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Freedom Sunday — July 5, 2015



Freedom Sunday was a beautiful day for worship and fellowship! Thank you to all who posed for the congregation portrait in front of the church and to Bill Wentland for taking the photo.



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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RALLY SUNDAY

The 2015 - 2016 School Year kicked off on August 24 as we started another year of educating our youth at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Rally Day is an important part of our Church and School calendar where we take time during our Church service to pray for those individuals that are entrusted with educating our children.

Rally Day will take place this year on Sunday, September 20, at the 8:00 am service. After coffee hour, please join us for Bible study and Sunday School.



Adult Bible study will begin a new study with Pastor Karner entitled, "Why Marriage Matters."

Sunday School will begin a program entitled, "Cross Exploration."

Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information!



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SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES

8:00 a.m.

Holy Communion on
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion on
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Begins Sept. 20)



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

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From the Pastor's Desk

The Good Ol' Days

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalms 118:24

The other day I was talking with one of our "older" church members who was sharing with me some of her recollections about Immanuel and (in her words) "the good ol' days." As I was driving home from the visit I was thinking about the "good ol' days" and how we define that phrase.

When my daughters were growing up, they all read the Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

If you've never read the books, you may remember the television series which, as much as any program can, tried to depict the life and struggles of the Ingalls family in Walnut Grove, Minnesota.

Whether you read the books or watched the series, you might well have found yourself wishing you could have lived way back in the 1800s when life was good and wholesome, simple and far more peaceful.

If a return to the good, old days is something for which you long, I'm afraid this newsletter article may pop your balloon and burst your bubble.

I say that because, last fall, the South Dakota State Historical Society Press released Laura Ingalls Wilder's other book: *Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography* (PGTAA). PGTAA is the book that Ms. Wilder wrote *before* she penned the Little House books.

It's the autobiography she was never able to get published.

And you can believe me when I say there probably was a reason why that book never made it to the presses.

You see, PGTAA is a pretty honest volume. It speaks of domestic abuse, broken love triangles, and a man who lit himself on fire when he was drunk. The editor of the new book says people will get to see "the real family behind Wilder's fictionalized accounts."

That's the editor's way of saying the world in the 1800s wasn't a perfect place. On the contrary, it had its own share of pains and problems, hurts and horrors.

And it also means something else.

On a spiritual level it means every country, in every century, has always needed a Savior. Sin and suffering aren't unique to our time. These nasty things are part and parcel of the sinful human condition.

To provide light and life, forgiveness and salvation, Jesus came into this world. Through His life, suffering, death and resurrection, the Savior paid the penalty price our sins had deserved and did all that was necessary so our present and our eternal future might be changed for the better.

Now, by God's grace, the Holy Spirit acts and calls us to our Redeemer. There, at the foot of the cross and before the empty tomb, we are blessed to find the good, old days are any time when we're in the company of the Savior.

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 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The next meeting of the Women of Immanuel will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2015 in the Old School Basement. Watch the bulletin for program details.

I received this update of the Schumacher's ministry in Ghana. If you would like to receive their monthly newsletter, I will be collecting e-mail addresses at the September meeting of Women of Immanuel.

— Gail Smuda

Dear Women of Immanuel,

We are home! Home again in Ghana, West Africa. Home is something that we have thought much about lately and is the theme for this month's newsletter. Thank you so much for your support we are truly blessed by all who pray for us and our work here in West Africa.

Upon arriving in the United States to fulfill my commitment as director of CITI, Cindy and I were happy to be back to the comforts of our American home, but had an unsettling feeling. For the first few nights Cindy would awake during the night and look to see if the ceiling fan was still turning, evidence in Ghana that the power was on. Through our discussions we realized our unsettling feelings came not from our physical environment but from understanding our main purpose in God's ministry is here in Ghana.

We are truly blessed by witnessing to the teenage boys through worship and fellowship. Sunday with Patrick as our driver, we brought five young men to church for worship. Two had never been to church; one Kinsley, Patrick's new Trotro mate, and the other a young boy we nicknamed Little Richie, as he follows our friend, Richard, everywhere. Little Richie's name is Hope; he told us before our trip to the United States, he could not attend church because he did not have church clothes to wear. Cindy told her mother this story and we brought clothes from her mother to give to

him. He was very surprised and happy to receive these as he only has a few shirts and one pair of pants which has a big hole in it on his back thigh. We believe Patrick bought him shoes to wear. After church he only took the shirt home leaving the pants and shoes in our compound so he can wear them again next week.

