

Michael Burdick, Pastor [Lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:Lutheran@macomb.com) \* Curt Strode, head elder.  
[www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com) \* 309.833.5483 Church office  
 \* 309.833.1100 Preschool \* 309.836.1095 Parsonage \* Pastor's mobile: 309-255-5580



It looks like a mess. It looks like a lot of work.

It's the scaffolding for the construction of the tower and entrance to our church over 60 years ago. Out of that mess and work the people prepared a place where others could come and be fed God's truth and grace.

Relationships can be messy, and they can be lots of work. Parent-child, husband-wife, employee-employer, neighbor to neighbor. They become places for truth and grace for years to come when we care for them well.

How are your relationships? What are you doing to build and care for them? Honest confession and forgiveness? Quality and quantity time? God's Word as the blueprint? Prayer as the mortar?

Surely your life is full of messy work that's worth it. God was certain that you were worth the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. He stands as the eternal foundation and refuge of your life, so that you, in Him, will stand forever. Bring others along with you. A blessed new year!




**Sunday School today for children: "The Passion of Jesus." Amy Bear is our teacher today as we study God's Word on the suffering and sacrifice of our loving Lord!**



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!**

January 14 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

January 21 **"Meeting Millennials Where They Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.))

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at [217-415-2311](tel:217-415-2311) or [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Isaiah 60:6** – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**Church Council meets tomorrow, January 8 at 7:00pm at CHURCH. The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am at CHURCH (and will include election of our delegate to the CID District Convention July 8-10, 2018 in Springfield). The Quincy Circuit "Forum" will be Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in Quincy, at which we will elect our Circuit Visitor and can pass resolutions we may wish to send on to this summer's District Convention.**

**THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>		Preschool Class (C)	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	<b>Friday, January 12</b>	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	
<b>Monday, Jan 8</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Circuit Pastors (Palmyra)	9:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	Voter's Assembly (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
Quilter's Guild (C)	9:00 AM		
<b>Thursday, Jan 11</b>			

Those serving on January 14: Greeters – Tom & Donna Quick; Counters – Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – JoAnne Dittus.



On Sunday, January 21 our Adult Bible Class will begin to examine the truth and the Christ in the pithy book of Proverbs. It's wisdom! It's practical. It's also centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh. 9:45am in the Church fellowship hall. For example:

**Proverbs 13:10-11**

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."

*We will resume our 11:00am Service at the Student Center on January 21, 2018, when students are back!*

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT for December 2017

Offering	DECEMBER	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 20,108.75	\$ 137,537.73
Other	<u>145.11</u>	<u>2,098.72</u>
Total Offering	\$ 20,253.86	\$ 139,636.45
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,602.08	\$ 151,225.00
Actual	<u>(10,629.34)</u>	<u>(126,564.37)</u>
Difference	\$ 1,972.74	\$ 24,660.63



Sunday, February 11 is the "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper." Gather your household donations (no clothing). Invite friends. Raise pennies and dollars for MISSIONS.

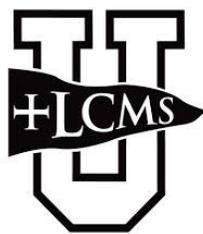
**And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. ... (Matthew 2:11a).**

The long journey of the wise men is complete. They enter the house and see the young Child with His mother. They fall down before Him in joyous humility and present Him with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Undoubtedly, Joseph will use these gifts to fund their unexpected escape to Egypt when Herod sends his soldiers to kill Jesus.

Our Advent journey is now complete, but our life journey is not. Today in the Christian church the Christmas season gives way to the Epiphany season. This new season stretches until Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, when we turn our attention to the reason our Savior was born, the reason He walked among us, the reason He bore the name "Jesus." We will watch Him take our sin, guilt and punishment upon Himself and suffer and die in our place on the cross.

But today we anticipate the day our life's journey will come to its end. Then with exceeding joy and gladness we, like the wise men and the shepherds, will enter into the presence of our Lord, our Savior, our Creator, and our Brother. We will bow in sweet adoration, and rejoice in His glorious presence forever. We will hear the angels' adoration and rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

**THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for journeying through this life for us, and for journeying with us through our lives. Guide us safely home and keep us in joyful anticipation of entering Your presence forever. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**



Michael Burdick, Pastor [Lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:Lutheran@macomb.com) \* Curt Strode, head elder.  
[www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com) \* 309.833.5483 Church office  
 \* 309.833.1100 Preschool \* 309.836.1095 Parsonage \* Pastor's mobile: 309-255-5580



It looks like a mess. It looks like a lot of work.

