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OUR MISSION

The people of Immanuel Lutheran Church are living proof of the grace of God through salvation in Jesus Christ. Empowered by Christ, our mission is to reach out in love to those who have not yet responded to the Gospel that

School Mission

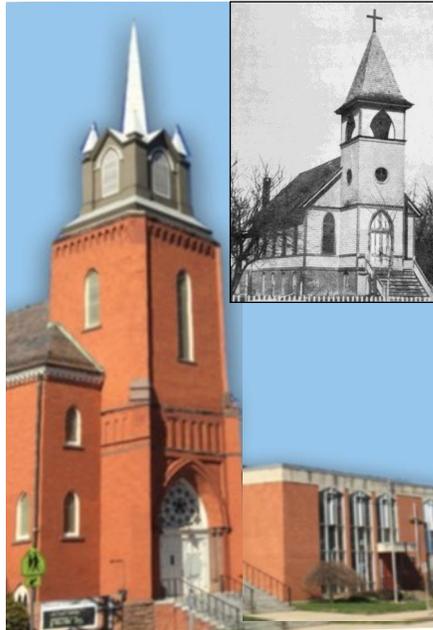
The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to provide a loving atmosphere of academic excellence for children while developing in them and their families a lasting relationship with

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Join us for our 125th Anniversary Celebration



*You are cordially invited to our
125th Anniversary Celebration
with a special Divine Service
of music and praise, on
Sunday, August 27, at 11 a.m.,
followed by a buffet lunch and
a short program in the gym.*

In planning our buffet lunch we need a head count of the number of people planning to attend. We ask that you RSVP by August 13 by calling the church office at 860-583-5649, or emailing Dee Krampitz: dkrampitz@ilcs.org.

You can also use the sign-up sheet posted on the door of the church office.

The 125th Anniversary Committee

2017 ILS Grads





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Ed & Dee Krampitz
Newsletter Editors

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month.

Summer Worship Schedule

June - July - August

**SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICE**
with Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:30 A.M.



**WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE**

Worship Services are broadcast each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on

WNTY Radio

990 AM

96.1 FM

and online at

KoolOldiesRadio.net



From the Pastor's Desk

“Freedom’s Price Has Been Paid”

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:9-10

In the United States, on July Fourth, Americans celebrate Independence Day. One of the things that people need to be reminded of is that freedom isn't free. In this world, someone always pays the price for people to be truly free. For example, the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence: Did you know how much they risked for your freedom?

If they won the war with the British, there would still be years of hardship as a struggling nation. If they lost, they would face a hangman's noose. And yet there it is where it says, “We herewith pledge, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.” They signed it, but did you know what price they paid for those signatures?

In a broadcast on July 4, 1974, Paul Harvey reminded us

* that Carter Braxton, a wealthy planter and trader, after signing saw his ships swept from the seas to pay his debts. He lost his home and all of his property. He died in rags;

* that Thomas McKean of Delaware was so harassed by the enemy that he was forced to move his family five times in five months. He served in Congress without pay – his family in poverty, and in hiding;

* that Thomas Nelson, Jr. of Virginia raised \$2 million on his own signature for provision for our allies, the French fleet. After the War he personally paid back the loans, wiping out his entire estate; he was never reimbursed by his

government. He died bankrupt;

* that John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside while she was dying; his 13 children fled in all directions for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves and returned home after the War to find his wife dead, his children gone, and his properties gone. He died a few weeks later of exhaustion and a broken heart.

Of the 56 signers of the Declaration, few were long to survive. Five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes – from Rhode Island to Charleston – sacked and looted, occupied by the enemy, or burned. Two of them lost their sons in the Army; one had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 died in the War from its hardships or merciful bullets. They had learned that liberty is so much more important than security, and for that they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. They fulfilled their pledge; they paid the price, and freedom was born.

