



Remembering The Past! From The 125th Anniversary Committee.

Reverend Bradley J. Yops was installed on July 12, 1987 as Associate Pastor here at Immanuel. Born March 9, 1949 in Wyandotte, Michigan, he received a B.S. degree in architecture and was employed by several architectural firms in Indiana and Michigan for several years. On May 25, 1984, he graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana with a Master of Divinity degree. Before accepting the Call as Associate Pastor at Immanuel, Rev. Yops served congregations at Excelsior Springs, Missouri and Peterborough, New Hampshire. In April 1990, Bradley Yops left Immanuel to serve as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in his home state Flint, Michigan.

Pictured here is Pastor Yops with his wife Janice and their children, Jack, Alison, and Lauren.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin is Wednesdays at noon.

Immanuel Lutheran Church—Bristol, Connecticut

July 16, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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 \$1175.00. 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 when you are here on Sunday morning. We will be sure to get any donations sent to the CPC.

Voter's meeting Monday, July 31 at 7pm,
in the church sanctuary.

From the 125th Anniversary Committee, our book is coming together and we still have groups and boards we have not heard from. We would like to have everyone covered and not left out. Final deadline is July 31. Email articles and photos to dkrampitz@ilcs.org or place article in the mail slot for 125th Anniversary in the office.

The beautiful flowers on our altar today are provided by Linda Beaudoin, from her flower garden.

Letter to the Congregation from the Board of Finance and the Council

Dear Voters, Members and Friends of Immanuel,

As you know the past few years we have continued to pass very challenging budgets with the expectation that the next year will provide better opportunities and blessings. Each year during the holidays contributions have been very generously given which has kept our budgetary needs covered. In addition, we have received any number of special gifts that have provided support at critical times, and we have seen continued involvement in Thrivent choice dollars. We continue to thank you for contributing and directing those dollars to Immanuel as every gift helps.

As the school year ends and summer begins, contribution levels and school tuition payments decrease, and the deficit that was projected at the time of passing the budget is developing more significantly this year. At the present time we have drawn down on the line of credit by \$99,500. We have seen our school enrollment expand and we would like to continue to support this important ministry.

What can we do to help? Collectively we would ask that if you can increase your giving in any way it would help. If everyone would increase their giving by any percentage each week or month, it would go a long way in reducing the deficit. Continue to access your Thrivent choice account and direct those dollars to Immanuel, as this will not cost anything other than some time but will provide ongoing benefits to the church and school. Please note you have to direct choice dollars several times throughout the year, so if you were to add this to your calendar, you would not miss any opportunity to benefit Immanuel.

Finally, special gifts are always welcome. These can be in the form of cash, or appreciated stock or mutual funds. There can be tax benefits to donating stocks or mutual funds (a tax adviser can assist you in determining the potential).

Immanuel starts its fiscal year on October 1, and all Boards are starting the process of setting their budgets for the next fiscal year. It would be great if we can substantially reduce the current deficit and start the next fiscal year in a good financial position.

As always, the Board of Finance and the Council thank you for all of the support and time you provide each and every day to Immanuel.

In His service,

Board of Finance and the Council

Join us for our 125th Anniversary Celebration



*Immanuel
“God With Us”
The Journey
Continues
1892 – 2017*

*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