

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY 8:45 AM

DIVINE WORSHIP 10:00 AM

HOLY COMMUNION 1st and 3rd SUNDAYS

VISION STATEMENT.....*"The Mission of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is to be a mission-station to equip the diverse people in our area with the love and power of Jesus."*

NOVEMBER 2019

LAST THINGS FIRST

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

(Rev 22:20-21)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is a humbling privilege to be called to serve you as your pastor. We are fast approaching the end of another year - church year that is - the church calendar is not the same as the world's. As we enter the month of November our lectionary will focus on eschatology. Eschatology literally means "writings on the last things." We confess this simply in the Apostles' Creed in the words, "*From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*" and that we believe in, "*the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*" November begins with All Saints' Day on November 1st (which we will observe on the 3rd). Here we take pause to remember all from our congregation and within our families whom have fallen asleep in Jesus. Many congregations on this Sunday take pause to remember fellow parishioners whose last hour came in this past church year and to whom our Heavenly Father gave a blessed end, and graciously took from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven. Their names are read and we take a moment to remember them and come alongside their families to share their burden of grief.

The following Sunday in November we face the reality that we are mortal. The Holy Spirit clearly teaches this truth saying, "*Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned*". From the first Adam's rebellion we are all mortal - we will die. From the second Adam's (Jesus') obedience and sacrifice - we are gifted with His perfect righteousness by grace through trusting Him and have the gift of eternal life. Jesus will assure us on this Sunday of our Father's good and gracious will, "*Luke 20:38 For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.*" The cemetery is but God's garden for all Christians planted there whose bodies shall rise again on the Last Day and we will see them, hear them, laugh with them, hug them, and rejoice to forever feast with Jesus in the life of the world to come.

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November 17th fills us with hope amidst a world that in league with Satan seeks to destroy Christ's Church on earth and silence the preaching of the Gospel. As Christians we don't seek to set dates for Jesus return, but we lift up our heads boldly proclaiming this one saving Gospel for as things worsen in the world our redemption draws near. As God the Holy Spirit teaches, "*Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*"

November 24th we will come to the close of another church year - another year closer to Christ Jesus returning visibly in glory to judge the living and the dead. Now live fixing our eyes upon Jesus our King who graciously rules over us sinners from the cross. From His sacrificed flesh and blood flows forgiveness of sins, resurrection life, and eternal life into our dying bodies. We do not have a Savior who is divorced from our struggles - He is with us as our Brother suffering with us as He strengthens us with the "Feast of Victory" which flows into our mouths from the Cross at His Table in the Sacrament of Altar.

During the last week of this Church year we take pause to honor our nation's call to pause for a day of thanksgiving. It is our Heavenly Father alone who gives us day by day all that we need to support our bodies and lives. He protects and preserves us through the gift of government through which Jesus rules to preserve the rule of law. Our lives as Christians are a daily thanks-"living." Receiving all from God the Father through Holy Spirit given faith in Jesus, we pour our lives serving our neighbor in love within our various callings. This love looks like living the Ten Commandments to care for our neighbor within our vocations as husband, wife, parents, child, preacher, hearer, governing, citizen, employer, employee, young, or elderly.

Through the Revelation of St. John - Jesus assures us that He rules world history for the sake of His Church and the preaching of the Gospel. Jesus promises us that, "He is coming again soon!" The Church responds, "Amen. Even so, Come Lord Jesus!" Every time we pray the common table prayer we are looking forward to the unending feast of heaven. Behold the other reality of this prayer - Jesus promises that He is really present as True God and True Man where "two or three gather together in His Name" - around His Word - He is present at your family table especially as you pause to feed your family on His Word in daily family devotions and prayer. *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan J. Rusert



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date Service

Scripture Lessons (Three-Year Lectionary Series C)

3 rd	LSB DS 3 — All Saints' Day (Observed)	Revelation 7:9–17; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12
10 th	LSB DS 4 — 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 3:1–15; 2 Thess. 2:1–8, 13–17; Luke 20:27–40
17 th	LSB DS 3 — 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Malachi 4:1–6; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–28
24 th	LSB DS 3 — Last Sunday of Church Year	Malachi 3:13–18; Colossians 1:13–20; Luke 23:27–43
27 th	LSB DS 4 — Thanksgiving Eve	Deut. 8:1–10; Philipians 4:6–20; Luke 17:11–19