It's hard to imagine paying such a price so that others might be free. But then, we're reminded of the price Jesus Christ paid for our freedom, not just politically for the moment, but eternally for all time. In order to save us from our sins, God literally had come into our predicament, as the God-Man, to live our life perfectly, to pay the debt for our sin personally, and to give us the eternal life He earned as a gift, received by grace alone, through faith. So when it comes to freedom, yearn for the freedom that comes in Christ alone more than any of the other freedoms combined. You'll be blessed if you do!

Pastor Karner

1 Thess. 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. — 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Women of Immanuel ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

At the Summer Potluck Supper, we enjoyed food, fellowship and updates of our activities. The May Bake Sale raised over \$300. Adding \$200 from the treasury, we donated \$200 to Pastor Bridges Scholarship Fund, \$100 to the Radio Ministry, \$50 to Hands of Grace and \$50 to Zion Meals for the Needy.

Items for **HANDS OF GRACE**, an outreach of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Hartford, were collected and will be delivered to New Hartford for distribution to the people they serve.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 7th in the Old School Basement.



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

The LWML-NED Retreat will be held November 3-4, 2017 in Enfield, CT.

The theme chosen is **The Rock Speaks**.

All drink the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock is Christ. 1Cor 10:4.

Come join your LWML-NED Sisters in Christ for a weekend of Bible study, fellowship, singing and relaxation!

Registration forms can be found in the Women of Immanuel mail slot or online at LWML-NED under HOME- RETREAT.

MISSION GRANT STORY

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains, who represent the church on

active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. Chaplains meet the needs of military personnel and their families. We care deeply for those men and women who currently serve in our armed forces and they are in our prayers. But for those pastors who have put on the uniform of our military, and for those who served our nation and live in our communities, there is deep gratitude.

Chaplains host Bible studies, lead worship in chapels, tents, and training areas. Chaplains do marriage counseling, marriage seminars, battle-ready training, and death and bereavement counseling. They perform marriages, baptisms and funerals. Often their "congregation" is made up of many hundreds of thousands. And, their congregants don't always come to them; the chaplains go to them to meet their needs. Chaplains are on flight lines, tank ranges, in shipyards, hospitals, even foxholes. They go where there is an opportunity to touch a life. Military men and women are often young and have young families. Many have never been a part of a church and know little to nothing about the spiritual resources available to them. Chaplains, with the help of the Holy Spirit, can open their hearts to hear the Word of the Lord and know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

PRAYER: O Lord, There are many of our troops who don't know You. Father, I pray that as our chaplains reach out to share the Good News with our troops who have not made Jesus their Savior and Lord, You will send the Holy Spirit to open their ears and hearts. The lost will stay lost until they are found. Father, may You find them today! Draw them to You! In Jesus Name, Amen.

ATTENTION !!!

On Sunday, August 13, the Bristol Half Marathon will result in delays for motorists trying to reach downtown Bristol, beginning around 8:15am when the first runners will be entering downtown via the West End. Traffic at many intersections will be halted as the runners pass. We suggest you go online to [2017 Bristol Half Marathon & Relay](#) and click on **Course Map** to see the route the runners will be taking, *so that you can plan your drive to church that morning!*





Hope all of our "over age 50" members and friends are enjoying a pleasant summer and are looking forward to our three planned Daytrips this summer. On June 1, over 50 of us enjoyed our annual Picnic lunch in the old school basement (OSB) and heard about our special summer lunch daytrips.

Yes, we don't serve lunches during the summer in the OSB, but this year we have made special plans to **eat out** on the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30. It will be a **Surprise Daytrip** that includes a very nice special restaurant and an interesting other activity. No need to sign up at all, just come with about \$25 in your pocket. Don't worry about driving, unless you wish to drive others, as we will carpool to places outside of Bristol, like Litchfield or perhaps New Britain. Why stay home this summer; come on Thursday, **July 6 and August 3** to our parking lot and we will go on an adventure. Call Carol Maron with any comments or questions you have about these summer lunch daytrips.

