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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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Immanuel Lutheran

Vacation Bible School 2024



Ages

Pre-K4 - Grade 6

Dates

July 8 - 15

Time

9 am - 12:30

It's time to register for VBS

It's Free

Register today at:
ILCS.org or
in the church office.



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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
10:15 A.M.

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:30 A.M.

— (Live Streaming) —



WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE

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

WNTY Radio

AM 990

&

FM 96.1

and online at

KoolOldiesRadio.net



From the Pastor's Desk

“Watchful”

The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth. Psalm 33:13-14

As we prepare to celebrate Father's Day on June 16, a story about fathers might be appropriate, don't you think?

Here's a story that a firefighter in St. Louis, Missouri tells. You might've heard it before (or something similar), but that doesn't mean the firefighter isn't telling the truth. He shares how he had gone to a blaze, which was destroying a two-story home.

Everyone had made it out when the smallest boy remembered something he had forgotten.

Without anyone seeing him, he managed to make it back to his bedroom on the second floor. He made it in, but he couldn't get out.

Seeing his son at his bedroom window, the father shouted, “Jump, son! I'll catch you!” The boy cried, “Daddy, I can't see you!” “I know”, his dad called back, “but I can see you.”

When we were growing up, it was really important for us to be seen by our fathers, wasn't it?

A smile or an arm around the shoulder could make all the difference for us.

Now that I'm older, it's still true. Yes, my earthly father is no longer among us, but my heavenly Father is still watching over me.

Although I'm no longer a little boy, there are times when I feel very small and helpless. That's when His smile and His heavenly hand on my shoulder make a difference. By faith in the crucified and risen Savior, I know I'm not alone!

I can't see my Father, but it's enough that He sees me and is there to catch me.

THE PRAYER: Dear heavenly Father, we thank and praise You that we are never alone. Even in the darkest times, we know You are beside us. Thank You for seeing us through Your eyes of love. May we try to live our lives in honor of You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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

Young at Heart

On June 6, we held our annual Picnic Lunch.

We were fortunate to have noted Registered Dietitian, Jessica Dormer for an informative presentation all about vitamins and supplements! Jessica helped to clarify which vitamins and supplements are important, how to choose which ones are right for you, and more.

Looking forward to the summer months, we will have a Cool Summer Lunch on Thursday, August 1 at 11:30 in the OSB when we ask that everyone bring a cold item and donate \$2 for a cold summer buffet. As usual, there will be No Lunch held in July.

Hope to greet you in church this month at the only 9:00 am summertime service!



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

Women of Immanuel

Did you know that the Women of Immanuel are all about community, service, and making a difference? We support local and global projects and the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) through Mites for Mission Grants and so much more. As Lutheran women we are on a mission to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and empower all women to honor God by serving others. On Saturday, June 15th (at 12:00 noon in the OSB) we are having a potluck. Women of all ages are invited to join us – come connect and see what we’re all about!



If you have any questions, please reach out to Claudia Bishop, Carol Maron, or Renee Karner for more information.

See you there with your mites and your potluck dish for our buffet tables (dessert and beverages will be provided).



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Michael L. Theriault

August 7, 1953 — May 20, 2024



Please join us weekly at the Parish Center.



CARDS Every Monday at 1:00 pm. Open to all adults. Please join us for an afternoon of laughs.

Walking every Tuesday at 9:00 weather permitting, and **Walk and Talk** at 9:30 am. All are welcomed. We are a fun group – we even laugh! Snacks and coffee provided. Please join us, we’d love to see you.

Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday, **June 18** at noon.

Bring a lunch, and join us for a Bible Study in the Parish Center.



If anyone in the church would like a visit from the Parish Nurse, please contact me. If someone is being admitted to the hospital or having surgery, please let me know.

God’s Blessings,
Roberta Kuhr RN BSN FCN
860-621-0230

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 **dkrampitz@ilcs.org** or brought to the church office and left in the mail slot marked Messenger.

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

Mark your calendar: The next **Voter’s Meeting** will be Monday, July 29, at 7 pm in the church sanctuary.



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. The “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!

2024 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 16, 2024**.

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

Questions? Contact one of the Directors; Bill Wentland, Andy Helming, Bob Wollenberg, and Diane Read.

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 16, 2024** in the church office.

These scholarships
will be awarded in August.