Thank-You: Pastor and Lori Rusert would like to thank the members of Emmanuel for their gracious welcoming of us here to Tell City. Thanks to all who scurried to get the parsonage ready for our move-in. I apologize for the mis-communication. We are extremely grateful for all the extra help in unloading the moving van. Thank-you for your gifts, household supplies, pictures and notes of welcome from our Sunday school children and others - they truly brightened our day after a long day of driving. We also thank you for the wonderful lunch after installation. May the Lord continue to bless our congregation through Christ's Word and cross won gifts.

Pastor's Study Hours: Monday through Thursday from 8a.m. to 2p.m. If you would like to visit any other time please call me to set up a time we can meet at the church. My cell phone number is (507)236-2779. My e-mail is "njruser@juno.com."

Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." (John 11:3) Even through Martha and Mary knew that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God who knew all things, when their brother Lazarus was sick they sent word to Jesus. Please contact Pastor if you or your loved one is sick, hospitalized, or homebound and desires a pastoral call and prayers. Privacy laws prevent hospitals from contacting clergy about members who are hospitalized.

7th & 8th Grade Catechesis: For now we will plan to continue catechesis on Sundays from 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.. Parents please let me know if this time works into your family schedule or if meeting later in the day or Wednesday evening would be more convenient. We begin studying the Lord's Prayer. I will assign memory work each week for our catechumen's to learn by heart. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. Pastor Rusert.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Please don't feel offended if I ask you your name, it will take time to get everyone's name and face to match. Also, I would like to visit with you and your family at your homes over the next year for a brief devotion, prayer, and so we can introduce ourselves to one another. These visits would last only 30 minutes as the most and give me as your pastor a chance to touch base with you. I will place a sign up calendar in the narthex with dates and times that you can sign up for a visit. Initially I plan to use Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and early evenings for home visits. If you would rather stop by to visit at the church or our parsonage - we would welcome you there also. In Christ, Pastor Rusert.

The World Is Mine

Today upon a bus I saw a girl with golden hair.
I envied her, she seemed at peace! I wished I were as she.
Then suddenly she rose to leave; I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She used a crutch; she had one leg, but on her face a smile.
O God, forgive me when I whine; I have two legs--the world is mine.

And then I stopped to buy some sweets.
The lad who sold them had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad; if I were late 'twould do no harm.
And as I left he said to me; "I thank you, you have been so kind;
It helps to talk to folks like you, for don't you see, Sir, I am blind."
O God, forgive me when I whine; I have two eyes--the world is mine.

Later walking down the street, I met a child with eyes so blue.
He stood and watch the others play; I stopped a moment, then I said,
"Why don't you join the others, dear:"
He looked ahead without a word, and then I saw he could not hear.
O God, forgive me when I whine; I have two ears--the world is mine.

With legs to take me where I'd go'
With eyes to see the sunset's glow'
With ears to hear what I would know,
O God, forgive me when I whine;
I 'm blessed indeed--the world is mine.

- 5 Kenley Farmer
- 9 Adlynn Hinton
- 11 Staci Litherland
- 12 Anakin Machen
Titus Machen
- 14 Daniel Warner
- 15 Alexis Braun
- 18 Ethan Melton
- 21 Katrina Parks
- 22 Bob Hinton

NOVEMBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



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- 23 Holli Peter
Karaline Staggs
- 24 Carly Jarboe
Ian Jarboe
Mike Knabel
- 25 Chad Huebschman
Abigail Knepper
Tina Ziegelgruber
- 29 Jaxson Hulsman
Bob Priebe



PASTOR & LORI TO HELP DECORATE THE LUTHERAN HOUR ROSE BOWL PARADE FLOAT



Rose Bowl Parade Petal Pushers: Pastor and Lori will be heading to Pasadena, California on December 28th with a LCMS group from Iowa to be “petal pushers.” We will work on the Lutheran Hour float and other floats for the January 1st Rose Bowl Parade. One of the days there we will be helping out at the Union Mission on skid row assisting the homeless. We will spend the day distributing items such as hygiene kits that the group members have

collected and brought with them to California. If you would like to donate items for these kits a donation box will be located in the narthex. Items needed are: hand towels, wash clothes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste(travel size), razors, and children’s socks. If you would like to donate cash instead of shopping you may do that also through our congregation. We will use the donated items to complete the kits. If you have any questions please contact Pastor or Lori. *Mat 25:40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

