

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
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From our Pastor ...

Sherman and Mary live in separate homes. They both like Bingo. Mary likes coloring books, and Sherman doesn't, because he can't hold a crayon. They both know that Jesus Christ died and rose for them. They are people supported by Bethesda Lutheran Communities in Springfield, and I met them in June on our servant trip. I'm still thinking about the relationships formed briefly with those residents, and their joy at having their bedrooms newly painted by volunteers.

There are no Bethesda homes in Macomb, but *Mosaic* is an organization similar to BLC, and they have about ten homes in our community! There are people like Mary and Sherman living in those homes, and we're about get to know a few of them.



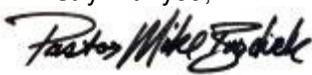
Saturday, September 20, we'll be **Painting for our Mosaic Neighbors.** Volunteer for the

love of Christ and your neighbors! Sign up on the poster & clipboard just outside the Sanctuaries. Saturday, September 20, from **Noon til 4:00pm** we'll be painting at a Mosaic home on North Charles. They are thankful and we're excited. We have a dining room, living room, stairwell, hallway, and basement family room to paint. We need tapers, painters, and cheerleaders. Not a good painter? You could help in other ways, including visiting with residents or keeping the supplies rolling.



Good works can't save us. They flow from faith that saves. They serve our neighbor. Because you have been loved and forgiven by God, you love others -- family, strangers, friends, and neighbors. Sign up. Meet some neighbors on North Charles Street!

In ministry with you,



Step right up. This is our month for even more focused mercy!

September is Immanuel's month to care for the **Loaves and Fishes food pantry**, housed at First Presbyterian, but just as much our responsibility. This means we:

- 1) daily need to restock the shelves by bringing food items over from the storage room (M-F, in the morning). To volunteer for this occasionally, please contact Bill Polley or Diny Burnell (our L&F Board representatives).
- 2) do one or two "food buys" in order to replenish the storage room. We will let you know via email* when the food buy needs to take place.

*do you get emails from the Church? If not, email your address to Lutheran@macomb.com

Next Week on The Lutheran Hour ...7:30AM "That's Just Who God Is" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz The journeys of St. Paul teach us how God's message of grace has been translated so that all might believe. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 1) (Acts 2:1-39)



LWML Zone Rally.... You are cordially invited to attend the Fall Zone Rally on **September 16** at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center. The rally starts at 9:30am. Registration begins at 9:00am. No cost for Immanuel ladies because we are providing lunch and we are asking our ladies to bring food instead - a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex at Church. *Thank you, Sally & Miriam*

Can you listen? Can you talk? OK. 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.

Matthew 18:4 says, "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish*: we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete reliance on the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life: Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL		
<i>& Today's Light Bible Readings</i>		
Sunday September 7	Rally Sunday	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)		7:30 AM
Communion Service (C)		8:30 AM
Rally Day Kickoff! (C)		9:45 AM
Worship Service (SC)		11:00AM
Monday September 8	<i>2 Chronicles 1:1-2:18</i>	
Preschool Class (C)		8:30 AM
Church Council (SC)		7:00pm
Tuesday September 9	<i>2 Chronicles 3:1-5:14</i>	
<i>Circuit Pastor's Mtg at St. James, Quincy</i>		9:00-3:00pm
Wednesday September 10	<i>2 Chronicles 6:1-7:22</i>	
Lutheranism 101 Bible Study (SC)		8:30 AM
Preschool Class (C)		8:30 AM
Preschool Chapel (C)		10:45 AM
LCMS-U in the Union		11:45-1:00 PM
LSF hangout gathering (SC)		7:30 PM
College Bible Study (SC)		8:00 PM
Thursday September 11	<i>2 Chronicles 8:1-9:31</i>	
Preschool Class (C)		8:30 AM
Friday September 12	<i>2 Chronicles 10:1-11:23</i>	
Saturday September 13	<i>2 Chronicles 12:1-16</i>	
Sunday September 14		
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
<i>SC = Student Center (303 N. Clay) C = Church (906 E. Grant)</i>		

