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School Principal

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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FREEDOM SUNDAY

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” – Psalm 33:12

Sunday, July 6th will be designated **Freedom Sunday**. On that day we will celebrate not only the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans but also, as redeemed children of God, the freedom to show acts of mercy and share the love of Christ Jesus at home, in our community, in our nation and around the world.

Following the worship service, American flags will be handed out and, weather permitting, we will ask the congregation to pose in front of the church for a photograph to commemorate the day.

“FIRST FRUITS”

The First Fruits Stewardship campaign ended on June 30, 2014. We thank all of our members who sacrificed and gave their offerings to help us knock down our line of credit. As we begin our new fiscal year, continue to pray that the Lord continue to bless us and allow us to be able to proclaim the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The final totals for the First Fruits Campaign are located in the hallway by the library.





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**SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICE**

8:00 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY

9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.



**WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE**

Worship Services are broadcast each Sunday on

**WXCT RADIO
990 AM
1:00 P.M.**

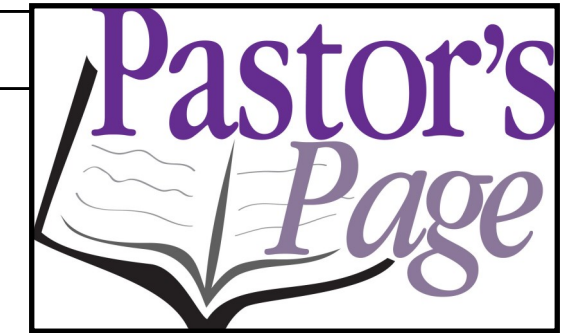
From Pastor Karner's Desk

“Let Freedom Ring!”

The word, “FREE”, is one of the most popular words in the English language; and along with it, “FREEDOM”. This month we’ll be celebrating the freedoms that we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. It’s appropriate for all, but especially for Christians, to give thanks to God for all His blessings, which includes freedom from political oppression and tyranny.

That being said, our nation’s political landscape is changing before our very eyes, and it has less to do with who’s occupying the White House, and more to do with a political correctness that is antagonistic to Christianity. Our “one nation, under God” is slowly drifting away from our Judeo-Christian heritage and, in the words of one author, “slouching toward Gomorrah” (a reference to the biblical town at the southern end of the Dead Sea violently destroyed for its wickedness). And with this political change we’re beginning to see an erosion of basic liberties that our forefathers fought to the death to secure.

The “Bill of Rights” is the collective name for the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. Proposed to assuage the fears of Anti-Federalists who had opposed Constitutional ratification, these amendments guarantee a number of personal freedoms, limit the government’s power in judicial and other proceedings, and reserve some powers to the states and



the public. The Bill of Rights enumerates freedoms not explicitly indicated in the main body of the Constitution, such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, a free press, and free assembly; the right to keep and bear arms; freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, and others. The First Amendment prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, abridging the freedom of speech, infringing on the freedom of the press, interfering with the right to peaceably assemble or prohibiting the petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances.

So what does this American history and civics lesson have to do with you and Immanuel Lutheran Church? Well, as members of the Body of Christ, we have a responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus as we care for the welfare of our neighbors. And that’s why the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has launched an education and awareness campaign called “Religious Liberty: Free to Be Faithful.” It’s designed to protect American citizens’ freedom of religion, to maintain the rights afforded in the Constitution for future generations, and to respond to increasing intrusions by government in the realm of the church. The



Isaiah 7:9 “If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.”

campaign’s main goal is to educate and move LCMS rostered members and laity to take informed action to protect religious freedom and all the cultural issues that pertain to it: the definition of marriage, the work of social service organizations, confessing the faith in the public square, aspects of the Health and Human Services mandate and the like. You can find more information at <http://www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful>. Another organization that is doing excellent work in this area is the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). ADF is a servant ministry building an alliance to keep the door open for the spread of the Gospel by transforming the legal system and advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family. More information is available at <http://www.alliancedefendingfreedom.org/about>. These United States are still a great nation (as all the patriotic music and fireworks displays will remind us), but Christians must remain diligent in their faithfulness to God. The Scriptures are clear: “We must obey God rather than men.” Our obedience to Him is the result of the spiritual freedom we have in Christ – free from the eternal consequences of sin, and death, and the power of the devil. And THAT’S the most important freedom of all!

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Pastor Karner



There is therefore now
no condemnation
for those who are in
CHRIST JESUS.