ST. JOHN’S, EVANSTON HOSTING MEN’S RETREAT - “REAL MEN FOLLOW JESUS”



St. John’s, Evanston invite all men to their Men’s Retreat on Saturday, November 16. Rev. Dr. Gary W. Zieroth, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions as well as Dean of Students at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. Will present: “*Real Men Follow Jesus*”. The day begins at 8:30am and concludes approximately at 3:00pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided plus a few snacks. The first 40 registrants will receive a free T-shirt. There will also be give aways and goodies. Don’t wait! Reserve your spot!

The Rev. Dr. Zieroth has spent 27 years in the pastoral ministry serving congregations in Fort McMurray and St. Albert, Alberta, Canada; Kingsville, Maryland; and Chaska, Minnesota. He graduated from Concordia University, Ann Arbor in 1986 with a B.A. in psychology. In 1990 he graduated from CTS with a M.Div. and also a D.Min. in 2006 focusing on Christian parenting. He has served CTS as adjunct professor from 2008-2016 and as the interim director for the Synod’s PALS (Post-seminary Applied Learning and Support) for 2 years. Rev. Zieroth also serves as an adjunct professor for Concordia University, Nebraska, and Concordia University, Portland. He has done numerous seminars and retreats on the subject of vocation, family, parenting, and particularly manhood. He and his wife, JoAnn, have been married 35 years, and they have four children and one grandchild.

The Men’s Retreat Sectionals will cover: Why do Men Stay Away from Church?; What is Biblical Masculinity?; How Has the Church Been Identified with Femininity?; What does a “real man’ look like?; How Can the Church Help Men?; A Band of Brothers.

To register contact the St. John’s @ [812] 547-2007 or e-mail Pastor Schmeltz at pastorschmeltz@gmail.com. Be sure to mention your shirt size.

EVANSVILLE CIRCUIT, INDIANA DISTRICT, & SYNOD - WIDE EVENTS

ST. PAUL'S LADIES GUILD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE AND BRUNCH



The St. Paul's Lutheran Church Ladies Guild/LWML invites you to their annual **Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Brunch** on Thursday, November 21st. The theme this year is "God CARES for You". The service will begin at 9:30AM in the sanctuary where the Evansville Lutheran School (ELS) students will be joining us and singing. The offering collected will be given to the LWML Scholarship Fund. A brunch will follow in the fellowship rooms.

We look forward to a morning of giving thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and great fellowship with our Christian friends and family.

For further information please contact Sue Coffman at 812-457-9443.

MUSIC & WORSHIP AT CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Concordia Theological Seminary invites everyone to their services that are open to the public on the seminary campus in Kramer Chapel. Daily chapel can be watched live Monday thru Friday beginning at 8:55 or anytime by clicking on the webpage link of the recording library. The following are

special event coming up livestreamed online at www.ctsfw.edu/DailyChapel or facebook.com/ctsfw unless otherwise indicated. Come and participate or listen online from you home computer or mobile devices. The following are special events are:

Thursday, October 31, 7:00 p.m. Concert: Windsbacher Knabenchor (No livestream)

Sunday, November 10, 4:30 p.m. Good Shepherd Institute Organ Recital (No livestream)

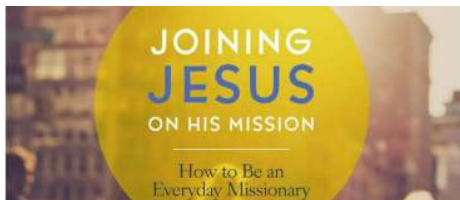
Sunday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. Choral Vespers: Schola Cantorum

Monday, November 11, 5:00 p.m. Choral Evening Prayer: Children's Choir (No livestream)

Monday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. Hymn Festival: Kantorei

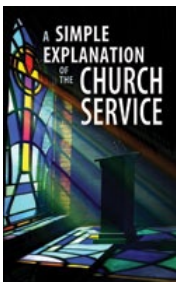
Saturday, December 14, 4:00 p.m. Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer: Choirs of CTSFW

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION CONFERENCE



"Joining Jesus on His Mission" is a free outreach workshop offered on Saturday, November 9, 9:00-3:00 EST at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Pastors and laypeople, especially evangelism and/or outreach committees are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend.

