

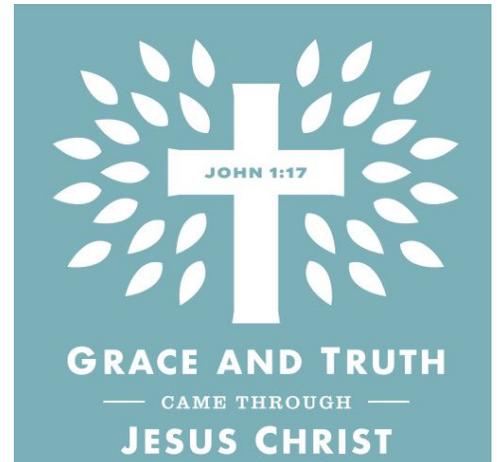


News for and through Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center (LCMS), Macomb, IL.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your **partnership in the Gospel** from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that **He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**
Philippians 1:3-6

That's the theme verse of our 50th Anniversary of our Student Center. Why that one? It hits so many of the key notes we want to sound out through our ministry:

- **Thanks...** for dear brothers and sisters in Christ -- the ones who are near us, and those who have gone before us.
- **Partnership in the Gospel...** since the Gospel is what we offer to our campus and community to bring them God's salvation. Partnership is the only way we can. We do this with the 150+ congregations of our District, including our local church that's so beautifully integrated into student ministry.
- **Prayer, with joy ...** for if we didn't pray *with joy*, we'd be consumed by the decay and discouragement of these latter days.
- **Completion by God ...** because He started it, and he'll complete it in His time and way. Many students come here already baptized and believing in Jesus. Here they gain strength. Others come to faith while in touch with Immanuel's campus ministry. In all cases, God begins it and God completes it. It's all His work. We want to remember and rest that always!



Next Sunday is the next milestone, when we expect many alumni and friends of this ministry to come celebrate. I've heard from alumni from the 60s and the 80s who will be here. Numerous pastors. Parents of former and current students. Community members. I hope each one of you will, too.

- The day begins with the 10:00am Joint Service at Immanuel CHURCH. This will be Lenten Service of Holy Communion. Coffee and cookies will be in the Church Fellowship Hall at 9:30 so you can visit with our guests, including the Cummings, the Watkins, and Concordia Seminary President Dale Meyer, our preacher for the afternoon Service.
- There might be some visitors who need to be picked up at the Macomb Train Depot at 11:00AM. See the note below if you can help.
- When parking for the 2:00PM Service, please do what you can to allow our visitors to park close to the Student Center. Carpool. If you use the Student Center lot, fill the back section first. You can park at Sherman Hall and in the Ray's Apartments lot without penalty.
- Think of next Sunday as a milemarker, not a monument. Faulkner wrote: A monument says, "At least I got this far." A footprint says "this is where I was when I moved again." March 31, 2019 is a footprint, like June 1956 was for Immanuel congregation. We're moving forward by God's grace.

Thank you to all the students and congregation members who have been preparing for next Sunday's milemarker. You're doing a great job, and God gets the glory. I thank God for you.

Oh! One last thing: reach out to our neighborhoods with the Gospel by placing a Grace and Truth yard sign by your home! They are available in the narthexes if you need a new one. Display them until Pentecost (June 9). It's a simple and positive message of the Good News. Thank you.

Pastor Mike Burdick



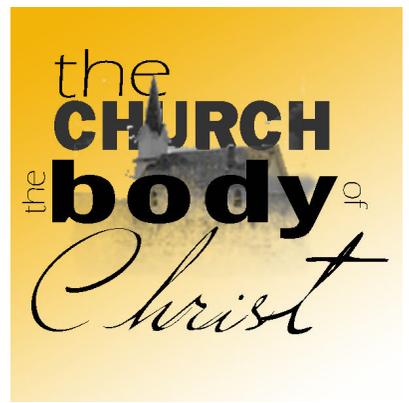
Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96. March 24 **"Death Doesn't End the Story"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Some accept death as the end; others, as a new beginning. Jesus turned death into a sign that points us to the Author of life. (John 11) March 31 **"Life Worth Living"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (John 12:12-36)



