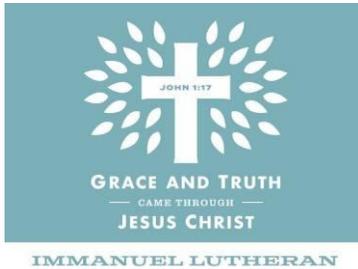




*News for and through Immanuel Lutheran Church & Student Center (LCMS), Macomb, IL.*



Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We're preparing for this new chapter in our life together, a chapter in which you and I are together in the faith, but not together in Macomb. As Kathy and Abby and I prepare to move to St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham, we are all filled with thanksgiving for your help and love. We're also glad that so many of you express your confidence that the Lord is working things out for the good of Immanuel Church & Student Center. He surely is. September 22 will be my final Sunday leading worship with Immanuel. As soon as we find a home in Effingham we'll know how quickly we can make the move. My installation at St. John's will likely be October 6. Pastor Rempfer is your Circuit Visitor, and he is working with CID President Miller to make arrangements for the Vacancy Pastor who will serve Immanuel. Because there are numerous vacancies in the District, and not enough pastors, this is a difficult process. God will work it out. You will trust God and love one another as the best possible arrangements are made.

We have a couple of confirmations of the faith to celebrate in the coming weeks: Bertie Powell on September 8, and Chloe Frankhauser on September 15 -- both in the 8:30am Service. We rejoice that God's truth and grace are rooted in their hearts and minds!

The first two Wednesday nights in campus ministry this semester have been wonderful -- numerous students, good meals, and lively study of the Book of Acts. We know that this is a crucial portion of our congregation's ministry. Pray for these college students. Students: pray for your those who aren't students, for they are a blessing to you!



With love, in Christ, - Pastor Burdick

### **Gospel of Mark Presentation Coming to Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Pekin, IL**

Mark the Evangelist begins his Gospel account with a bang, "As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, the voice of the one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'" Christians today can encounter Mark's message face-to-face through presentations of Concordia Seminary's *The Gospel of Mark*.

Since 2013, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, faculty members have shared Mark's vivid depictions of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with groups across the nation. Modern scholars believe this oratory experience was precisely how Mark originally intended his words to be shared. "Stories are meant to be told aloud and shared in community," said Dr. Kent Bureson, Dean of the Chapel and the Louis A. Fincke and Anna B. Shine Professor of Systematic Theology. "Without a doubt, that is true of the story that is at the center of creation and human life: the story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Gospel of Mark tells that story, through the voice of the evangelist Mark, in a new and powerful way.

The presenters include four Seminary faculty: Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Dr. David R. Schmitt, the Greg H. Benidt Memorial Professor of Homiletics and Literature; Dr. James W. Voelz, graduate professor of Exegetical Theology and the Dr. Jack Dean Kingsbury Professor of New Testament Theology; and Bureson. Other presenters include Dr. Ron Rall, part-time missionary to Papua New Guinea and pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, St. Louis; and Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour radio program.

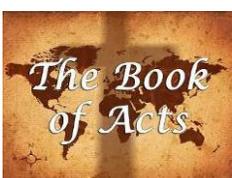
Come be enthralled by Mark's words, his images and his message of the rule and reign of God. ***The Gospel of Mark will be presented locally at Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 3201 Court St., Pekin, IL on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors will open at 6pm and the presentation begins at 6:30pm. The presentation is free and open to the public with a free-will door offering being collected to support the presentation.***

Our Outreach Board has prepared "neighborhood welcome bags" for you to give away. These white paper bags contain information on Macomb and on Immanuel's ministry. When you notice that someone has moved into your neighborhood, please give them one. At the student center you'll find them on the shelf across from the secretary's office. At the church, you'll find them on the table in the classroom to the left of the narthex. It's simple to say "welcome" and to share the Good News about Jesus.