ROMANS 8:1, NRSV

**Immanuel Welcomes
our newest members!**

Rollin J. Lee

Donna Ptak

Barbara Wallick

***Erin Madigan-Schiedel and her
sons Thomas and Nicholas***

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**If you are vacationing this
summer, May the Lord Bless
your journey and
return you safely!**

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**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE!**

Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good.

**OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
We have one service with Communion from
June 1, 2014 - August 31, 2014**

Sunday, July 6, 2014: **9:00am**

Sunday, July 13, 2014: **9:00am**

Sunday, June 20, 2014: **9:00am**

Sunday, June 27, 2014: **9:00am**

2 Corinthians 3:17 “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom.

CHURCH NEWS



Shut-in Outreach

Starting in June Pastor Karner is receiving help visiting our home bound members. Pastor Joel Kotila will be making visits one day a week in addition to the visits that Pastor Karner will make. Our hope is that all of our home bound members will receive holy communion on a more regular basis.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Despite calls for help, there is still a need for volunteers to serve as ushers for worship services. Three people have been recruited to help but we still need eleven more people to fill in the holes in the usher teams. One team has only two members left out of the normal six members.



USHERS

Serving as an usher is easy and requires little training and ushers are only responsible to serve two months out of the year. Men and women can serve as ushers.

We especially appeal to our younger members and newer members to fill in the usher teams and give service to the Lord and the church.

Please speak to any usher and volunteer to help. Your service will be most appreciated.

ARCHIVES

Check out our Archive's website set up by David Hintz at ilcsarchives.omeka.net.

Anyone having contact information including e-mail addresses for any of our Alumni, please give them to Trina in the office!



QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014

7:00PM

IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY



IF YOU ARE NOT A VOTING MEMBER AND WISH TO BE, SEE KAREN IN THE OFFICE.

GET INVOLVED! JOIN A COMMITTEE, SERVE A BOARD, OR SERVE IN OTHER WAYS! CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR OTHER SERVICE OPTIONS!

Galatians 5:13 "For you were called to freedom, brothers, Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

YOUNG AT HEART

YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS



Our "over age 50" group, does not hold any summer lunches during July and August. Hope you were one of the 50 people who enjoyed our June Picnic Lunch, Quilt Auction, sang our theme song, did puzzle sheet, and enjoyed our Show 'n Tell program on June 5. Our next lunch is on Thursday, September 4, when we hold our annual September Potluck and play your childhood version of Bingo and give out many donated prizes.



On July 30, Wednesday, twenty of us will go to the Goodspeed Theatre in E. Haddam to see "Fiddler on the Roof" after enjoying a great lunch next door at the Gelston House. Some tickets may be still available, so call Carol at [860-582-9608](tel:860-582-9608) for more information, cancellations and tickets. Entrée choices of chicken, fish, or beef are needed now as well as full payment of \$73.50 payable to "Young-At-Heart". We will carpool at 11 am from the church parking lot. Anyone can join us and go on this trip.



We need YOU to plan a daytrip for our group for the month of August; we will help promote a trip you have in your mind. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated; contact Joyce or Carol [860-582-9608](tel:860-582-9608) for help in developing your plan for us.

We hope that you will greet one another at our 9 am Sunday services and read the announcements in the bulletin to see any new activities we may plan. The glass-enclosed bulletin board near the library also shows our activities.



Ideas for trips sponsored by Senior Centers are shown on the TRIP bulletin board by the gym.

The best idea for a summertime activity is to visit some of our many homebound members who are waiting to welcome you and have a pleasant visit .



INDEPENDENCE DAY

We celebrate with
Corrine Freimuth
 On Her Reaffirmation of Faith!
Congratulations!

**We Welcome through the
 rite of Holy Baptism**
Logan Patrick Williams
 son of Erick and Sarah
(Curtis) Williams
 Baptized on 6-1-14

1 Peter 2:16-17 " Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor."

Things you never hear in Church

Hey! It's MY turn to sit in the front pew

Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf!

I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High School Bible Class!

I love it when we sing hymns we have never sung before!



Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!

Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.



The Immanuel Lutheran Photo Club

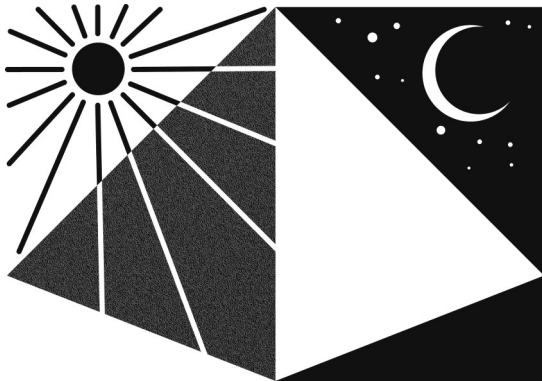
We're off for the Summer!

