



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

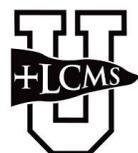
Have you visited our website lately? Every day there is a new devotion posted on our "frontpage" at "[click here for today's devotion!](#)" You can also read the week's green sheet and hear The Lutheran Hour.

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Today we will hold our quarterly voters assembly at 9:45am. This meeting will include the election of our servant-leaders for the school year. Nominees include (additional nominations may be made from the floor):

- President -- *Tom Burtch*
- Vice-President -- *Chris Frankhauser*
- Recording Secretary -- *Michelle Wenndt*
- Financial Secretary -- *Kathy Coats*
- Treasurer -- *Hans Moll*
- Council of Elders -- *Curt Strode*
- Board of Christian Education Chair -- *Lynde France*
- Board of Outreach & Fellowship Chair --
- Board of Trustees Chair -- *Mike Powell*
- Council member At-Large -- *Mike Eckardt*

We're looking forward to our campus ministry work starting anew next month! We're been blessed by this vital work for over fifty years. Do you know how many men and women and children are in the Church throughout the world by God's grace through you? No, you don't -- but He does! Will you help mentor students by serving during one of our Wednesday night suppers, beginning August 21? It's coming up fast! Thank you.



A: Yes. The Holy Spirit will preserve the Church and keep it with Christ until He returns.

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matt 28:20 Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

John 17:12 While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96.7 July 21 **"Relationship. Relationship. Relationship"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Communing with God--Lord's Supper. To a home buyer, it's "location, location, location." To God, it's "relationship, relationship, relationship." (1 Corinthians 11:17-34) July 28 **"You Have No Right to Be Angry"** Guest Speaker: Rev. David Haberstock Anger belongs to God, it is not yours. When we feel angry we should be prompted to pray. (Matthew 5:17-26) *You can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown.*

Those serving on July 28: Greeters: Curt & Mary Strode; Counters: Doris Taylor & Denise Thomas; Altar Guild: Diny Burnell & Miriam Satern; Flowers: Ken & Amy Quinn; July ushers: Bob Coats & Savannah Dowell

Office Hours – This week, July 21 – 27, Cindy will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 7:45 – 11:45. Next week, July 28 – August 3, Cindy will work on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday from 7:45 – 11:45.

"May we always think of God's created children—however they arrive in this world and wherever we find them in the age of this life—as full of value and purpose as God declares us to be. For 'Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.'" *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Your donations of outdated **Portals of Prayer** to be sent to the Menard Correctional Center are greatly appreciated. Please place in box in narthex at church. Many Thanks! – Elaine

State Fair Worship! You don't have to miss church services if you go to the State Fair on Sundays! There will be a LCMS church service at 9:00 am upstairs in the Illinois Building each Sunday of the Fair. Enter thru the south doors for easy access.

A Woman of JOY: From Christ, In Christ, Through Christ

Come one, come all to the joint CID/SID LWML Fall Retreat at Lake Williamson Christian Retreat Center near Carlinville, IL. The 2-day event will be held on October 4th-5th, 2019. The theme verses are from Philippians 2:1-2. Our Keynote speaker will be Deb Burma. Deb is an author, speaker, leader of women's, children's and family ministries, mother, wife and a woman of JOY in Christ Jesus her Lord. Registrations must be post-marked by September 14.

Ushers are needed next month. Sign up for specific or all Sundays. Thanks!
Butch and Janet Hazzard need to have a ramp built to their porch at their home in Astoria.
& THANKS to the seven people who volunteered at the Student Center last weekend!

District LLL Retreat: "St. Paul's Missionary Journeys," Saturday, Sept. 7 at Camp CILCA. Registration begins at 8:00; opening devotion at 9:00. Closing at 3:30.

The apostle Paul set out into the Mediterranean world, telling the Good News of Jesus. No setting proved too formidable for him, no place too forbidding. Paul got his resolve from his message and his Master. Facing with the mission challenges of the 21st century, we will study how Paul by God's grace met mission challenges in the first century. Please read Acts 13-20 ahead of time, and bring your Bible to the retreat!

Speaker: CID Executive for Missions Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb. Dr. Schurb was a parish pastor for 19 years and for seven years an Assistant to the President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He taught theology (including the "Life of Paul" course) at Concordia College, Ann Arbor and is presently an adjunct instructor for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: "How much should I give?" Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions also vary.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though, as Lutherans, we know we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus' substitutionary atonement, the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God's favor by what we do.

Take, for example, the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all he has and give it to the poor and then follow Him. This rich young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions. Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God's favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know their duty as Christians in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been "breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

So, we begin to answer the question, "What should I give?" with the question, "What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?" The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe – 10 percent – of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

"You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

"And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire – oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves.

"And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

"At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do." (Deut. 14:22-29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth the following: *We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1-2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1-2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the "Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did. This is our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we have also been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.*

If we have been lax in this, let us, like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame, likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God's giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us – with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love – to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care. -www.lcms.org



When hanging onto the Word of God comes first, there's room for more.

Luke 10:40 – "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act.