It's the scaffolding for the construction of the tower and entrance to our church over 60 years ago. Out of that mess and work the people prepared a place where others could come and be fed God's truth and grace.

Relationships can be messy, and they can be lots of work. Parent-child, husband-wife, employee-employer, neighbor to neighbor. They become places for truth and grace for years to come when we care for them well.

How are your relationships? What are you doing to build and care for them? Honest confession and forgiveness? Quality and quantity time? God's Word as the blueprint? Prayer as the mortar?

Surely your life is full of messy work that's worth it. God was certain that you were worth the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. He stands as the eternal foundation and refuge of your life, so that you, in Him, will stand forever. Bring others along with you. A blessed new year!




**Sunday School today for children: "The Passion of Jesus." Amy Bear is our teacher today as we study God's Word on the suffering and sacrifice of our loving Lord!**



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!**

January 14 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

January 21 **"Meeting Millennials Where They Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.)

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at [217-415-2311](tel:217-415-2311) or [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Isaiah 60:6** – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**Church Council meets tomorrow, January 8 at 7:00pm at CHURCH. The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am at CHURCH (and will include election of our delegate to the CID District Convention July 8-10, 2018 in Springfield). The Quincy Circuit "Forum" will be Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in Quincy, at which we will elect our Circuit Visitor and can pass resolutions we may wish to send on to this summer's District Convention.**

**THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>		Preschool Class (C)	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	<b>Friday, January 12</b>	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	
<b>Monday, Jan 8</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Circuit Pastors (Palmyra)	9:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	Voter's Assembly (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
Quilter's Guild (C)	9:00 AM		
<b>Thursday, Jan 11</b>			

Those serving on January 14: Greeters – Tom & Donna Quick; Counters – Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – JoAnne Dittus.



On Sunday, January 21 our Adult Bible Class will begin to examine the truth and the Christ in the pithy book of Proverbs. It's wisdom! It's practical. It's also centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh. 9:45am in the Church fellowship hall. For example:

**Proverbs 13:10-11**

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."

*We will resume our 11:00am Service at the Student Center on January 21, 2018, when students are back!*

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT for December 2017

Offering	DECEMBER	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 20,108.75	\$ 137,537.73
Other	145.11	2,098.72
Total Offering	\$ 20,253.86	\$ 139,636.45
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,602.08	\$ 151,225.00
Actual	(10,629.34)	(126,564.37)
Difference	\$ 1,972.74	\$ 24,660.63



Sunday, February 11 is the "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper." Gather your household donations (no clothing). Invite friends. Raise pennies and dollars for MISSIONS.

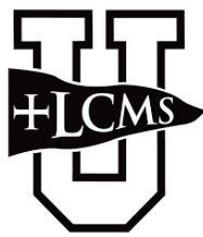
**And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. ... (Matthew 2:11a).**

The long journey of the wise men is complete. They enter the house and see the young Child with His mother. They fall down before Him in joyous humility and present Him with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Undoubtedly, Joseph will use these gifts to fund their unexpected escape to Egypt when Herod sends his soldiers to kill Jesus.

Our Advent journey is now complete, but our life journey is not. Today in the Christian church the Christmas season gives way to the Epiphany season. This new season stretches until Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, when we turn our attention to the reason our Savior was born, the reason He walked among us, the reason He bore the name "Jesus." We will watch Him take our sin, guilt and punishment upon Himself and suffer and die in our place on the cross.

But today we anticipate the day our life's journey will come to its end. Then with exceeding joy and gladness we, like the wise men and the shepherds, will enter into the presence of our Lord, our Savior, our Creator, and our Brother. We will bow in sweet adoration, and rejoice in His glorious presence forever. We will hear the angels' adoration and rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

**THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for journeying through this life for us, and for journeying with us through our lives. Guide us safely home and keep us in joyful anticipation of entering Your presence forever. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**



Michael Burdick, Pastor [Lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:Lutheran@macomb.com) \* Curt Strode, head elder.  
[www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com) \* 309.833.5483 Church office  
 \* 309.833.1100 Preschool \* 309.836.1095 Parsonage \* Pastor's mobile: 309-255-5580



It looks like a mess. It looks like a lot of work.

