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# Messenger

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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.

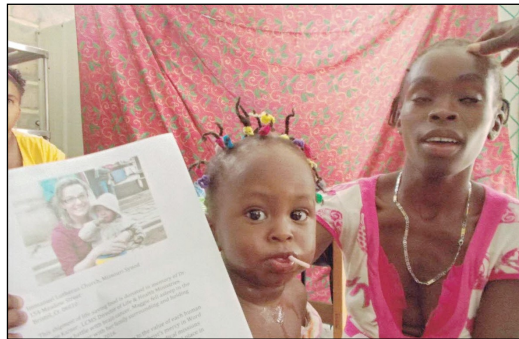
## School Mission

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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## HARVEST PACK Thank You



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## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED ON OUR BEAUTIFUL PARADE FLOAT!

We didn't think it was possible to put together in time for the parade, but with so much help, we did it! Thank you especially to Dave Manchester (our driver), Steve Michaud (for the plywood), Rod Grekula, Mike Theriault, Rob Redman, the Madore family, the Correa family, the Perry family, the Beaudoin family and Lynn Donahue!

*GOD BLESS YOU ALL! Sincerely, Mrs. Trina J. Theriault, Chair*



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### **SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES**

**8:00 a.m.**

Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday of the month.

**10:45 a.m.**

Holy Communion on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday of the month.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**9:30 a.m.**

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:30 a.m.**



**WHEELCHAIR  
ACCESSIBLE**

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

**WNTY Radio**

**990 AM**

**96.1 FM**

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

### ***“The Turtle”***

*He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.* Genesis 3:15b

Some of you may not think a story about a turtle is appropriate for an October / Reformation Day newsletter article.

While what follows doesn't speak about Martin Luther, it *does* address the doctrine of salvation by grace alone that was so important to the famous Reformer.

Our story begins with an unnamed man who felt sorry for a turtle.

The man lives in Florida, and was on Interstate 75, when he saw a turtle trying to make his way across the road. Anybody who drives that highway knows the turtle's chance of success was minimal. Feeling sorry for the reptile the man picked it up and took it safely to the other side.

Does the story sound familiar? It ought to. The turtle's story has a lot in common with our own.

You see, the Lord, like the Florida man looking at the turtle, saw that we were going to fail in our attempt to get over to the other side. Like the man from Florida, the Lord graciously decided to do what we couldn't. The Lord's help came in the Person of Jesus who left the comforts and joys of heaven to come to earth where He fulfilled the Law for us, resisted temptation for us, and did everything necessary to deliver us safely.

But there's more to the story.

As the man from Florida delivered the turtle to the other side of Highway 75, he was struck by an Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake. Experts say it takes 70 milligrams

of rattlesnake venom to affect the human body. The Eastern Diamondback can inject 800 milligrams of venom in a single bite. The turtle-helper was raced to the hospital where he was treated.

You see the comparison.

In Genesis 3:15, the Lord gave to our ancestors the first promise of a Savior. He let Adam and Eve know the day would come when Satan, sin and death would be destroyed, and they would be delivered. In His promise the Lord also shared the cost of salvation would come at a great price. To save us, Jesus — like our Florida man — would be struck down.

Of course, there's a major difference between these stories. Unlike the Florida man who never knew he was at risk, Jesus was fully aware that saving us meant He would suffer and die. The man from Florida might've done things differently if he had known that snake was in the grass. That's unlike our Savior who set His face to the cross and graciously laid down His life so we could be saved.

*Sola gratia.* Saved “*by grace alone*”.

That's one of the foundations of the Reformation.

We aren't saved because of anything we could do ... but only because of what Jesus was willing to do. It's a message the world doesn't want you to hear; it's a message Satan tries to corrupt, but saved by grace alone remains the only way you, I, and humanity can be forgiven and saved.

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 Penny Auction at the September meeting raised \$43.51 for tuition assistance. Thanks to the people who donated items and the successful bidders.

A bake sale will be held October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The next meeting** of the Women of Immanuel will be the Christmas potluck in the Old School Basement.



