



THE WOLF'S HOWL

December 4, 2015



From the Principal's Pen...

Hello! Did you know that Grandmothers are about the smartest people in the world? I was very fortunate to grow up living across the street from my Helming Grandparents and my aunts and uncles too. Time passes very slowly for children especially before a holiday. Thinking back to my younger days, I don't remember Christmas things being displayed in stores before Thanksgiving. There was no "Black Friday" and stores weren't even open on Thanksgiving. This meant that Christmas took a very long time to arrive. As Pastor told us in Chapel, we had time to look at the Sears and J.C. Penny catalogs sometimes changing our minds several times before we made our final list. Weeks dragged by before Christmas finally arrived. Gramma told me that "time would almost fly by when I got older".

I didn't think about what Gramma said for a long time. She, and anyone who told you that, was right. The older I get, the faster the days go by. I honestly don't think that is really true, but it sure seems to be so. Now I'm really trying to figure out why this seems to be. Maybe it has to do with getting older. I'm not thrilled about that but I wouldn't want to go back and do things over either. The road I've traveled had some little bumps and some very big hills, and a lot of curves but I've never been alone. My family and friends have always been with me. My Savior, Jesus Christ, is always with me. So, I'm not going to be in a hurry to get down the road to Christmas. I hope you join me in this Advent season in looking forward to the birth of our Savior.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- ⇒ December 4th—ILS PTO CHRISTMAS SHOP, 9:30 am to 2pm
- ⇒ December 4th—12:30 DISMISSAL
- ⇒ December 6th—REVERSE PARADE, 1pm
- ⇒ December 9th—Advent Service, 10am&7pm
- ⇒ December 11th—Christmas Music Concert, 7pm (Band & Strings)
- ⇒ December 12th—CAROL SING, 6:30 pm
- ⇒ December 16th—ILS Christmas Program, 10am (preschool & K-8) & 7pm (K-8)
- ⇒ December 22nd—12:30 DISMISSAL—NO BUSES IN THE PM
- ⇒ December 23rd through January 3rd—CHRISTMAS BREAK—NO SCHOOL
- ⇒ December 24th—CHRISTMAS EVE, 7pm Worship Service; 11pm Candlelight Divine Service (Holy Communion)
- ⇒ December 25th—CHRISTMAS DAY, 9am Divine Service (Holy Communion)
- ⇒ December 31st—New Year's Eve, 7pm Divine Service (Holy Communion)

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARADE IN REVERSE Sunday

December 6th at 1:00 pm

* Starts at 1pm sharp off the Federal Hill Green

* Immanuel will be handing out coloring books, crayons and candy canes at the bottom of High Street in front of the library. Helpers are Welcome!

* The Fire Department will be handing out hot cocoa on Main Street.

If you have any questions, call the office at 860-583-5631 or call the Chamber of Commerce 860-584-4718.



"HOPE IS THE ANCHOR" Hebrews 6:17-19

REMINDER:

- As the cold is finally upon us, please be reminded to **dress your children in weather-appropriate attire.** If children are not dressed appropriately for the weather, they will not be permitted to be outside for recess.



- Further, **please make sure children are wearing dress-code appropriate clothing and shoes.** If you need a copy of our Dress Code, it can be obtained in the office or printed from our school website "ilcs.org".



