



Rev. Thomas Baker is our interim pastor. If you need to talk to Pastor Baker in St. Louis, please call 314-395-5050 or the following toll free long distance number: 1-877-267-1962. If there is no answer, leave your name, phone number and the reason for the call and Pastor Baker will return your call ASAP.

Contact Numbers:

Tom Burtch - 309-252-2408
Hans Moll - 309-837-9296

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

Sunday, December 13

Worship Service (C) Communion 8:30 AM
Elders: Strode & M. Standard
Christian Education (C) 9:45 AM
Pastor Baker's office hours (C) 10:30 AM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16

Advent Services (C) 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 20

Worship Service (C) Communion 8:30 AM
Elders: Quick & M. Standard
Christian Education (C) 9:45 AM
Pastor Baker's office hours (C) 10:30 AM
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM
SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)

Listen to **"The Lutheran Hour"** at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX 96.7 December 13 **"The Prophet's Paradox "** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends.(Daniel: 10, 11 and 12) December 20 **"Experience God "** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler We will never fully grasp the idea of God, but that doesn't keep us from experiencing God's love for us in Christ. (John 1:1-18) (You can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown.)

Weekly green sheet can be viewed at ImmanuelMacomb.com by scrolling down on the Home Page.

Please send any information to be included in the weekly green sheet by Thursday at noon.
Please send any prayer requests to Cindy at Secretary@ImmanuelMacomb.com.

Our servant-leaders on the Church Council and Council of Elders for 2020-21 are:

- President -- *Tom Burtch*
- Vice-President --
- Recording Secretary -- *Mary Jane Bruketta*
- Financial Secretary -- *Diny Burnell*
- Treasurer -- *Hans Moll*
- Board of Christian Education Chair --
- Board of Outreach & Fellowship -- *Mary Strode*
- Board of Trustees Chair -- *Mike Powell*
- Council member At-Large – *Michelle Wennndt*
- Council of Elders – *Mitch Standard, Lynn Wolfmeyer, Tom Quick, Curt Strode, Terry Standard*

Cindy will be working from home and in the office with no set office hours while WIU students are off campus. If you need something you can send an email to secretary@immanuelmacomb.com or call 309-833-5483 and leave a message.

2021 Offering Envelopes are now in your church mailbox. Please direct any questions to Diny.

ALTAR FLOWERS.

It's time to sign up for altar flowers to enhance our worship at Immanuel for 2021. The cost is \$25.00 to provide flowers for two Sundays. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at Immanuel. If you have questions, contact Miriam Satern at 837-2808 or MN-Satern@wiu.edu.

We are looking for some volunteers to be trained to use the ipad to play music on the organ at church. When we do go back to singing we'll need this vital service once again. Training will be provided.

A sign-up sheet for **2021 Ushers** is on the bulletin board at church. Please consider signing up for a week or two or a whole month.

"Will you be without loved ones this holiday season? Will you be struggling with illness or discouragement? Will you feel the pressure to make the holiday season great? You are not alone. You are not on your own. Read John 10, a great chapter about a Good Shepherd. Listen to His voice comfort and strengthen you." *Rev. John Boeder, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

*****Communion Notes*****

If anyone would prefer a gluten-free wafer or a non alcoholic cup at communion, please see an usher or Elder before service begins so arrangements can be made to accommodate your request.

As a reminder during communion, please take a small plastic tray from the Elder before receiving the wafer and cup. Pastor will place the wafer in your tray and the Elder will then set a cup in your tray. Please do not reach for either the wafer or cup by hand. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to minimize any potential contamination.