It's the scaffolding for the construction of the tower and entrance to our church over 60 years ago. Out of that mess and work the people prepared a place where others could come and be fed God's truth and grace.

Relationships can be messy, and they can be lots of work. Parent-child, husband-wife, employee-employer, neighbor to neighbor. They become places for truth and grace for years to come when we care for them well.

How are your relationships? What are you doing to build and care for them? Honest confession and forgiveness? Quality and quantity time? God's Word as the blueprint? Prayer as the mortar?

Surely your life is full of messy work that's worth it. God was certain that you were worth the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. He stands as the eternal foundation and refuge of your life, so that you, in Him, will stand forever. Bring others along with you. A blessed new year!




**Sunday School today for children: "The Passion of Jesus." Amy Bear is our teacher today as we study God's Word on the suffering and sacrifice of our loving Lord!**



THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!

January 14 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

January 21 **"Meeting Millennials Where They Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.)

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at [217-415-2311](tel:217-415-2311) or [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Isaiah 60:6** – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**Church Council meets tomorrow, January 8 at 7:00pm at CHURCH. The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am at CHURCH (and will include election of our delegate to the CID District Convention July 8-10, 2018 in Springfield). The Quincy Circuit "Forum" will be Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in Quincy, at which we will elect our Circuit Visitor and can pass resolutions we may wish to send on to this summer's District Convention.**

**THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>		Preschool Class (C)	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	<b>Friday, January 12</b>	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	
<b>Monday, Jan 8</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Circuit Pastors (Palmyra)	9:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	Voter's Assembly (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
Quilter's Guild (C)	9:00 AM		
<b>Thursday, Jan 11</b>			

Those serving on January 14: Greeters – Tom & Donna Quick; Counters – Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – JoAnne Dittus.



On Sunday, January 21 our Adult Bible Class will begin to examine the truth and the Christ in the pithy book of Proverbs. It's wisdom! It's practical. It's also centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh. 9:45am in the Church fellowship hall. For example:

**Proverbs 13:10-11**

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."

*We will resume our 11:00am Service at the Student Center on January 21, 2018, when students are back!*

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT for December 2017

Offering	DECEMBER	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 20,108.75	\$ 137,537.73
Other	145.11	2,098.72
Total Offering	\$ 20,253.86	\$ 139,636.45
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,602.08	\$ 151,225.00
Actual	(10,629.34)	(126,564.37)
Difference	\$ 1,972.74	\$ 24,660.63



Sunday, February 11 is the "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper." Gather your household donations (no clothing). Invite friends. Raise pennies and dollars for MISSIONS.

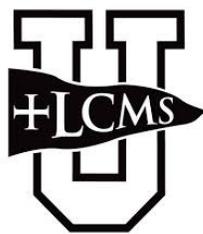
**And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. ... (Matthew 2:11a).**

The long journey of the wise men is complete. They enter the house and see the young Child with His mother. They fall down before Him in joyous humility and present Him with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Undoubtedly, Joseph will use these gifts to fund their unexpected escape to Egypt when Herod sends his soldiers to kill Jesus.

Our Advent journey is now complete, but our life journey is not. Today in the Christian church the Christmas season gives way to the Epiphany season. This new season stretches until Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, when we turn our attention to the reason our Savior was born, the reason He walked among us, the reason He bore the name "Jesus." We will watch Him take our sin, guilt and punishment upon Himself and suffer and die in our place on the cross.

But today we anticipate the day our life's journey will come to its end. Then with exceeding joy and gladness we, like the wise men and the shepherds, will enter into the presence of our Lord, our Savior, our Creator, and our Brother. We will bow in sweet adoration, and rejoice in His glorious presence forever. We will hear the angels' adoration and rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

**THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for journeying through this life for us, and for journeying with us through our lives. Guide us safely home and keep us in joyful anticipation of entering Your presence forever. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**



Michael Burdick, Pastor [Lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:Lutheran@macomb.com) \* Curt Strode, head elder.  
[www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com) \* 309.833.5483 Church office  
 \* 309.833.1100 Preschool \* 309.836.1095 Parsonage \* Pastor's mobile: 309-255-5580



It looks like a mess. It looks like a lot of work.

