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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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Freedom Sunday — July 3, 2016



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.



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Christian Education Sunday

The 2016 - 2017 School Year kicked off on August 31 as we started another year of educating our youth at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Christian Education Sunday is an important part of our Church and School calendar where we take time during our Church services to pray for those individuals that are entrusted with educating our children.

Christian Education Sunday will take place this year on Sunday, September 11, at the 8:00 am and 10:45 services. After coffee hour, please join us for Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Study.

Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information!



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Ed & Dee Krampitz
Newsletter Editors

(Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month.)

**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

“Don't Be A Statistic”

No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Luke 16:13a

I don't have any solid statistics to substantiate my statement, but I'm pretty sure there are very few car thieves reading Immanuel Lutheran's monthly newsletter.

So...since you're not a car thief you may not know what car is the most stolen automobile in the United States. Would you care to take a guess? Cadillac? Mercedes? Lexus? Audi? Corvette?

It's none of those. The car that most often disappears from where the owner has placed it is the Honda Accord.

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, last year 54,000 Accords were stolen.

And, since you're not a car thief, you might be curious as to why Accords are disappearing with such frequency. According to those who know, the answers are pretty simple:

1. Older Accords don't have any anti-theft deterrent technology.
2. Accords have a lot of stuff that can be sold easily on the black market.
3. Built to last, and with parts that are easy to acquire and swap out, the Honda Accord is the Energizer Bunny of cars. Its durability has kept them running, making them easy to steal and resell for thieves.

This all adds up to one thing: Accords are stolen more often because they're easier to steal.

If you think about that for a second you might conclude, as I have, that the devil works a lot like a car thief. He tries to steal the souls easiest to take.

And how does a soul become easy to steal? That's simple: don't search the Scriptures; don't go to the Lord in prayer; don't receive the Sacraments; don't make confession of your sin; don't receive the Lord's absolution; don't worship with others; don't use any of God's gifts, which are designed to keep His people from being taken to Satan's chop shop.

The Bible text from St. Luke is clear: somebody is going to own you. It's either going to be God or it's not.



September is Christian Education

month. I urge each of you to open up God's Word – this month, and EVERY month! Whether it's attending the Divine Service, individual or family devotions, Youth Sunday School or Adult Bible Study, or adult instruction class, the gifts of God are available to you and your loved ones.

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 is Thursday, September 8 at 7 pm in the Old School Basement. Watch the bulletin for details.



**LUTHERAN WOMEN
IN MISSION**

SAVE THE DATE

**October 2, 2016: LWML
MID-VALLEY ZONE RALLY**
First Lutheran Church, Holyoke, MA.

The First Rosa

Lutheran confessor, educator,
church planter

Born to an ordinary life in an ordinary town in rural Alabama, Rosa J. Young was anything but ordinary.

With a passion for helping others, educating children and sharing the Gospel, Rosa accomplished extraordinary things for her community and the kingdom of God. She was instrumental in founding and promoting 30 Lutheran elementary schools and 35 Lutheran congregations in Alabama's "Black Belt." Her legacy is unparalleled as an educator, confessor and church planter for Christ and His Church.

It's time to hear her full story.

ALL ARE WELCOME

October 9, 2016: Celebration of LWML Sunday at Immanuel with loose change collection after the first service.

LWML MISSION GRANT GLOBAL SEMINARY INITIATIVE \$100,000

Theological education is the most frequent request from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) partner churches worldwide. The Global Seminary Initiative (GSI) provides scholarships for pastors, leaders, and students throughout the world for advanced degrees at LCMS seminaries. This in turn allows them to return to their home countries and bring more people to Christ as a result of their new leadership abilities.

Also provided is support for local regional seminaries — both infra-structure and scholarships for students to attend regional seminaries. Another offering of the program is continuing education — seminars, conferences and visits by qualified LCMS pastors and professors to teach in the local region. LWML grant money will provide scholarships for the international students.

