

News for and through Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center (LCMS), Macomb, IL.

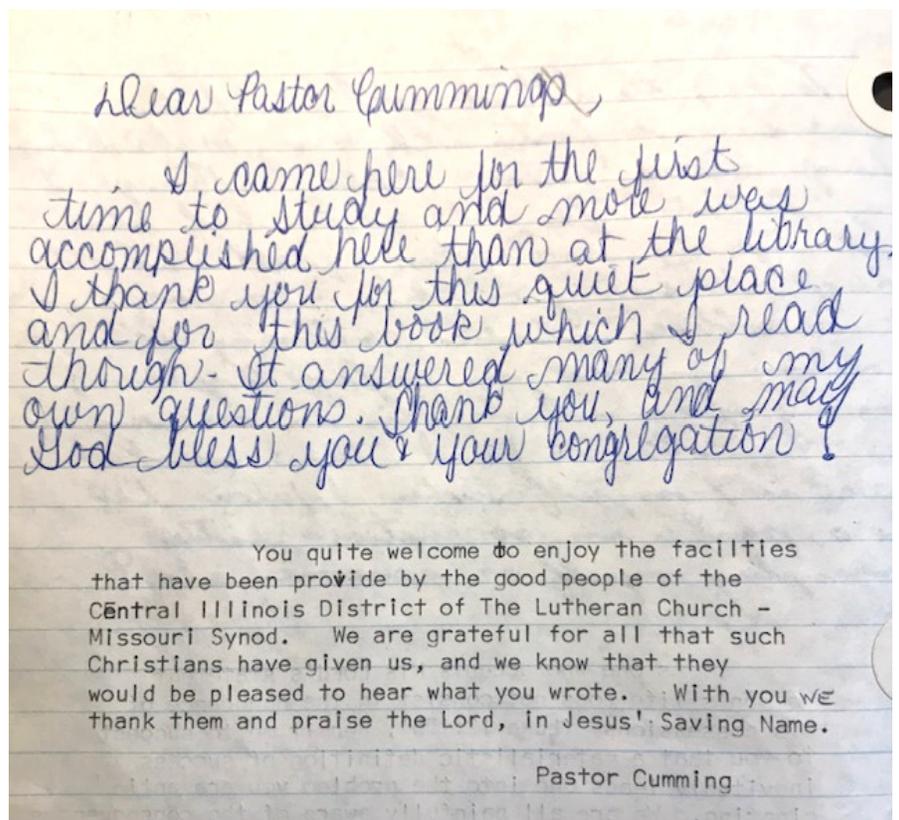
The snow and bitter cold has dampened a lot of spirits and frazzled a lot of parents. Even more seriously, it has endangered some folks in our region. And if I think my life has been complicated through it all, I'm humbled to think of how hard the jobs are these days for livestock farmers, roofers, and first responders. Lord, have mercy, and thank you for their vocations! Amen.

In the bitter cold our members still showed up with hot food and more this past Wednesday for our college students. The "more" was their love and example. It's always nice to see multiple generations of Christians sitting at the dinner table together and talking with one another. Thank you, Immanuel members! And thank you, students, for your example of going to worship and Bible Study -- you encourage us by that.

We're celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Student Center on March 31 in a special Service, but we're also marking it by asking and answering some of the questions from the old "Q & A Book." Most Sundays we'll do that verbally, but this week the 11:00am Service is especially (and blessedly) full, so we'll do it here on the green sheet. It wasn't a question; it was a "thank you."

The book is always available in the Student Ctr narthex. If you have a question that hasn't been asked and answered yet, please add it on the pages that have been supplied at the end of the binder. Pastor Cumming urged me to offer this, and at first I said I didn't feel I was qualified to do so. He gently and clearly reminded me that as the pastor here, *I better be*. He's right! But this week our historic entry is just this 1970s student's appreciation ... appreciation that we echo today. Thanks be to God.

In Jesus' Saving name,



Prison Ministry Offering TODAY. Did you know we are involved in ministry to our neighbors in Illinois' prisons? Every week one of our Quincy Circuit pastors, Rev. Steve Southward, visits prisons in Mt. Sterling, Roodhouse, and Pittsfield, bringing the Good News about Jesus through Bible Study. Our District Budget for prison ministry has been reduced, and the congregations of our Quincy Circuit are taking a special offering to help offset the reduction. Today you can give a special mission offering in support of Pastor Southward's ministry. If you wish to give, simply write your check payable to Immanuel with the notation "Prison Ministry." Place the check -- or a cash envelope specially marked "Prison Ministry" -- in the offering plate. Thank you!



