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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 all may be united in Christ.

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 Jesus Christ.

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entering
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June 26-30
2023

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It's Free
9 am to
12:30
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in the church
office.



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Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Ed & Dee Krampitz
Newsletter Editors

Deadline for submissions is the 19th of the month.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June – July – August

SUNDAY

DIVINE SERVICE

with Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.

– (Live Streaming) –

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FELLOWSHIP COFFEE
10:00 A.M.

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:30 A.M.

– (Live Streaming) –



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

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&

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From the Pastor's Desk

“Summer Savor”

“Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal.”
John 6:27

It’s summer, and I’m ready to fire up the grill. I can see it now: a Texas-sized T-bone steak, baked potatoes, salad, ice-cold lemonade, and strawberry rhubarb pie with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. It looks amazing, and it’s going to taste great.

But imagine that meal a different way.

Take the steak, the salad, the potatoes, and the pie, and put them all together with the lemonade in a food processor. Let the processor run for a few minutes, and then heat up the brown, gooey mess in a frying pan on the stove.

The meals are equally nourishing, but hardly equally appetizing.

Now let’s take that idea and apply it to worship.

It’s summer, and I’m looking forward to going to church at 9:00am. I’m looking forward to going into that beautiful building and sitting down in the Lord’s

house. I can see the people dressed in their best in honor of the Lord’s love as shown in the Savior’s sacrifice and victory, which saves us. I anticipate the majestic chords of the organ, the glory of the hymns, and hearing my pastor preach about my Savior.

That’s the way to go to church – ready to savor God’s presentation of love.

Of course, there are other ways you can go to worship. You can take the entire worship experience and try to figure out how to get in and out as fast as possible – no eye contact, no friendliness, no commitment, no singing, no praying.

What God is giving is the same, but, well, you can figure out the rest.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, You have blessed us with spiritual nourishment. Let us give sincere thanks for that food which fills our souls. Grant us grace to worship You, our Savior and the Holy Spirit’s power. May our worship experience be a blessing to us and those around us. In Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

Pastor Karner
1 Thessalonians. 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

Young at Heart

Here it is June already; don't you love seeing all the green foliage and colorful bushes and flowers wherever you go!!

We had 40 folks last month for our Greer's Chicken event and enjoyed the special photographic presentation by Bill Wentland. His amazing black and white photos of Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan and history of Henry Ford kept us all interested; Thank you so much, Bill, for sharing your presentation with us. Anyone else want to present a program?

On Thursday, June 1, we had 35 folks for our Picnic Lunch. Pastor Karner presented our program on "**Christian Care at Life's End**". He went over 12

guiding principles, with important distinctions, and asking the right questions. Was very informative and very personal.

Looking ahead to the summer months, we will have a Cool Summer Lunch on Thursday, August 3 at 11:30 in the OSB when we all will bring a cold item and donate \$2 for a cold buffet. As usual, there will be no lunch held in July this year.

We still need volunteers to help clean up in the kitchen after our events, and are also seeking volunteers to plan our popular Christmas Party for us. Hope to see you and a friend on Thursday, August 3 for great food, and Christian fellowship. Why stay home alone?



Monday Cards

Anyone who wants to laugh, please join us for cards every Monday at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. You don't even have to know how to play. It's easy to learn and many laughs. It's so much fun and great socialization. We'd love to have you!!!

Any questions, call Roberta at 860-621-0230.

Walk and Talk is every Tuesday at 9:00 am.

Women's Bible Study, Tuesday, June 13, at noon. Bring your lunch.

*Blessings,
Roberta Kuhr, RN*

Women of Immanuel

Annual Potluck luncheon will be held on **Saturday, June 10 at 11:30 am** in the OSB (original school basement). We invite all women of Immanuel to attend. Bring a friend and your favorite dish.



Mark your calendar: The next **Voter's Meeting** will be Monday, July 31, at 7 pm in the church sanctuary.

Reminder: The weekly church bulletin and announcements are posted online on Immanuel's website: www.ilcs.org

From Ed & Dee Krampitz, the *Messenger* editors.

We will continue to publish monthly. With summertime typically being a slow time news-wise, we are looking for news from our members – recent graduates, special trips this summer, etc. Please consider sharing. The next **Messenger** will be the July issue.