Our Thursday August 24, twenty of us will go on our special **Goodspeed Theatre** daytrip; there are only three (3) tickets left at \$80 per person so reserve your seat with Carol now, 860-582-9608. We will enjoy the musical "Oklahoma" after having a full lunch at the Gelston House next door. You don't need to be a

Young-At-Heart person, anyone can attend, but checks are payable to: "Immanuel Young-At-Heart". Total amounts and old balances are now due in July – in the office or see Carol or Joyce. We plan to meet in the church lot at 10:30 on Thurs., Aug. 24 and carpool down to East Haddam, CT. Join us !!

Our next lunch in the old School Basement will be held on September 7, the first Thursday, at 11:30. It's a **Planned Potluck** which means everyone should try to bring food to share according to their last name. If your name begins with *A thru G* – bring any **yummy dessert**; *H thru N* – bring a **Cold Dish**; then *O thru Z* bring a **Hot Dish**. See the purple flyer in our glass enclosed cases by the back entrance doors for food ideas. After lunch we will enjoy playing your childhood version of **BINGO** and we do have lots of prizes !!

Other summertime activities we suggest, besides our three daytrips, are visiting our homebound members and playing cards on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Center with our Adult Fellowship group. Take a look at our glass enclosed bulletin boards near the back entrance for trip ideas with area Senior Centers and other Young-At-Heart activities.

Enjoy your summer and be sure to greet one another at our 9:00 am summertime church service.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make last year's potato pancake booth at the German Festival such a great success last year; bringing in over \$2,000 for the church!



We will need lots of help again this year; both in the kitchen and outside flipping on the griddle.

If you have the time and the inclination, take a moment to **PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S POTATO PANCAKE BOOTH AT OUR GERMAN FESTIVAL, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017.**

We start our prep work in the kitchen at 6am until noon and then we'll be frying on the griddle from noon until 9pm. If you can spare even half an hour to relieve someone on the griddle, it would be a blessing to those who work so hard at this event. It takes a great team of people to make this fundraiser successful.

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful consideration!

Sincerely, Trina Theriault

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Board of Evangelism

~ **Church News** ~

✠ NOTICE ✠

Pastor Karner will be out of the office from July 26 to August 9. Pastor David Batchelder will be covering our Sunday Divine Services on July 30 and August 6.

From Jason Krueger, our congregation president:

If you are looking to donate money to certain funds, our Radio Ministry and our Pastor Visitation funds are nearly empty. Both of these funds are important to our Mission. If you have any questions on these two funds, please ask Pastor.

Just a reminder: Proper Church etiquette includes no food or drinks in the pews (with the exception of containers for very small children), and no photography during any of our services. Thank you for understanding the importance of showing God's house the proper respect it deserves.

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**What Do Our Boards Do?
Board of Stewardship**

The Board of Stewardship is a very important group for any Church. They are responsible for the Congregation's Time, Treasures, and Talents. There are many ways that we can give back to our Lord and our Church. The first is through our Time. Time to serve our Church is perhaps the most important gift we can give. We give our time to serve on Boards, help with planned activities, and act at all times in a Christian manner. The Board of Stewardship tries to make the Congregation aware of areas where people can serve. The second area is our Tithes. The Board of Stewardship reminds us through our yearly pledge cards how important these funds are for the overall operation of our Church. The final area is our talents. We all have different strengths, weaknesses, interests, and abilities. The Board of Stewardship tries to align people with these talents and abilities into roles that best serve their Church.

If the Board of Stewardship sounds like a good fit for you, please inform the Church office and someone will be in touch with you.



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Erna W. Litke

November 4, 1918 — June 6, 2017



RENT AVAILABLE IN AUGUST



4 Rm Apartment for rent, 2nd flr. above the Parish Center. \$875 a month including utilities. Please contact Lisa Lepore at 203-592-9695.