The Virgin Mary's womb became the dwelling place of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Word by whom all things were made. Within the first month, the heart of the Logos in human flesh was beating, like ours, with electrical impulses, pumping blood through His body, blood He would later shed for our sins. But the full miracle of the Incarnation was not just in seeing the Man in the flesh but much more: in Mary's Son we saw with our eyes real things that are only visible by their effects: divine mercy, love, compassion, faith, meekness, and justice." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**50th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Student Center Sunday, March 31, 2019
2:00pm Celebration Worship**

- Loan us card tables & provide tea-size cookies.
- Sue Busse is coordinating the reception, with Marcia Moll.
- Host one of our visitors who is using Amtrak on 3/31 (pick up at 11:00am, help them get lunch, get them back to the Amtrak station at 6:10pm). Notify Glenn Busse or Pastor Burdick if you can assist this way.
- Help with clean-up at the end of the reception.



Lenten Midweek Services: Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Chapel of St. Timothy, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, through April 10

Simple Supper at 6:00pm. Please sign up to help with a Simple Supper...

March 6: Women's Guild March 27 _____
 March 13 Hans & Terry April 3 _____
 March 20 _____ April 10 Lutheran Student Fellowship

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

Sunday, March 24

Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
 Sunday School (C) 9:45 AM
 Worship Service (SC) 11:00 AM
 Choir Rehearsal (SC) 12:00 PM
 50th Anniv. Mtg (SC) 12:00 PM
 Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM

Tuesday, March 26

CID BOD 9:00 AM

Wednesday, March 27

Quilter's Guild (C) 9:00 – 11:00 AM
 Simple Supper (SC) 6:00 PM

Lenten Service (SC) 7:00 PM
 Student Bible Study (SC) 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 30

Music Rehearsal (SC) 3:00 PM

Sunday, March 24

Coffee (C) 9:30 AM
 Joint Worship Service (C) 10:00 AM
 Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM
 ILSC 50th Anniversary Service (SC) 2:00 PM

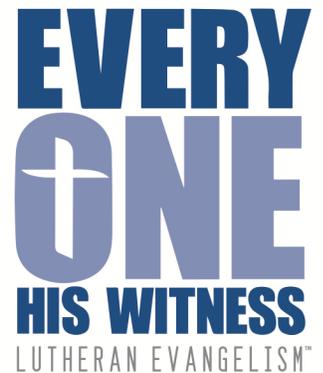
SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)

Those serving on March 31: Greeters: Quinn Family
 Counters: Michelle Wenndt & Diny Burnell; Altar Guild: Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern

Luke 13:3 – “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” The season of Lent is all about repentance – turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?” “What is a temptation I face?” “What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and we pray for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.



The Outreach Committee is looking for someone who could help us with social media. If you use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram . . . and understand how they work, you could help us get our message out to a larger audience. Speak with Pastor or with Mary Strode if you would be interested in helping. Thanks!



- College Bible Study Wednesday night at 8:00PM ... following the 6pm Simple Supper and 7pm Lenten Service. We're going to discuss ETERNITY from the Bible's perspective.
- Sunday, April 7, LSF is going to the Strode's Farm. We will leave the Student Center at 1:00PM and be back in the later afternoon.
- Easter Dinner. Not going home? On Easter Sunday the Burdicks want you to come to the parsonage for a fellowship dinner after the 11:00am Service.
- THANKS to the awesome crew of students who came back early from Spring Break and volunteered at the Church, Student Center, and neighborhood.

On A Rainy Day

O Lord,
 according to my definition
 of good weather
 this is not a good day:
 The world is flat gray-green
 and discouraged brown.
 The trees drip.
 And the houses hunch up
 their slate shoulders
 against the wet.
 There is only
 a shallow sky to look up to,
 smeared with rag ends of cloud.
 And my feet are dampish.

And the bottoms of my trousers
 cling dankly to my ankles.
 And every building I go into
 smells of wet cloth.
 And people don't look
 very good to me either, today.

 Forgive me, Lord, this insolence
 that puts me
 at the center of the universe
 and makes me
 judge of all things,
 including Your weather;
 that blinds me
 to Your steady benevolence

towards us,
 the ungrateful and the evil;
 that makes me impatient
 with this gracious saturation,
 this liquid life that overruns the world,
 this clean cadence of fertility,
 this cool caress of water on my cheek,
 this silver spread on streets,
 this mirroring transfiguration of our
 pavements.

Why, it's a great day, Lord.
 I thank You.

- Martin Franzmann