It's the scaffolding for the construction of the tower and entrance to our church over 60 years ago. Out of that mess and work the people prepared a place where others could come and be fed God's truth and grace.

Relationships can be messy, and they can be lots of work. Parent-child, husband-wife, employee-employer, neighbor to neighbor. They become places for truth and grace for years to come when we care for them well.

How are your relationships? What are you doing to build and care for them? Honest confession and forgiveness? Quality and quantity time? God's Word as the blueprint? Prayer as the mortar?

Surely your life is full of messy work that's worth it. God was certain that you were worth the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. He stands as the eternal foundation and refuge of your life, so that you, in Him, will stand forever. Bring others along with you. A blessed new year!




**Sunday School today for children: "The Passion of Jesus." Amy Bear is our teacher today as we study God's Word on the suffering and sacrifice of our loving Lord!**



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!**

January 14 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

January 21 **"Meeting Millennials Where They Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.))

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at [217-415-2311](tel:217-415-2311) or [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Isaiah 60:6** – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**Church Council meets tomorrow, January 8 at 7:00pm at CHURCH. The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am at CHURCH (and will include election of our delegate to the CID District Convention July 8-10, 2018 in Springfield). The Quincy Circuit "Forum" will be Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in Quincy, at which we will elect our Circuit Visitor and can pass resolutions we may wish to send on to this summer's District Convention.**

**THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>		Preschool Class (C)	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	<b>Friday, January 12</b>	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	
<b>Monday, Jan 8</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Circuit Pastors (Palmyra)	9:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	Voter's Assembly (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
Quilter's Guild (C)	9:00 AM		
<b>Thursday, Jan 11</b>			

Those serving on January 14: Greeters – Tom & Donna Quick; Counters – Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – JoAnne Dittus.



On Sunday, January 21 our Adult Bible Class will begin to examine the truth and the Christ in the pithy book of Proverbs. It's wisdom! It's practical. It's also centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh. 9:45am in the Church fellowship hall. For example:

**Proverbs 13:10-11**

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."

*We will resume our 11:00am Service at the Student Center on January 21, 2018, when students are back!*

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT for December 2017

Offering	DECEMBER	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 20,108.75	\$ 137,537.73
Other	145.11	2,098.72
Total Offering	\$ 20,253.86	\$ 139,636.45
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,602.08	\$ 151,225.00
Actual	(10,629.34)	(126,564.37)
Difference	\$ 1,972.74	\$ 24,660.63



Sunday, February 11 is the "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper." Gather your household donations (no clothing). Invite friends. Raise pennies and dollars for MISSIONS.

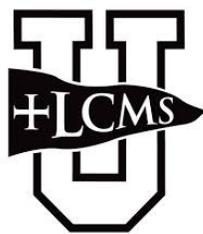
**And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. ...**  
(Matthew 2:11a).

The long journey of the wise men is complete. They enter the house and see the young Child with His mother. They fall down before Him in joyous humility and present Him with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Undoubtedly, Joseph will use these gifts to fund their unexpected escape to Egypt when Herod sends his soldiers to kill Jesus.

Our Advent journey is now complete, but our life journey is not. Today in the Christian church the Christmas season gives way to the Epiphany season. This new season stretches until Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, when we turn our attention to the reason our Savior was born, the reason He walked among us, the reason He bore the name "Jesus." We will watch Him take our sin, guilt and punishment upon Himself and suffer and die in our place on the cross.

But today we anticipate the day our life's journey will come to its end. Then with exceeding joy and gladness we, like the wise men and the shepherds, will enter into the presence of our Lord, our Savior, our Creator, and our Brother. We will bow in sweet adoration, and rejoice in His glorious presence forever. We will hear the angels' adoration and rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

**THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for journeying through this life for us, and for journeying with us through our lives. Guide us safely home and keep us in joyful anticipation of entering Your presence forever. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**



Michael Burdick, Pastor [Lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:Lutheran@macomb.com) \* Curt Strode, head elder.  
[www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com) \* 309.833.5483 Church office  
 \* 309.833.1100 Preschool \* 309.836.1095 Parsonage \* Pastor's mobile: 309-255-5580



It looks like a mess. It looks like a lot of work.

