

**The Messenger**  
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**RETURN BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT TODAY**

Collection boxes are at the back of the church for your baby bottle donations. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to **Birthright** and roll it into the bottle. Bottles can also be dropped off the next weekend, June 22/23 or drop them off at the church office. Any questions/problems? Phone Gloria Hurh, 833-1146. Your support of expecting and new moms is really appreciated.

On Wednesday my parents came over from Peoria for the afternoon. Dad brought some ash, birch, and cypress I've been needing for the canoe restoration I've been doing. He brought clamps (he has more woodworking tools than almost anyone I know). But best of all, dad brought his skills and his encouragement. He worked beside me for hours on the stems and the decks, including about an hour of just *talking* about how I was going to accomplish a couple steps in the process. He encouraged me. It was a marvelous afternoon, reflective of the marvelous father-son relationship we have been given by God. Not perfect, but marvelous.

Dads: your skills and encouragement for your children are powerful.  
 Sons and daughters: listen to your fathers, thank God for them, and pray for them -- their labor is not easy.

Your Heavenly Father's gifts to you are numerous. Life, justification, sanctification, hope. They're perfect gifts, reflective of His nature. In this imperfect world, we only have hope because of Him and His gifts. We are privileged and responsible to make a difference in the lives of our children, chiefly through the gifts of God: Baptism, Lord's Supper, Word of God. Perfect gifts that give life, justification, sanctification, hope. A blessed Father's Day! In Him,



*Pastor Mike Engelke*



*Sin is humanity's fallen condition. We are turned away from God and are unable to look to Him for security, meaning, and righteousness. This inner sinful condition results in actual sins of thought, desire, word, or deed that are contrary to God's will as summarized in the Ten Commandments.*

**1 John 3:4** Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

*Note:* Other names for sin as condition or action are debt (**Matthew 6:12**), disobedience (**Romans 5:19**), fault (**Matthew 18:15**), iniquity (**Psalms 38:18**), lawlessness (**1 John 3:4**), rebellion (**Deuteronomy 13:5**), transgression (**Psalms 32:5**), trespass (**Romans 5:17**), unbelief (**John 3:18**), wickedness (**Genesis 39:9**), and wrongs (**Colossians 3:25**).

Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at **1:00PM** Sundays on WGNX 96.7 **June 16** "Getting to Know Jesus" Guest Speaker: Pastor Paul Schult There's a big difference between knowing about someone and really knowing them. Pastor Paul Schult introduces us to a different way of getting to know Jesus. (Philippians 3:8) **June 23** "What God Loves—and Hates" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God's Values - 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:5-6) *You can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown!*

Wayne and Nancy Royer need a ride from the Peoria Airport to Macomb on July 10. Their flight arrives at PIA at 9:08PM. Can you help?

In the Sunday evening class at the parsonage (The Christian's Mission) we discussed how to listen to a sermon; we heard that every sermon ought to say three things: Something about \_\_\_\_\_, something about \_\_\_\_\_, and something about \_\_\_\_\_.

FYI: Student Center bushes need trimming! Thanks to all who have been taking care of mowing!

Pastor will be away the next two Sundays: the gifts of God will be plentiful for us here at Immanuel. Pastor Rempfer will be our guest pastor on June 23, and it will be a Communion Service. On June 30 the elders will conduct the Service, which will not be with Holy Communion, but the gift of the Word will be effective!



*"Make Disciples of All Nations"*  
Central Illinois District  
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
Website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

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**Opening Thoughts:** Father, Son, and Spirit

The unassuming third person of the Holy Trinity is very important to the Church and to believers. "No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit." "When the Helper comes... He will bear witness about Me." "He will guide you into all truth..." "He will bring to remembrance all that I have said to you." "He will glorify Me." In the Creed, He is noted as the "Lord and Giver of Life." There is no life in us apart from this work of the Spirit of Truth.

The Christian Church has as its center the works and words of Jesus. He satisfied divine justice for the world so that His Father could declare us righteous by sacred blood. The Spirit sees to it that through the recorded and empowered words of holy men, death is replaced by life everlasting.

