

**The Messenger**  
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From our Pastor

Sometimes it's helpful to read what was written for other people. Not, of course, reading others' private mail or confidential reports, but lawfully learning how they look at the world and live out the Christian faith. That's why we're distributing our Synod's Newsletter to the Armed Forces today. Women and men in branches of our military read this, and we're welcome to, too. As you do, pray for the chaplains who serve them and for their families. Their work is difficult. We need them. They need us. We walk together in the faith!

Last Sunday our Voters Assembly established our budget for the Lord's Work through our congregation here in Macomb. Thank you to all who participated! In accord with the Church Council, the voters established a new way of reporting our annual budget, by assembling the work of the Church and the Student Center into one budget. We are blessed in our partnership with the District and blessed by our college students.



A few of us remember Matt Giertz (left), one of our active student leaders and an ROTC cadet while here. Matt was one of the very first students I met in Immanuel. He and his wife recently sent us a thankoffering to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Student Center, and he included this note:

*"Sorry we can't make it to this very special celebration. The Student Center, Macomb, and WIU will always have a special place in my heart! God's blessings to you and those you have blessed! Sincerely, - Matt Giertz (Class of 1998), United States Army."*

The worst part of campus ministry is the transient nature of it. Students are only here for a short time. While they are, we have a profound opportunity We are also blessed by the infusion of youth, foolishness, courage, joy, and wisdom they bring. I mean that -- we're blessed by all of that. And by next Fall, there will be some new students coming to us. We'll be in ministry to and with them.

Still giving thanks (and waiting to observe Advent before Christmas), I am yours in Christ,

Advent and Christmas decorations will go up today, Nov 25, at 10:45am. Stay for Sunday School, then help decorate to prepare for a person, not a day.

Sunday School today for kids and adults: **"Peter's Escape From Prison"** (Acts 12)

# ADVENT

Our worship theme in Advent midweek services will be **"Advent Encounters Preparing The Way."** The first encounter will be with the Apostle John, and the agenda will be Revelation 21:1-7. Simple Supper will be at 6:00pm. Evening Prayer will be 7:00-7:35pm. Both at the Church, 906 East Grant St ... it's a great meeting place. Bring your problems!

Next Sunday Pastor Ken Schurb (right) will be our guest pastor. He's our CID Missions Exec, replacing Pastor Cluver as the direct supervisor and equipper for our campus ministry. He is tremendously helpful to us. He's also a scholar on the theology and history of Martin Luther. Some of us will recognize his face and voice from some of the Luther videos we used in 2017. This picture shows him speaking on air for KFUE, our Synod's station in St. Louis. But that's not why he's coming next Sunday. He's coming to bring us Jesus and His grace on the first Sunday of the Church year! Pastor B and Kathy will be away (visiting Nate & Alyssa in MN). Don't miss the first Sunday of Advent. Be blessed!



Jr. Confirmation class meets today at 11:30am in the upstairs "orange" room. Sacrament of Holy Baptism is our theme!



**7:30am Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM** ... sponsored by Immanuel **Dec 2 "Reality Therapy"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The book of Ruth deals with unimportant people and unimportant matters, but deals with them in such a way as to show that God is active in ordinary lives-like yours and mine. Ruth's story became an important part of the story of Jesus. Listening to God's work in her life can rescue us from dead end delusions and bring us into what is most real-a Jesus-centered reality.(Ruth 1-2) & **Dec 9 "Redeemer with a Capital R"**

When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense-redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-r-Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into his clan, his people, his household, that we might be with him forever. (Ruth 3-4)

"God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced. You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use." *Rev. Dan Larsen is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**Advent Evening Prayer Services will be held at the CHURCH on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19 at 7:00pm! Suppers will be held at 6:00pm, too, in the Church Fellowship Hall.**

- Lutheran Student Fellowship will serve the "Simple Supper" on December 5th at 6:00pm (to support their trip to Indiana in January for the "Witness" Conference).
- December 12 and 19 Linda Standard is coordinating the simple suppers to a love-offering for Cathi, our occasional organist, who fell last month and is in rehab at Heartland.

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SUPPERS

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

**Sunday, November 25**

Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 7:30 AM  
 Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM  
 Bible Clas (C) 9:45 AM  
 Advent Decorating (C) 10:45 AM  
 Jr. Confirmation (C) 11:30 AM

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

**Sunday, December 2**

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

**Tuesday, Nov 27**

CID Bd. of Directors (Spfld) 9:00 AM

**Wednesday, November 28**

Quilter's Guild (C) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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

*Those serving on December 2: Greeter: Lynn & Mary Wolfmeyer;  
 Counters: Maurine Moore & Miriam Satern; Altar Guild: Chris Standard & Amy Bear; Altar Flowers: Michelle Wenndt*

**ALTAR FLOWERS.**

It's time to sign up for altar flowers to enhance our worship at Immanuel for 2019. The cost is \$25.00 to provide flowers for two Sundays. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at Immanuel. If you have questions, contact Miriam Satern at 309-837-2808 or [MN-Satern@wiu.edu](mailto:MN-Satern@wiu.edu).

**POINTSETTIAS**

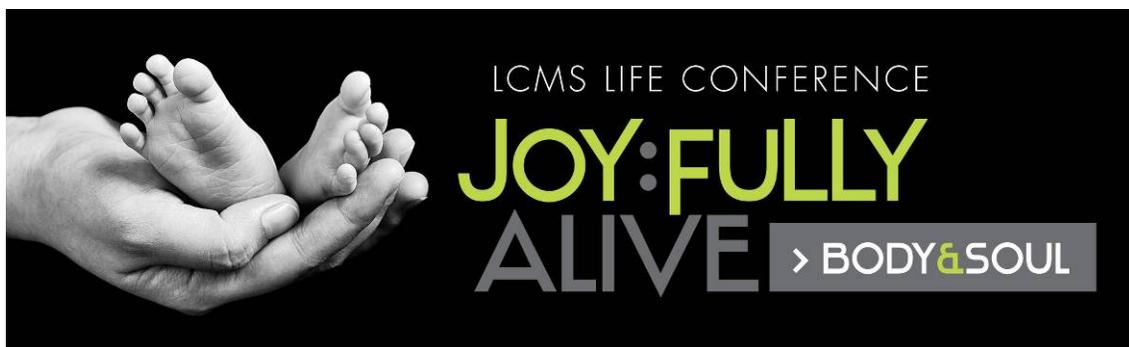
We will have 10 red pointsettias purchased from the Macomb Choir Boosters at the Church and Student Center during the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase one, the cost is \$10. Please pay Miriam Satern or put a check made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church in the collection plate. You are welcome to take one home with you after the Christmas Day service on Tuesday, December 25.

**SAVE THE DATE --**

Sunday, March 3, 2019 -- Five Alarm Chili Supper and Silent Auction at the Student Center from 5:00-7:30

**LWML-CID MISSION GRANT #3: Fort Wayne & St. Louis Seminary Food Banks (\$10,000)**

A necessary part of sharing the Gospel with others and spreading the Word is having trained church workers, including pastors. Having the ability to draw on food bank resources supports the church's mission of training church workers and pastors to spread the Gospel. This grant will assist the staff at these food banks in buying food, toiletries, and other needed items. *What can I do? Pray! Support your church's LWML society by dropping change in the designated large mite box, or bring in requested food items or cash donations when they sponsor a seminary food bank drive. Contact any member of your church's LWML society for more information about this grant.*



LCMS Life Conference: "Joy:fully Alive — Body & Soul" Jan. 17–19, 2019; Arlington, Va. • Register online

