

Good morning, Church! I always loved hearing the members of Bethlehem Lutheran in North St. Louis start their church announcements that way.

For the past two weeks in our Sunday morning Adult Class we have focused upon witnessing -- sharing the Christian hope that's in us through our words and our callings. Today we will return to an 18-minute video we shared three years ago about the "priesthood of all believers."

Pastors have an important place in the life of the Church. So do all other believers. The lay members of the Body of Christ are no less and no more important than the ordained. This video is quite encouraging about that. I'm sharing it today because this is a vital message as Immanuel Church and Student Center will be working together in the coming months in an unfamiliar way. It's been 22 years since we temporarily didn't have a pastor. After my departure from Macomb, the Lord is going to see Immanuel through the holy process of prayerful deliberation to call a new man to serve here. But in the interim, the Church is still just as much the Church! I trust that you will seek God's will for the mission that He's given us here, that you will love members, students, and neighbors, and that you will experience some pains that He will not waste. September 22 will be my final Sunday with you in person. We will eternally be in fellowship!

There are needs here that, by God's grace, you, Church, can fill. Here's one: we have struggled greatly to raise up a teacher for our younger Sunday School class. Lynde has endeavored to secure one, but so far without success. Help, please. Pray. Encourage. Help. I'm not asking those who are already standing in the gaps to do even more, but for others to come alongside and share the opportunities.

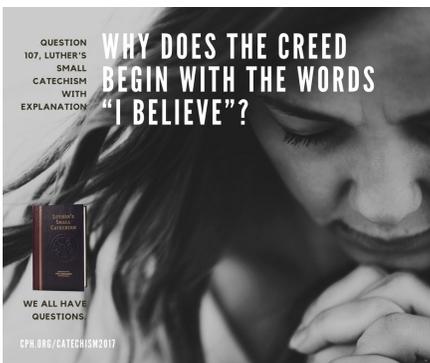
We're going to be the host, rather abruptly, for the pastors of our Circuit. Due to illness, Good Shepherd in Clayton can't host the meeting this Tuesday. so we'll have the pastors' meeting at our Student Center from 8:30am to Noon. The pastors will be going out for lunch afterward.

Finally, on the back of the green sheet, please read about the Macomb Community Dialogue, "Cutting Through the Clutter" taking place this Thursday. I believe it's important for our community. I urge you to participate.

Keep praying, Church! You are shining the truth and grace of the Triune God. In Christ, - *Pastor Mike Burdick*

Campus Ministry:

- Wednesday: 6:30pm Supper. 7:30pm Bible Study
- Friday, Sep 13: 7:00pm Movie night downstairs.
- October 11-12 "ROOTS" Conference at St. Louis Sem. Topic is "The Reconstruction of Man in Christ/The Christian Response to the Bioethical Questions."
- We had a great campfire and devotion on Labor Day! let's do it again soon!



The English word creed comes from the Latin word credo—"I believe". A creed is a statement of faith, a statement of what I believe. To say "I believe" is to say what God has done for me. "I am convinced that God has made me, redeemed me, and sanctified me".

If someone asks you to give a reason for the HOPE in you, you could rephrase the Apostles' Creed!

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

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| Sunday, September 8 | | Quilter's Guild (C) | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM |
| Worship Service (C) | 8:30 AM | Student Dinner (SC) | 6:30 PM |
| Christian Education (C) | 9:45 AM | Student Bible Study (SC) | 7:30 PM |
| Worship Service (SC) | 11:00 AM | Thursday, Sep 12 | |
| LSF Meeting (SC) | | Loaves & Fishes Restock (HyVee) | 4:00 PM |
| Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) | 1:00 PM | Friday, Sep 13 | |
| Monday, Sep 9 | | LSF Movie Night (SC) | 7:00 PM |
| Church Council (SC) | 7:00 PM | Sunday, September 15 | |
| Tuesday, Sep 10 | | Worship Service (C) | 8:30 AM |
| Circuit Pastors' Conf (SC) | 8:30 AM | Christian Education (C) | 9:45 AM |
| Elders (SC) | 7:00 PM | Worship Service (SC) | 11:00 AM |
| Wednesday, September 11 | | Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) | 1:00 PM |
| Gideons gather (SC) | 6:30 AM | SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant) | |