Peter's sermon in Jerusalem fifty days after Jesus' graveyard victory was about Jesus. The gathered believers received the Spirit and they spoke the Gospel. They proclaimed the works of God through Jesus. They pointed to the cross and preached the resurrection, and that day the Spirit added 3000 souls to the number of those saved. Thus, that same Spirit continues His effective work and more souls will be saved. – Rev. Mark A. Miller, CID President

**Pray for Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..."**

Please remember in your prayers our CID mission work in area prisons. Rev. Charles Olander and Rev. Stephen Southward, along with many CID volunteers, eagerly tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to incarcerated people.

**LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team) Volunteer Training Event: Saturday, July 20, 2019  
Immanuel Lutheran Church 902 Cleveland Ave. Charleston, Illinois 61920**

9:00 am - 2:30 pm (Sign-in begins at 8:30 am) [Registration form \(http://www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Charleston.7.20.19.pdf\)](http://www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Charleston.7.20.19.pdf)

**Summary of the May 2019 CID-Board of Directors**

- The Central Illinois District Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 28. Rev. Tom Phillips presented on Deaf Ministry in the district. CID is the last district to support full time Word and Sacrament ministry to the deaf. Instead of having a single congregation, we have a district wide parish with multiple preaching stations.
- Marsha Shown, who has served in the district office for twenty years, was recognized for her service as she prepares to retire at the end of the May.
- Connect to Disciple workshops will be available through the district office. Thanks to facilitator training grants and a grant from LWML-CID, and Church Extension Fund congregations hosting workshops through 2020 can host for only the cost of the materials. Contact Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb to schedule your workshop today.
- University Lutheran Church in Champaign is in the process of calling a new campus pastor following the retirement of Rev. Rick Milas. We hope to have the new pastor installed by the start of the academic year.
- The Board of Directors will be reviewing policies concerning the financial health of the district, providing guidelines for adjustments to the budget in the future. The Board is considering the minimum emergency backup fund they wish to maintain for healthy operation.
- The Board established new guidelines for the Church Worker Scholarship Fund, making it possible for higher awards to be made if donations and grants provide additional monies available.
- Requested modifications to the congregational constitutions for Mt. Calvary – Galesburg, St. Paul – Woodworth, Faith – Monticello, and St. John's – Louisville were approved. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, at the district office.

**Rev. Rick Milas' Retirement Celebration**

"Join Us For a Retirement Celebration! University Lutheran Church at the University of Illinois has been blessed by the ministry of Pastor Rick Milas for the last 25 years. We are honored to host his retirement service on Sunday, July 28 at 10:30 am. Following the service will be a cookout at University Lutheran Church. For those who cannot make it that Sunday, an additional Saturday (July 27) event will be held from 3-7 pm, also at University Lutheran. We invite you to attend either or both celebrations. Please RSVP to [rick.milas.unilu.retirement@gmail.com](mailto:rick.milas.unilu.retirement@gmail.com). We pray for God's blessing on Pastor and Martha Milas as they enter into this new season of retirement together."

*Those serving on June 23: Greeters: Tom & Donna Quick Family; Counters: Michelle Wenndt & Diny Burnell;  
Altar Guild: Jenny Bosworth & Kylie Coats; Flowers: Linda & Terry Standard June ushers: the Dranes family*

"People with Alzheimer's or dementia often tragically lose their short-term memory while the long-term memory continues. They may go back to the memories of the good old days. Those memories can bring peace and happiness. When the Holy Spirit, your perfect memory aid, reminds and re-teaches you everything about Jesus, He removes the bad memories of sin and punishment and fear. He replaces them with joy, confidence, hope, and forgiveness in Jesus. That results in a peace that goes beyond understanding and beyond this life." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT: May 2019**

Income		Year to Date
Offering	\$ 11,793.40	\$ 57,359.52
Other Income	<u>4,382.12</u>	<u>20,069.24</u>
Total Income	\$ 16,175.52	\$ 77,428.76
<b>Expenses</b>		
Budget	\$ 16,689.17	\$ 83,445.85
Actual Spending	<u>(14,435.20)</u>	<u>(73,734.54)</u>
Difference	\$ 2,253.97	\$ 9,711.31
Total Income	\$ 16,175.52	\$ 77,428.76
Actual Spending	<u>(14,435.20)</u>	<u>(73,734.54)</u>
Difference	\$ 1,740.32	\$ 3,694.22