

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, January 8		Sunday, January 15	
Worship Service (C)	8:30 AM	Worship Service (C) Communion	8:30 AM
Call Meeting (C)	9:30 AM	Elders: Tom B. & Mike	
Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	1:00 PM	Christian Education (C)	9:45 AM
Monday, January 9		Worship Service (SC)	11:00 AM
Church Council (C)	6:00 PM	Pastor Baker's office hours (SC)	12:00 PM
Wednesday, January 11		Lutheran Hour (96.7 FM)	1:00 PM
Quilter's Guild (C)	9-11:00 AM	SC=Student Center (303 N Clay) C=Church (906 E Grant)	

Listen to **"The Lutheran Hour"** at 1:00PM Sundays on WGNX January 8 "Gifted" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler What if we learned to see this world and everyone in it as gifts from God?(Colossians 1:16) January 15 "Gifts to Share" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler A body of water becomes stagnant when there is no outflow. The same could be said of us.(Colossians 1:29) (You can also listen to TLH at 7:00AM on Sundays at 92.5FM out of Beardstown.)

Please send any information to be included in the green sheet this week by Wednesday at 9:00 AM.

Please send any prayer requests for the **bulletin** by **Wednesday at 9:00 am** to Secretary@ImmanuelMacomb.com.



January to March Portals of Prayer are now available at the Church, the Student Center, and the free library.

Needed: Outdated Portals of Prayers for shipment to Menards Correction Center. Receptacles in narthex at Student Center and Church. Many thanks for your donation.

Student Dinners

A sign up sheet is in the narthex and library of both Immanuel and the Student Center for Wednesday evening meals beginning January 18th. The meals are served at 6:30. There is a student with a mushroom allergy, so please keep that in mind when preparing your meal. Any questions can be directed to Diny Burnell.

Resolve in the New Year to serve as an usher. Families and Individuals are welcome to sign up for an entire month or particular Sundays. If you have questions about what is involved when serving as an usher speak to Lynn Wolfmeyer, Diny Burnell, Miriam Satern, Bob Coats, or Doug LaFountain. These people have experience being ushers. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Education wing at Immanuel.

Student Center Pews – Thanks to Tom Quick for working with Lowderman’s in repurposing the old pews. Also thanks to Bob Coats, Dave Hunter, and Doug LaFountain for going to Altamont to process the new pews for transport to Macomb. Thanks to Matt Putman for making at least 3 trips to transport the pews from Immanuel Altamont to our Student Center. –Hans Moll

Summer 2023 Camp CILCA schedule and registration forms are in the church narthex. We have scholarships to cover the cost of camping. See Hans Moll for details.

January 2023 Mission Grant #5 – Family Life Center in Effingham - \$5,000

Enabled by this grant, the Family Life center would provide material needs, education and support to women, men, and families experiencing pregnancy, parenting and related issues to living abundant lives. Items purchased would include infant items, educational materials for its Parents-To-Be, MOMZ and DADZ programs as well as helping with transportation expenses. Volunteers share the source of their hope and peace, found in Jesus Christ.

Pray that the Family Life Center and those like it, are able to aid in family crisis times and are able to share the saving grace and love of our Savior. Support this grand by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.

History of Immanuel by Nelda Kelly

Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration

The thirtieth anniversary celebration of Immanuel Lutheran Church was held on June 8, 1986. The theme Was “All Good Gifts Come From the Lord.” Larry Wachtel served as chairman of the anniversary committee. Rev. Lindsay Watkins, pastor, was liturgist and preacher. Mrs. Melinda Grimm was organist and Miss Susie Standard was the pianist. The Immanuel Choir sang and instrumentalists also performed. The special 30th anniversary offering was used for the Immanuel Parking Lot Fund. A potluck dinner followed the festival worship service.

A Vacancy

In June, 1986, Pastor Watkins accepted a call to Mount Hope Lutheran Church in Evergreen Colorado. Pastor Al Wickman of Quincy served as the supervisor of the vicarage program. Our vacancy pastor was the Rev. Melvin Weseloh of Havana, Illinois.

Our first vicar, Greg Todd, was inducted on August 24, 1986, at the 9 am service at Immanuel.

Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

“When an abortion is performed, we proclaim that we know better than God. We disregard His wisdom, for He taught us that we should never kill innocent human beings. We proclaim that we do not want or need a gift from God. And in doing so, we seek to make ourselves more powerful than God. We seek to make ourselves God.” *Archbishop Samuel Aquila – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*