No Photo Club meetings 'till September! Thursday the 4th at 7:00 to be exact. But we're still taking pictures.



As you probably would guess, the Summer Assignment is ... "My Summer". There's places to see like Mystic Seaport and plenty of photo ops. Take pictures and join us in the Parish Center in September for *The Summer*.

Bible Quiz



What was the first plague God brought upon the Egyptians when Pharaoh refused to let the Hebrews leave his land?

- A. Water turned to blood
- B. Dense darkness for three days
- C. Death of all Egyptian firstborn males
- D. Swarms of gnats

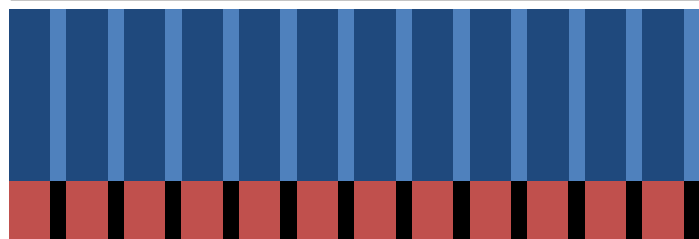
Answer: A (See Exodus 7:20-21 ff.)

From Sea to Shining Sea



Hot air

Scientists have discovered that sound travels faster in the summer than in the winter. In hot summer air, sound travels at 1,266 feet per second. But in cold air, sound travels as slow as 1,066 feet per second. So that means sermons preached in the summer will naturally be shorter, right?



Matthew 9:37-38 "Then he said to the disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."



SCHOOL NEWS



TUITION ASSISTANCE—It is our goal at Immanuel, that no child should be declined a Christ Centered



education because of finances. For over 115 years, our school has made Christian Education a centerpiece of its ministry. In order to make this possible, it is vital that we have resources available for tuition assistance. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can make a donation by simply putting your gift in an envelope clearly marked for Tuition Assistance. Like any other donation to Immanuel this gift is tax deductible.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014



ON JUNE 12TH AT 7 P.M., THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE THE 116TH GRADUATING CLASS OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL:

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| <i>Alexa Bugryn</i> | <i>Alena Hauer</i> | <i>Haley Romaniello</i> |
| <i>Caitlin Farken</i> | <i>Sierra Reed</i> | <i>Jessica Romaniello</i> |
| <i>Seth Foley</i> | <i>Ashley Romaniello</i> | <i>Oskar Tolmoff</i> |

We wish them God's blessings as they move on to various high schools.



As we finish another school year, the students, faculty and staff would like to thank you for your very

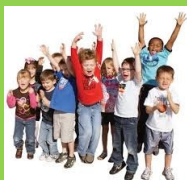
generous support of our education ministry at Immanuel.

Without your support we would not be able to share the message of Jesus with these young people every day.

Has everyone shown their support for Immanuel by purchasing the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School tumblers? If not, now is your chance! Each great looking tumbler holds 16 oz of your favorite hot or cold beverage. Please remember that your purchase supports student programs, activities and promotes our wonderful church. Stop by the office to buy your tumblers for \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00.



CHECK OUT THE DIFFERENCE A LUTHERAN SCHOOL MAKES



Immanuel is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year for Preschool –8th grade. If you would like to tour the school or know some who would like to see our great ministry, call the school office (860-583-5631) or email Mr. Krupski (jameskrupski@ilcsschool.org) for more information.

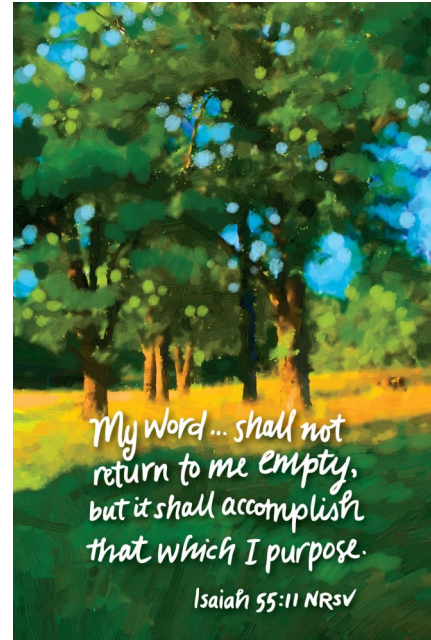
John 4:23 *“But the hour is coming, and now here, where the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.”*