Happy
**FATHER'S
DAY**

JUNE 16

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

Behind the Bricks... *Indoor Photography*

It's estimated that 90% of the photos shown at Photo Club Meetings are taken outdoors. *Could we be missing something?? We all make photographs for different reasons and we're all trying to communicate something with the camera. No matter what the subject matter is, photographers are saying the same thing to their audiences, "LOOK AT THIS!"*

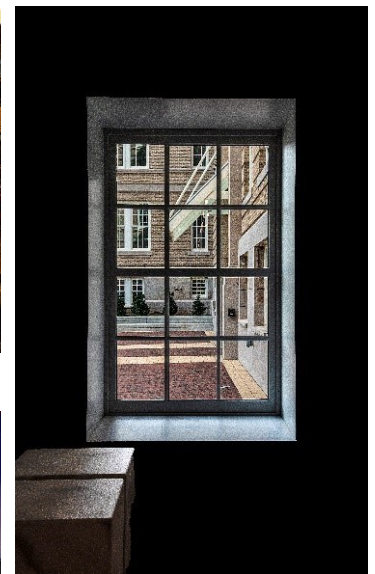
Indoor opportunities are endless! You'll find history, art, emotion, and memories challenging your photography skills. It's the difference between standing in front of FDR's Mansion at Hyde Park or going *Behind the Bricks*, sitting at his desk, touching it, and seeing what he saw, then trying to convey this experience to your audience. *Indoor Photography? It's worth a try!*



Immanuel Lutheran Church



Greenfield Village - Dearborn, MI



Old Central High School



FDR Desk at Hyde Park, New York



Country Bear Jamboree - Disney World



Plymouth Plantation - RI



Marble House - Newport, RI



Beleden Mansion - Bristol

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

Bottle and Can Collection

Youth Group will be collecting your returnable cans and bottles during the month of **June!**

Please leave them in the kitchen near the gym, thank you for your support!



The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to join in the preparing of the Lords altar for church services. You would be assigned for one month a year with other volunteers. I

pray that you will find it in your heart to join us. Please contact me if you are interested.

God's blessings,

Roberta Kuhr
860-621-0230

Orphan Grain Train Announces Shipment



Volunteers for the Orphan Grain Train's (OGT) New England Branch, located at 33 South Main St. in Terryville, Ct. loaded half a 53 foot container of needed items for Appalachia on June 3. OGT has the use of a warehouse in Terryville that is owned by Mr. Bill Allread, who has made space available for this charitable work.

The shipment was sent to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) which aids those less fortunate over an 8 state area and is headquartered in Kentucky. The shipment, included over 1100 boxes of Linens, Men and Women Clothing, Coats, Hygiene supplies, Medical supplies, Diapers, and Coveralls. Also included were 11 Bicycles, 10 wheelchairs, 25 commodes, 10 CPAP machines and 8 Sewing Machines.

Other shipments have gone to missions in a number of countries e.g. Liberia, Nicaragua, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Lithuania, Latvia, Nepal, the Philippines, Trinidad, Panama, Ghana and the Republic of Georgia, as well as Appalachia and hurricane relief for Puerto Rico, Florida and North Carolina. The Branch also helps those locally in New England, giving medical items that have been donated to individuals in need and thru the visiting nurse and hospice care organizations of the area. It has also helped with a shipment to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

The effort is an Outreach Ministry of the Lutheran Church, and OGT is a 501(c)(3) charity affiliated with the church and supported locally by Holy Trinity Lutheran in Terryville and Immanuel Lutheran in Bristol and St. Johns in Waterbury and is open to all who want to help others. For more information, please call Holy Trinity at 860-582-0723 and/or check out the OGT.org website.

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

May has been a busy month and it began with teacher appreciation week. The PTO provided a nice lunch for the teachers to thank them for all they do. As the month went on, we enjoyed a recorder concert from the third and fourth grade and a concert from our after school chorus group. Everyone did a fantastic job!

On Ascension Day, the classes got together to release balloons (biodegradable) into the sky to remind us that Jesus rose up to heaven and will one day return.

We inducted Ali Denoncourt, Meagan Carter and Maddie Bouchard into our Jr. Honor Society, and Ali Denoncourt was also named our Valedictorian and Gianna Fabrizio our Salutatorian of the class of 2024.

In the final weeks of school we enjoyed field day, planting flowers with Alice Helming, a visit from the ice cream truck and graduation ceremonies for 8th grade, pre-K 4 and kindergarten.

Our students are now out for the summer and camp sessions will begin soon. We continue to enroll students for the 2024-2025 school year and please spread the word about our wonderful school.

Yours in Christ,
Debbie Krueger



School News (continued from previous Page)



JUNE 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Evan Foley Jack Lusia Paul Ryskowski Joel Sonstroem
2 Daniel Wall	3	4 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 Kissar	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 Kerner Pat Wollenberg	20 Walter Riemer	21 Liliana Delaney Carley Klemyk Julia Klemyk Barry Sonstroem Nancy Tower	22 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 Gianna Fabrizio Carrie Palmisano Kacie Therrien						



JUNE 16



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