

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Next Week on The Lutheran Hour ...7:30AM **"God's Peacemakers for a Troubled World"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz Jesus calls and enables us to be peacemakers who share His gifts with others in a broken world. (Philippians 4:4-13)

### College Students:

- **"Taboo"** is our LCMS Campus Ministry Conference, January 5-7, 2015 in St. Louis. Come with us!
- "Laker" at Argyle Satet Park : 5:30pm, Saturday, Oct 25.
- Look at the current edition of ["Lutherans Engage The World"](#) (are you 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.
- 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! We're having Breakfast with them at 9:00am Saturday, followed by morning prayer and a study/discussion.

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.**

*Why does part of me dread canvassing our neighborhood? I had a marvelous time last Sunday afternoon meeting many of our neighbors on Memorial Avenue, near the Church. Lots of them were thankful to receive an invitation to our Wiener Roast and to talk about the Church. I'm struck by the number of people who are confessing Christians, who have no church, and who recognize the need for the strength and fellowship of being part of a church. Let's reach out and welcome folks to our neighborhood wiener roast this Friday. Leading up to it, invite and bring someone with you. You'll probably be surprised at how receptive they are! See you Friday (setup is at 5:00pm, neighbors arrive at 6:00 and after)! -*

*Pastor Mike Engdahl*

Talk about encouraging! A representative from International Student Ministries (an LCMS organization) called this week just to see how we're doing as a congregation and campus ministry. She was glad to hear that we have at least one international friend who is preparing for Baptism, and she paused to pray with Pastor B for our ministry. **Encouragement** is a powerful thing. Give it, in Christ! <http://isminc.org/>

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. 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](mailto:wredew@csl.edu). Supper (pasta) will be served at 6pm.

Many of you recycle your copies of *The Lutheran Witness* by dropping them off at Church or the Student Center. Please do that especially with the current issue with the cover "My Friend, The Hymnal." We'd like to give a copy of that issue to each of the student organists who are rehearsing at our student center for the Nov 2nd AGO Recital. It's interesting to them, and a powerful witness. Thanks.

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

<b>Sunday October 12</b>		LSF hangout (SC)	7:30 PM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	Student Bible Study (SC)	8:00 PM
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	<b>Thursday October 16</b>	<i>Esther 5:1-7:10</i>
Christian Education (C)	9:45 AM	Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM
Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM	Lutheranism 101 (SC)	7:00 PM
Cinnamon Time	Noon	<b>Friday October 17</b>	<i>Esther 8:1-10:3</i>
<b>Monday October 13</b>	<i>Nehemiah 11:1-13:31</i>	Neighborhood Weiner Roast (C)	6-8 PM
Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM	<b>Saturday October 18</b>	<i>Job 1:1-22</i>
Church Council Mtg. (SC)	7:00 PM	<b>Sunday October 19</b>	
<b>Tuesday October 14</b>	<i>Esther 1:1-2:23</i>	Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Elders Mtg (C)	7:00pm	Communion Service (C)	8:30 AM
Adult Bible Study (C)	7:00 PM	Sunday School (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday October 15</b>	<i>Esther 3:1-4:17</i>	Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM
Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM	Potluck (C)	12:15 PM
Quilters (C)	9-11 AM	Voters Mtg. (C)	1:15 PM
Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM		
LCMSU in the Union	11:45 to 1:00 PM		

SC =Student Center (303 N. Clay) C = Church (906 E. Grant)

**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.
- Saturday, Nov. 1st, Work Party at the Student Ctr, 3-5pm.
- 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.*

**Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said,  
"Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5**