

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.

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

**Sunday, May 16**

Worship Service (C) Communion 8:30 AM  
Elders: Curt & Lynn  
Christian Education (C) 9:45 AM  
Worship Service (SC) 11:00 AM  
Pastor Baker's office hours (C) 12:00 PM  
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM) 1:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 19**

Office hours (SC) 8-12 & 1-5 PM

**Thursday, May 20**

Office hours (SC) 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Sunday, May 23**

Worship Service (C) 8:30 AM  
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 May 16 **"Gain a Heart of Wisdom"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God's eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah.(Psalm 90:12) May 23 **"Wisdom Knows When"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Does someone need to hear words of rebuke-or redemption? A message about harsh words, gentle answers, and the wisdom of God.(Proverbs 15:1) (*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](http://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 [Secretary@ImmanuelMacomb.com](mailto:Secretary@ImmanuelMacomb.com).

**Our Servant Leaders**

**Church Council**

President -- *Tom Burtch*  
Vice-President --  
Recording Secretary -- *Mary Jane Bruketta*  
Financial Secretary -- *Diny Burnell*  
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of Outreach & Fellowship -- *Mary Strode*  
Board of Trustees Chair -- *Mike Powell*  
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**Council of Elders**

Tom Quick, Head Elder, Mitch Standard,  
Terry Standard, Curt Strode, Lynn  
Wolfmeyer

**Lutheran Student Fellowship Officers**

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

**Congratulations to our Spring 2021 WIU Graduates:**

Will Blessing , Byron, IL - Sports Broadcasting  
Andrew Kovachevich, Huntley, IL - Athletic Training  
Joshua McDonald, Elmhurst, IL - Political Science  
Sarah Schmitt, Elgin, IL - Law Enforcement & Justice Administration  
Irina Widmer, Boppelsen, Switzerland - Theater  
Paul Casiano, Philippines - Master in Music in Piano Performance

A big Thank You to all these people who so graciously hosted our Student Dinners this school year: LaFountain, Quick, Busse, Standard, Strode, Satern, Bear, Hunter, Waterstreet, Burnell, and Docherty. Your kindness has made an impression on our students. Thanks for stepping up in these COVID times. Marcia Moll --- and a big thank you to all who helped with the grad luncheon.

**Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates:**

Landon and Noah France – 8<sup>th</sup> grade VIT

Ellie Polley – Macomb Senior High School

**Notice:** Starting with the June 2021 monthly calendar we will include member birthdays (without the year) and wedding anniversaries (with the year). If you do **NOT** want your name published call the church office 309/833-5483 and leave a message or send an email to [secretary@immanuelmacomb.com](mailto:secretary@immanuelmacomb.com).

A big **Thank you** to Tom & Karen Burtch, Bob Coats, Hans Moll, and Tom Quick for helping on parsonage repairs.

**May 16 – Last Worship Service at Student Center for Spring semester** – May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the last 11:00 am worship service at the Student Center until the students come back in August.

“My Devotions” and “Happy Times” are now available on the ushers bench at the church.

**1 John 5:12 – “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”** Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

“William Shakespeare once reasoned, ‘Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.’ How do you know that God loves you? While you and I were yet wandering, Christ was wandering after us, pursuing us, even by way of the cross: love seeking the lost in human flesh. It is this sacrifice that stands as the greatest marker in all time.” *Ravi Zacharias, evangelist – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

### **\*\*\*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



**The Elders** are updating the church's membership list. If your phone number, address, or email address has changed, please let one the Elders know. This includes any family member also. Thank you for your assistance!

To my brothers and sisters at Immanuel Lutheran – Macomb,

As always, I would like to extend my thanks for your continued financial support of my education in the ministry of the Church. I will do my best, God willing, to use that support to the best of my ability and push me forward to my future ministry.

Call Day rapidly approaches for Concordia Seminary – Saint Louis and this letter will probably reach you by the time the calls will be sent out for our future pastors and future vicars. I am super excited for my classmates, though I will not be a part of this group of vicar calls this year. That will have to wait an extra year for me. My time will come though, that I can guarantee. I imagine that President Egger is quite excited for this, given this is his first big event as President of this Institution. It's funny but I am still having trouble with not calling him Professor. He was my Hebrew Professor, after all. While the Word of the Lord endures forever, things of the earth and on the earth do change.

I continue to also work at UPS in a part-time role. Even though I am a naturally chubby individual, it is nice to know that this job has made me stronger in the legs, shoulders, and arms than I have ever been in my life. Needless to say, I was not a sportsman in high school or college. Having to handle packages that are in excess of seventy pounds regularly will strengthen the muscles. Of course, there is the tradeoff that I have to manage my time more efficiently, and I would never advise my fellow seminarians to do the same thing I did. There's a lot easier ways to make some cash while we continue towards our vicarage and calls.

I would like to leave you with some words from one of the Church Fathers. We Lutherans have a wonderful history of looking back at what has been said already in the Church. Here we have a passage from Saint Cyril of Alexandria, who spoke vehemently against the heresy that Christ was not equal to the Father. *“Only if it is one and the same Christ who is consubstantial with the Father and with men can He save us, for the meeting ground between God and man is Flesh and Christ.”*

As always, I wish God's blessings upon you and yours. In God's Peace, Wade D. Waterstreet