It's the scaffolding for the construction of the tower and entrance to our church over 60 years ago. Out of that mess and work the people prepared a place where others could come and be fed God's truth and grace.

Relationships can be messy, and they can be lots of work. Parent-child, husband-wife, employee-employer, neighbor to neighbor. They become places for truth and grace for years to come when we care for them well.

How are your relationships? What are you doing to build and care for them? Honest confession and forgiveness? Quality and quantity time? God's Word as the blueprint? Prayer as the mortar?

Surely your life is full of messy work that's worth it. God was certain that you were worth the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. He stands as the eternal foundation and refuge of your life, so that you, in Him, will stand forever. Bring others along with you. A blessed new year!




**Sunday School today for children: "The Passion of Jesus." Amy Bear is our teacher today as we study God's Word on the suffering and sacrifice of our loving Lord!**



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!**

January 14 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

January 21 **"Meeting Millennials Where They Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.)

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at [217-415-2311](tel:217-415-2311) or [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Isaiah 60:6** – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**Church Council meets tomorrow, January 8 at 7:00pm at CHURCH. The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am at CHURCH (and will include election of our delegate to the CID District Convention July 8-10, 2018 in Springfield). The Quincy Circuit "Forum" will be Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in Quincy, at which we will elect our Circuit Visitor and can pass resolutions we may wish to send on to this summer's District Convention.**

**THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>		Preschool Class (C)	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	<b>Friday, January 12</b>	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	
<b>Monday, Jan 8</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Circuit Pastors (Palmyra)	9:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	Voter's Assembly (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
Quilter's Guild (C)	9:00 AM		
<b>Thursday, Jan 11</b>			

Those serving on January 14: Greeters – Tom & Donna Quick; Counters – Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – JoAnne Dittus.



On Sunday, January 21 our Adult Bible Class will begin to examine the truth and the Christ in the pithy book of Proverbs. It's wisdom! It's practical. It's also centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh. 9:45am in the Church fellowship hall. For example:

**Proverbs 13:10-11**

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."

*We will resume our 11:00am Service at the Student Center on January 21, 2018, when students are back!*

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT for December 2017

Offering	DECEMBER	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 20,108.75	\$ 137,537.73
Other	145.11	2,098.72
Total Offering	\$ 20,253.86	\$ 139,636.45
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,602.08	\$ 151,225.00
Actual	(10,629.34)	(126,564.37)
Difference	\$ 1,972.74	\$ 24,660.63



Sunday, February 11 is the "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper." Gather your household donations (no clothing). Invite friends. Raise pennies and dollars for MISSIONS.

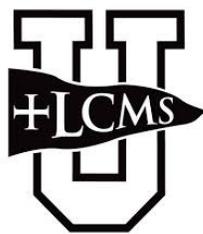
**And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. ...** (Matthew 2:11a).

The long journey of the wise men is complete. They enter the house and see the young Child with His mother. They fall down before Him in joyous humility and present Him with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Undoubtedly, Joseph will use these gifts to fund their unexpected escape to Egypt when Herod sends his soldiers to kill Jesus.

Our Advent journey is now complete, but our life journey is not. Today in the Christian church the Christmas season gives way to the Epiphany season. This new season stretches until Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, when we turn our attention to the reason our Savior was born, the reason He walked among us, the reason He bore the name "Jesus." We will watch Him take our sin, guilt and punishment upon Himself and suffer and die in our place on the cross.

But today we anticipate the day our life's journey will come to its end. Then with exceeding joy and gladness we, like the wise men and the shepherds, will enter into the presence of our Lord, our Savior, our Creator, and our Brother. We will bow in sweet adoration, and rejoice in His glorious presence forever. We will hear the angels' adoration and rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

**THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for journeying through this life for us, and for journeying with us through our lives. Guide us safely home and keep us in joyful anticipation of entering Your presence forever. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**



Michael Burdick, Pastor [Lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:Lutheran@macomb.com) \* Curt Strode, head elder.  
[www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com) \* 309.833.5483 Church office  
 \* 309.833.1100 Preschool \* 309.836.1095 Parsonage \* Pastor's mobile: 309-255-5580



It looks like a mess. It looks like a lot of work.

