



## College is tough. People need Jesus. We're helping!

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ILCM (Immanuel Lutheran Campus Ministry) is our Lutheran presence at Eastern Illinois University. For years, our motto has been "Your Christian Home Away From Home." Reaching out to the college student has been an important part of Immanuel's ministry from its earliest days. The involvement of students in worship and ministry has brought tremendous blessing for all involved, for which we thank God.

While the restrictions from the COVID pandemic have been completely lifted for the most part, a return to full interaction has been slow in materializing. Much work needs to be done. We ask your prayers as we work toward that end.

Our ministry continues. Every Monday night students gather in our center for Bible Study. This semester, students are doing a catechetical review of the teachings of our faith. Pastor Ken Hoover leads this group.

Every Wednesday, students are invited to take a break from classes and study to "unwind" from the week. Games, snacks, and events are planned to share as a means to build relationships and develop connections.

This April the group will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Time, where students, the congregation and community are invited to come out and compete in battling through fun and quirky questions. We look forward to another successful time together.

ILCM understands it cannot do this ministry alone in Charleston. We need the partnership of fellow Lutherans across the District. We thank the many individuals and congregations for their continuing support of Campus Ministry at EIU. May the Lord be praised as we work together to Keep Christ on Campus!

**As of 4/1/2022, \$13,120.75 has been contributed to the endowment to support this ministry.**

Western Illinois University  
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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Macomb still finds itself in the process of calling a full-time minister. Despite this void, however, members of the congregation continue actively reaching out and serving spiritual needs of Western Illinois University students.

Our active students have made a special effort to reach out to WIU students by inviting friends to our Christian fellowship. They also set up and staffed a table at the recent Campus Activity Fair.

Recently, we have had contact with several of our campus ministry alumni:

- Rev. Russ Helbig visited the campus and attended a Wednesday Lenten dinner and service. This was his first time back in 30 years. It was great to see him again!
- Nathan Ankrom has earned his Masters' in percussion and is now employed at Roosevelt University in Chicago. Nathan lived in the Lutheran Student Center apartment.
- Devin Biggs, who also lived in the apartment, is a full-time meteorologist in Reinlander, WI, reporting weather on radio and television.
- Josh McDonald, a 2021 graduate and resident of the apartment, is now a first-year student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

WIU Homecoming will be Saturday, October 22, 2022. Once again, the Student Center will be open all day Saturday and Sunday. We invite you to use the center as a meeting site and a place to "hang." Coffee and donuts will be available on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with church service at 11:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

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University of Illinois  
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"A place where I'm safe." "I love being with others who believe just like I do." "Singing the hymns on Sunday with my family in Christ."

These are some of the ways that current students at the University of Illinois describe University Lutheran Church. Because of the generous gifts of so many for the past 80 years, the pure teaching of the Word of Christ in Law and Gospel has been present here in a beautiful sanctuary and student center, from the lips of many faithful pastors. *Thank you very much for your financial support and your prayers.*

Since last Easter, the Lord's Word has gone out and has accomplished that which for which He purposes it. A young woman from China was baptized into Christ. A young man from China and several other students from the United States received instruction and were confirmed in the Christian faith. A young Muslim woman, curious about the Bible, wants to attend a weekly Scripture-reading session.

We continue to enjoy our fellowship in Christ together each week in the Sunday Divine Service, in Bible Classes, in prayer services, in a weekly Sunday meal together, in the mutual conversation and consolation of the brethren, and in all sorts of fun activities (canoe trips, retreats, card tournaments, a trivia night, game nights, service projects, etc.)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Ps. 133:1)

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As we near the end of another year of "keeping Christ on campus" at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, we thank God for the many blessings He has provided us! Through His church, and many resources available to us, His blessings have flowed to our little corner of the world.

This "corner" of God's creation is a physical crossroads in many ways! Students traveling our interstate system criss-cross our state, often reaching one of the most important hubs of our highway network. Interstate highways 39, 55, and 74 all lead to our community of Bloomington-Normal, which many students find a very convenient place to pursue a bachelor's degree or beyond. Normal is also home to one of the busiest Amtrak stations in the nation. Here in Normal, at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, students from Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Heartland Community College, and Lincoln College are given the opportunity to worship together, learn more about Jesus from each other in Bible study, and engage in Christ-centered fellowship.

A growing number of international students find their way to our campus community too, and Wittenberg has been poised to welcome them and reach out with the love of God. With the CROSS of CHRIST and the resources provided through His church, including the "Keeping Christ on Campus" campaign, God is paving our road for service to these young adults, and blessing His church through His Word and Sacraments.

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