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"You begin to live -- really live -- when you stand up and fight for what is right." That may not be a precise quote, but it was clearly Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian's message when he spoke at Macomb High School this Thursday afternoon. He emphasized the duty of every person to do right things. In his life, that compelled him to fight against racial injustice and to be an activist for voting rights. His message, as he returned to Macomb this week to watch as the MHS Library was named in his honor, was inspiring to me.

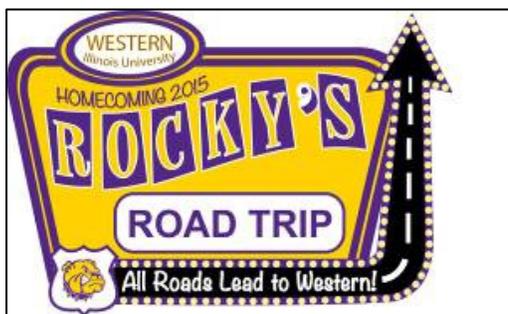


Racial equality. Religious freedom. Care for the weak. Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus. These are just a few of the realms in which I am compelled to live -- *really live*, in the sentiment of Rev. Vivian. I believe you're called into the same realms, probably with different opportunities and responsibilities. By God's grace, you're really living when you stand up for what's right ... in the righteousness that comes through faith in God.

I was glad to give the benediction on Thursday as Dr. Vivian cut the ribbon going into the doors of the MHS library that now bears his name. Here's what I prayed:

"Triune God, we give You thanks that You bought this broken world through the sacrifice of Your Son in order to give us true freedom. Today we give you thanks for the life of C.T. Vivian and for the education he received in our community schools. We ask You to bless this library -- not only the bricks and mortar, but more the flesh and blood, the hearts and minds of the students who will pass through these doors. We ask not so much that you bless C.T., but the children of this school. Grant that they learn what is right, and that they will fight for what is truly right and free and just. Amen."

Freedom is a popular word. Remember that true freedom comes through Christ alone. In Him, -- *Pastor Mike Sydick*



Happy Homecoming and **welcome to all alumni** who have returned to campus and to Immanuel! We rejoice to hear how you are living out your vocation as Christ's redeemed people in families, congregations, and other circles in God's world. In Christ, your labor is not in vain. Welcome back!

Good job to our students who participated in Homecoming and bore witness to the Gospel ... in good school spirit this week!

On Sunday, November 1, our guest preacher will be Rev. Hesham Shehab, a former militant Muslim, and now a passionate and compassionate LCMS pastor. He spoke at our student center nine years ago. During our semi-annual Joint Service (10am at the Student Center Chapel), Rev. Shehab will preach, and at the dinner following he will speak and answer questions. All are welcome. For the 11:15am Dinner in the Student Ctr fellowship hall, the main course will be catered and congregational households are asked to bring side dishes to share. Thank you!



Next year is Immanuel Church's 60th anniversary. Do you have pictures from Immanuel's history? Photos of baptisms and weddings and service projects and people are welcome and needed. They will help us tell the story of God's work here. If you can scan them, email them to secretary@ImmanuelMacomb.com. Please include all available info with them (names, dates, places). If you can't scan them, write your name on the back of the photos and leave them in the office for us to scan. It will take a while, but we will get them back to you. Thank you!

Coming up ...

Monday, October 12

7:00pm Church Council Meeting at our Student Ctr. (All are welcome)

Friday, October 16

6:00pm Neighborhood Wiener Roast at CHURCH.

Sunday, October 18

12:15pm All-Church Potluck at CHURCH & 1:15pm Voters Assembly

Saturday, October 31

6:00pm Trunk-R-Treat at Church

Sunday, November 1

10:00am "Joint Service" at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center & 11:15am All-Church Dinner. Main courses catered and side dishes furnished by the congregation.

Sunday, November 8

6:30pm Service of Repentance and Remembrance of the victims of abortion, 6:30pm at our Student Center.



Lutheran Student Fellowship this week...

- 6:30pm Wednesday Dinner (free)
- 7:30pm Wednesday Bible Study on "Luke"
- Pastor is available throughout the week for pastoral care, prayer, and conversation (309-255-5580 mobile)
- On Friday Oct 16 we're have a wiener roast at the CHURCH at 6:00pm
- On Saturday Oct 31 students are welcome to participate in the "Trunk-r-Treat" at Church at 6pm.
- We had a good crowd and a great dinner this past Wednesday night. The Bible Study tables were full as we dug into Luke 3. We are blessed.



6:30pm Wednesday Student Dinners THANKS to you all...

Oct 7 : Tom & Donna Quick
Oct 14: OPEN (help needed)
Oct 21: Lynde & Nick France
Oct 28: Clinton & Carrie Pedigo
Nov. 4: OPEN (help needed)
Nov 11: Hans & Marcia Moll
Nov. 18: OPEN (help needed)

In December our Advent Dinners accomplish the same fellowship purpose!. To volunteer for one of the OPEN dates, text or call Marcia Moll at 309-255-8358. Thank you all! The Peace of Christ, - Marcia



Share that "ticket" you received in the bulletin to the October 16 Wiener Roast! Write your name on the line at the bottom and pass it to a neighbor. The, give them a ride to church for this fun event. A special bonus: the Outreach Board is going to have a prize or two to give to a winner at the Wiener Roast! 6:00-8:00pm, Friday, October 16 at Immanuel CHURCH, 906 E Grant St. This is a great way to share your church and faith with a friend. ALL are welcome. Mary Strode has posted the sign-up sheet for items needed. It's less than two weeks away.

Trunk-R-Treat in the Immanuel Church parking lot on Saturday, October 31 at 6:00pm! Each young child will receive a free Arch Book that shares the Christmas Gospel. And candy. Lots of candy.

Use "Portals of Prayer" daily to read God's Word and guide you in prayer. It's essential. It's a blessing. Free for all in the Church and Student Center narthex (members also received a copy from their assigned elder, too!

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen



In Sunday School we're learning the story of Joseph (and his dysfunctional family). Over the course of four lessons we go from all the favoritism, hatred, and suffering to the depth of grace and forgiveness. It's a true and beautiful story! *Lynde France asks you to consider teaching Sunday School one Sunday this Fall. Talk to her about it today. Thanks!*

In high school-to-adult Bible Study we're reading the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome.

Wow. Lots of great work was finished last Saturday in our Work Party at the Student Center. Thanks to all who came out and helped. There will be lots of leaves falling in the coming weeks and we'll need to get them bagged. If you can volunteer a couple of hours some day, please do. Thank you all.



A parade of animals helped Adam understand that he did not need companionship but relationship, a relationship that would mirror God's relationship with him. So God made a woman in His image. She was like Adam, but different. This difference made possible the kind of one-flesh relationship God wanted, a unity reflecting Christ and the Church.

Prayer: Lord, help us honor and defend marriage as You define it. Amen.

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to **live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age**, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." *Titus 2:11-14 That's stewardship!*

Supplies Needed! The Quilter's Guild is in need of fabric. They are also in need of batting size 81 x 96 and fleece 60 x 80. They are also willing to take monetary donations to purchase these items. If you have donations or questions please contact Sally Powell.