**LUTHERAN WOMEN  
IN MISSION**

**Celebration of LWML Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Based on Psalm 66.5 and John 1:35-51, the theme chosen for LWML Sunday 2016 is “Come and See”. LWML Sunday is celebrated annually in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) churches. Come celebrate LWML Sunday on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information about the LWML and becoming involved in reaching others with the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A loose change collection will be held after the services.

**LWML MISSION GRANT OPORTUNITIES IN UGANDA \$100,000**

*To assist in the completion of the final phase of the seminary and to continue the work of the Women of the Pearl to teach and put resources in the hands of the woman in ministry.*

The Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda (LCMU) hosts 100 plus congregations with less than 20 ordained pastors. This LWML Mission Grant will go toward completion of the seminary in Uganda and to continue the work of the Women of the Pearl

(WOTP) to teach and put resources in the hands of women and men.

The WOTP’s mission is to The Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda (LCMU) has a tremendous impact on many lives. Future pastors, lay leaders and more than 100 congregations will benefit from mite offerings received from the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. Completion of the Seminary construction is vital to prepare men for the pastoral ministry.

Women of the Pearl (WOTP) is working in conjunction with LCMU, training women in ministry so they can fully identify with the work of the church, and share their obtained learning with the women in their respective congregations.

The mite offerings of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League help support the work of The Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda (LCMU). The LCMU provides a seminary which will improve the life and quality of education of future pastors. Grant monies will also be used in the development of Women of the Pearl (WOTP), the women’s ministry which provides education in literacy, nutrition, sanitation, business ownership and agriculture to women in Uganda, so they may growth in faith and serve God.

**PRAYER:** Lord, in Your infinite love, we are called to spread the Good News of Christ to all nations. Women of the Pearl is a ministry in Uganda, working to obey this divine call. We ask You to bless this group of women, Your church leaders. They have a deep desire that the mission of proclaiming Jesus to all may continue for many years in this African nation. Bless them Lord, in Your love. Amen.

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

*Travel to Germany to celebrate the*  
**500th Anniversary of the Reformation!**  
Lands of Luther, September 18-28, 2017, \$3,439 pp.  
*Contact Pastor Karner in the next few weeks if you are interested in taking this once-in-a-lifetime trip!*

**A HUGE THANK YOU**  
to all who donated, helped, and purchased from the youth tag sale. The overwhelming amount of donations brought in over  
**\$2,000 !**

# Young at Heart

It's Oktoberfest at our Thursday, October 6, lunch for our "over age 50" crowd, and you don't want to miss this German Lunch!!

Our German cooks are preparing most of the food and others are bringing great dishes for us to enjoy. For only \$5, you can enjoy a wonderful meal of Pork loin, Sauerkraut, Sausage, German potato salad, many other German dishes and apple desserts. This is your personal invitation to attend, call your friends and remind them of this 11:30 special event in the old school basement.

It's not only the food, but the music you will enjoy, as we again welcome "Bristol's Old Tyme Fiddlers" to our Oktoberfest. Remember the wonderful time we had when the school children came and enjoyed the music with us! Wear your German clothes, if you can!

Next month on November 3, we will celebrate the

22nd Anniversary since our lunch group started with the traditional Soup & Sandwich Lunch. Our own Roberta Kuhr will be presenting the program "Laughter is Good" for us.

Save the date on your calendar for our annual Christmas Party at Nuchie's Restaurant on December 6, Tuesday. Maybe you could help out or present some entertainment for us.

Homebound members are waiting for a visit from you; call the church office for more information. Join the Adult Fellowship card players in the Parish Center on Mondays for a fun time.



Remember to come on Thursday, October 6 at 11:30 to enjoy wonderful Christian fellowship, great German food and fun!



Last month we learned about WAG (We Adopt Greyhounds). A special thank you to Becky and Mason.



## Parish Nurse Corner

Please join us every **Tuesday** morning at Walk and Talk. Starts at 9:30am in the Parish Center. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**October 9th** - following the 8:00 am service. Blood pressures will be done if requested.

**October 18th** - Tuesday Ladies Luncheon at BARC, 12:30 pm. We had an excellent turnout last meeting. Hope all of you can make it once again. Please let me know if you can attend so I can give them an idea of

how many of us will be there.