The world has changed from the days when we sent missionaries to places where no one had heard the Gospel story. Many have heard the Gospel but desire to grow in their knowledge of Scripture and its teachings. We have partner churches that knowingly trust the LCMS to provide the best theological education available. This initiative will spread the Gospel through the teachings of these newly educated shepherds.

~ Church News ~

TIME CHANGE: Mid-Week Chapel Services have moved to **10:45 a.m.** each Wednesday, including the mid-week morning services during Advent and Lent.

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 noon in the ILC&S parking lot. Check the church bulletin for updates.

Please watch the church bulletin and check out google calendar for clubs, Bible studies and events that interests you. Get involved and make new friends in the process. Go to www.ilcs.org and click on **Calendar** at the top of the page.



We are your “over age 50” group of Immanuel members and friends who enjoy being together, having fun, enjoying food and fellowship. We are all ages — 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s — and are asking you to join us for lunch on Thursday, September 1, before Labor Day, and for our Oktoberfest Lunch on October 6. We have lunches on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 am in the basement of our old school, except in summer and cold winter.

We are asking you to bring Potluck foods to share on Sept.1 according to the first letter of your last name:

- A-G** Bring a **COLD** dish
- H-N** Bring a **HOT** dish
- O-Z** Bring a **Dessert**

After lunch, our own Becky Runk and friend will let us know about WAG and adopting Greyhounds into your home. Come and learn about this great program. Let us know if you would you like to do a program for us in November, showcasing your special interests.

After a quiet hot summer, we hope you can participate in some of Immanuel's September activities. Donate to our fall Tag Sale in the gym and invite others to come and shop on Saturday, September 3. We need many volunteers to help on Saturday, Sept. 17 when we hold our second GERMAN FESTIVAL in our church parking lot starting at 11 am until 9 pm. We need bakers to make German desserts to sell at this event. There are many volunteers needed — some in the kitchen, others selling desserts and also selling tickets — many sitdown positions. Signup has begun on Sunday mornings outside the office; many hands make light work! Invite your friends!!

You can join the card players of Adult Fellowship on Mondays in the Parish Hall if you like to play. Visits to homebound members of the church are always encouraged. Come and enjoy our Immanuel Young-At-Heart activities.



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

Activities

- 1 - Young-At-Heart Lunch
- 3 - Tag Sale - Youth Group
- 4 - Return to two Sunday Morning Services
- 6, 13, 20, 27 - Walk & Talk
- 8 - Elders Meeting
- 8 - Women of Immanuel
- 8, 15, 22, 29 - The Emmaus Walkers
- 9 - BBT Quilt Guild
- 11 - Adult Instruction Class
- 12, 19, 26 - Adult Fellowship
- 15 - Church Council

- 15 - Photo Club
- 16 - ILS Alumni Reunion
- 17 - German Festival
- 20 - IL Foundation
- 26 - Voter's Meeting (Budget)

These activities are a sample of what was 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 all activities at the church and the school, log onto the church website at www.ilcs.org and click on **Calendar** at the top of the page.

~ Church News ~

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 11th, Pastor Karner will begin teaching a 12-week class at 6:45 pm in the school library.

Adult Instruction 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.



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT IMMANUEL'S NURSERY ROLL?

This program is Immanuel's way of encouraging and staying in touch with families and little ones in our church. We currently have 26 little lambs at Immanuel, from newborn through age 4, who have been mailed books, a music CD, and parent brochures. This program will focus on the spiritual growth of our youngest members, and assist parents in teaching them about Jesus. If you have any questions or feedback you are invited to contact Karen Smith, Nursery Roll Coordinator, at 860-673-9810, or Dee Krampitz, Pastor's Secretary, at 860-583-5649.

A gentle reminder to our congregation: The back two pews, nearest West Street, are reserved for our families with infants and small children. Please leave these pews available and open for our youngest members.