Those serving on September 15: Greeter: Diny Burnell; Counters: Michelle Wenndt & Diny Burnell; Altar Guild: Chris Standard & Amy Bear; Flowers: Sue Reuschel; September ushers: Dranes family

September is our church's month to restock the pantry for Loaves and Fishes. Signup sheet on bulletin board in the Hall. THIS THURSDAY AT 4:00PM WE MEET AT HYVEE FOR THE RESTOCKING. HELP IS NEEDED. Any questions, call Tom Quick (309.221.1958) or Bill Polley.

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 21st. 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.

Listen to **"The Lutheran Hour"** at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96.7 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) September 22 "Intervention" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Genesis Series - The account of Cain and Abel is more than a story of murder. (Genesis 4) You can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown.

"We speak truth and show love in reflection of His own toward us. We respect and protect even the least among us because we have received the same favor freely from Him. We treat both our life and our neighbor's as privilege to us and treasure to God." Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Cutting Through The Clutter:

Using Compassionate Communication to Create & Sustain Community Dialogue

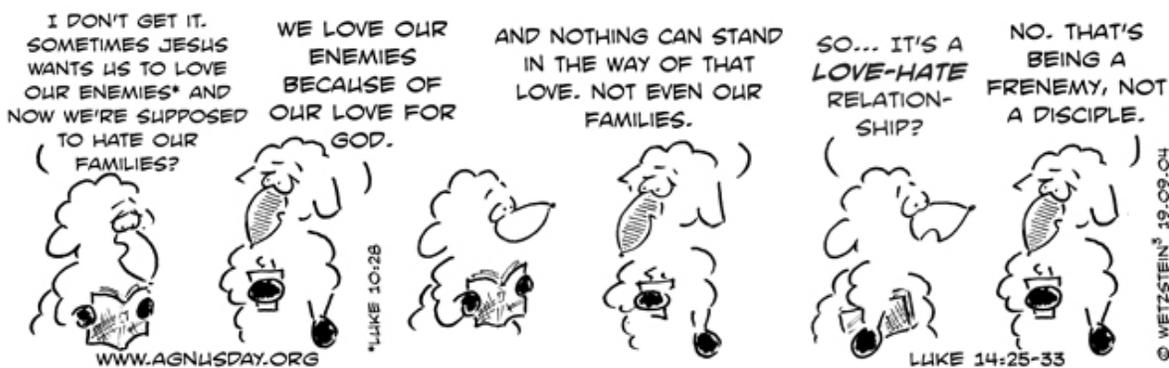


Dr. J. Q. Adams will be facilitating a workshop introducing non-violent communication as a viable practice to help individuals recognize, acknowledge, and value each others' humanity in their everyday interactions.

Thursday, September 12, 2019
 1PM-3PM OR 6PM-8PM
 Registration: 12:30PM & 5:30PM

**Spoon River College
 Community Outreach Center**
 2500 East Jackson, Macomb

RSVP: 309/837.4855 or info@macombareachamber.com



Luke 14:33 – “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.” None of what we have is ours – it all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God's purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to give generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It's not ours; it's His. God owns; we manage for the furtherance of His goals.

TREASURER'S GREEN SHEET REPORT: August 2019

| | | Year to Date |
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| Income | | |
| Offering | \$ 10,603.04 | \$ 90,078.71 |
| Other Income | 4,320.18 | 34,144.94 |
| Total Income | \$ 14,923.22 | \$ 124,223.65 |
| Expenses | | |
| Budget | \$ 16,689.17 | \$ 116,824.19 |
| Actual Spending | (13,064.97) | (111,561.61) |
| Difference | \$ 3,624.20 | \$ 5,262.58 |
| Total Income | \$ 14,923.22 | \$ 124,223.65 |
| Actual Spending | (13,064.97) | (111,561.61) |
| Difference | \$ 1,858.25 | \$ 12,662.04 |