



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



RETURN BABY BOTTLES FOR BIRTHRIGHT

If you didn't get to return your Birthright Baby Bottle on Father's Day, you can do so this week. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to **Birthright** and roll it into the bottle. Any questions/problems? Phone Gloria Hurh, 833-1146. Your support of expecting and new moms is really appreciated.

God became an embryo to declare embryos precious. He experienced gestation to hallow the womb as His canvas. He received parents to especially bless procreation and childrearing. He suffered to sanctify all of our afflictions, including the untreatable ones. Jesus came to claim even the tiniest of our species and make His family out of the neediest human beings (Galatians 4:4-7). We get to call God "Father" and become brothers and sisters to any human being! (*Lutherans For Life*)

Is there a pregnant mom who could especially use your help and encouragement? A lady who's suffered abuse who could benefit from a bit of refuge through you? A harried family for whom you could pray every day? No doubt the answer is "yes" to them all, but we don't always see them.

Relax. You don't have to do it all. You do have to do something. And you can. Close your eyes and pray for opportunities. Open your eyes and take up just one of the opportunities you see. Stop trying to do everything.

I'm ever grateful for the servant leadership of our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Marlin Rempfer. He leads us all well in the Quincy Circuit. He's also serving as our guest pastor today as Kathy and I are with our family in Custer, SD. While you're worshiping here at Immanuel, we're worshiping with the saints of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Same Lord, same Church, same hope. Today I'm not leading the church, I'm receiving, sitting in the pew with all four kids, their spouses, and our grandsons. That's the one thing I need to -- and can -- do today.

Next month we hope to announce our plans for a one-day VBS experience for kids (and maybe for adults?). Perhaps you're willing and able to help us make that a reality. You don't have to do it all. Just do one thing to help make it a reality for kids and families! We'll talk about it when I return from vacation. Right now, I have to go. It's time for Communion in Custer...



It means that we cherish and adore God more than anything else and gladly devote our lives to Him.

Psalms 73:25-26 Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

John 14:15 If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Read **Mark 10:17-27**, which warns about things that keep us from following God.

Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at **1:00PM** Sundays on WGNX 96.7 **June 23** "What God Loves—and Hates" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God's Values - 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:5-6) **June 30** "**What's in a Name?**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God's identity – Creed (Philippians 2:1-11) *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 THE TEXT, something about JESUS and something about ME. It's been a great Bible Study. We resume June 30th at 7:00PM.

Student Center bushes need trimming! Can you help? Thanks to all who have been taking care of mowing at the church and student center! ALSO: the work on the Student Center sunken garden flood-prevention project will begin within a month. We may need some volunteer help with the trees around the sunken garden.

Do you wonder if you're alone as a pro-life person in our area? You're not! Women and families who find themselves facing a seemingly untimely pregnancy may feel alone. They're not! That's why the McDonough-Hancock County Right-to-Life Committee is holding a rally called **"You're Not Alone!"** on Thursday, July 11. Come gather with fellow pro-life people from 5:30-6:00PM in Macomb's Chandler Park for an encouraging rally of speakers and information. Your presence will be encouraging! Bring your family and let people know that life is precious from womb to tomb.

***** Life Rally: "You're Not Alone" 5:30-6:00PM Thursday, July 11, 2019 Chandler Park in Macomb *****



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. 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 30: Greeter: Mike Powell; Counters: Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; 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*

Greetings from the **WIU Office of International Student Services!** This summer we will be hosting 16 students from Gwangju, South Korea. As part of their program, the students will participate in a homestay weekend which will be held Friday, July 12th (starting at 5 pm) through Sunday, July 14th (ending at 12/1 pm). If you are interested in hosting two or more female students, please fill out the form below located at: <https://forms.gle/MFCiSbd5g5KL5kKg6> Families are given a small stipend (\$30 for two students) to cover some of the meal costs. In addition, there will be a meet and greet held where you will be introduced to your students. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks, - Dana Sistko

For the Police

O Lord, I thank You
for the mighty and
intricate machine of justice
Your Law has fashioned
for my good,
the elaborate and
vigilant network
of men and instruments
that think and prowl
and click and calculate
that I may move,
secure and peaceable, on
pleasant paths
of ordered decency.

Remember in mercy, O Lord,
the men who stand between me
and the chaos of bestial lawlessness.
Give them, O Lord,
awareness of the high
majesty of the law
which clothes their work and them
with awesome dignity;
patience to bear the
conspicuous loneliness
of men in uniform
and to endure the slick disdain
that falls on all

embodiments of rectitude;
strength to resist the
corrosive wash
of the temptations
that are peculiarly theirs:
to grow harsh in the face
of brutality,
vindictive in the face of
endless malice;
to make the easy, cynical,
venal compromise
with small-scale wrong
that does not seem to
matter much;
to settle into dark contempt
of the mankind
whose unlovely features
are continually before
their eyes.

O Lord, let all good men
hear ever and again
the thundering voice of
unendurable Sinai,
and let them look
with new, respectful eyes,
ever and again,
on the men, the plain,
frail men,

whose daily work
articulates for us
the far-off voice of Sinai.
Amen.

- M. Franzmann