Thank you for your anticipated cooperation! Mrs. Bishop

**HOT LUNCH MENU
This Coming Week:**

December 8th

Turkey Grinder w/cheese, lettuce & tomato
Chips
Dessert



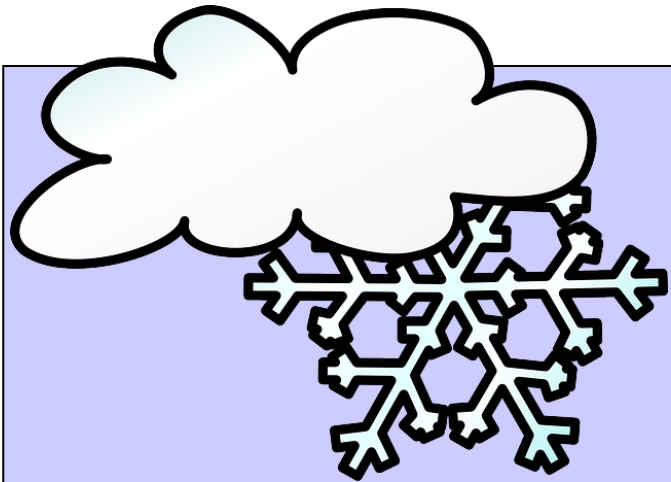
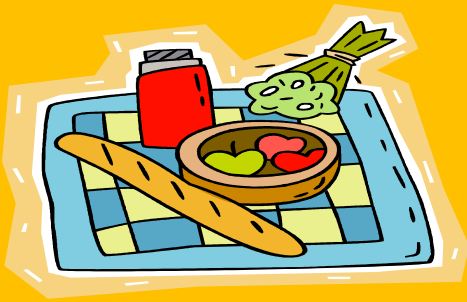
December 10th

Macaroni & Cheese
Cucumbers
Dessert



December 11th

Hot Dog
French Fries
Dessert



Severe Weather Schedule:

If there is a chance that school may be canceled, have a late opening, or early dismissal listen to **WRCH 100.5 on the radio**, or **Channels 3, 30, or 8**, all of which will give you this information. We follow the Bristol Public School schedule.

Below is the delay schedule: Again, this year **there will be a two (2) hour delay only.** In the event of a:

- * **2 HOUR DELAY:** School begins at 10:00 am and there is no morning preschool.
- * Afternoon preschool will begin at its regular scheduled time of 11:30 am.
- * Students may arrive at 9:25 am.

Please note: **Extended Care** is delayed, canceled, or dismissed early according to the School schedule.

IF YOU WOULD

LIKE.... anything submitted into our weekly school newsletter "*The Wolf's Howl*", please contact Mrs. Theriault in the school office at 860-583-5631 or send an email to: trina@ilcsschool.org.

Please have any submissions you would like to appear in Friday's newsletter in the school office by noon on Wednesday.

Thank you!



Girl Scouts

Immanuel Lutheran School
Troop #66072

Next Meeting: DECEMBER 9th
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Time: 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Place: Old School Basement

God Bless Our Work and Our Donations:

- * *Our girls packed 5 SHOEBOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.*
- * *OUR GIRLS MADE 28 HATS & 11 BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS that were donated to Zion Lutheran Church and St. Vincent DePaul Society for the needy and the homeless in our community.*
- * *Our Girls worked hard loading and sorting donations for the FOOD DRIVE that were delivered to Zion Lutheran Church and St. Vincent DePaul Society.*

Thank you for your hard work! We're so very proud of all of you!

Thank you for decorating the Old School Basement!

NOTICES:

- ◇ **GIRL SCOUT BINGO**, Saturday, December 5th at 6:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church basement. Bring snacks to share and an unwrapped toy. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
- ◇ **THE POWDERPUFF DERBY IS COMING UP FEBRUARY 20TH! PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



*If you have any questions, please call:
Becky Wells 860-916-3621 or Trina Theriault 860-384-1530.*



