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Our Church Council approved a switch in our Sunday morning education format: the adult Bible Class will use a video-supported Bible Study from Lutheran Hour Ministries, with leadership by one or more of our laymen, and a new Youth Bible Class will begin today, with leadership by me. I'm glad we're doing this!

Last week the Adult Class chose to use the 5-part "Martin Luther" study, and to follow that, probably, with the "Journey From Unbelief To Faith" course. Both look excellent. Read about the Luther study below. Marc Troxel will be facilitating the discussion most of the time.

Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas: I know it will make a big impact on the kids in your lives that you're in Bible class when your kids are in Sunday School! Lynde France says that our next Sunday School Session is next week, November 29! And just so you remember: Kids are always welcome to attend the "Luther" video Bible Class with you! You can have all kinds of quiet activities for them to do during the study. They are always welcome!

P.S. **"Intense consumerism."** It kind of translates into "things first." That's a powerful term in the note below concerning December 1st. As Christian disciples, you and I can rejoice that we need not find our pleasure or worth in consumerism. Christ is first in your life because He loved you first (1 John 4:19)

**Sundays at 9:45am in the Church Fellowship Hall...**

In *A Man Named Martin - Part 1: The Man* viewers encounter a 15th-century religious reformer from Germany who broke ranks with the Catholic Church. This Bible study is the first of a three-part series devoted to Martin Luther -- a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation.

In this five-session Bible study, Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion and theology. Expanding on commentary from Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker for The Lutheran Hour, numerous scholars add their expertise and perspective to render an illuminating portrait of the life of this extraordinary human being.

The influence and impact of Luther's life is the stuff of serious study. As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther desponded of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel.

The details of Luther's life -- his childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his voluminous and erudite scholastic output, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father -- are all considered in this study. *A Man Named Martin* is a fresh and explorative look at an individual who, down through the centuries, has increased in importance and vitality to the Christian church.

**Our Church is joining "Giving Tuesday" and asking people around the world to make a difference through charitable giving on a single day, Dec. 1.**

The LCMS' "Give Graciously, Give Globally" effort will benefit the church's Global Mission Fund. Gifts to the fund are immediately directed wherever the opportunity for ministry is most critical in the world to carry out Witness, Mercy, Life Together work.

Giving Tuesday follows on the heels of Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday and Black Friday — annual promotional events that profit the retail industry and kick off the holiday shopping frenzy. In an about-face of this intense consumerism, Giving Tuesday was conceived as a day for amplifying small acts of kindness through charitable giving in an effort to change the world for the better. The Global Mission Fund impacts people around the world and in our own backyard through acts of Christian compassion, wherever the opportunities are greatest at the time the gift is made.



Our Prairieview Thanksgiving Dinner with our neighbors was a great success! **Thank you** to all the students and members who came out and helped. Approximately 40 residents from the Housing Authority and 25 members of Immanuel & St. George's enjoyed the meal together. Pictured to the right are Bryce, Terry, Linda, and Elijah serving up the good meal. What an evening, working with our friends of St. George's Anglican Church, supported by a Thrivent Action Team grant!



**Decorating for Advent & Christmas:**

- at the Student Center: Saturday, December 5, at 1:00pm
- at the Church: tba (any suggestions?) Thanks!



Advent begins Sunday, Nov 29! Have an Advent Wreath? More importantly, do you have our Advent Devotional, **"Fear Not!"** ready to use? *Consume less. Worship more. Give Graciously.* Because Christ the King is the world's Redeemer.



Advent Midweek Services and Simple Suppers will begin December 2nd (6pm Supper at Church, 7pm Service at Church, 8pm College Bible Study at the Student Ctr) . We'll be focusing on some of the Old Testament prophecies that point to Christ our coming King. Invite a friend! December 2, 9, and 16! SUTAWASSS (Sign up to assist with a Simple Supper soon).



**7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM, sponsored by Immanuel!**

November 29: "Are You Ready?"

Advent looks forward to Christmas and that final day when Christ will return. Are you ready? (Luke 21:34-36)

December 6: "The Voice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The voice of John the Baptist calls us to repent and trust in the Savior Who walked in our shoes. (Luke 3:1-20)

*Regarding Stewardship:* I Thess. 5:8: "But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." Our salvation is secure in Christ: He has done it all to save us. Therefore our hope is secure and our faith in Him is certain. And what goes with faith and hope? Love. Our good works of love flow forth from the certainty of our faith. Our giving back to the Lord's work comes from what He has first given us.

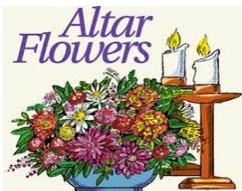
FYI, here are our worship opportunities in the next two months. Let us worship together in joy!

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| • Sun, November 22 | 8:30 only      | • Sun, December 20     | 8:30am only    |
| • Wed, November 25 | 7:00pm         | • Thu, December 24     | 7:00pm         |
| • Sun, November 29 | 8:30 & 11:00am | • Fri, December 25     | 9:00am         |
| • Wed, December 2  | 7:00pm         | • Sun, December 27     | 8:30am only    |
| • Sun, December 6  | 8:30 & 11:00am | • Sun, January 3, 2016 | 8:30am only    |
| • Wed, December 9  | 7:00pm         | • Sun, January 10      | 8:30am only    |
| • Sun, December 13 | 8:30 & 11:00am | • Sun, January 17      | 8:30 & 11:00am |
| • Wed, December 16 | 7:00pm         |                        |                |

*All Services are at Immanuel CHURCH, except the 11:00am Services held at our Student Center.*

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Chili Supper and Five Alarm Auction - Sunday, February 7, 2016 Remember if you have things to store you can put them in the "bunker" at the Student Center.



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

It's time to sign up for altar flowers to enhance our worship at Immanuel for 2016.

The cost is \$25.00 to provide flowers for two Sundays. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at Immanuel. If you have questions, contact Miriam Satern at 837-2808 or MN-Satern@wiu.edu.

**Attention All Ladies:**

LWML would like to invite you to our annual Christmas dinner and get together on:

*Thursday December 10th at Magnolia's at 5:30pm*

Following the dinner we will go to Sally Powell's house at 222 S. College for dessert and devotions. Please sign up at the church or student center if you plan on attending.

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world- to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

*John 18:33-37*



Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service of  
***praise and thanksgiving!***  
 7:00pm Wednesday, November 25 at Immanuel CHURCH