Needed for the next shipment to Menard Correctional Facility: More old copies of Portals of Prayer. Thanks for contributing! Receptacles are in the narthexes at the Church and Student Center. Thanks! - Elaine. P.S: We recently received an outdated copy of PoP in the mail from Nathan Ankrom with this note: "Pastor Burdick, hello and blessings on you, your family, and the church in this new year. I just want to send this back from when I picked it up at Homecoming. Please put it in the prison ministry box. Thanks, Love, Nathan." How awesome is that?

Camp CILCA scholarships! We are blessed with a dynamic Camp Ministry in our District. Just North of Springfield is Camp CILCA, where youth and families get into God's Word and His creation. And through the support of our congregation and its members, we can help with scholarships to camp! Go to CILCA.org and learn about our camp ... and plan to register for this summer's programs! Let Pastor know and we'll get you hooked up for the generous scholarships we can provide for youth!



Supper and Study this Wednesday. 6:30pm Supper. 7:30pm Student Bible Study.

Super Bowl Party: students will gather in the SC basement at 5:00pm on Feb 3 to watch the Super Bowl and enjoy the fellowship. Bring a food to share, please. Drinks will be provided.

Kinder Monday -- WIU is observing "Kinder Mondays," as little times to encourage, well, kindness. On Monday, February 4th the WIU Christian Campus Ministries will be giving out free coffee and cookies in the Stipes hall lobby all morning. Students: would you be able to help? Tell pastor! We're doing this with friends from Newman Center, Campus Students for Christ, and Wesley Foundation.

March 1-2, 2019, Lutheran Student Fellowship is going to Camp CILCA for a **retreat**. Get away. Have fun and relax. Study with other college students from throughout Central Illinois (Eastern, ISU, Illinois, etc.). \$5.



Note this time change: Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM January 27 **"Surrender to Start New"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Starting a new life involves surrender—a break with the past. In that surrender, the past can be restored. (John 2:1-25) February 3 **"Slow Solution"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Some problems can be quickly resolved. Others require us to interact with people, take time to know them, get involved with them. The Gospel is the answer to the hidden problem that separates us from God and from each other. (John 20:21)

The most fundamental fact of modern biology is that your body is in a continual state of change and development from cradle to grave. Yet, through all the changes, your identity remains the same." *Rev. Jonathan Lange, district life coordinator for the Wyoming District LCMS – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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

Sunday, January 27

Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
 Sunday School (C) 9:45 AM
 Worship Service (SC) 11:00 AM
 Jr. Confirmation (SC) 12:30PM
 Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM

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

Wednesday, January 30

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

Sunday, February 3

Those serving on February 3: Greeter: Ken & Amy Quinn; Ushers: ; Counters: Michelle Wenndt & Diny Burnell; Altar Guild: Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers: JoAnne Dittus



Celebrating 50 years of God's grace and truth in campus ministry...

50th Anniversary of Immanuel LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER Sunday, March 31, 2019 2:00pm Celebration Worship Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer,

President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and former speaker of The Lutheran Hour.

A great joy to our long-time members will be that two of our former pastors plan to participate, too: Pastor Jim Cumming and Pastor Lindsay Watkins!



Upcoming:

- Monday, Feb 4: Elders meeting
- Monday, Feb 11: Church Council
- Tuesday: Feb 12: Lincoln's Birthday, WIU off, LSF has a Nerf games event
- Sunday, March 3: "Five Alarm Auction and Chili Supper"
- Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

In our Voters Assembly last Sunday we decided to contribute congregational funds to the project of preventing flooding in the Student Center basement. This congregational contribution will enable us to receive the full Matching Funds Grant of \$5000 from the CID Church Extension Fund. Thanks be to God, and thank you, Immanuel members. If individuals would like to make contributions to the flood-prevention project, you may do so by specially marking your free-will gift to "SC Flood Prevention." THANK YOU. We'll prevent flooding and we'll be more ready to update the student center kitchen for the first time in fifty years.

[LORD,] How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ **Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

¹⁰⁵ **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Psalm 119:103-105