He attended St. Paul Lutheran Church with a proud smile on his face listening intently to the liturgy, hymns (only 30 verses, but who's counting), traditional Ghanaian songs, Bible readings and the sermon. This is what ministry is about! Bringing the children so Jesus can bless them through His Word.

Cindy and I thank you for your prayers and support, allowing us to be His instruments in bringing the children and deaf to Jesus so they can hear the Word of God and receive Salvation from our Gracious and Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to Him be all the praise.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:1-6





Young-At-Heart



It's time to start our fall Lunch program for our members over the age of 50, but younger than 100. Remember, if you need a ride just let the office know, and someone will come and bring you to our

events. We don't want you to miss the fun. We love to welcome first timers. One surprise lunch a year is free, and we usually collect \$5, but only \$2, if you bring food for our buffet tables.

Our September Lunch is on Thursday, September 3 at 11:30 in the basement of the old school which is handicap accessible. We are asking everyone to try to bring **Potluck** foods to share according to the first letter of your last name. If your last name begin with **A thru G**, please bring a **HOT** Dish. Name begins with **H thru M**, bring a **Dessert**; and **N thru Z**, bring a **COLD** dish. After lunch, we will be playing your childhood version of **BINGO**. Yes, it's free to play and there will be lots of nice prizes, so invite someone to join you on Sept. 3rd.



We enjoyed some trips this summer; on July 9 sixteen of us went to wonderful Wickham Park in Manchester to see the gorgeous gardens, birds and so much more, then we had lunch together at the Marco Polo. On Thursday, August 27, we are going to the Bristol Senior Center for a bus trip to

shop, have lunch and Cruise the Thimble Islands near Branford. Sixteen of us will meet at the Stafford Ave. Senior Center at 9:15 for this trip; call Carol with any problems or late cancellation help at 860-582-9608.

We can partner with **St. Stans. Travelers** on their trips right here from West St. Interested in Sept. 16 trip to Point Judith, R.I. for \$83? On Nov. 17-19 there is 2-night trip to Lancaster, PA to see "Miracle of Christmas" and another show, meals and sightseeing for \$453. See flyers in our glass cabinet near the library — call Carol at 860-582-9608 if interested.

Our big **Immanuel German Fest** is on Saturday, Sept. 19 from noon until 10 pm. You won't want to miss the food, fun and festivities, and maybe you could help out and be one of the many volunteers needed in many areas. Signup for a 3-hour time slot at our Sept. 3 Lunch. Try to find some German clothes to wear and enjoy the day!

Save Thursday, October 1 for our Young-At-Heart annual **Oktoberfest Lunch** of German food at 11:30 in the Old School Basement. **The Old Tyme Fiddlers** will again be entertaining us. For \$5 enjoy a wonderful day of fun, food and music with all your German friends.

All the activities we plan for you are shown in Sundays bulletins, our glass enclosed bulletin board by the Library, and the 'Trips' bulletin board near the gym door. You could join the card players on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Center, if that interests you. The best idea is to visit one of our Immanuel home-bound members who are waiting for a visit. Try to bring someone new to join us at our September 3 Potluck Lunch with Bingo; don't miss the fun!



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



Immanuel Lutheran German Festival Weekend



Friday, September 18, 2015 - Sunday, September 20, 2015

All Church members, School members, and Alumni are encouraged to attend!



Order of Activities:

Friday, September 18, 2015

- **Welcome Reception honoring our Alumni in the School Gymnasium 7:00 - 10:00pm.**
We will be honoring the Graduation classes celebrating a ten year class anniversary. Classes 2005, 1995, 1985, 1975, 1965, 1955, 1945, & 1935. All alumni and church members are welcome to attend!

Come and talk with fellow classmates and congregation members in a casual setting. There will be a Wine Tasting with appetizers from 7:00-9:00pm and a Silent Auction which will conclude at 9:00pm.

The cost to attend is \$25.00 per person.

Saturday, September 19, 2015

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

Admission is Free! 12:00pm - 10:00pm.

Sunday, September 20, 2015

- **Join us for Church Service at 8:00am and 10:45am**

Let us know if you are able to attend!

