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Alleluia! He lives.

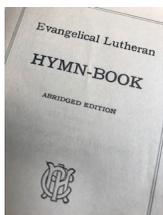


Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, ⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and maidens together, old men and children! ¹³ **Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**
Psalm 148:7-13

SECRET ... Our Wednesday night student supper on **May 2** will be a surprise 80th birthday dinner with Hans Moll. All are welcome (students, members, friends). Marcia says all the food will be provided, and that no gifts are to be brought. Bring a fun story! Supper is at 6:30pm in the Student Center basement. We won't have a public signup sheet due to the surprise, but it would be good to have an estimate of how many people will attend, so send an email rsvp to Lutheran@macomb.com, if possible. Thanks. May 2 is the day of his 80th birthday.

We need help filling the Wednesday April 18 Student Supper. Can you team up with someone to provide this 6:30pm meal for college students in the Student Center basement? Cook for about 15. It's informal and fun, and students are blessed in getting to know you!

In two weeks, we'll have ONE Sunday Service, as we kickoff the 50th Anniversary of The Lutheran Student Center. Put **10:00am Worship** on your calendar for April 22! Pastor Marcus Zill (Director of LCMS Campus Ministry) will be our guest preacher. Also with us will be Pastor Jim Cumming, first pastor of the Lutheran Student Center. The address is 303 N Clay St. **A Potluck meal will be held in the Student Center basement at 11:15am.** Tableware and beverages will all be provided. If possible, please bring two dishes to pass. We will have a number of special guests with us.



A handful of copies of Concordia Publishing House's 1927 Evangelical Hymn Book are available in the Church narthex. They have been in storage for years, and would be better used if you used, or at least treasured, one in your home. Back in those days most families would own their hymnals and would carry them to worship every Sunday. These few copies were a church's property apparently. Help yourself to one. Give thanks for our heritage! Pass along a faithful heritage to the next generation.

Sat, April 28
Progressive Dinner



sign up! free!

For all members, friends, and students. An evening of fellowship and food. Please sign up by April 15 ... and the earlier the BETTER.

- Donna & Tom Quick (Outreach & Fellowship Board)



There will be a Work Party at the Student Center on Saturday, April 21, from 3:00-5:00pm to spruce up the building and grounds for the kickoff of the 50th Anniversary. We need lots of hands -- members and students! Rain or shine. Italian Express dinner afterward, at 5:30pm. Come one, come all!

**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you Jan Brewer for your faithful service to the Lord and our ministry as office secretary. We thank God for you!

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

Sunday, April 8

Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 7:30 AM
 Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
 Bible Class (C) 9:45 AM
 Worship Service (SC) 11:00 AM

Monday, April 9

Church Council (C) 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 10

Circuit Pastoral Mtg (Golden) 9:00 AM

Wednesday, April 11

Quilter's Guild (C) 9:00 AM
 Student Supper (SC) 6:30 PM
 College Bible Study (SC) 7:30 PM

Friday, April 13

Preschool Chapel 10:45 AM

Saturday, April 14

LEA Social (SC) 4-8 PM

Sunday, April 15

Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 7:30 AM
 Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
 Bible Class (C) 9:45 AM
 Worship Service (SC) 11:00 AM
 Potluck (C) 12:15 PM
 Voter's Assembly (C) 1:00 PM

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

Those serving on April 15: Greeters – Curt & Mary Strode; Counters – Lynn & Mary Wolfmeyer; Altar Guild – Chris Standard & Amy Bear; Altar Flowers – Mitch & Chris Standard



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

April 15 "**Peace to You**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Christians often say, "The Lord be with you." What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus' visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ. (Luke 24:36-49)-3)

April 22 "**Accept No Substitutes**" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus We live in a disposable age. If something wears out, breaks down or is lost, we replace it. But who or what can replace Jesus? Who else can save us? (Acts 4:1-12)

Firstfruits

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him. He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word. By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10). How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29). And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13). And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings. It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10). And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?

