troxel
- Finance Sec: Kathy Coats
- Treasurer: Hans Moll
- Secretary: Sally Powell
- Elders: Bob Coats, Doug Erickson, Curt Strode
- Education Chair: Lynde France
- Outreach Chair: Mary Strode
- Trustees Chair: Mike Powell
- Preschool Chair: Michelle Wenndt
- Member at-large: Tom Quick



*We thank God for all our servant leaders. The Lord has blessed us through these outgoing servants: Mitch Standard, President; Bill Polley, Treasurer; Amy Quinn, Fellowship; Tom Burtch, Elder; Ethel Docherty, Council Member at-large; Karen Burtch, Preschool; Thank you*

Praise God! Immanuel Lutheran Preschool classes begin this Wednesday, September 2 at 8:30am! Cindy Lueck (pictured at left) is our Director, and Amy Haney is the Class Aid. We're blessed! Tell your friends and neighbors about ILP! Openings are available for kids ages 3 and 4. Preschool Chapel is held each Wednesday at 10:45am. We support the family, share Jesus' love, and prepare for school.



***"That you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught."* Luke 1:4**

Our Fall Bible Study is a walk together through the entire **Gospel of St. Luke** -- a sweeping account of the life and work of our Lord, intersecting with many of the everyday events and needs of our lives, of course.

- Students, you can study **Luke** on Wednesdays at 7:30pm at our Student Center
- **This study is also be held on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Church Fellowship Hall. This is open to all!**



September 13 will be Rally Day, the kickoff of our Sunday School year!



Please recycle "**Portals of Prayer**" to send to Menard Correctional Center. Receptacles are located in the Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, and the Church narthex. Thank you. - Elaine Vanni

St. Paul Rummage Sale is coming up! It will take place on Friday, September 18, 2015, 9AM to 6PM and Saturday, September 19, 2015, 9AM to 12 Noon. The Sale will be located in the St. Paul School Gym at 322 W. Washington Street in Macomb and will have a bake sale, with sandwiches and drinks on Friday.

Disasters! Life's catastrophes come in many shapes and sizes, and their unwelcome intrusion leaves us reeling. Grief, profound uncertainty and -- not infrequently -- more questions than can reasonably be answered, rise from its wake. In this devastation, the heart is drawn to look for answers human reason cannot provide. This three-lesson Bible study for men (high school and above) stresses the importance of relying on God in an age when the specter of disaster is an all-too-familiar occurrence. **Begins Saturday, September 12 at Immanuel Lutheran Church (906 E Grant St.). Potluck Breakfast at 8:00am, followed by our study. We'll wrap up by 9:30am. ALL men are welcome!**

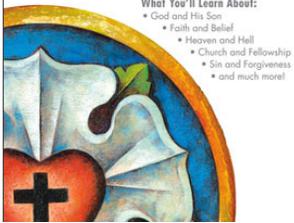


Have you ever considered being a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Bill Wrede from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center on Saturday, September 19, 2015 anytime between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Rev. Wrede is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages - elementary school through adults who are already employed in another vocation. Conferences are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome. Reservations are not necessary, but strongly encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific conference time, please call Rev. Wrede at 314-505-7221 or email him at [wredew@csl.edu](mailto:wredew@csl.edu) to set up an appointment.

Are you a manager? Yes.

**"Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."** That's a great definition of stewardship: management!

## Lutheranism 101



**"Lutheranism 101"** Know someone who's interested in Christianity? Are you looking for a ten-week review of *Luther's Small Catechism* for yourself?

This Bible Study is for you and your friend! **Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm at Immanuel Student Ctr, beginning September 17, 2015!**



*that we weren't aware human bodies were cannibalized for their organs. We can't just say it's a woman's choice or shrug our shoulders and mumble, 'Who are we to judge?' " the statement notes. "We can't hide behind the half-truths that women have no other place to find health care or that Planned Parenthood provides millions of mammograms per year. It doesn't matter. None of it matters."*  
-- LCMS statement

- We know. We care. In active Christian love.

Find us on Facebook: **Immanuel Lutheran Macomb** and it to receive updates about campus ministry and congregational events, news, and needs.



### Lutheran Student Fellowship this week...

- 6:00pm Wednesday Dinner (free)
- 7:30pm Wednesday Bible Study
- & pastor is available throughout the week for pastoral care, prayer, and conversation (309-255-5580 mobile)
- use your "Devotional Companion" booklet daily for strength in Christ and witnessing!

### What does this mean?

- pray to end abortion
- speak the truth in love
- contact lawmakers
- love with action, supporting moms, babies, and the grieving
- read more at <http://www.LCMS.org>
- It's not a religious issue (well, it certainly is, but it's not *just* a religious issue), it's a human rights issue and a natural law issue.

*"As for us, we can no longer claim that we didn't know Planned Parenthood doctors killed children so ruthlessly or*

### For Help in Temptation

"The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me," Adam said, "she gave me fruit of the tree, and I did eat."

We are born Adam's sons and go his way of easy accusation of the Lord, our God.

O God,  
You sent Your Son to turn us back from Adam's sins and Adam's death. You sent Him into Adam's dying for our sake that we might live, no longer Adam's sons

but Yours  
Give us the Spirit Your Son has promised us, to make us honest men again, to know and face the truth, to see ourselves and cease from laying our defections at Your door; to see Your only goodness in Your Word and in our desperate need of You.  
- Martin Franzmann, Pray For Joy (CPH)

### Quincy Zone LWML Fall Rally

Hosted by St. Paul, Pittsfield, LWML  
Tuesday, September 15, 2015  
At Pike County Senior Citizens Center  
220 W. Adams Street, Pittsfield, IL 62363