This is the First Annual German Festival sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. Join us to make this event truly special and a yearly endeavor.

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

A Life Rally — Reaffirming God's Gift of Life



Central Connecticut Lutherans For Life
presents:

Rev. Dr. James Lamb

Executive Director, Lutherans For **Life**

Presentation Topics:

Post Abortion Healing & End of Life Issues

September 12-13, 2015 at
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bristol

Saturday, September 12th — 9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 13th — 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

— *Registration is free and includes luncheon on Saturday* —

Come and celebrate the joys of God's creation.

The festivities kick off on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. with registration. The first presentation begins at 10:00 a.m. after a short Matins worship service with New England District – LCMS President Rev. Timothy Yeadon preaching the sermon. On Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Lamb will preach at Immanuel's two worship services (8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.). His End of Life topic continues at 1:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend. For more information call Rev. James Wiese at 413-250-2821 or Rev. Joel Kotila at 860-582-0723. Pre-registration is appreciated, so we can plan for lunch on Saturday.

We will be looking for some helpers for this event. Contact Don Smuda if you are interested.

A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH

NURSE: Still looking for anyone who would like to brighten someone's life by playing setback with some of our shut-ins or just making a visit to someone and bring a smile to their face. Please contact me if you would like to participate. Anyone interested, please call me on my cell phone and leave a message — 860-877-0022.

Don't forget Walk and Talk

All are invited. Tuesdays - 9:30 am
at the Parish Center

We hope to see you there!

*Blessings,
Roberta*



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN

Gordon E. Schmelder

November 3, 1935 — August 3, 2015



New Adult Instruction Class

Do you desire to become a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, or do you know someone who does? Are you a life-long Lutheran ready to dust off your Catechism and renew your understanding of the chief articles of the Christian faith? In any case, we've got the opportunity for you!



On Sunday, September 13th, Pastor Karner will begin teaching a 12-week adult information class. The content will take you to the heart of the Bible's message. In His undeserved love, God is "for us" in Jesus Christ, offering us forgiveness, joy, hope, assurance, direction, and new life through Him.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending, please call the church office at 860-583-5649.

~ **School News** ~

~ **Church News** ~



SUNSET OVER WATER

Paint Night Fundraiser

To benefit the art program at
Immanuel Lutheran School

On Friday, October 2nd the art teacher at ILS will be leading a "Paint Night" fundraiser. Supplies will be provided, all you have to bring is yourself! You need no previous experience painting, the teacher will lead the group step-by-step through the creation of a beautiful painting of a sunset over water which can be taken home.

A donation of \$20.00 is recommended, but not required. Any proceeds will go first toward a television and any related hardware for the art room which will allow artwork and even videos, etc. to be displayed large and clear for the students.

We would love to have you here to support this event, which could greatly improve the art program at ILS!

Information:

Friday, October 2nd 6:00 pm

Art Room at Immanuel Lutheran School, 154 Meadow Street, Bristol, CT 06010

Please contact Mrs. Trina Theriault, Admin. Asst. at ILS, to RSVP at 860-583-5631 (trina@ilcsschool.org)

There are only 30 spots available and they will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

— This is a Thrivent Action Team event —

WE NEED YOU...



TO GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY ALBUM!!!

Another day has been added for your convenience:

Wednesday, September 16

Please sign up on-line through the ilcs.org web site, or, call or see Mike Krampitz on Sunday morning. You can also call the office and we can sign you up through the on-line web site.

Remember, families will receive a free 8x10 photo and a free directory, no purchase necessary.



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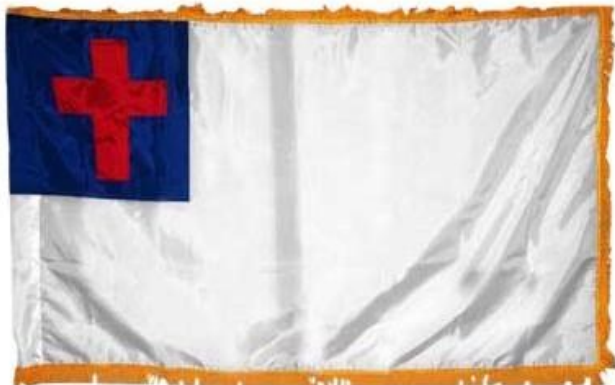
*will be held on Friday,
October 23rd.*



Watch for details in next month's Messenger.