Baby Bottle Thank-you



Thanks to all who contributed to our loose change fundraiser in support of the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Unionville. We collected \$1,175.

These funds will be used in support of the mothers and babies served by the Center. There are still a number of baby bottles that have not been returned. If you still have yours, please return them to the office or to church on Sunday. We will be sure to get any donations sent to the CPC.

The Bridges - Aszklar Basketball Tournament

has been rescheduled for
Saturday, August 5th, 8:30 to 4 and
Sunday, August 6th, 12:30 to 4.

Watch the church bulletin for
more information coming in July.

*Thanks and Blessings,
Rob, Judy and Mary*

Immanuel Lutheran School



*Kacie Therrien
Nicholas Madigan
Morgan Hebert-Dubois
Melanie Moliengo*

Class of 2017 graduates

The Karner Graduates



Annie Karner finished her four years at St. Paul Catholic High School on the honor roll and in the top 20 of her class. She is moving to Winston-Salem, North Carolina in August to attend the University of North Carolina School of the Arts to earn her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Filmmaking. She eventually hopes to move to Los Angeles with the ultimate goal of writing and directing films.

Heidi Karner graduated from UConn's Coordinated Dietetics Program and is currently studying for her national exam to become a Certified Registered Dietitian in Connecticut. She hopes to one day become a Certified Diabetes Educator and attain her doula certification to provide pre and postnatal nutrition services to mothers with pregnancy complications.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS ITS

THIRD ANNUAL GERMAN FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 12 NOON – 9:00 PM

Check out our German festival with authentic foods, music, activities, an authentic German Bier Garten for the adults and a Juice Garten for the kids. Contests and entertainment will be provided.



- Free entry
- German foods
- Activities for Children
- Craft Vendors
- Community Based Organizations
 - Live Band
- Authentic Costumes





To my Dear Immanuel Family,
 I would like to give a heart-felt thank you to everyone who attended my retirement dinner on June 3rd.

I would also like to thank the Board of Education for my beautiful retirement cake at the coffee hour on June 11th.

I deeply appreciate all of the cards and gifts that I've received.

I've truly enjoyed teaching His lambs for 32 years at Immanuel!

Yours in Christ,
Ray Ryskowski



Happy Retirement, Ray!



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **School News** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

In education, the summer months are a time for reflection as well as planning. As I look back at the 2016-17 school year, I realize how much support the school received from the members of the church. This support came in the form of financial assistance, volunteer efforts, gifts, kind words, and prayer. Thank you so very much for all of this support. It made a very positive difference.

Our core teaching staff is increasing by 1.5 members for next year. On the lower level, Mrs. Melissa Baskin will teach PK3, Mrs. Holly Tonn will teach PK4, and Mrs. Deborah Krueger will teach Kindergarten. Part-time PK staff will be announced next week, and the teacher for the Grade 1/Grade 2 combination class is yet to be named. On the top floor, Mrs. Linda Beaudoin will teach Grade 3 and Ms. Susan Szalkiewicz will teach Grade 4. Mrs. Mary Aszklar will teach Middle School Humanities (Language Arts and Social Studies), Mrs. Rosemary Ryskowski will teach Middle School Science and Health, and Mr. Richard Carlson will teach Middle School Mathematics. Students at the middle school level will also be offered World Language, which will further prepare them for high school, where a second language is a requirement for graduation.

The 2016-17 school year enrollment was 62 students. We have a few new families for the upcoming year, and are waiting to hear back from some of our current families on enrollment. Enrollment looks very good for the 2017-18 school year.

A plan is in place to offer sports along with more enrichment opportunities at Immanuel Lutheran School. With enough coaches and sponsors, we can offer sports and activities for all ages and ability levels. If you have an interest in coaching a sport or sponsoring an activity or club, we want to hear from you! In addition to the traditional sports, we would like to offer sports that you can't find in public schools. We need to embrace the unique and liberating aspects of being a private school.