It's the scaffolding for the construction of the tower and entrance to our church over 60 years ago. Out of that mess and work the people prepared a place where others could come and be fed God's truth and grace.

Relationships can be messy, and they can be lots of work. Parent-child, husband-wife, employee-employer, neighbor to neighbor. They become places for truth and grace for years to come when we care for them well.

How are your relationships? What are you doing to build and care for them? Honest confession and forgiveness? Quality and quantity time? God's Word as the blueprint? Prayer as the mortar?

Surely your life is full of messy work that's worth it. God was certain that you were worth the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. He stands as the eternal foundation and refuge of your life, so that you, in Him, will stand forever. Bring others along with you. A blessed new year!




**Sunday School today for children: "The Passion of Jesus." Amy Bear is our teacher today as we study God's Word on the suffering and sacrifice of our loving Lord!**



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!**

January 14 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

January 21 **"Meeting Millennials Where They Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.)

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at [217-415-2311](tel:217-415-2311) or [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Isaiah 60:6** – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**Church Council meets tomorrow, January 8 at 7:00pm at CHURCH. The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am at CHURCH (and will include election of our delegate to the CID District Convention July 8-10, 2018 in Springfield). The Quincy Circuit "Forum" will be Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in Quincy, at which we will elect our Circuit Visitor and can pass resolutions we may wish to send on to this summer's District Convention.**

**THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>		Preschool Class (C)	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	<b>Friday, January 12</b>	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	
<b>Monday, Jan 8</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Circuit Pastors (Palmyra)	9:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	Voter's Assembly (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
Quilter's Guild (C)	9:00 AM		
<b>Thursday, Jan 11</b>			

Those serving on January 14: Greeters – Tom & Donna Quick; Counters – Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – JoAnne Dittus.



On Sunday, January 21 our Adult Bible Class will begin to examine the truth and the Christ in the pithy book of Proverbs. It's wisdom! It's practical. It's also centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh. 9:45am in the Church fellowship hall. For example:

**Proverbs 13:10-11**

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."

*We will resume our 11:00am Service at the Student Center on January 21, 2018, when students are back!*

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT for December 2017

Offering	DECEMBER	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 20,108.75	\$ 137,537.73
Other	<u>145.11</u>	<u>2,098.72</u>
Total Offering	\$ 20,253.86	\$ 139,636.45
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,602.08	\$ 151,225.00
Actual	<u>(10,629.34)</u>	<u>(126,564.37)</u>
Difference	\$ 1,972.74	\$ 24,660.63



Sunday, February 11 is the "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper." Gather your household donations (no clothing). Invite friends. Raise pennies and dollars for MISSIONS.

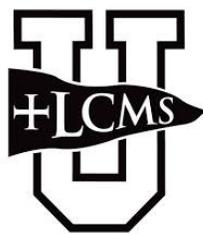
**And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. ... (Matthew 2:11a).**

The long journey of the wise men is complete. They enter the house and see the young Child with His mother. They fall down before Him in joyous humility and present Him with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Undoubtedly, Joseph will use these gifts to fund their unexpected escape to Egypt when Herod sends his soldiers to kill Jesus.

Our Advent journey is now complete, but our life journey is not. Today in the Christian church the Christmas season gives way to the Epiphany season. This new season stretches until Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, when we turn our attention to the reason our Savior was born, the reason He walked among us, the reason He bore the name "Jesus." We will watch Him take our sin, guilt and punishment upon Himself and suffer and die in our place on the cross.

But today we anticipate the day our life's journey will come to its end. Then with exceeding joy and gladness we, like the wise men and the shepherds, will enter into the presence of our Lord, our Savior, our Creator, and our Brother. We will bow in sweet adoration, and rejoice in His glorious presence forever. We will hear the angels' adoration and rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

**THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for journeying through this life for us, and for journeying with us through our lives. Guide us safely home and keep us in joyful anticipation of entering Your presence forever. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**



Michael Burdick, Pastor [Lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:Lutheran@macomb.com) \* Curt Strode, head elder.  
[www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com) \* 309.833.5483 Church office  
 \* 309.833.1100 Preschool \* 309.836.1095 Parsonage \* Pastor's mobile: 309-255-5580



It looks like a mess. It looks like a lot of work.

