

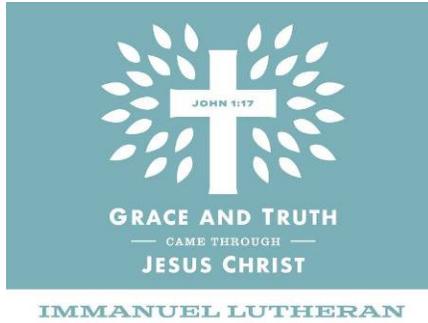
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Lutheran Church & Student Center
(LCMS), Macomb, IL.



Today's Sunday School Lesson: **"The Conversion of Paul" (Acts 9)**

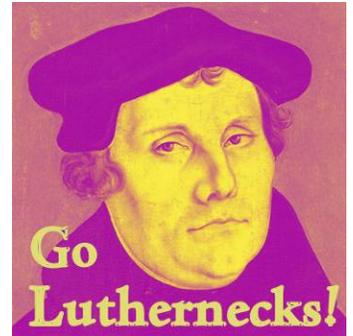


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Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday, a celebration of the truth that saves the world: the Gospel! We worship no reformer and no church. We thank the Lord of the Church for the atoning sacrifice of Christ alone, a message restored to the world through the ministry of an Augustinian monk, a redeemed sinner, and a grateful saint. Of course, Martin was no more of a saint than you are, dear Christian. Rejoice. In Christ,

Pastor Mike Burdick



Wednesday, Oct 31 Trunk-or-Treat for children. Rain or shine. 6:00-7:00pm. All kids receive an Arch Book in addition to smiles and candy. Held on the parking lot at Immanuel CHURCH, 906 E Grant St. We welcome (and encourage) you (including students!) to dress up! **Donate Candy, please.**



7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM ... sponsored by Immanuel! **October 28 "Stranger Than Fiction"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God is the Author Who becomes part of the story--our story. The Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler presents his first message as Lutheran Hour Speaker (Romans 3:19-28) **November 4 "The Problem of Heaven"** What if we get to heaven-and we don't like it?



Honey Sunday Do some early Christmas shopping at church. On November 4, 11, and 18 place your order for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch honey. Have the honey sent directly to you or to any recipient; simply provide the addresses to which you would like the bottles sent. We collect \$7-\$10 per bottle and all the money goes to the Dakota Ranch. They make great "stocking stuffers" or just a special treat!

Sunday November 11 we'll worship together in our Joint Service (10:00am at the Student Center Chapel)! ONE Service that day. Remember ... and bring a friend!



"So, let us say yes to the opportunities before us that God has prepared for us to do! To say 'Here We Stand' ... in defense and protection of the precious and vulnerable human lives that are the handiwork of God from the moment of conception to natural death." *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Work projects coming up (get ready to volunteer, if possible!)

- trees at parsonage ... the arboretum trees on the south side of the parsonage have grown too tall and some are diseased.
- trees at the student center ... the redbuds around the sunken garden will need to come down. They have served for 50 years, but now are splitting and breaking.
- a work party will be planned for the student center yard leading up to the November 11 Joint Service. We'll keep you posted.

If you're driving on North Highway 67 near Roseville, watch for deer .. AND FOR OUR SIGN. → Tom Quick, Mike Powell, and Hans Moll worked together to construct it two weeks ago. Thank you, gentlemen. We are especially grateful for the generosity of Terry Davis, who has allowed us to construct the sign on his land. It's an example of sharing what you have, for the glory of God and the good of your neighbors. So, thanks, men! Note: the sign is on the West side of the highway, south of the Raritan blacktop. It's relatively small, but sincere and mighty!



MEN of ALL AGES--Camp CILCA is holding its first ever Men's Target Shooting retreat on **November 9-10**. Registration is \$65 and includes 3 meals on Saturday. Rev Jonathan Fisk will be presenting in between target shooting, giving permission for men to be masculine. Bring your favorite firearm and ammunition. All ages are welcome, but children under 18 should be accompanied by an adult. Call 217-487-7497 or visit www.cilca.org.

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

Sunday, October 21

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, October 22

Elders (C) 7:00PM

Tuesday, Oct 23

Birthright Board mtg (SC) 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 24

Quilter's Guild (C) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Student Dinner (SC) 6:30 PM
 Student Bible Study (SC) 7:30 PM

Sunday, October 28 - REFORMATION SUNDAY

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
 SC 50th Anniv Comm. (SC) 12:30 PM

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

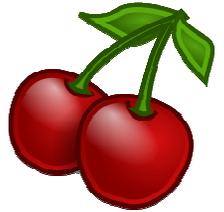
Those serving on October 28: Greeters: Terry & Linda Standard; Ushers: Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Counters: Lynn & Mary Wolfmeyer; Altar Guild: Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern



Students: your payment of \$50.00 for our Campus Ministry Conference Jan 2-5, 2019 is due next Sunday, October 28. This covers the conference, hotel, and many meals.

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing **fruit** of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.



Children imitate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything. And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents!

"No one 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. ²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

Matthew 6:24-25



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*MRS. POOLITTLE VIA CIVILLA MARTIN

MATTHEW 6:24-34