



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

**CHRIST IS RISEN. HAPPY EASTER ... STILL!**

Are you wondering about Vacation Bible School? Hope so! We're working on a new plan for how to bring VBS and the Good News about Jesus to kids and families. Stay tuned. We're working on it for later in the summer.



Next Sunday we'll receive a special offering in support of our Synod's "National Offering" for JOY TO THE WORLD. The bulletin insert today explains it, and next week we'll receive it! Our contributions will be added to those of our Circuit congregations and then brought to the Synod Convention in Tampa, FL in July. It's a good to be walking together and bringing Christ's JOY to the world!

Sunday morning Bible studies at the Church (9:45am) will be a walk through EPHESIANS.

Tonight is the launch of our group study that you might call "Lutheranism 2.0," an examination of "The Christian's Mission" 7:00-8:00PM Sundays June 2 - July 28 @the Burdicks', 1191 Stacy Lane. **Interested? The audio files are all linked on our church website at [www.ImmanuelMacomb.com](http://www.ImmanuelMacomb.com)**

May the Holy Spirit guide us to know and be embraced by our mission.

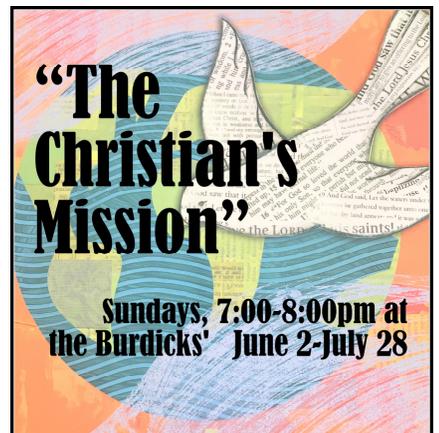
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| 1: Your Mission (June 2)                           | 6: GLOW with Christ's Love in Your Calling            |
| 2: GET Christ's Forgiveness in His Word            | 7: GLOW with Christ's Love Through the Church         |
| 3: GET Christ's Forgiveness Through the Sacraments | 8: GO Tell the Good News in Your Calling              |
| 4: GROW in Knowing Christ (A)                      | 9: GO Tell the Good News Through the Church (July 28) |
| 5: GROW in Knowing Christ (B)                      |                                                       |

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**Acts 2:38-39** Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.



**John 3:5-6** Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Psalms 22:9-10** Yet You are He who took Me from the womb; You made Me trust You at My mother's breasts. On you was I cast from My birth, and from My mother's womb You have been My God.

**Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96.7 June 2 "Advocate"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The followers of Jesus do not wander through the wasteland of this world alone. We have a Guide! (John 14-15-21) **June 9 "My Spirit Makes My People"**  
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God sends His Spirit upon both the selfish and group-ish to make His people. (Ezekiel 37:1-14) **You can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown!**



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

<b>Sunday, June 2</b>		Jr. Confirmation (SC)	2:30 PM
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	<b>Friday, June 7</b>	
Christian Education (C)	9:45 AM	WIU SOAR (Union)	12:15 PM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	1:00 PM	<b>Sunday, June 9</b>	
The Christian's Mission (Parsonage)	7:00 PM	Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
<b>Monday, June 3</b>		Christian Education (C)	9:45 AM
CID Evangelism Comm (Morton)	4:00 PM	Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	1:00 PM
Church Council (C)	7:00 PM	The Christian's Mission (Parsonage)	7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, June 4</b>		SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	
WIU SOAR (Union)	12:15 PM		

Those serving on June 9: Greeters: Doris Taylor; Counters: Lynn & Mary Wolfmeyer;  
 Altar Guild: Jenny Bosworth & Kylie Coats; Flowers: Don & Sharon Waterstreet  
 June ushers: the Dranes family

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will hold their meeting this month on June 11 at 7:00 pm at the Church. Hostess will be Mary Strode and Bible study will be led by Miriam Satern.

# Immanuel Lutheran Church Neighborhood Ice Cream Social: Friday, June 14, 6:00-8:00PM

**Bring friends! Be neighborly. Share your congregation!**

"Instead of dreaming of what your spouse will do for you, you should ask yourself, are you willing to serve him or her sacrificially? To paraphrase John F. Kennedy: Ask not what your spouse can do for you, rather ask what you can do for your spouse." *Pastor Ricky Jacob, Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church and preschool, Winnebago – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.or*

Who is moving into your neighborhood? Take a welcome bag to them from you and your Church. Our Outreach Board has prepared these bags, chock full of helpful information from the community, including devotional booklets. We suggest you also add some homemade cookies! Pick up a bag at church or the student center when you notice that someone is moving in near you. Add your name and address to the bag, and drop it off for them.

### I'M MANAGING

Some disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. Many disciples were going to Jesus instead of John the Baptist. John the Baptist answers: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. God provides everything we have in body and soul. We are taught this in the meaning of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism.

In the First Article of the Creed, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe.

*"He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."*

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself by taking the form of a servant.

*In so doing, He "has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."*

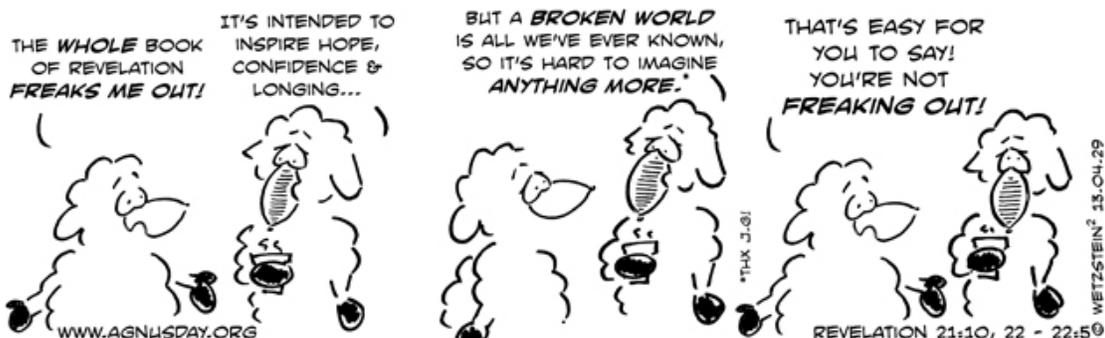
In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

*"That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."*

Indeed, "a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven." **But how easy is this for us to forget?** How easy is it for us to think that what we have in life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that all our skills – the abilities of our hands and minds, the ethic to work diligently, and the desire to improve – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone, and the work of the Holy Spirit, that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and that none of this is our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven. These duties are not earned; they are given in response to what He has accomplished for us.

Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us



**In Christ, we have no good reason to freak out!**