It's the scaffolding for the construction of the tower and entrance to our church over 60 years ago. Out of that mess and work the people prepared a place where others could come and be fed God's truth and grace.

Relationships can be messy, and they can be lots of work. Parent-child, husband-wife, employee-employer, neighbor to neighbor. They become places for truth and grace for years to come when we care for them well.

How are your relationships? What are you doing to build and care for them? Honest confession and forgiveness? Quality and quantity time? God's Word as the blueprint? Prayer as the mortar?

Surely your life is full of messy work that's worth it. God was certain that you were worth the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. He stands as the eternal foundation and refuge of your life, so that you, in Him, will stand forever. Bring others along with you. A blessed new year!




**Sunday School today for children: "The Passion of Jesus." Amy Bear is our teacher today as we study God's Word on the suffering and sacrifice of our loving Lord!**



THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!

January 14 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

January 21 **"Meeting Millennials Where They Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.)

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at [217-415-2311](tel:217-415-2311) or [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Isaiah 60:6** – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**Church Council meets tomorrow, January 8 at 7:00pm at CHURCH. The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am at CHURCH (and will include election of our delegate to the CID District Convention July 8-10, 2018 in Springfield). The Quincy Circuit "Forum" will be Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in Quincy, at which we will elect our Circuit Visitor and can pass resolutions we may wish to send on to this summer's District Convention.**

**THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>	Preschool Class (C)		
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	<b>Friday, January 12</b>	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	
<b>Monday, Jan 8</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Circuit Pastors (Palmyra)	9:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	Voter's Assembly (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
Quilter's Guild (C)	9:00 AM		
<b>Thursday, Jan 11</b>			

Those serving on January 14: Greeters – Tom & Donna Quick; Counters – Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – JoAnne Dittus.



On Sunday, January 21 our Adult Bible Class will begin to examine the truth and the Christ in the pithy book of Proverbs. It's wisdom! It's practical. It's also centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh. 9:45am in the Church fellowship hall. For example:

**Proverbs 13:10-11**

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."

*We will resume our 11:00am Service at the Student Center on January 21, 2018, when students are back!*

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT for December 2017

Offering	DECEMBER	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 20,108.75	\$ 137,537.73
Other	145.11	2,098.72
Total Offering	\$ 20,253.86	\$ 139,636.45
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,602.08	\$ 151,225.00
Actual	(10,629.34)	(126,564.37)
Difference	\$ 1,972.74	\$ 24,660.63



Sunday, February 11 is the "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper." Gather your household donations (no clothing). Invite friends. Raise pennies and dollars for MISSIONS.

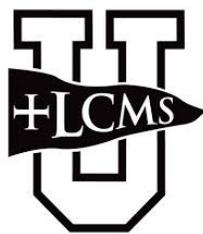
**And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. ...**  
(Matthew 2:11a).

The long journey of the wise men is complete. They enter the house and see the young Child with His mother. They fall down before Him in joyous humility and present Him with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Undoubtedly, Joseph will use these gifts to fund their unexpected escape to Egypt when Herod sends his soldiers to kill Jesus.

Our Advent journey is now complete, but our life journey is not. Today in the Christian church the Christmas season gives way to the Epiphany season. This new season stretches until Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, when we turn our attention to the reason our Savior was born, the reason He walked among us, the reason He bore the name "Jesus." We will watch Him take our sin, guilt and punishment upon Himself and suffer and die in our place on the cross.

But today we anticipate the day our life's journey will come to its end. Then with exceeding joy and gladness we, like the wise men and the shepherds, will enter into the presence of our Lord, our Savior, our Creator, and our Brother. We will bow in sweet adoration, and rejoice in His glorious presence forever. We will hear the angels' adoration and rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

**THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for journeying through this life for us, and for journeying with us through our lives. Guide us safely home and keep us in joyful anticipation of entering Your presence forever. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**



Michael Burdick, Pastor [Lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:Lutheran@macomb.com) \* Curt Strode, head elder.  
[www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com) \* 309.833.5483 Church office  
 \* 309.833.1100 Preschool \* 309.836.1095 Parsonage \* Pastor's mobile: 309-255-5580



It looks like a mess. It looks like a lot of work.