Join us for the **Joining Jesus on His Mission Conference**. It will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus. In this one-day conference, Rev. Greg Finke of Dwelling 1:14 will show pastors, church staff and lay people how to seek, recognize and respond to what Jesus is already up to... and then disciple others to do the same! He will show you how to join Jesus where He is already working and changing lives all around you.



Brothers and sisters in Christ we have been given such a marvelous blessing to be able to enter into the presence of God every Sunday. What a joy it is to worship our Lord and be cared for by Him. It is also a joy to see our young people and our friends be a part of this life together. In order to appreciate the treasure of the Divine Service, there is a pamphlet that explains the rich meaning of our time with God. Please take one and use it as an opportunity to see what God is doing on Sunday.



Our **Sunday school** classes continue to go well. We are learning more of our Old Testament stories. Each age level learns how they can apply the lesson to their lives. We encourage all children to attend Sunday school classes.

The Board of Education is looking for volunteers to lead the **Children's Christmas Eve** program. The program is always a highlight of the year. If you would like to direct the program or help in any way, please let Kay know.



Supper and Scripture is going well. Renate continues to teach the ladies study. Pastor Rusert is now teaching the men's study. **WOW Kids** had a busy October with activities. They enjoy writing in their notebooks after the devotion. We have also had some great questions and discussion during the devotion. There is something for everyone at Supper and Scripture!



We are enjoying learning Old Testament stories! We have learned about Joseph, plagues, the parting of the Red Sea and the 10 commandments! We are reading from our Children's Bible and looking at the pictures, talking about how wonderful God is! We hope your children are enjoying it! We love each and every Little Lamb! Neal and Renate



The **Ladies Guild** continues to grow and evolve. Our next meeting will be November 10 following the worship service. All ladies of Emmanuel are invited and encouraged to attend. Many thanks to everyone who helped at the installation of Pastor Rusert. It was a wonderful day for Emmanuel.



THANKS to everyone for helping in any way to make our Annual Soup Supper a success! Our net income (so far) is \$5,751.50 with 50+ gallons left to sale. This surpassed our \$5,500.00 budget.



We Need You! Emmanuel has a website, but did you realize we also have a blog? We are needing blog writers and editors, and so we are asking you to pitch in and help! We'd like to post a new blog post each week and promote it through social media. But we can't do it without YOU! Are you interested in writing about Christianity? Is there a certain area that excites you and you want to share? Or are you great at editing? After an article has been written and edited, we will send to Pastor Rusert for a final check of theology. Then we will post it on our blog through our website. Then we need everyone's help promoting it through social media. Are you interested? Let Pat Jarboe or Renate Warner know and they will walk you through the process.



I hope all the children enjoyed learning new hymns each month during Sunday school opening! We will take a break in November, and then in December we will focus on the Christmas program songs, so the first year of Hymns of the Month is complete! It was fun hearing the children's voices sing the first verses of these hymns during church! Below is the list of songs learned this past year. Are there any songs you want us to do next year? If so, let me know and we'll see if we can include it! - Renate

January: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
February: *Have No Fear, Little Flock*
March: *Amazing Grace*
April: *Were You There* (Sang during Good Friday service with the Adult Choir)
May: *Lift High the Cross*
June: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
July: *Beautiful Savior*
August: Favorite Sunday school songs sung at the church picnic
September: *How Great Thou Art*
October: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Puzzle answer: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures below; praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. The Doxology

LUTHERAN HOUR SCHEDULE

Evansville (WGBF) 1280AM 7:30 AM
Boonville (WBNL) 1540AM 1:00 PM
Online @ www.lhm.org Anytime
All Times are CST every Sunday



The Lutheran Hour® which began in 1930, is the world's longest-running,

Christian outreach radio program. It proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to more than 1.2 million people each week over 800 radio stations across North America. It is also broadcast on the American Forces Network to reach military personnel and their families around the world, as well as on XM's Family Talk Radio 170 each Sunday at noon CST. You can listen anytime or download The Lutheran Hour from the internet @ <http://www.lutheranhour.org/>.

