



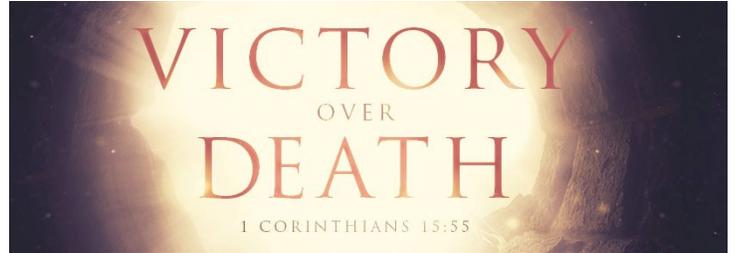
News for and through Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center (LCMS), Macomb, IL.

CHRIST IS RISEN. HAPPY EASTER!

Victory? We love it! But who loves what comes first? The battle, the fight, the tension. Some might, but most of us cringe at conflict. You and I are uncomfortable with this past Friday's conflict -- the blood, the pain, the judgment on Jesus. Even though we believe it was all for our good, we recoil. In repentance. And we rejoice!

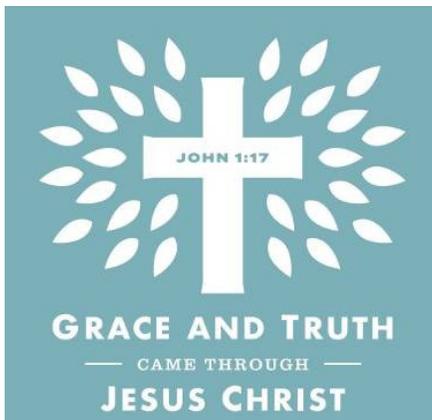
We didn't sing it today, but one of Luther's old Easter hymns describes the battle and the outcome this way:

***It was a strange and dreadful strife
 When life and death contended;
 The victory remained with life,
 The reign of death was ended.
 Holy Scripture plainly saith
 That death is swallowed up by death,
 Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!*** (LSB 458:4)



Sometimes I am privy to battles you are facing. You ask me to pray for you; you ask for the ministry of the Word in the midst of the family conflict, the health crisis, the anxieties of life, or the darkness of depression. I'm glad to be there with you, but most of all I'm glad to bring the Victor to you in His Word. After all, He's the best that any of us have to offer to the next generation and to our neighbors, isn't He? Christ is risen ... and this changes all things. God grant you Easter peace and confidence, dear students, members, and friends. You are redeemed! Alleluia!

Pastor Mike Burdick



Church Council summary: The Council met on April 8. In the absence of President Bill Oliver, Tom Burtch was appointed Interim Chairman of the Council. Later in the meeting, Tom Burtch made a motion: "Whereas Bill Oliver served the Lord and Immanuel Lutheran Church excellently as congregational president, and whereas it pleased the Lord to call Bill to perfect rest by his death in Christ on Wednesday, April 3, therefore be it resolved that Immanuel Lutheran Church give heartfelt thanks to God for Bill's life and service, rising for a moment of silence and then to the praise of the Triune God to sing the Doxology." The motion was seconded by Mike Powell. Motion carried. The same motion will come to the Voters Assembly. Additionally: The Council set the next Voters Meeting for **Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 9:45AM** in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for placing our "Grace and Truth" yard sign at your home! More are available at the Church and Student Center!

Thank You to everyone for supporting the Five Alarm Chili Supper and Silent Auction on March 3, 2019. The evening of food, fun, and fellowship is our Guild fundraiser for mission projects. As a result of your participation, \$400 was sent to each of the following ten missions: Camp CILCA; Orphan Grain Train; POBLO International; LCMS World Relief and Human Care; Lutheran Bible Translators-Alvina Federwitz; Lutheran Bible Translators-David and Valerie Federwitz; Alaska Missions for Christ; Lutheran World Relief Clean Water; Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism-Burning Bush; and Lead a Child. The generosity of those who attended enabled LWML to promote God's work throughout the world to those in need of the Gospel. To God be the glory! LWML

Immanuel's LWML quilters are sending three special quilts and 75 bars of soap along with Marcia Moll when she attends the CID LWML annual meeting in Danville on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. All of the LWML societies in the CID are participating in a special service project to collect 200 quilts and soap that will be distributed to the veterans living at Canon Place in Danville at Christmas. For information on Canon Place, check out this link: https://www.housingfinance.com/developments/cannon-place-provides-housing-on-va-campus_o

Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96. **April 21 "Cross in the Garden"** God is the true Gardener. He brought the soil of His garden into His being to make a new creation. (John 19:30-20:18) **April 28 "World Turned Upside Down"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Doubt is a normal part of our present human experience. Only the presence of the risen Jesus will overcome it.(John 20:19-31) (We just heard that you can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown!)