The *Messenger* deadline is the 19th of each month. Articles should be either emailed to ekrampitz@sbcglobal.net or brought to the church office and left in the mail slot marked Messenger.

Please consider having the *Messenger* sent to you electronically. For more information contact Dee at dkrampitz@sbcglobal.net.



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Church News** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Congratulations on the marriage of
SAMANTHA RUFFINO
&
DEAN BUDEN
here at Immanuel on May 21



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



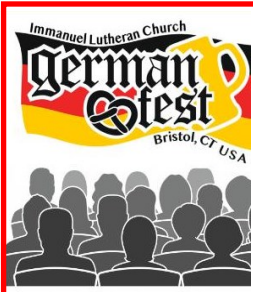
Janice C. Sonstroem

December 24, 1931 — May 26, 2023



Richard "Randy" Neumann

February 15, 1943 — June 1, 2023



**NEW DATE FOR OUR
GERMAN FESTIVAL**
Friday, August 25 and
Saturday, August 26

We'll also start recruiting volunteers
before and after Sunday worship at
the Christian Mart.

LIMITED TIME INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MEMBERS

Immanuel Lutheran cordially invites its members to participate in a unique Stewardship opportunity to assist the Church in reducing its borrowing costs while earning an attractive 4.00% annual return, a highly competitive rate! By investing in a promissory note with Immanuel Lutheran, you can make a positive impact on our financial health while enjoying a solid financial investment for yourself. As you consider this investment opportunity, here are some details you may find helpful.

- Your investment will help Immanuel Lutheran reduce its borrowing costs, allowing the Church to reduce interest costs paid to our bank lender on our Line of Credit.
- The promissory note is a safe and secure investment, backed by the full Faith and credit of Immanuel Lutheran Church & School.
- You can choose the amount you'd like to invest, starting from as little as \$500.

I hope these details will help you to make an informed decision.
If you have an interest in participating in the new Stewardship investment program, please contact Howard T. Schmelder either by phone 860.583.5649 or email ilcshts@gmail.com.

In HIS Service,
Howard T. Schmelder
Congregational President



THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION Call for Grant and Scholarship Applications



Thanks to a generous gift, the Immanuel Lutheran Foundation has been serving diverse needs of the Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1997. This “General Fund” has provided financial support through a Grant Application Process to do those important “non-budgeted” things “for which we never seemed to have the money.”

While the Foundation’s General Fund earnings are directed to the support of *non-budgeted items*, the earnings of the Westfall Endowment Funds established some years later are directed to specific needs. These include; local expenses, school expenses, and the maintenance and upkeep of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Provisions have also been made to award five scholarships each year. One is offered to an Immanuel member entering “Preaching and Teaching” ministries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Four are available to members of Immanuel and/or graduates of the Immanuel Lutheran School enrolled in an accredited College or University with a preference given to applicants aspiring to enter the ministry, or a career in medicine, law, or engineering.

All this for one reason.

To provide continuing support for the Ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the Immanuel Lutheran Church here in Bristol.

It's Time!

2023 Grant Applications are being accepted now for review beginning in April. Forms are available thru the Church Office and returned there when complete. Westfall Scholarship Applications are also available in the office and must be completed and returned to the office no later than Sunday, June 18, 2023.

The Directors begin the Grant Review Process in April and continue throughout the year as funding remains available.

Questions? Pick up a Foundation Brochure in the Church/School Lobby or contact one of the Directors; Bill Wentland, Andy Helming, Bob Wollenberg, Diane Read, Mike Killian.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Applications are available in the church office:

We are accepting applications for Immanuel Lutheran Church Scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church or graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School.

Applications are due on Sunday, June 18, 2023 in the church office.

These scholarships
will be awarded in August.



Happy
**FATHER'S
DAY**

JUNE 18

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club **Story Time!**

The last Photo Club meeting before summer break is Tuesday, June 6. The assignment is “*Where did You Go? What did You See? Tell your stories with Pictures*”. There are seemingly endless stories that have been told at the Photo Club. On June 6th, we will see more great stories and excellent photography. Each will represent a personal experience. Each a special place, or a special moment in time that the photographer has chosen to share.



Join us! We meet on the First Tuesday of every month except July and August at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch



Can you identify any of these students from Vern's 4th grade class?
Their names will be in next month's Messenger.