Thank you.
Tom Quick, Head Elder

Lutheran Student Fellowship Officers

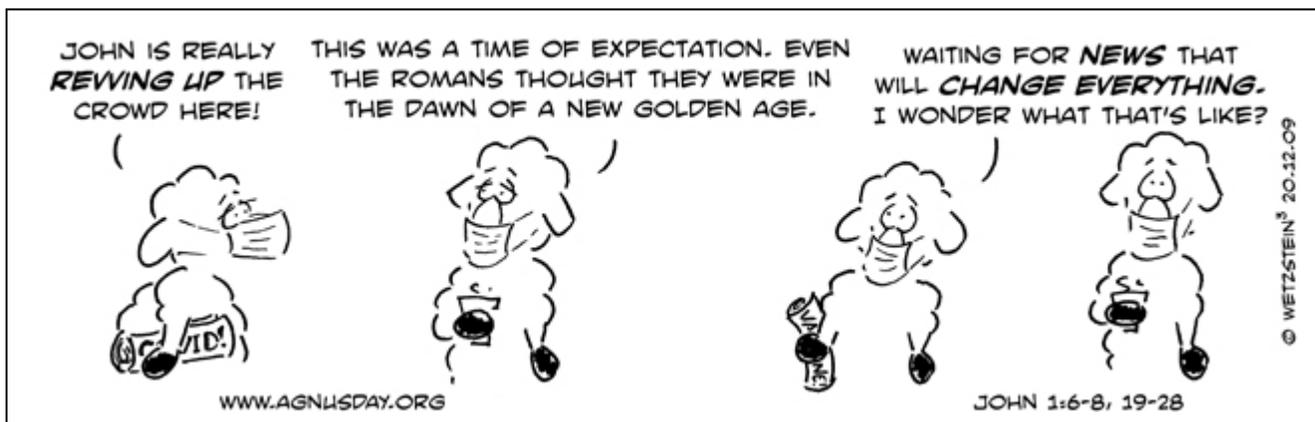
President – Sam Spaletto Secretary/Treasurer – Ben Efnor
Vice President – Luke Jesgarz Outreach/Activities – Dylan Smith

Due to COVID-19, LWML will not be able to sponsor an Angel Tree for the Elms this year. However, there is a need at the elementary buildings served by our own Immanuel teachers and staff. Beginning Sunday, November 22, 2020, you will be able to take ornaments, purchase the described items, and return them (unwrapped) by the end of December. Items include:

- underwear 4-6X stretchy pants 5/6, 7/8, 10/12 (gender neutral)
- plain white, short-sleeved T shirts 6/8, 10/12 socks hats mittens
- children’s masks, preferably from Old Navy (5 for \$12) because they are adjustable

Sudden illness, spills, falling into puddles, etc., necessitate changes at school quite often, and these items are much needed. Thank you all for your support!

Portals of Prayer will be available in the narthex at church and in the Little Free Library. If you want one mailed please contact the church office.



To My Brother and Sisters in Christ at Immanuel-Macomb,

First things first, it was an absolute joy to see that Immanuel Lutheran-Macomb has taken up part of the task of the Adopt-A-Student Program at the Seminary to help me financially through this educational process. I am both honored and humbled that you all chose to do this. Rest assured that this gift is received with joy.

I write this letter on the night after the Feast of Thanksgiving. One could say I was compelled to write after the food coma wore off. It was definitely an odd Thanksgiving. Never in my entire life has Thanksgiving been apart from my Grandparents. Despite the changes that COVID-19 has brought to the world, I continue to count God’s blessings that everyone I know is still healthy and safe. But the good news is that not one, but two vaccines are on the horizon. The end of the madness is in sight.

As for the Sem, after Thanksgiving week, we are going back to online classes and that is to comply with a new set of rules and restrictions that the Saint Louis area has laid down. Not the best situation, but it is a situation we have endured already. All the bugs have been worked out at this point. And of course, the last two and a half weeks of classes will be fast and furious, as they always are. One would think I would be used to this after spending nearly a decade in higher education. But I will stay the course.

I leave you with some words from Saint John Chrysostom, one of the Church Fathers and has been instrumental in my studies of the gospel of Matthew lately. It is especially appropriate as we approach Christmas. “And what moreover do the wise men learn from the star of itself? That He was King of Jews? And yet He was not king of this kingdom; even as He said also to Pilate, My kingdom is not of this world. At any rate He made no display of this kind, for He had neither guards armed with spear or shield, nor horses, nor chariots of mules, nor any other such thing around Him; but He followed this life of meanness and poverty, carrying about with Him twelve men of mean estate.”

May God Bless You. Your Brother in Christ,
Wade D. Waterstreet
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