Have you ever considered visiting the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum? Both are located in the Cincinnati, Ohio area and are reported to be amazing sites to see. The Outreach Committee is looking into having a group join the Peoria Charter Coach trip to those sites from July 11 – 13, 2019. For more information, check out their website - peoriacharter.com - (Multi Day Trips – Creation Museum & Ark Encounter-July 11-13, 2019.) More information is posted at the CHURCH! -- Mary Strode



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

Sunday, April 21

Lutheran Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
 Brunch (C) 9:45 AM
 Worship Service (SC) 11:00 AM
 LSF Dinner (Parsonage) 12:30 PM
 Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM

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

Sunday, April 28

Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM
 Voters Assembly (C) 9:45 AM
 Worship Service (SC) 11:00 AM
 Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 24

Quilt Guild (C) 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM

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

*Those serving on April 28: Greeters: France Family Counters: Michelle Wenndt & Diny Burnell;
 Altar Guild: Linda Standard & Mary Wolfmeyer*

“When the devil speaks, do not believe the lies. Whether your life be young or old, the deceit of death will enter it. You will walk by caskets. You will lie in a hospital bed. You will hear the devil speak in his native language. His lies will come to you just as they did to me. See through his faulty speech. Recognize his broken narrative. Deny every phony word. Christ calls you a Christian, and the devil’s language holds no truth. When the deceit of death enters your life, listen to the truth Christ speaks on this day ... ‘He will speak again. You will visit family again. She will greet you again. Christ will rise again.’” *Rev. Paul Spaude, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

PARKING LOT yard sale to be held Saturday, May 4th at Immanuel's parking lot. This date corresponds to the Hidden Hills yard sale so traffic traveling on Grant Street will be steady. The remaining items from the 5 Alarm Chili Supper/Silent Auction will be sold at this yard sale along with any items members may wish to include. The women of the LWML invite you to bring items to Immanuel anytime up to Saturday, May 4th. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Diny Burnell. The money collected from this yard sale is earmarked for GOATS! Depending on the amount we end up with after the yard sale, we may purchase some chickens, too (ha. we'll explain later!).

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!

Grad Luncheon at the Student Center: Saturday May 11, 11:00AM - 1:00PM. Sign-up slips will be in the bulletin next Sunday. Thanks for helping us bless our college grads and their families!

Mission Story- Central Illinois District "Involvement!"

“I’m singing in the choir!” a University of Illinois graduate wrote back to University Lutheran Church, Champaign. He had recently joined an LCMS congregation where he was getting involved. Had he not sung in University Lutheran’s choir first, he said, he might never have considered involvement in this particular way anywhere else.

When a campus church consists basically of students, it comes as no surprise that their involvement is needed. Getting involved while in school today, they are preparing for further service tomorrow.

University Lutheran Church and our other campus ministries regularly hear from graduates – including those who were confirmed while in college and are new to the church – about their singing in choir, helping the fellowship committee, taking part in LWML, volunteering as youth leaders and Sunday School teachers, being members of Church Councils, and serving as Elders and congregational Presidents. University Lutheran has two alumni who were married after graduation and have begun working in campus ministry at a local college through their new church home.

Graduates also go on to full-time church work, ranging from teaching in Lutheran schools to Lutheran universities. Eleven young men who came through University Lutheran Church now serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry. One is currently the Secretary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

In campus ministry, one spends time with people whose stories are just beginning. Focused on Christ and taking hold of the life He gives in Word and Sacrament, they will be known as men and women who serve for the sake of the church and the world, and who do so because Christ served them and gave Himself for their salvation.

The Lord used your congregation’s gifts to the Central Illinois District to put in place campus ministries like University Lutheran Church in Champaign, and to maintain these ministries down to the present and – we pray – into the future. Thank you!

“I thank my God . . . because of your partnership in the gospel” (Phil. 1:3-5).

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Another note and gift was received for the Student Center Anniversary Kitchen Project: *“Greetings all -- and God's love! Thank you for a wonderful Service and reception on March 31. It was so evident that God's love was with us. It was great seeing old faces and new ones. The Student center was a place of peace and strength during my WIU days. God was definitely there and guided my path with wonderful people to help through difficult times. My brother (Joe), my sister (Judy) and myself felt at home at the Student Center and are grateful and so proud it is still going strong for future students! Thank you. Blessings and peace, - Gayle Steiner Holderfield '86* Praise God!

Happy Easter!