Troop 21 has been very busy for the last few months and it is time to update Immanuel's members. In September, we joined the German Festival,

with all the scouts taking turns in the dunk tank. The scouts also helped clean up with trash, patrolled the food area, and helped breakdown the canopies and tables in the evening. Also in September, we had several scouts march in the Mum Parade, while others worked the food stand on West Street. In October, several scouts met with Mayor Cockayne to discuss citizen's rights and duties. Most of the Troop helped with the annual Sauerkraut Supper, with waiter duty and clean-up after the event was over. On November 1st, the Troop held a can and bottle drive in Immanuel's parking lot, and we thank the many members of Immanuel for their donations. On the same day, the Troop headed to Pastor Karner's house to help with leaf clean-up. November 7th was the Eagle Court of Honor for Evan Foley. Congratulations to Evan on achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout. On November 8th, scouts from the Troop participated as Color Guard in the Veterans Day service at Zion Lutheran Church, and we thank the Veterans for their service to our nation. The Troop congratulates the following scouts on their recent Rank Advancements, Ben Jabs to Star, John Duncan and Nathan Roy to First Class, Luke Foley and Daniel Lauretti to Second Class. The Troop now looks forward to several winter camping events and in January 2016 attending Merit Badge College.

Cub Scout Pack 21 would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing popcorn this past month. If anyone would like more information on joining Cub Scouts, please contact Jason Krueger at: dj2hkrueger@gmail.com





ILC Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Sunday, Dec 6th, we begin a new semester- God Sends His Son to Save Us!

There is something for ALL AGES. **Kindergarten through 5th** grade students will learn that God, in His Word, calls us to repentance and declares us righteous because of His Son, Jesus Christ. They will learn God's Word along with music, crafts, games and drama.

In the Parish Center, **Junior High** (grades 6-8) will have Bible Studies with Advent themes that will coincide with the elementary age lessons. **Senior High** (grades 9-12) will be using "The Wired Word"- using a curriculum that confronts the news with Scripture and Hope along with

a video series- "The Gospel Journey". Both Junior High and Senior High students are also given opportunities to serve others.

And all **Adults** are welcome to join Bible Study in the Gymnasium, led by Pastor Karner, immediately following our Fellowship Coffee between services.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:15



**PASTOR'S
NEW MEMBER CLASS
SUNDAY, 3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM
in the
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LIBRARY**

CHAPEL:

*Our Chapel Service is usually held on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am**. Parents as well as guests and visitors are always welcome to attend. The service is normally about 45 minutes.*

CHAPEL OFFERINGS:

*Donations received during the month of December will be used for the **Warm-a-Child Program, hats and mittens.***



GOD BLESS OUR OFFERINGS!



ADVENT LUNCH:

*After the 10:00 am Chapel Services
on **December 2nd, 9th and 16th***

*a self-serve **light lunch** will be available in the gymnasium that
will consist of 2 choices of soup, bread, butter, coffee, and tea.*

God bless your worship and your fellowship.

May your soul be fed and nourished!



THANK YOU for bringing your wrapped **Warm-A-Child** gifts. They will be distributed this week.

We are looking for donations for the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring a package of diapers (size P, N or 1) or some type of infant product (shampoo, wipes, lotion, etc.)

by Sunday December 13th.

We will deliver all the wonderful donations to the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Through the generous Thrivent Action Team grant, we were able to buy so many warm pajamas for babies.



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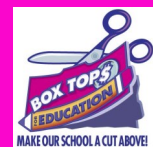


The word “Advent” actually means “coming”. This is a season beginning four Sundays prior to Christmas which has been used by Christians throughout the ages to prepare not only for the Christmas season but for the promised second coming of our Savior. It is tradition that an Advent wreath containing four candles becomes part of the holiday decorations as one prepares for Christmas. There are three purple or blue candles that remind us to live in hope. The fourth candle is pink because on the third Sunday of Advent the focus is on the joy we have as Christians in our eager expectation of Christ’s return. Sometimes a fifth candle is added—this is the Christ candle which is lit on Christmas indicating the birth of our Savior.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Pastor Karner or any of the teachers.



Please remember to **SAVE YOUR “Box Tops for Education”!** Every little bit helps raise money for our school and PTO programs. Thank you!