**October 25th** - Last Tuesday of the month. Women's Bible Study will start up again. 4:30pm. Sandwiches and coffee provided. Bring a friend. If you wish a special topic to discuss, please let me know prior to that date. Hope to see you there.

**Nov. 3rd** - I will be presenting "Laughter is Good" at the Young-at-Heart gathering. Please bring your favorite jokes with you. I'm bringing my husband! A fun time for all. See you there!!

Blessings,  
Roberta

### Our Own David Peplau

Dave was honored as this year's Hometown Hero during Bristol's Mum Festival.

A 1962 graduate of Bristol Eastern High School, Dave served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam in 1966 & '67 and worked for the E. Ingraham Company, Atwood Chevrolet and New Departure, from where he retired. His affiliations include the Zion Lutheran Church soup kitchen; Bristol American Legion Post 2, where he serves as the assistant chaplain and member of its executive board; the Bristol Honor Guard; Bristol Korean Veterans Association; Bristol Fish & Game Club; and Immanuel Lutheran Church, where he is an usher, member of the Board of Elders and volunteer with the Young-at-Heart Club.



*Congratulations Dave, we appreciate all you do!*

### Altar Guild

**October 9th** - We will have the induction of the Altar Guild prior to the 8:00 am service. You are not required to sit in a group. Just when Pastor calls for the Altar Guild, please come to the front of the church.

**October 15th** - Saturday 9:00 am - Parish Center Appreciation Breakfast for the Altar Guild both present and past members are welcome. Hope to see all of you there. We will also be holding our fall meeting at this time. We have new members coming aboard. Please come and welcome them.

Blessings,  
Roberta



### ~ Scout News ~

William Jabs, son of Rudolph and Andrea Jabs, was awarded his Eagle Scout Rank at a Court of Honor Ceremony held on August 6 here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. A graduate of Bristol Central High School, William began his scouting experience as a Tiger Cub in Pack 21 here at Immanuel, where his family are life-long members.



William's Eagle Scout project consisted of him and his project team re-boarding up three windows, placing two raised flower beds and building a picnic table to replace one that was falling apart as well as laying down mulch on top of the bare dirt. This was all done in back of the Carousel Museum in an area that was very lacking. He is currently attending the University of Maine in Orono, majoring in biology.

### ~ Scout News ~

#### Girl Scouts

#### Immanuel Lutheran School Troop #66072



#### Our annual hike at Sessions Woods

For more information contact **Becky Wells** at 860-916-3621 or **Trina Theriault** 860-384-1530

#### Save your bottles and cans!

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be having a bottle and can drive on **Sunday, Nov. 6**, from 8 am to 12 noon in the ILC&S parking lot. Check the church bulletin for updates.

# Alumni Night and German Festival

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## Church News

### Haiti (Continued from Page 1)

Dear Pastor Kevin Karner,  
 Helping Haitian Children, Inc. gratefully acknowledges your life-saving food donation in memory of Dr. Maggie Karner.

We appreciate your very generous support in helping to ship the food you packed and feed so many families in Carrefour, Haiti. As hunger and malnutrition continue to be major problems, this Harvest Pack gave much needed relief. Enclosed are several photos taken during our medical mission clinic June 2016. It was our honor to present Maggie's and your gift. Each family was given the copy of her photo and explanation letter. Prayers and smiles of grati-

tude were plentiful. May you know the joy that you brought to so many people and may this exceptional and heartfelt deed of yours return to you a hundred fold with God's love and grace.

*Senyè,  
 Ala nou Kontan  
 se pa nou K'ap Kenbe ou  
 men se ou K'ap Kenbe nou.*

*Lord,  
 How glad we are  
 that we don't hold you,  
 but that you hold us.*

*Haitian Prayer.*

Joyfully,  
 Mary Lou B. Connors



*September Wedding of  
 Aubri Martinelli and Jordon Tonn*

**Immanuel welcomes  
 through the rite of Holy Baptism**

***Savannah Kathryn Duval***

Daughter of Amanda Duval

**Baptized on September 4, 2016**



### CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN

George J. Kalwat

November 29, 1944 — September 21, 2016

Eunice Mae Charest

June 29, 1936 — September 29, 2016



## ~ School News ~

### From the Principal's Desk

**Technology in the classrooms and beyond!** Our students in grades 7 and 8 have been enjoying the Chromebooks provided by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schmelder's generous gift. Students are using the devices to communicate with their teachers and each other, complete assignments, do research. The use of these academic tools will better prepare our graduates for high school, where the use of technology is expected. Mr. Alex Scheidel (Nick and Thomas) has lent his expertise in boosting our WiFi signal to accommodate the devices. Ms. Rosie Fernandez (Charlie) has devoted time to teach our middle school students how to create a YouTube Channel, create and edit video, and be safe online.

