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Thank you for your prayer and financial support for the Spring Break Servant Trip. Our team of ten members and students had a safe, exhausting, Christ-centered, and enjoyable time. The Parish House at St. Trinity is near its launch as a mission house, a place for missionaries, interns, and parish activities that serve their neighborhood. To the left you see Amari and Chris doing some of the almost endless sanding and painting there to get the house ready for its next chapter in ministry.

As we worshiped at St. Trinity last Sunday I was struck by the truth that it's hard to be in church. Many things compete for your attention on Sunday morning, and when there are extra distractions during the Service it's that much harder to make the time to be in worship every single Sunday. Sitting near me in Service was a man who was

constantly fidgeting -- standing up, sitting down, stretching, talking to his mom, and taking a video of the entire sermon. It was clear that he has some mental health challenges.

And he was there. He was there! In the Lord's House, with his Church family. With their weaknesses and his own. With their strength and his own, which both can only be Christ. If I thought it was a little hard to be in worship because of the distractions he brought to the sanctuary, just think about how hard it is for him to be in Church. And yet, he's there. Praise God!

Many things compete for your attention. The Triune God alone will win. The motto of Pastor Bell's Experiential Partnerships in Christ (EPIc) ministry is simple: "Be there!" It's not easy. It is good, right, and salutary. In the Lord's House, *be there*.



Five Alarm Chili Supper raised \$4,472.90. The following missions will receive \$400 each: Camp CILCA, Orphan Grain Train, POBLO, LCMS World Relief Human Care, Lutheran Bible Translators – Alvina Federwitz, Lutheran Bible Translators – David & Valerie, Children's Christian Concern Society, Alaska Missions for Christ, Lutheran World Relief – Clean Water, Lutherans and Jewish Evangelism, Seminary Student – Dwight Wyeth. We are sending \$75 to LWML for their 75th Anniversary. We would like to thank all who donated and participated in making this a successful fundraiser benefiting these wonderful organizations and people.

What did Luther say? "This is also the real difference between godly faith and human faith: human faith clings to a person; it believes, trusts and honors the word on account of him who speaks it. But godly faith clings to the word, which is God himself; it believes, trusts and honors the word not on account of him who has spoken it, but feels that here is such a certainty of truth that nobody can ever tear it (i.e. the truth) away from it (i.e. the word), even if the very same preacher should try it." LW 52:32



Here, in our ministry of the Gospel ...

- The Quincy Circuit congregations will hold a Festival Reformation Service on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 15:17 (3:17pm). It will be held at St. James Lutheran in Quincy. Praise God for the IDEA that changed the world!
- Simple Suppers: March 22 Church Council will supply the food. We need volunteers for March 29 and April 5.
- April 23 we'll hold ONE Service at 10:00AM at the Student Center. On that day we'll also have our Quarterly Voters Assembly at 11:00am, and a celebration Potluck at Noon. Plan for it!
- Next Church Council meeting: April 10, 7:00pm.
- Easter Sunday, April 16: potluck Easter Breakfast after the 8:30am Service! Even if you don't have something to bring, please come and enjoy the fellowship and feast in honor of our Lord's resurrection!

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool will hold an Open House in April.
Let's share the strength and foundation of our Preschool Ministry with our community!

The CAMP CILCA SPRING WORK DAY is Saturday, April 1, 8:00am-2:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Work includes cleaning cabins, raking leaves, picking up branches, moving picnic tables, landscaping, and light construction. See you there!



April 2 will be Autism Awareness Day at Immanuel

LCMS Reporter (2013): Aaron Likens received the 2012 Champion of Mental Health Award for Missouri for his work in autism awareness. After a lifetime of being a little bit “different,” Aaron Likens, the son of an LCMS pastor, was diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome — an autism spectrum disorder — in 2003 at the age of 20. Suddenly, there was an explanation for his difficulty in social situations, his repetitive behavior and his preoccupation with the weather and auto racing, among other things.

