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Praise for the Sureness of God's Gifts

How sure, how sure
the unbent and unending
circling of the lights
which Your primeval Word
has coiled around my world!
How sure
the fixed procession
of my days and nights,
the ordered cadence
of the seasons,
and the counted rhythm
of my lapsing years!
Nothing more sure than these,
nothing more sure
than the fixed dying
they dole out to me--
save You.
Only Your giving is more sure than they.
Only the life You give us
will outlast and outshine them all.

-- Martin Franzmann. Pray For Joy

I'm often posting one of Martin Franzmann's pithy poems/prayers for you. I hope they help you like they help me. His words have weight, density, and beauty, though they aren't the words you and I might use each day.

Suicide and other losses were already on my mind earlier this week as news came of one celebrity death. Then came another this morning. Kate. Anthony. And surely there are thousands of relatively unknown people who are ill, hurting, and lapsing. Our neighbors. Our sister Sally. Our co-worker. Christians and non-believers. In the pew next to us, and not.

Be involved in their lives. Invite people to be involved in yours. And do this with the truth and grace of the Triune God as your foundation, fuel, and aim.

Only His giving is more sure than the cadence of the circling lights. His cross. His Easter tomb. His promise. These do not take away sadness or illness. They redeem us. They give. Faithfully. Surely.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." *Psalm 23:5*

The presence of God and the promises of His Word give hope, and they send us into our neighbors' lives. They send people to us. Praise God for that, and let them. VBS and Ice Cream Social week is a mighty good time for the praise of the sureness of God's gifts! Peace, in Christ,



"You can stand for life today, including if you have had an abortion. When you bring any sin into the light, Jesus disarms the enemy. The devil can no longer hold that sin over you. Christ is your righteousness, and you stand in Him. God's Word declares it to be so." *Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.)*



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

Check out the list of needed VBS snacks and supplies posted at the back door of the Nave, by the mailboxes.

Please help with VBS. Be here each evening from 5:30-8:00pm. We need plenty of adults and youth so that our leadership is always two-deep, and we're ready for every contingency. The kids need lots of helping hands ... at the crafts tables, passing out and cleaning up snacks, singing the songs, playing the games, and praying for the families.

It's a hard and beautiful week!
Thanks for your help!

-----clip this and hand it to your neighbor this afternoon: -----



Every year we have former preschool families, neighbors from all around town, and members come for fellowship and games on the church lawn at our FREE

Neighborhood Free Ice Cream Social

Friday, June 15, 2018

6:00-8:00pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Everyone's our neighbor. Everyone's welcome.

INVITE FRIENDS to join you this Friday!

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

June 17 **"Tell Me a Story!"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Jesus loves to tell us stories. In His stories about the normal things of life, Jesus teaches us about the reign of God in our lives. This Father's Day, what makes for a godly father, or mother or Christian? The willingness to tell our stories. (Mark 4:26-34)

June 24 **"Jesus, Don't You Care?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus After seeing one of the Savior's miracles the disciples asked, "Who is this Guy?" After Pentecost, they knew Who Jesus was and why He had come. Even so, the world keeps coming up with wrong answers when they ask, "Just Who is this Guy?" (Mark 4:38-41)

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT: MAY 2018

Offering	May	Year to Date
General Fund	\$ 8,198.46	\$ 49,351.16
Other	103.91	435.41
Total Offering	\$ 8,302.37	\$ 49,786.57
Expenses		
Budget	\$ 12,685.83	\$ 63,429.15
Actual	(10,524.49)	(54,012.16)
Difference	\$ 2,161.34	\$ 9,416.99

Dear Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Please mark your calendars for August 6th, 2018. At Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2701 College Ave., Quincy, IL, we are privileged to present an Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Traveling Team. They will arrive in the afternoon and will lead in a community canvas from 3:00-4:00 p.m. We encourage all members of your congregation to come and participate while an experienced Ambassador leads the call. If you would like to do this, please let me know.

In the evening, beginning at 7 p.m., the Ambassadors will lead us in a special Gospel sharing time with singing, sharing of witness experiences, drama, puppets, and more. You are welcome to attend the evening activities as well. People of all ages will benefit from this presentation.

Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ is an exciting ministry, helping LCMS youth and adults learn to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is active in many districts and congregations across the nation. Again, the witness survey begins at 3:00 p.m. and the sharing time is 7 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: Jamie Louderback, 1555 HWY 24, Paloma, IL 62359, 217-430-4760 or cidoafc12@gmail.com. I hope you can come and share in the activities. Gods Blessings! - Jamie Louderback

On Monday our Church Council decided that our summertime one-Service schedule will include August 12, allowing Pastor Rempfer, our guest preach that day, to preach at the 10:30am Service at St. Paul in Bowen, too. Thus, we resume our two-Service schedule on August 19!

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

Sunday, June 10		"Splash Canyon" VBS (C)	6 - 8 PM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	Thursday, June 14	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	"Splash Canyon" VBS (C)	6 - 8 PM
Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM	Friday, June 15	
Monday, June 11		Free Ice Cream Social (C)	6 - 8 PM
"Splash Canyon" VBS (C)	6 - 8 PM	Sunday, June 17	
Tuesday, June 12		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
"Splash Canyon" VBS (C)	6 - 8 PM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Wednesday, June 13		Bible Class (C)	9:45 AM
Quilter's Guild	9 AM - 3 PM		

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

Those serving on June 17: Greeters – Terry & Linda Standard; Ushers: Mitch & Chris Standard; Counters – Maurine Moore & Miriam Satern; Altar Guild – Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers – Don & Sharon Waterstreet



"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever." -- Psalm 23