**Public Appearance.** Our students participated in the Mum Parade on the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School float. It was a great experience for them.

They looked good in their purple shirts and represented the school proudly.

**Marketing the School.** Immanuel Lutheran School is beginning a large marketing initiative to remind people that we are here and



the best choice in town. A Parent Advisory Group will meet Thursday evening, October 6, from 7:00-8:00 in the Old School Basement to begin to develop strategies and action plans. Anyone with ideas for marketing the school is welcome to attend this brainstorming session.

**Website videos needed.** Part of our marketing will involve an updated website. We want testimonial videos on the website. If you are an ILS alumni, parent, teacher or student, and would like to give a testimony as the value of the school or what it means to you, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders would like to video you!

**Staff training.** The ILS staff was trained over the past two weeks in First Aide, CPR, and AED. Hopefully we will never have to use these skills, but we are ready if they are needed.

**OM.** Enough students have signed up for Odyssey of the Mind that we have five teams! There are still a few spots that we could fill, so it isn't too late to add to the rosters. The teams will begin meeting in October. Volunteers are needed to monitor the students during practice sessions. Adults can only guide students and cannot help them solve the problem they are working on.

**Fundraiser.** The Sauerkraut Supper tickets are on sale now. Seating fills quickly, so get your tickets while you can!

**Accreditation.** Immanuel Lutheran School's accreditation visit has been moved to May 1-3, 2017. This move works for us as there is a lot of change this year and we will look very different in the spring. We should also have encouraging pre-enrollment figures by that time.

### SAVE THE DATE:

The 7th & 8th grade students and alumni will be your servers. Our delicious menu will include brats, pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, hot dogs, bread,



**SAUERKRAUT SUPPER  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**

butter, green beans, beets, and, of course, don't forget to save room for our apple pie! So come on down and enjoy a wonderful meal and some fabulous fellowship.

Tickets are now available in the church office or between church services.

Price: \$20 (Age 65 & older: \$17)

Seating times are 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, & 6:45

Takeout will also be available.

Once again we need our wonderful volunteers for baking those delicious apple pies.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. A & Mr. Redman



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



All School Sing



Our Butterfly Garden



Caryn Lin performed the Science of Sound on her electric violin

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Anne Karner Rosemary Ryskowski Ruth Wondrovski
<b>2</b> Kathryn Wollenberg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Michael Harrington Rachel Kirschner	<b>5</b> Benjamin Bourgoin Elsie Krampitz Nora Lundski	<b>6</b> Crystal Fitzgerald David Kuharski Tracy Mitchell	<b>7</b> Andrea Jabs Alma Lusic Mike Pankenier	<b>8</b> Holli Pacitto Lindsey Schaffrick
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Nancy Martone	<b>11</b> Lana Wentland Bob Wollenberg	<b>12</b> Sarah Bugryn	<b>13</b> Barbara Emmert Hannah Richards	<b>14</b> Louise Chromy Cynthia Grossmann	<b>15</b> Jay Thaxter
<b>16</b> Nicholas Dunn-Milkowski Douglas Fitz, Jr. Norm Winters	<b>17</b> Samantha Shamson	<b>18</b> C. Lindsey Bradshaw Kayle Burt Rebecca Wolfe	<b>19</b> Myah Croze Susan Ginter Ani Yapoujian	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Kay Miller	<b>24</b> Tara Hogan Thomas Madigan-Scheidel Gretchen Radcliff Jackson Stringer	<b>25</b> Janet Bailey David Koch	<b>26</b> Enola Kahle Richard Rindfleisch	<b>27</b> Susan Killian Cynthia Krueger Robert Schroeder	<b>28</b> John Hebert	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Jillian Kuharski	<b>31</b>					



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