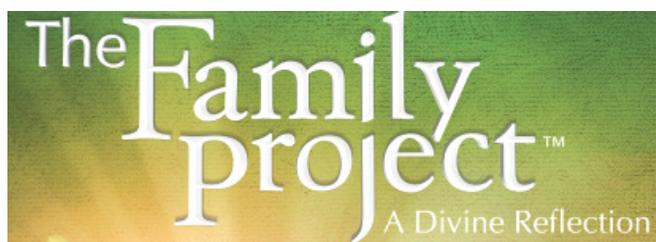
The American Guild of Organists local chapter will hold a **Bach Recital** at our Student Center on November 2nd at 5:00pm. WIU's Lynn Thompson is requesting **that we form a special choir to sing one piece during that recital**. He will lead the one rehearsal and the performance of it. Can you sing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

Sign up to bring some treats for the "Cinnamon Time" immediately following the 11:00am Student Ctr. Service. Brownies, coffee cake, bananas and grapes. Any little treat that will encourage worshipers to stay and visit a little more. Sign up at the Student Ctr. Thanks!

Coming up ...

- TODAY: Mission Fair at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Peoria, Sept 7 at 9:00am. Ciara Marlow is representing our campus ministry.
- CUPP party in front of Sherman Hall (Sept 10, 5-7p)
- LWML Rally (SC), Sept 16
- Gideons Bible Distribution at WIU, Sept 17 (they meet first in our student ctr. basement)
- Our Loaves & Fishes month (September)
- New Adult Catechism Study, Sept 18, 7pm (SC)

DeLIVERed is a book of success stories ... of Christians who were able to leave behind the shackles of an obsession with pornography. If you'd like a copy of this book (only \$4, or free if you can't afford it), I'll be glad to give you one, no questions asked. If you need to pick it up anonymously, you'll find two copies on the library shelves at the Student Center, next to the blue commentaries. You're welcome! - Pastor B



Sunday Morning Group Study for everyone high school age and above.
9:45-10:35am in the Church Fellowship Hall.

College Students:

*** Lutheran Student Fellowship will meet at 7:30pm every Wednesday at our Student Ctr., 303 N Clay St. Come, hang. Stay for Bible Study ...



*** College Bible Study will be Wednesday from 8:00-9:00pm. We are studying First Timothy this semester. All students are welcome.

*** 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!

*** LCMS-U in the U ... means that Pastor has lunch in the University Union on Wednesdays (11:45am-1:00pm) and students, faculty and others can meet with him for food and for conversation. Want to chat? Need to pick up a devo book?

*** Matt DeSalvo is looking for ideas for Movie Nights here at the Student Center.

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

Sunday School is for the whole family! We all need to keep growing in the faith.



September Birthdays

Evans, Sharon	9/9
Busse, Glenn	9/10
Strode, Curt	9/10
Krzyzaniak, Matt	9/14
Vanni, Bob	9/23
Docherty, Ethel	9/26
Nielson, Bob	9/28
Quick, Jason	9/29

September Anniversaries

Bill & Sue Seymore	9/9
Donald & Denise Thomas	9/10
Glenn & Sue Busse	9/13
Mike & Sally Powell	9/18
Marc & Jessi Huston	9/25
Tom & Karen Burtch	9/28
Doug & Amy Bear	9/29

Study Luther's Small Catechism and The Bible

Thursdays at 7:00pm, beginning September 18. Immanuel Student Ctr., 303 N Clay St. All welcome.

Thank you for using the Prayer Request cards in the pews! I'm glad that one worshiper with us last Sunday used a card to share their thoughts about one point I was making in the sermon based on the Romans 12 passage: "Abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good." I was speaking about our ability to recognize evil, and said that divorce, hatred, gluttony, and homosexuality are some of the evils that we must acknowledge among us. That prompted a person to share this note: "Being homosexual is no more a sin than being wealthy. It is acting in sinful ways that is sinful." The card was anonymous. I'd like to begin to respond by inviting this person, and others, to feel welcome in discussing this in person. I promise to listen. The statement has truth in it. You're right, a person can resist sin. With God's help we can resist temptation to greed and we can resist acting on temptation to sexual sin. To be tempted is not sin. And, yet, being wealthy and identifying as homosexual are not the same sort of thing. I hope that's the part about which we can talk about and study God's Word. His Word calls us all to repentance and to use His gifts according to His will. Sex and money are gifts from God. Lord, help us to be faithful stewards. -- Pastor Burdick (lutheran@macomb.com)

Neighborhood Canvassing around the Church: Thursday, October 2nd, 6:00pm!



Will be the featured speaker at the LWML Zone Rally at our Student Center Tuesday morning, September 16!