From The Editor:

“Love thy neighbor”. Do you know how hard it is to do this in today’s society? Why just today as I was dropping my kids off at school I was cut off by a driver who told me I was number one in their book. Then as I arrived at work I was yelled at that something was wrong with the video monitor and apparently it was my fault. To top things off, as I returned home from work I noticed that my neighbor had forgot to put out their trash can, so they brought it over to my side of the street which resulted in their trash being picked up and mine not. We are barraged by little incidents like this all day. The only thing that we have control over is how we react to them. Jesus tells us to “Love our neighbor as our self”, and “Do unto others as we would want them to do unto us”. No where in there did he tell us it would be easy. In my dealings with all types of people I keep telling myself to stay positive, stay happy, and don’t take things personally. More times than not acting in this Christian manner brings about positive results. So as you see your fellow neighbor, friend, family member, or church member remember the words that our Lord and Savior told us and all the negative aura of society will roll right off



your back. After all, life is too short to carry around that type of baggage.



JULY 2014

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1. Laine Chagnon Andrew Helming	2. Leonard Maron Christine Palmisano Ashley Radun	3. Edward Bohn Alyssa Kirschner Mary Ann Malsheske Jesse Mockler Robert Pease	4.	5. Andrew Dyer	
	6. Gary Bilodeau Tyler Kosiba Paul Stewart	7. Dorothy Duessel Janice Eschner Elizabeth Helming	8. Darrin Bodley Matthew Croze Freida Malsheske Erika Raspanti Amelia Tessier	9. Wanda Hubbard Dee Krampitz Michael Lowe Carol Maron Wendy Palmasano Connor Sonstrom Madison White Jenna Winters	10. Phillip Anderson Jesse Caves Melanie Moliengo Rocco Pesce	11. Amy Cleveland Bruce Helming Kerri Lopa	12. Meghan Carder Francis Hogan Jessica Lundquist Ernest Schultz
	13. Molly Couch Esther Breikreutz Jennifer McIntyre Eric Therrien	14. Stephen Balash Elizabeth Fitz Lynn Kisser Beth Schroeder Matthew Wyant	15. John Fitzherbert Jr.	16. Tyler Beaudet Brooke Wells	17. Linda Angelillo Myrle Behrendt Chandler Boutin Elijah Couch	18. Mary Aszklar Todd Gomeault Elizabeth Moliengo Shannon Richards Rebecca Runk	19. David Hamelin Edward Miller Donald Smuda Jared Tessman
	20. Rhoda Cloutier Debbie Krueger Jonathan Tonn	21. Gregory Croze Stacy Lucid Amelia Schuler	22. Marvin Heidorn Albert Houle IV Nathaniel Milano Katie Tessman	23. Lisa Chagnon Diane Haylette Megan Swicklas	24. Marilyn Triplett	25. Judith Figueroa Richard Armington Michael Foster Jenna Kosiba Hayley Smith	26. Sarah Williams Elizabeth Houle Adam Houle
	27. Kevin Karner Doreen Checoves Nicholas Madigan Zachary White	28. Susan Bodick Christopher Couch Rebecca Gohsler	29. Elaine Chase Makenzie Jankowski	30. Matthew Dennis Keith Hogan Whitney Massaro Joseph Reed Tyler Thormahlen Doris Wegner	31. Margaret Karner Laura Wilde		



Immanuel
Lutheran Church

Youth News

July 2014



LCMS chooses theme for 2016 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans....

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

Ready for another great gathering...save the dates...July 16-20, 2016



Mark your Calendars

VBS 2014

July 14-18



Summer High School Retreat

August 1-3

“Consider it Pure Joy”

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12, NIV



Congratulations to Immanuel Lutheran Church members **Stephen Helming and Johnathan Harrington** on Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout! Both are members of Troop 9



ILC Youth is on facebook! (where else...right?!) We're ILC Youth Group....come join us...pics and posts!



YOUTH CONNECT WITH GOD...



Time: Sunday @9:30am
Jr. Youth—Main floor of Parish Center
Sr. Youth—Basement of Parish Center

Psalm 118:6-7 “The Lord is on my side, I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.”



*I will walk about
in freedom, for
I have sought
out your precepts.*

PSALM 119:45, NIV

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