The diagnosis led Likens on a journey to explain his experiences. He wrote the book *Finding Kansas: Living and Decoding Asperger’s Syndrome* and became an autism ambassador and community-education specialist for TouchPoint Autism Service, St. Louis. In April 2012, Likens embarked on a month-long “Autism Understanding and Awareness Tour,” sponsored in part by LCMS School Ministry.

“Since one in about every 88 students in the U.S. are affected by autism spectrum disorder, our Lutheran schools are in wonderfully unique positions to welcome these special children into our ministries. Aaron Likens will bring valuable information to anyone with a passion of serving all of God’s children,” said Dr. Steven Buuck, CEO of Faith Lutheran Middle School & High School in Las Vegas, who heard Likens speak during the 2012 tour.

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“We have to serve all kinds of kids in our Lutheran schools, and we need to encourage Lutheran educators to embrace these students and help them utilize their amazing gifts.”
—Terry Schmidt, director of LCMS School Ministry.



LWML Mission Projects

Please bring your items for LWML Mission projects to the Church and deposit them in the containers in the entry way by the mailboxes. We are asking for you to help us collect the following items throughout the entire year:

1. SOAP -- unopened (still in the wrapper).
2. LWR (Lutheran World Relief) kits -- we are collecting Health (Personal Care) Kits and School Kits. A list of items needed for both kits can be found on construction paper tacked to the bulletin board located above the green bench across from the mailboxes. Please bring all items for a complete kit in a plastic bag and put the bag in the appropriate container.

HEALTH (PERSONAL CARE) KIT...	1 ruler (30 cm)
1 towel (dark colors preferred)	1 pencil sharpener
2-3 bars of soap	1 blunt scissors
1 adult toothbrush	5 unsharpened #2 pencils rubber banded together
1 sturdy comb	5 blue or black pens (no gel) rubber banded together
1 metal nail clipper	1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
SCHOOL KIT...	1 2.5 inch eraser
4 70 sheet spiral notebooks (college/wide rule)	

3. Recycling -- printer ink cartridges, pill bottles (both over the counter and prescription), and technology items (cell phones, e-readers, tablets). Please remove the labels from any prescription containers. However, you do not need to take off labels for OTC containers (e.g., aspirin, vitamins, etc.)

THANK YOU.

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

Sunday, March 19, 2017		Simple Supper (SC)	6:00 PM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM	Vespers IV (SC)	7:00 PM
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Thursday, March 23, 2017	
Bible Study (C)	9:45 AM	LCMS-U in the U (Union)	11:45 AM
Worship (SC)	11:00 AM	God Connects Bible Study (SC)	7:00 PM
Jr. Confirmation (SC)	12:30 PM	Sunday, March 26, 2017	
Monday, March 20, 2017		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	7:30 AM
Tuesday, March 21, 2017		Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
Bible Study (C)	7:00pm	Bible Study (C)	9:45 AM
Wednesday, March 22, 2017		Worship (SC)	11:00 AM
Preschool Class (C)	8:30 AM	Confirmation (SC)	12:30 PM
Quilter’s Guild	9:00 AM	LSF Mtg (SC)	8:15 PM
Preschool Chapel	10:45 AM	SC = Student Center (303 N. Clay) C = Church (906 E. Grant)	

7:30am Sundays at 96.7FM. Sponsored by Immanuel!

March 26 **"God's Got It In For Me"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus God can use our troubles and crosses for a higher purpose that we may not understand until we reach heaven. (John 9:1-41)

April 2 **"Freedom in the Spirit"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be. (Romans 8:1-11).



Lutheran Hour Ministries recently sent us a "thank you" for the \$266 in donations to their ministry. Praise God.

Saturday, March 25 at 7:00pm St. George’s Anglican Church is sponsoring a talk by Thomas McCall, PhD, on "Science and Faith -- Allies, Enemies, or What?." See the poster for more details. The talk will be held at the West Central Illinois Art Center, 25 East Side Square. Looks good!