November 3 "Stranger Danger"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Genesis Series - The different ways we relate to strangers reveal the contradiction of being human. (Genesis 18)

November 10 "For Such a Downer"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Genesis Series - The cross of Jesus is not a downer, but it is an equalizer. If you think you're up on top and you're pushing others aside, the cross of Jesus will bring you down. And if you're down and desperate for some company, you have a friend in the crucified Jesus. (Genesis 21)

November 17 "The Dawn Wall"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Genesis Series - Sacrifice is acting on the hope of a better future by offering up something valuable in the present. (Genesis 22)

November 24 "God Is Love"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter
(1 John 4:7-12)



WORSHIP ANEW

A 30 minute Lutheran worship service for Shut-ins and others who are unable to get to church is broadcasted every Sunday **DirectTV Channel 377 at 10:30am or anytime at www.worshipanew.org**. Broadcasting now for 35 years this program is heard in 12 states with the potential of reaching 10 million people. Please share this information with those you know who might be blessed by viewing this service. The following is this month's sermon themes and related scripture.

November 3 "God's Israel"

"They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Only the blood of Jesus will do. Your blood cannot cleanse sin. Nor can the sweat of your labors or the tears of your contrition. There is no such thing as sinless saints, only forgiven ones. If you say you have no sin, you're fooling yourself. Temptations abound, and sin comes all too naturally to the natural born sinner. But the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. (Revelation 7:9-10)

Rev. Shayne Jonker, Faith Lutheran Church ~ Roanoke, IN

November 10 "God Chose You"

To comfort the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul reminds them, "God chose you to be saved." God comforts us with those same words. "God chose you." So that you may have peace, we are reminded He chose you to be with Him forever. (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church ~ New Haven, IN

November 17 "Don't Get Tired!"

With all of the pressures that Christians face today, it is easy to understand why many of us are so tired! However, God, through the words of the Apostle Paul, encourages us not to get tired! Why? Because the Lord is faithful! (2 Thessalonians 3:1-13)

Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

November 24 "What's Your Epitaph?"

An "epitaph" is a pithy statement that sums up a life, something you might see inscribed on a gravestone. What is the measure of *your* life? What's your epitaph? (Colossians 1:18)

Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN



COMMITTEES

2019 - 2020

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Campbell Labels

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- 24 *Lori Rusert*
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- 25 *Sawyer Dembicky*
- 29 *Patricia Case*
Bob Ebersberger
Cynthia Knepper



- 2 *Gary & Cathy Greubel (28)*
- 24 *Jack & Mary Huebschman (58)*
- 26 *Henry & Angela Erwin (31)*
Rick & Rhonda Hess (36)



NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

- 3 *Eli Baur*
- 10 *Emma Baur*
- 17 *BrookLynn Brown*
- 24 *Trinity Brown*
- 28 *Peyton Hays*



greeters

November 3

CIA Youth Group

November 10

FBI Youth Group

November 17

Pat Jarboe

November 24

Gary & Cathy Greubel



ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1st



The following are members of our congregation who are not able to get to worship on a regular basis. A card from you or a phone call bringing Christian love and concern would be most welcome.

Mrs. Eva Mae Powell
402 19th Street, Room 48
Tell City, IN 47586

Mr. Randall Sandage
%Evansville State Hospital, Ward C
3400 Outer Lincoln Avenue
Evansville, IN 47714

Puzzle!

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

CODE:			
A	E	I	O
B	F	L	P
C	G	M	R
D	H	N	S
		T	U
			V
			W
			X
			Y

Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

The

Answers are found elsewhere in this newsletter

Kyle Powers & Rachel Braun
September 28, 2019

Abram James Brondos
October 20, 2019

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<http://globallutheranoutreach.com/blog/heiney>



I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1-2).