The Board of Trustees is asking our Members to make us aware of any maintenance issues you notice.
Please fill out this form and leave it in the Board of Trustees mailbox in the office. Thank you.

MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR REQUEST

DATE: _____

LOCATION & BRIEF DESCRIPTION: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

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

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Some of our most anticipated events of the year are happening now, as the school year draws to a close. We have field trips, graduations, and special events. Classrooms are receiving rewards that have taken months to earn, and everyone is looking forward to the summer ahead.

Our middle school had their Washington DC Field Trip May 21-26. It was a perfect trip! The group traveled in a 15 passenger van, and stayed in an AirBnB rather than a hotel. It provided the perfect accommodation for our group and could have held more than 20! This will be our "go-to" residence for future trips to DC. The mansion had 9 bedrooms, 12 beds, and 5½ bathrooms. We were able to prepare meals in the home rather than eating out for every meal. There was plenty of room for group gatherings and for privacy.

Monday, the first full day in Washington, was our Capital tour and the Holocaust Museum. We also toured some of the monuments at night. Tuesday was the war memorial side of the mall and the White House. Wednesday was the museum side of the mall and Arlington. The middle schoolers really did see everything in the three days in DC.

Thursday morning we left at 6:00 AM for Gettysburg. Our segway tour started at 8:30. We had a thorough 4-hour tour of the battlefield. It was very educational.

Following the tour, we headed for Lancaster for matinee tickets for Moses at the Sight and Sound Theater. There really are no bad seats at Sight and Sound.

We finished on Friday morning at Hershey Park with every other middle schooler east of the Mississippi. It was very crowded, we arrived home at 8:30 Friday evening.

Other exciting end of year events included June 2's trip to Project Oceanology in Groton. The students worked directly with the scientists to chart and track organisms found on the beach. Everyone learned a lot and had a wonderful day.

Graduation for our 8th graders is Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. It will be followed by a reception with cake and punch in the cafeteria. Our PK and Kindergarten graduation is June 9, at 10:00 in the gym. June 9 is also the last day of school for the year.

Camp Immanuel starts Monday, June 12, and runs through mid-August. A fun summer has been planned with new themes for each week. Of course, the focus is always on God's love.

Our new Infant Center will hold an open house on Monday, July 3, and open officially Wednesday, July 5. This is an opportunity for evangelism and a means of revenue for the church and school. Everyone is welcome to stop by on July 3 to see the new infant space.



School News (continued from previous page)

You may know, I have accepted a call to a school in Lake Ozark, Missouri. This is very close to my family and it feels like I am moving “home.” I have loved my time at Immanuel Lutheran School. Seven years is a good stretch, and a lot has happened in that amount of time. The school is strong, and in a very good place. But, it is people that make a school great. Please keep the school faculty and staff, our volunteers, and the school families in your prayers. They are those people!

Anne Stuhlman, Principal

More photos of their trip will be in the July Messenger.



JUNE 2023 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Evan Foley Jack Lusic Paul Ryskowski Joel Sonstroem	2 Daniel Wall	3
4 Joanne Raspanti Jaime Ryskowski	5 Linda Kuharski	6 Lynn Donahue Richard Lutz Bethany Swicklas	7 Lois Koch	8 Ruth Stewart	9 Claudia Bishop Abigail Bourgoin	10 Andrew Dubois Haylee Kissler
11	12 Aubrey Bennett Alexa Bugryn Rickard Darm Jacqueline Holcomb Peter Koch Pamela Mockler Gabriel Scarpati	13 Mavis Charles-Durham Linda Sonstroem	14 Patricia Kahle	15	16 Christopher Pacitto	17
18 Mel Schab Bev Zahnke	19 Heidi Karner Pat Wollenberg	20 Walter Riemer	21 Liliana Delaney Carley Klemyk Julia Klemyk Barry Sonstroem Nancy Tower	22 Robert Bergeron Leslie Foley	23 Henry Kuharski, Jr.	24
25 Marcus Lopisi Doreen Tessier	26 Benjamin Jabs	27	28 Lisa Bugryn	29 Lisa Catanzaro Sandra Cleveland Shawn Dennis Connie Glidden Laura Hamelin Karen Hebert	30 Tami Benvenuto Alice Bielert Carrie Palmisano Kacie Therrien	HAPPY FATHER'S Day! JUNE 18



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