It's the scaffolding for the construction of the tower and entrance to our church over 60 years ago. Out of that mess and work the people prepared a place where others could come and be fed God's truth and grace.

Relationships can be messy, and they can be lots of work. Parent-child, husband-wife, employee-employer, neighbor to neighbor. They become places for truth and grace for years to come when we care for them well.

How are your relationships? What are you doing to build and care for them? Honest confession and forgiveness? Quality and quantity time? God's Word as the blueprint? Prayer as the mortar?

Surely your life is full of messy work that's worth it. God was certain that you were worth the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son. He stands as the eternal foundation and refuge of your life, so that you, in Him, will stand forever. Bring others along with you. A blessed new year!




**Sunday School today for children: "The Passion of Jesus." Amy Bear is our teacher today as we study God's Word on the suffering and sacrifice of our loving Lord!**



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!**

January 14 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

January 21 **"Meeting Millennials Where They Are"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.)

YOU ARE INVITED to the Camp CILCA Annual Banquet from 5pm-8 on January 28, 2018 at the fellowship hall of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The evening includes musical entertainment, dinner, and guest presenter Rev. Dr. Joel Heck who will speak about the importance of Creation for Christian faith and life. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from the camp office at [217-415-2311](tel:217-415-2311) or [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). Child care will also be available for \$5.

**Isaiah 60:6** – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**Church Council meets tomorrow, January 8 at 7:00pm at CHURCH. The next Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting will be next Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am at CHURCH (and will include election of our delegate to the CID District Convention July 8-10, 2018 in Springfield). The Quincy Circuit "Forum" will be Sunday, January 28 at 4:00pm in Quincy, at which we will elect our Circuit Visitor and can pass resolutions we may wish to send on to this summer's District Convention.**

**THE LORD WILLING, THIS WEEK THROUGH IMMANUEL ... IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

<b>Sunday, January 7</b>		Preschool Class (C)	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	<b>Friday, January 12</b>	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Preschool Chapel (C)	10:45 AM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	
<b>Monday, Jan 8</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Circuit Pastors (Palmyra)	9:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	Voter's Assembly (C)	9:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
Quilter's Guild (C)	9:00 AM		
<b>Thursday, Jan 11</b>			

Those serving on January 14: Greeters – Tom & Donna Quick; Counters – Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – JoAnne Dittus.



On Sunday, January 21 our Adult Bible Class will begin to examine the truth and the Christ in the pithy book of Proverbs. It's wisdom! It's practical. It's also centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh. 9:45am in the Church fellowship hall. For example:

**Proverbs 13:10-11**

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom. <sup>11</sup> Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it."

*We will resume our 11:00am Service at the Student Center on January 21, 2018, when students are back!*

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT for December 2017

Offering	DECEMBER	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 20,108.75	\$ 137,537.73
Other	145.11	2,098.72
Total Offering	\$ 20,253.86	\$ 139,636.45
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,602.08	\$ 151,225.00
Actual	(10,629.34)	(126,564.37)
Difference	\$ 1,972.74	\$ 24,660.63



Sunday, February 11 is the "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper." Gather your household donations (no clothing). Invite friends. Raise pennies and dollars for MISSIONS.

**And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. ...** (Matthew 2:11a).

The long journey of the wise men is complete. They enter the house and see the young Child with His mother. They fall down before Him in joyous humility and present Him with their costly gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Undoubtedly, Joseph will use these gifts to fund their unexpected escape to Egypt when Herod sends his soldiers to kill Jesus.

Our Advent journey is now complete, but our life journey is not. Today in the Christian church the Christmas season gives way to the Epiphany season. This new season stretches until Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, when we turn our attention to the reason our Savior was born, the reason He walked among us, the reason He bore the name "Jesus." We will watch Him take our sin, guilt and punishment upon Himself and suffer and die in our place on the cross.

But today we anticipate the day our life's journey will come to its end. Then with exceeding joy and gladness we, like the wise men and the shepherds, will enter into the presence of our Lord, our Savior, our Creator, and our Brother. We will bow in sweet adoration, and rejoice in His glorious presence forever. We will hear the angels' adoration and rejoice with Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

**THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for journeying through this life for us, and for journeying with us through our lives. Guide us safely home and keep us in joyful anticipation of entering Your presence forever. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.**