Emmanuel, my field work church, has been busy this month. We've been having our "Free to Flourish" event. It's been a way to give to the community and learn what it really means to give. The first weekend we had a movie and presenter from the Acton Institute, Father Sirico. It was a good presentation on how relief in the world often needs to be re-thought and how it really is the work of the church to do this. That Sunday our Bible study was taken up by Professor Pless giving us a presentation on vocation from the Lutheran perspective. In the presentation he had a quote from Mark Noll, "Lutherans are extraordinarily ordinary." This is to say that doing good for our neighbor is simply part of our fabric. It's what we do and we don't make a big deal about it. Another idea from his presentation was that we have already received a great deal of gifts from God. It is silly that we do good expecting more from him! The next weekend was a day of service in the community. I helped paint at a homeless shelter, others worked on a community garden, made cards for servicemen or cooked meals for families in crisis. On the 19th we had a big harvest party for the neighborhood which included bounce houses, two cooked hogs, and a bluegrass band!

Public speaking is a huge part of a pastor's job. As an augment to class time to prepare for this there is also a student group called Toast Pastors. The group allows students to practice sermons or other presentations or simply to get comfortable with speaking. A member of the faculty is present to critique. The part of the meeting called "table topics" is quite entertaining. It is formatted as follows. You're a pastor on your way from Bible study to robe up when a member comes up and asks... At this point the question could be ANYTHING! The first time I did it I was asked, "Pastor why do you wear a dress during the service?" I then had exactly 2 minutes to explain in the kindest way why a pastor wears an alb or cassock and surplice.

The music events that happen on campus or in the area are amazing. I sat behind Carl and his family for the Choral Vespers service. When Cantor Machemer started playing the prelude Joshua turned around. I watch a huge grin grow on his face. The service opened with *Christ the Lord of Hosts Unshaken* in a particularly moving arrangement! I later found out it had been written just for that service. Strings, brass, woodwinds, tympani, and a large choir were all crowded into the balcony, not to mention the organist that was up there. A few weeks later Michael Hollman had an organ recital at Zion downtown. Twice during his performance my body was covered with goosebumps. The organ at Zion is an 85 rank 4 manual machine. Mr. Hollman, with 35 years at Zion, is quite at home seated at the console.

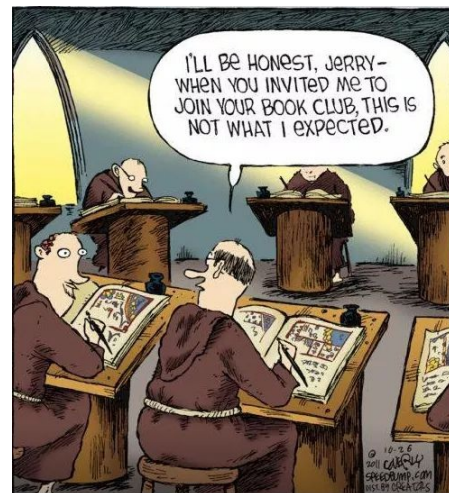
One of the more exciting days on campus was Donation Day. This is the day that many from the LWML come up with many donations to the food and clothing co-op. Since I work at the co-op I had to be ready to go. Let me tell you! We had our work cut out for us! We had a great deal of stuff come in for both banks. The day was a made a little interesting since one of the full time staff was sick. But we made it. And the donations that came up really boosted what the students received. Everyone was a little more joyous around here after that day. I was especially glad to see a few of the women that I know.

I've had the opportunity already to start helping out with services and classes as well. I was the first in my class asked to help with chapel processional. We've also been given the green light to lead chapel offices. I'll now be leading one of them except for Divine Service occasionally through the year. Dr. Pless has also asked me to be a group leader for the field work class come winter quarter.

One thing I've never had a real opportunity to do is active participate in a Right to Life group. The students have a campus life group that does have and participates in local events. We spent one day in front of a Planned Parenthood clinic already and will be doing it again later this quarter. We sang hymns and went through Vespers and the Litany. I was actually impressed with how positive a response we got from the public that was passing by. We even had some people just show up and join us.

It's hard to believe the quarter is almost over. All the papers and reading and "knowing by heart" big sections of the Divine Service and the Catechism have gone by so quickly. Thankfully classes are going well. My mind has been opened up to all kinds of insight into our faith. As always I am thankful for your prayers and support. I continue to pray for all of you.

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Psalm 95:2

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