Mr. Tavernier is already planning music for the upcoming year. One big change this year will be a Christmas Pageant on Friday, December 15, rather than recitations at an Advent Service. You won't want to miss this spectacular event that tells the story of Christ's birth. In the spring the students will perform "Echoes of the Hammer," a musical of the story of Martin Luther.

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of The Reformation, the school is hosting The Run for Reformation, a 5K fun run/walk for the public, on Saturday, October 28. This is an opportunity for the community to take part in a healthy family-friendly activity, raise money for the school, and draw attention to The Reformation. Hopefully, this will become an annual fund-raiser that gains momentum over time.

I am looking forward to my second year at Immanuel Lutheran School. With the new website nearly complete, everyone will have a candid ongoing peek into life at the school. It is truly a wonderful place.

Yours in Christ,
Anne Stuhlman, Principal



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Happy Fourth of July!</i>				1 Andrew Helming
2 Leonard Maron	3 Edward Bohn Alyssa Kirschner Robert Pease	4	5	6 Donna Hiscock Paul Stewart	7 Dorothy Duessel Janice Eschner Elizabeth Helming Cameron Perry	8 Darrin Bodley Matthew Croze Erika Raspanti Amelia Tessier
9 Wanda Hubbard Dee Krampitz Carol Maron Wendy Palmisano	10 Melanie Moliengo Rocco Pesce	11 Greyson Fortier Bruce Helming	12 Meghan Carder Francis Hogan Ernest Schultz	13 Jennifer McIntyre Eric Therrien	14 Elizabeth Fitz Lynn Kisser Beth Schroeder	15 John Fitzherbert, Jr.
16 Tyler Beaudet Brooke Wells	17 Linda Angelillo Myrle Behrendt Chandler Boutin	18 Mary Aszklar Todd Gorneault Elizabeth Moliengo Shannon Richards Rebecca Runk	19 David Hamelin Edward Miller Donald Smuda Jared Tessman	20 Kevin Daly Debbie Krueger Rhoda Lange Jonathan Tonn	21 Gregory Croze Amelia Schuler	22 Marvin Heidorn Albert Houle, IV Nathaniel Milano Katie Tessman
23 Megan Swicklas	24 Marilyn Triplett	25 Richard Armington Jennifer DeAngelo	26 Adam Houle Elizabeth Houle Sarah Williams	27 Doreen Checovetes Kevin Karner Nicholas Madigan	28 Susan Bodick	29 Makenzie Jankowski
30 Matthew Dennis Keith Hogan Whitney Massaro Joseph Reed Tyler Thormahlen Doris Wegner	31					

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Laurie Grekula Holly Tonn	2 Amy Richmond Cindy Schuler	3	4 Joseph Cydlo Louise Winter	5 Peter Tonn
6 Alexis Fitzherbert Ryan Hill Jordan Kuharski Alicia Michelson Phyllis Steinackle Madison Turley	7 Seth Michelson Eric Velasco Robert Wells	8 Amy Sonstroem	9 Mark Blank Kimberly Debaise Michael Killian Rachel Shields	10 Aaron Desjardins Caitlyn Pacitto	11 Alice Cunningham Wilhelmina Reaves Deborah Swicklas	12 Eric Larson
13 Kenneth Michelson	14 James Fitzgerald Thomas Goodwin Maggie Theriault	15 Sierra Reed	16 Armin Hauer Joyce Marion Breeann Redman Ryan Tessman	17 Ruth Johnson	18	19 Barbara Radcliff Molly Tower
20 David Kisser	21 Shannon Madore	22 Scott Eschner John Fitzherbert Karl Riegler	23 Craig Stange Jonah Tonn	24 Michael Behrendt Janet Desrosiers Lauren Simard	25 Wayne Kuharski Daniel Tonn	26 Jamie Laforge Marilyn Schmelder Linda Wall
27 Dorothy Tichanski	28	29	30	31 Alexandra Dubois Joyce Lassy Jon Sonstroem		



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