Immanuel Lutheran Ski Club

We are excited to offer the Ski Club at Immanuel Lutheran School (ILS) again this year to ILS students (Grades 3 – 8 only) and family members at Mount Southington on Friday's beginning in January 2016. We will be going five (5) times as a club and registration forms are available in the school office. The registration form lists out each package type and cost.

The registration form and payment are **due by December 11, 2015**. No exceptions will be made after this date.

If you should have any questions, please contact your ski Coordinator, Michele Dubois, at 860-404-0864 or via email at Icelandic.MD@gmail.com.

Ski Club Dates

January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and February 5th. This is a five week program.

In case of a snow day or bad weather, in which one of these dates is cancelled, a mass email will be sent by the ski Coordinator, to inform the group that Mount Southington needs to close. A re-schedule date will be emailed once confirmed.

We will be skiing evenings from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **Student's will need their own transportation and supervision.**

We are also in need a few Chaperones in the event that a student is injured. We are thinking a few parents who will be supervising their children and/or an adult who will not be skiing. In the event that one of our group's member's is injured, Ski Patrol must have a way of contacting someone. If interested please contact your ski Coordinator, Michele Dubois, at 860-404-0864 or via email at Icelandic.MD@gmail.com.

Payments Methods: Check (*payable to Mount Southington*) or Credit Card*

*Below are instructions for participants who wish to register online.

- 1) Go to www.mountsouthington.com
- 2) Select *Groups* from the main menu
- 3) Select *Groups Participant Registration* under 'School's Out'
- 4) Enter your Group Number & Password
GROUP #: 252
PASSWORD: DUB252
- 5) Confirm your group name in the top left corner before proceeding
- 6) Follow the directions and after payment write your online transaction # on the bottom of the registration form





2015 Advent & Christmas

Worship Services:

Sunday, November 29th, 8 am & 10:45 am**

Wednesday, December 2nd, 10 am & 7 pm

Sunday, December 6th, 8 am & 10:45 am*

Wednesday, December 9th, 10 am & 7 pm

*Sunday, December 13th, 8 am & 10:45 am**

Sunday, December 13th, 9:30 am – German Worship Service*

Wednesday, December 16th, 10 am & 7 pm (School Christmas Program)

Sunday, December 20th, 8 am & 10:45 am*

Thursday, December 24th, 7pm & 11 pm (Christmas Eve Candlelight Service)*

*Friday, December 25th, 9:00 am Christmas Day Divine Service**

*Sunday, December 27th, 8 am & 10:45 am**

*Thursday, December 31st, 7 pm New Year's Eve Divine Service**

**(service includes Holy Communion)*

GOD BLESS YOUR WORSHIP!!!

*Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
154 Meadow Street
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Phone: 860-583-5631
llcs.org*





**JOY
OF
CHRISTMAS
MUSIC
CONCERT**

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 11TH
7:00 PM**

**Immanuel Lutheran
School Children's Band
& Strings
in the ILS
Gymnasium**



*Ring in your
Christmas
Season with
beautiful
music starting with our own
ILS children's band and
strings performing their best
for you! Then, join us on
Saturday to sing
Christmas Carols!*

Merry Christmas!



You're invited to join us for a special holiday

Carol Sing

DATE: Saturday, December 12, 2015
bad weather date, Sunday December 13

TIME: 6:30 pm

**PLACE: Immanuel Lutheran
Church and School,
Corner West and Meadow Street**

Sing-a-long to your favorite
Christmas Carols
Luminaries
Christmas Tree lighting
Refreshments in the gym
Warm beverages throughout



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Immanuel Lutheran Church's Annual COMMUNITY CAROL SING DECEMBER 12TH at 6:30 PM

Meadow Street will be blocked off, we will light the Christmas tree and join together around the fire to sing Christmas Carols on the church steps and in the street and prepare for a most joyous Christmas Season!

Hot Chocolate, coffee and snacks will be served in the gym following the Carol Sing.

Call the office at 860-583-5631, if you have any questions or wish to help.



Until next week...

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

