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Two months from now we'll hold our "Every One His Witness" workshop, a daylong dive into the Bible and into our neighbors' needs. We'll *think* about telling the reason for the Christian hope in us. We'll privately *write* about telling of that hope. We'll *plan* for it. We'll consider the potential *obstacles*. We'll *practice*. We'll *pray*. All who participate are going to be a bit more confident and peaceful when the opportunity arises to share the love of Jesus with somebody.

I, for one, want to be better at witnessing. I've been baptized into Christ. I want to share the faith He gave me. At the moment in which He gives me an opportunity to make an eternal difference in somebody's life. This workshop can help.

I hope you will learn along with me! September 8.

Pastor Mike Burdick



Please donate your outdated Portals of Prayer for shipment to the Menard Correctional Center. Many Thanks! Receptacle in the Narthex.

"When people consider euthanasia for those experiencing illness or decline with aging, God's Word is clear again through King David in Psalm 139:16b (NIV): '[A]ll the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



THE LUTHERAN HOUR: 7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel!
July 15 **"My Feelings, Meet God's Word!"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
Emotions often drive our lives. When we think about our feelings in light of the Word of God, we are led to Jesus our Savior, but ignoring God's Word makes life a soap opera mess. (Mark 6:14-29)

July 22 **"You Feed Them"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Every job looks like it's easy if you don't have to do it. That was certainly the case when Jesus told His disciples to feed the crowd. With no McDonald's in the area, they came back and asked Jesus to do what they couldn't. We would be wise if we did the same. (Mark 6:37)

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE RESULTS

Birthright shouts out a big **"Thank You"** to all who filled those baby bottles with coins, bills and checks. It was a very successful fundraiser. The total raised was **\$4,195.12!** (With a few late bottles still to come.) Our appreciation goes to the five churches participating: Immanuel Lutheran, St. Augustine, St. Bernard, St. Paul, and Argyle Bible Church. May God help us to put your contributions to work in support of babies, moms, and families. **THANK YOU and BLESS YOU!**

Reception for Pastor Burdick July 22nd

We will be having a reception for Pastor Burdick on July 22nd after the voter's meeting. We will be celebrating his 30 years of ministry with cake and ice cream. We will be taking a collection for a gift on July 15th.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

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

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

Sunday, July 8

Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 7:30 AM
Worship Service (SC) 8:30 AM
Bible Class (SC) 9:45 AM
CID Convention (Spfld) 7:00 PM

Monday, July 9

CID Convention (Spfld) 7:45 AM-8 PM

Tuesday, July 10

CID Convention (Spfld) 7:45 AM-Noon

Wednesday, July 11

Quilter's Guild (C) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, July 15

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

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

Those serving on July 15: Greeters – Mitch & Chris Standard; Ushers: Bob Coats & Savannah Dowell; Counters – Maurine Moore & Miriam Satern; Altar Guild – Linda Standard & Mary Wolfmeyer; Altar Flowers – Ken & Amy Quinn

Our congregation will prayerfully nominate and elect lay leaders for Immanuel's ministry on July 22 at (9:45am at the Student Center). Terms of service begin September 1st. Speak with our Nominating Committee (Bill Oliver, Tom Burtch, Pastor B) if you're interested in a position of servant-leadership. Our nominations thus far include:

- *President: Bill Oliver*
- *Vice-President*
- *Recording Secretary*
- *Treasurer: Hans Moll*
- *Financial Secretary: Kathy Coats*
- *Council of Elders*
- *Board of Education*
- *Board of Outreach & Fellowship*
- *Board of Trustees : Mike Powell*
- *Preschool: Michelle Wenndt*
- *Council Member at Large:*

Upcoming meetings:

- Monday, July 16, Church Council at the STUDENT CTR at 7:00pm
- Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00pm, Elders at the Student Ctr.
- Sunday, July 22 at 9:45am, Immanuel's quarterly Voters Meeting will be held at the Student Ctr.

THIS WHOLE PROPHET GIG DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. THEY ALWAYS GET SENT TO SELF-CENTERED BONEHEADS!



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I MEAN, WOULD YOU WANT TO SPEND TIME WITH ANYONE LIKE THAT?



WHAT!?



MARK 6:1-13

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When supporting Lutheran Hour Ministries, we promote worldwide outreach with the Gospel

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) **Vietnam** works with existing government-recognized congregations and organizations to assist in outreach in this country, where atheism is the "semiofficial" religion. Government regulations prohibit any religious activities outside the church; therefore, LHM—Vietnam cooperates with local congregations to spread the Gospel through programs such as **Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC)**, puppet shows, videos, and musical performances.

Children and adults take delight in watching the LHM—Vietnam puppet shows. The team performs plays such as "The Lost Son" to teach about the love, forgiveness, and salvation of Jesus Christ.

With such strict government regulations inviting youth to the church to listen to the Gospel is not easy. Therefore, LHM—Vietnam creatively attracts youngsters with its evangelistic music show performed by a Christian musical team.

LHM—Vietnam's **Equipping the Saints (ETS)** program trains lay persons to nurture the spiritual life of individuals referred to them by LHM. Most of the local congregations lack the materials as well as the means to train their congregational workers, so **ETS** is highly appreciated in the community.

LHM—Vietnam ministry programs:

CDs - Drama - Music

- Booklets
- **Bible Correspondence Courses**
- Rallies
- Puppet Ministry
- Film Showing
- Concerts
- Youth Ministry
- **Equipping the Saints** Workshop
- Milk Project



Local Staff & Contact Info: **Director** Mr. Dinh Hai Au **Location** Ho Chi Minh City, VIETNAM

2 Corinthians 12:10

“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.”

Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it's hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing: but that is why Paul found this contentment **in Christ** and not in his own wisdom.