

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND. WELCOME ALUMNI!



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Please help us invite neighbors! This is doable for kids and for adults. It's not threatening in any way. **You can do it.** In order to get the word out among our neighbors about our October 17 Wiener Roast, we're teaming up at the Church TODAY at 4:00pm and walking the neighborhood to pass out invitations. With 20 people handing out invitations, we could reach over 100 homes in less than an hour. Please be one of those 20 people today. Thanks!

This simple effort can, through the Holy Spirit, reach souls for Christ: Please contribute your outdated Portals of Prayers for shipment to the Menard Correctional Center. Receptacles are in the Narthex at Immanuel and at the Student Center. Thanks for participating in this gospel outreach. *Elaine Vanni*



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League meeting on October 7th will be hosted by Michelle Wenndt @ 7:00 PM in her home. (1513 S. Madison) Karen Burtch will lead our Bible Study and also report on our Alaska Missions for Christ project. All are welcome!

Next Week on The Lutheran Hour ...7:30AM **"Today's the Day for God's Grace for All"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz The ruins of ancient Pompeii show how life can change in an instant. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 5) (Revelation 7:9-12)

College Students:

- **"Taboo"** is our LCMS Campus Ministry Conference, January 5-7, 2015 in St. Louis. Come with us!
- Next weekend we know some of you are heading home since you have Friday off. But we'll still be here for 11:00am Sunday Service. If you're staying, don't miss worship!
- Look at the current edition of ["Lutherans Engage The World"](#) (online? you can click that title) because you're in there It's great that they did a story about our campus ministry and congregation.
- Lutheran Student Fellowship will meet at 7:30pm this Wednesday (and every Wednesday) at our Student Ctr., 303 N Clay St. Come, hang. Bible Study on First Timothy is at 8:00pm.
- WIU plays Northern Iowa on Saturday the 25th. Students from our LCMS-U campus ministry at UNI are coming down for the game and for fellowship with us Friday night and Saturday morning!



Though the Pharisees were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God's will. They had no faith in Jesus. The grace of God belongs at the center. **Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.**

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Bill Wrede from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at the Lutheran Student Center on October 27 between 4 PM to 8 PM. Rev. Wrede is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages---elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Wrede at 314-505-7221 or wredew@csl.edu. Supper (pasta) will be served at 6pm.

In a positive and prayerful demonstration of love for LIFE, there will be a "Life Chain" in Chandler Park this afternoon from 2:00-3:00pm. If you want to send a positive message about the sanctity of life, come to stand, pray, and rejoice with others. McDonough County LIFE Committee.

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

Sunday October 5	LSF fun (SC)	7:30 PM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	Student Bible Study (SC) 8:00 PM
Communion Service (C)	8:30 AM	Thursday October 9 <i>Nehemiah 4:1-6:19</i>
Sunday School (C)	9:45 AM	Bible Study (SC) 7:00 PM
Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM	Friday October 10 <i>Nehemiah 7:1-8:18</i>
Life Chain (Chandler Pk)	2:00 PM	Preschool Class (C) 8:30 AM
Canvassing the Neighborhood (C) 4-5pm		Saturday October 11 <i>Nehemiah 9:1-10:39</i>
Monday October 6 <i>Ezra 9:1-10:44</i>		Sunday October 12
Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM	Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 7:30 AM
Tuesday October 7 <i>Nehemiah 1:1-11</i>		Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
LWML Mtg. 1513 S Madison	7:00 PM	Christian Education (C) 9:45 AM
Wednesday October 8 <i>Nehemiah 2:1-3:32</i>		Worship Service (SC) 11:00 AM
Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM	Cinnamon Time Noon
Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM	
LCMSU in the Union	11:45 to 1:00 PM	
<i>SC = Student Center (303 N. Clay) C = Church (906 E. Grant)</i>		

Fire! Friday, October 17, 6-8pm. Wiener Roast for the Church family and whole neighborhood/community. Lots of fun together and a healthy neighborhood gathering. Fires. Hotdogs. S'mores. Neighbors. What could be better? Please donate for the event -- food, drink, lawn chairs ... and your participation. Arrive at 5pm to help set up, please.

- Friday, October 31, 6-7pm, "Trunk-R-Treat" at Church. **Dress up! Decorate your car!** Serve kids and meet families.
- Sunday, Nov. 2, 10:00am "Joint Service" at the Student Center.
- Sunday, Nov. 2, 3- 5:00pm Organ Recital at the Student Center.

Our Voters Assembly will soon consider the second reading of a marriage policy for our congregation. The proposed policy is: "The marriage policy of Immanuel Lutheran Church, a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is and always has been consistent with the Synod's beliefs on marriage. *With this policy we call all sinners to repentance and we voice our concern over all the sins which rebel against God's design for marriage, including, but not limited to, abuse, neglect, extra-marital sex, and divorce. Homosexuality is not the only practice that is hurting marriage and families.* We believe that marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24-25), and that God gave marriage as a picture of the relationship between Christ and His bride the Church (Eph. 5:32). The official position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as set forth in 1998 Res. 3-21 ("To Affirm the Sanctity of Marriage and to Reject Same-Sex Unions"), is that homosexual unions come under categorical prohibition in the Old and New Testaments (Lev. 18:22, 24; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:9-10) as contrary to the Creator's design (Rom. 1:26-27). These positions and beliefs can be found on the LCMS website, along with other statements, papers and reports on the subject of homosexuality and same-sex civil unions and "marriage." Our pastors will not officiate over any marriages inconsistent with these beliefs, and our church property may not be used for any marriage ceremony, reception or other activity that would be inconsistent with our beliefs and this policy." ***Our gracious Lord enables us to support His design for marriage and family in words and in deeds with love for all.***