

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

Last Sunday I made an appeal to you in my sermon regarding Birthright. I hope you've been thinking and praying for Birthright's work, and the dear people it serves. Housed inside our Student Center, but not an affiliate of our congregation, this office supports women, children, and men for LIFE. We have a serious need for volunteers, and for a servant leader or two willing to learn what our Director does. A serious need. So, if you've been thinking about it, thank you. If this is the beginning, thank you. Macomb and our region need Birthright's people, and Birthright needs people. Consider what you might be able to do. Thank you. If interested, please send me an email to [lutheran@macomb.com](mailto:lutheran@macomb.com), or call me at 309-255-5580. To life, in Christ!

*Pastor Mike Engdick*

In the season of Lent we will be studying the Book of Exodus. You could begin reading through it this week! Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6.



We are not going away for a Spring Break Servant trip this March, but we are seeking to serve. Students and members: please consider our "stay-cation" of serving here in Macomb for two-and-a-half days. The plan: students head home for Spring Break on Friday, March 8th, then return on Thursday, March 14, in the afternoon. We'll provide all meals and accommodations for students will be at the student center and the parsonage. Volunteer work will be done at the student center, the church, and the community. Devotions will focus on servanthood and the Gospel, and a little field trip will be included. There will be good work, good friends, fun, food, and a positive impact where we live. Are you up for it? Sign up on the clipboard in the narthex! Thank you.

Oh, the cost? Your time and talent, which are tremendously valuable, but zero \$\$.

**Our fear of our own unclean lips (Isaiah 6:5) and slow tongues can make us mute about marginalized lives. That's why the merciful Maker has touched our tongues (Isaiah 6:7) with His transformative Word and placed His life-giving power upon our lips. We need not doubt that even out of our mouths the Spirit of our Father speaks a wisdom no adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.** ([www.LutheransForLife.org](http://www.LutheransForLife.org))

 Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at **1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96.7 FM** February 10 "Where Heaven Meets Earth" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Hitting that snooze button may be doing more harm than good. It's time to stop spiritual snoozing and wake up. (John 3:1-21)

**Students!** Supper and Study this Wednesday. 6:30pm Supper. 7:30pm Student Bible Study in the Gospel of JOHN. \*\*\*\* Sign up for our spring break mini-servant event. \*\*\*\* See Emma if you're interested in singing in the Choir on March 31 \*\*\*\*\* Read the Question and Answer Book, and add new questions.\*\*\*\*\* Come on our Retreat at Camp CILCA March 1-2, which costs only \$5! \*\*\*\*\*



**Hey God, What About?** It's our 50th Anniversary of The Lutheran Student Center this semester, and we'll be highlighting some of the questions that were asked and answered here many years ago ... which are still pertinent today! Today's question: **"Throughout my father's life he has had to put up with corruption, graft, and other things to carry out his business...how can I live with myself when I know I'll be a part in corruption -- either corrupting myself or someone else?"** (answered after 11:00am Service)



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The season of Epiphany focuses on how God was made manifest in the flesh of Jesus. The church spends time hearing of the miracles, the signs and wonders, of Jesus in the world. And this made plain to all that Jesus was who He said He was: He was, and is, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the only-begotten Son of the Father, in the flesh. For "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Jesus is the Word and will of God in the flesh, that is, He is the walking, talking, enactment of God's Word.

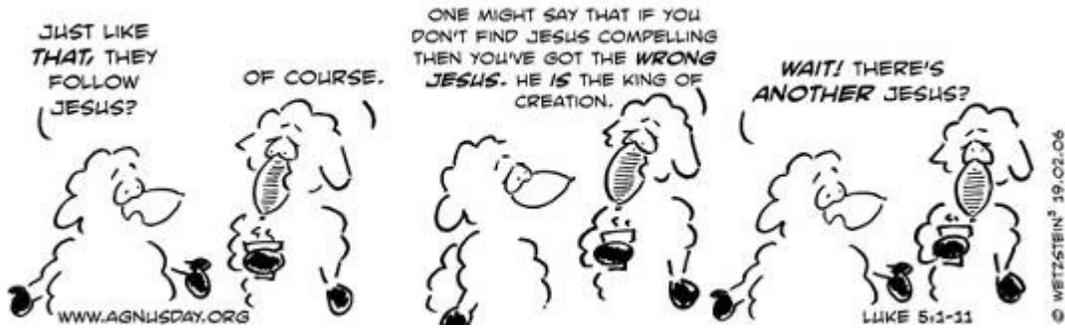
It is no different for us. We are called not just to believe in God in hearts, but also to trust in God in word and deed.

As James wrote: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22), and again, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ... So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:14, 17-18, 26). *(continued ...)*

Our faith is lived out in works for our neighbor. Our trust in the Word and will of God is lived out not in word only, but also in deed and in truth. In other words, the Epiphany of the Lord creates in us an epiphany of our faith in our works of obedience to God who commanded them. By this, our faith is made manifest to the world. It is, as Luther wrote of faith:

“Faith is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God (John 1). It kills the old Adam and makes altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Spirit. ... Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises, it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them. ... He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words about faith and good works. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God’s grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures. And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in faith. Hence a man is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace. ... And thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate burning and shining from fire. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers, who would be wise enough to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools.” (Preface to the Book of Romans)

So, then, let our faith be active by God’s power in the Word through the Holy Spirit. And let then our faith be made manifest to the world by what this faith does: serving our neighbor — in church, in the family, and society — with the works of faith in time, talents, and treasures. (LCMS.org)



**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.  
 That morning we will hold ONE Service at 10:00am at the CHURCH. Plan to be part of this milestone!

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

<b>Sunday, February 10</b>		Student Dinner (SC)	6:30 PM
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Student Bible Study (SC)	7:30 PM
Sunday School (C)	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday, February 17</b>	
Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
50th Anniv. Comm. (SC)	12:00PM	Sunday School (C)	9:45 AM
Choir Rehearsal (SC)	12:00PM	Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	1:00 PM	Jr. Confirmation (SC)	12:30PM
<b>Monday, Feb 11</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	1:00 PM
Council Mtg (C)	7:00 PM	Kim Piano Recital (C)	2:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, February 12</b>		<i>SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)</i>	
LSF Nerf Games (SC)	2:00PM		
Lutheran Women in Mission (C)	7:00 PM		
<b>Wednesday, February 13</b>			

Those serving on February 17: Greeter: Ushers: Quinn family ; Counters: Altar Guild: Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Altar Flowers: Luke Daniels

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League will be hosted by Elaine Vanni at the church at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 12th. Bible study will be led by Kathy Burdick.



**Sunday, March 3 at 5:00PM** The famous "5-Alarm Auction and Chili Supper" will take place in our Student Center fellowship hall. Great fun! Delicious chili and desserts! Tons of useful items to buy for pennies on the dollar! And everything is for MISSIONS! Gather your household items (no clothes) and bring them to the Student Center in the next four weeks.



CALLING ALL MEN. The Woodcutters Retreat at Camp CILCA is February 15-17. Chainsaws, axes, and log splitters welcome. Rev Kirk Clayton will be teaching us to "Defend the Faith" in between woodcutting sessions. Find out more and sign up at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org) or call 217-487-7497.

Been wanting to finish that baby book or family photo album? The Women's Scrapbooking Retreat at Camp CILCA February 22-24 is the opportunity you have been looking for. Join other women from around Central Illinois for a weekend of scrapbooking, devotions, worship, and spirited conversations. Find out more at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org) or call 217-487-7497.