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Alleluia! He lives.

If then you have been raised with Christ (*you have!*), seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life appears,

then

you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4



"Father of glory, Your Son ascended into Your presence amidst the clouds, and now He reigns over the nations and sits on His holy throne as our victorious Savior over sin, death and the devil. Increase in us patient trust as we continue to wait for the fullness of Your glory to be revealed when He returns again in clouds of glory and inaugurates a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness..."



VBS June 11-14, 6:00-8:00PM

Be part of Splash Canyon VBS! Life is full of thrills and spills! We don't know what's around the bend, but **God does!** At Splash Canyon VBS, God's children of all ages learn the good news is God is with us and keeps His promises to us on life's wild ride! As staff members for Splash Canyon VBS, you have fun and share the Splash Canyon message with the kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Contact Kathy or Pastor Burdick with questions and with offers of help.

CONGREGATION SUPPORT

We appreciate and need your prayers for Splash Canyon, our Vacation Bible School being held on June 11-14, 2018. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior! Ask God to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission.

The challenges ahead of us are daunting to the human spirit. *Our Lord is undaunted.* When Peter and the other followers of Jesus regrouped after His ascension, they received the Holy Spirit and went forth in the truth and grace the Spirit gave. That same Spirit is working for and in us today -- in worship, home devotions, Bible studies together, Vacation Bible School, and personal witnessing. Take heart, dear disciples. The Triune God is up to the tasks He has laid before us. A blessed final Sunday of the Easter season!

Pastor Mike Burdick

P.S. Next Sunday is The Feast of Pentecost. Wear red if you have it!

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

Sunday, May 13

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
Nott Piano Recital (C) 2:00 PM

Monday, May 14

Preschool Bd. Mtg (C) 4:00 PM
Church Council (C) 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 16

Elder's Meeting (C) 7:00 PM

Friday, May 18

Preschool Chapel 10:45 AM

Sunday, May 20

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

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

Those serving on May 20: Greeter – Clinton & Carrie Pedigo; Counters – Maurine Moore & Miriam Satern; Altar Guild – Jenny Bosworth & Carrie Pedigo; Altar Flowers – Hans & Marcia Moll



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

May 20 **"Functional Atheist No More!"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
 Christians like to think of themselves as following the first disciples. That's uncomfortably true. The first disciples had trouble believing the promises of Jesus for their daily lives. Too often we do too. On Pentecost the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus gave the first disciples faith like they had never had before. Today the same Spirit is ready to do the same for us. (Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27)

May 27 **"Impossible"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
 Can death hold us? Experience says, "Yes!" the Apostle Peter says, "No." Today's sermon talks about making possible that which can't happen. (Acts 2:22-24)

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT: APRIL 2018

Offering	April	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 12,985.95	\$ 41,152.70
Other	247.77	711.50
Total Offering	\$ 13,233.72	\$ 41,864.20
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,685.83	\$ 50,743.32
Actual	(10,608.21)	(43,487.67)
Difference	\$ 2,077.62	\$ 7,255.65

Opportunities: A couple of our students can use a little help as they prepare to move.

- Thursday, May 17, Madison and Chris Boeh will pack up and head toward Portland, Oregon. They welcome your help.
- Friday, May 25, Kyle Smith and his sister will be moving from West Orchard Street to an apartment here in town. Would you be able to assist?

"If you knew that Jesus would be in your church on Sunday to bless your children, to put His hand on your shoulder, to personally assure you of His forgiveness and love, would you be there? He is there, and He does that through the Gospel." Rev. James Albrecht, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

For the Police

O Lord, I thank You
 for the mighty and intricate machine of justice
 Your Law has fashioned for my good,
 the elaborate and vigilant network
 of men and instruments that think and prowl
 and click and calculate that I may move,
 secure and peaceable, on pleasant paths
 of ordered decency.

Remember in mercy, O Lord,
 the men who stand between me
 and the chaos of bestial lawlessness.
 Give them, O Lord,
 awareness of the high majesty of the law
 which clothes their work and them
 with awesome dignity;
 patience to bear the conspicuous loneliness
 of men in uniform
 and to endure the slick disdain
 that falls on all
 embodiments of rectitude;
 strength to resist the corrosive wash
 of the temptations
 that are peculiarly theirs:
 to grow harsh in the face of brutality,
 vindictive in the face of endless malice;
 to make the easy, cynical, venal compromise
 with small-scale wrong
 that does not seem to matter much;
 to settle into dark contempt
 of the mankind
 whose unlovely features
 are continually before their eyes.

O Lord, let all good men hear ever and again
 the thundering voice of unendurable Sinai,
 and let them look
 with new, respectful eyes,
 ever and again,
 on the men, the plain, frail men,
 whose daily work articulates for us
 the far-off voice of Sinai.

- Martin Franzmann. Pray For Joy. CPH. 1970



"Baby Bottles for Birthright" Birthright of Macomb is again holding a fundraiser where baby bottles are distributed at the back of the church on **Mother's Day, May 13**. Fill the bottles with your pocket change over the next 5 weeks and return the bottles to the church on **Father's Day, June 17**. Birthright is an all-volunteer, nonprofit agency that has helped hundreds of expectant mothers and their newborns for over 40 years. All services are given with a caring attitude and are free. Birthright's mission is to support the lives of both the mother and the baby. Birthright receives no outside funding and is 100% supported by donations. Your loose change can make a big difference in the lives of little babies and their moms. Begin filling a bottle today!

Savannah and John are here playing a yard game at VBS last summer. The games were fun. The Bible Lessons were better!



Now we're just FOUR weeks away from "Splash Canyon VBS." Please, dear members, don't hesitate to volunteer to help. Some years we have struggled to get the necessary volunteers. Let's fill the ranks early. Let's keep the joy in the planning and the doing of VBS. Volunteer early. Our materials make excellent teaching, crafts, snacks, games, songs, and fellowship much easier than if you went on your own. You won't be alone! So, pray. How will God use you for the kids? He can use you mightily!