~ Youth News ~

Immanuel Lutheran School, you will forever be on our hearts, minds and souls.



We would like to give this 9' Christian flag to the Glory of God for our years of growth and learning at Immanuel Lutheran School
Class of 2015

The ILS 2015 8th grade Class

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| Caleb Beaudoin | Anthony Buonafede |
| Morgan Bielert | Benjamin Jabs |
| Erika Santilli | Morgan Moliengo |
| Myah Croze | Michelle Helming |

This Christian Flag was dedicated at chapel on August 24, the first day of school.

~ Scout News ~



As school was ending in June, the boys from Troop 21 had just finished participating in the restoration and re-dedication of the Atwater Cannon in Terryville. School may have ended but the Troop activities carried on well into July. In June, the boys went camping at Camp Workcoeman and then participated in Beaver Day, which is a day of helping to set up the Camp for the upcoming summer camping season.

Also, the Troop held a Court of Honor to recognize the boys accomplishments. Congratulations to John Duncan, Luke Foley, Daniel Lauretti and Nathan Roy for earning the rank of Tenderfoot, and to Kyle Lauretti for earning the rank of First Class. Additionally, Luke Foley and Daniel Lauretti also spent many evenings in the months of May and June completing the God and Family Program, and earned the Religious Knot.



In July, the Troop attended summer camp at Camp Workcoeman where each boy completed multiple merit badges. Two of the boys also completed the rigorous Winchester/NRA Pistol Course, qualifying as "Pro-Marksman and Sharpshooter".

Troop 21 welcomes new boys aged 11 through 17 and meets every Tuesday night in the Old School Scout Room (top floor). For additional information contact Scoutmaster Mike at: mike@laurettilumbing.com



TAG SALE

SAVE YOUR STUFF (except TVs and couches) for the **YOUTH TAG SALE** coming **OCTOBER 17TH.**

Contact Linda Beaudoin at 860-589-6431 or Kevin Read with questions.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **September Calendar** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Activities

- Sept. 1 - Walk and Talk - 9:30 am
- 3 - Young at Heart - 11:30 am
- Back to School Night - 6:30 pm
- 7 - Labor Day
- 8 - Preschool starts
- Church photo directory
- 9 - Church photo directory
- 12 - Lutherans' for Life
- 13 - Lutherans' for Life
- New Member Class
- 16 - Church photo directory
- 17 - Church Council

- 18 - Alumni Reunion
- 19 - German Festival
- 20 - Rally Sunday
- 23 - First Day of Autumn
- 24 - 26 Mum Parade Float Building
- 27 - Mum Parade

The Activities listed here were posted on Immanuel's online calendar as of the publishing of this edition of the *Messenger*. To see the most up-to-date listings of upcoming events of both the church and the school, log onto the church website at www.ilcs.org and click on **Calendar** at the top of the page.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jonathan Harrington	2 Shari Kohl Elias Lopisi	3 Barbara Greenlaw Gabriella Hamelin Keegan Thormahlen Brian Winter	4 Judy Bridges Reinhart Hermann, Jr.	5 Marcia Massaro Trina Theriault Roxanne Tonn
6 Lindsey Klemyk Donald Neumann	7	8 Heidi Dennis Dawn Ewen	9 Ethan Beaudoin Brittany Dunn Michelle Helming	10	11 Cody McIntyre	12 Josie Rindfleisch
13 Sarah Gurgigno	14 Shannon Gurgigno Jaime Mitchell George Tavernier	15 Christian Lindstrom	16	17 Joan Kirschner	18 Rebecca Fitzinger Ronald Helming Kimberly Maron	19 Carol McCorriston Savana Tonn
20 Michael Winters	21 Elizabeth Mazzaccaro Karen Smith	22 Thomas Hislop Cole Raymond	23 Cordelia Behrendt Paul Tessman	24 Joshua Bodley	25 Robin Bodley George Gamache	26 Barry Simard
27 Anthony Buonafede Karen Machado Thea Sonnenberg Jordan Tonn	28 James Jacy Wilfred Kissler Christine Morel William Wentland, Jr.	29 Jared Krueger Fred Mitchell	30 Kristine Beaudet Ruth Burgess			

“Let the beauty
of the
LORD
our God be
upon us.”
Psalm 90:17, NKJV



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