Our servant-leaders on the Church Council and Council of Elders for 2019-20 are

- President -- *Tom Burtch*
- Vice-President -- *Chris Frankhauser*
- Recording Secretary -- *Michelle Wenndt*
- Financial Secretary -- *Kathy Coats*
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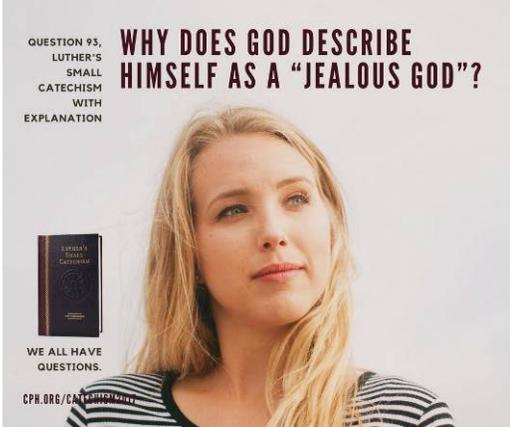
**If you're a college student with pro-life convictions, please consider volunteering with Birthright in our Student Center. Speak with me about it. Maybe this is one of the extra-curricular things the Lord wants you to do while in school. Thank you - Pastor Burdick**



**STUDENTS!** *Wednesday evenings at the Student Center: 6:30PM free college student supper followed by Bible Study from 7:30-8:30pm for college-age adults. We're studying ACTS. It's a Spirit-filled account of the growth of the Church through the Word of God. Timely and theological, practical and passionate. You'll grow in faith and knowledge ... and you'll be sent!*



Last September when we restocked the storage room and pantry, we had help from our students, members, and high school students from MHS! September is our church's month to restock the pantry for Loaves and Fishes. Signup sheet on bulletin board in the Hall. The Day hasn't been set yet for large food pickup at HyVee, but might be soon. Any questions, call Tom Quick (309.221.1958) or Bill Polley.



God refuses to share us with other gods.

**Isaiah 42:8** I am the LORD; that is My name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to carved idols.

**Exodus 19:5-6** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.

Read **Ezekiel 6:9; 18:20-21**

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

<b>Sunday, September 1</b>		Student Bible Study (SC)	7:30 PM
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	<b>Thursday, Sep 5</b>	
Christian Education (C)	9:45 AM	MACMA (SC)	9:00AM
Worship (SC)	11:00 AM	<b>Friday, Sep 6</b>	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	1:00 PM	WIU Campus Ministers (SC)	10:00AM
<b>Monday, Sep 2</b>		LSF Nerf Night (SC)	7:00PM
LSF Cookout (parsonage)	6:00PM	<b>Sunday, September 8</b>	
<b>Tuesday, September 3</b>		Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM
<i>Loaves &amp; Fishes restock begins</i>		Christian Education (C)	9:45 AM
Lutheran Women's Missionary League (C)	7:00 PM	Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM
<b>Wednesday, September 4</b>		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	1:00 PM
Student Dinner (SC)	6:30 PM	SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	

*Those serving on September 8: Greeters: Quinn Family; Counters: Maurine Moore & Miriam Satern; Altar Guild: Chris Standard & Amy Bear; Flowers: Mike & Bertie Powell; September ushers: Ushers are needed this month and beyond. Sign up for specific or all Sundays. Thanks!*

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League meeting will be hosted by Karen Burtch Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at church. Bible study will be led by Marcia Moll.

Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96.7 September 1 "Begin Again"  
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The book of Genesis tells us that God made all things. But it won't answer every question about when, how, and why God did it. That's because Genesis is mostly about getting to know God. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a new series of messages based on the first book of the Bible. (Genesis 1:1 - 2:30) September 15 "The Dream Is Alive"  
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Genesis Series - The fall of man... and still, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wants to relate to you and to me with grace and truth. (Genesis 3) *You can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown.*

"A God who marks His covenanted people is telling them something important about the power of sex and its control and its proper place within the divine-human economy: It comes to us as a gift, to be used for its purposes and no other, and its abuse will sully the soul of man. Its proper use in marriage is a great mystery, a great gift which was given for the protection of all. It doesn't always work out that way, sadly, but its imperfect practice is no excuse for throwing it all away for what we see today." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