**Immanuel welcomes
through the rite of Holy Baptism
Kenadee & Kyleigh Boney
Baptized on August 21, 2016**



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN

Elizabeth "Betty" Ravita

October 27, 1934 — July 2, 2016



New England District

L. E. R.T Lutheran Early Response Team

The New England District is holding its third training workshop in preparation of preparing and putting teams together to help our brothers and sisters who have suffered great loss. By providing training and establishing a New England District LCMS Lutheran Early Response Team (L.E.R.T.), through our district, should another disaster happen, these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to respond to a disaster.

Training will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 478 Boston St., Rt. 1, Topsfield, MA on October 1. Our Trainers for this event will be Deaconess Tiffany Manor and Brenda Bacon.

Registration is \$30 and the deadline is Sept. 23; registration forms are in the church office. Contact Brenda Bacon at 413-783-0131 ext. 10 or by e-mail at bbacon@ned-lcms.org should you have any questions or concerns.

~ Church News ~



The Immanuel Lutheran Church announces the 2016 Scholarship Awards.

**This year's scholarships are awarded to:
Alexandra Rindfleisch, Ryan Bodley, and Sarah Bugryn**



The Immanuel Lutheran Foundation announces the 2016 Scholarship Awards.

Westfall I - Scholarship is awarded annually to a Member of Immanuel pursuing a career of service in The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, typically as a pastor, teacher, Director of Christian Education or related field.

The 2016 Scholarship is awarded to Alexandra Rindfleisch.

Westfall II Scholarship Grant Recommendations. Four equal scholarships are to be awarded to deserving high school graduates who are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church or graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School.

Preference is to be given to those applicants aspiring to "eventually enter graduate study in the ministry, medicine, (or health services), law, or engineering". Additional restrictions regarding a limitation on scholarship awards granted to one person, academic performing and continuing compliance also apply.

Scholarships are made available through the Westfall II fund in memory of Amelia Westfall, Elenora, Helena, Wanda, and Emil Westfall.

This year's scholarships are awarded to: Sarah Bugryn, Evan Foley, Heidi Karner and Amelia Schuler.

Emmaus Walkers

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!!

Can you believe your good fortune that God has put you on this earth in this time in the vicinity of West and Meadow streets in Bristol, CT – U.S.A. – planet Earth – the solar system – God’s universe – where on Thursday, September 8, men will again congregate at 7:00 a.m. in Immanuel’s Parish Center to breakfast together and to meet with Pastor Joel Kotila who again will happily lead the Emmaus Walkers Men’s Bible Class.

If that doesn’t make you spiritually giddy, it’s because you haven’t joined us yet. Hard to believe? Talk to any member of this group, and he will confirm.

If you are like the rest of us in this group – you will freely admit that we need – really need – this spiritual tune-up, fellowship and learning experience between Sundays.

Yes, we start at 7:00 a.m. – maybe a bit early – and a little hard to get up.

Homer Simpson tells his son Bart, “Aw. . . son, don’t worry, if it’s too hard, it ain’t worth doin’.” Obviously – Homer has never been to The Emmaus Walkers.

Come and find out what you’ve been missing.

(Reprinted from the October 2013 *Messenger*)

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for selecting me to be a scholarship recipient this year. I thank God every day for all the love and support I’ve received during my college career. I feel so blessed to be able to continue pursuing my goal of becoming a Lutheran high school math teacher. I’m so thrilled for all this coming year has in store! See you all at Thanksgiving and God Bless!

Alex Rindfleisch –Concordia University Chicago

From the Principal's Desk

I am pleased to welcome our staff and students back for another wonderful year of learning and growth. Immanuel Lutheran School is beginning its 124th year with 54 students. There are currently five core classrooms comprised of three multi-age and two single grade classes. The silver lining in having small class sizes is that every child's needs are met, their interests are known, and their unique gifts can be shared. While we are happy to have small class sizes, we are planning for growth. A Christ-centered education is a wonderful opportunity for a child's foundation in both faith and academics. And, we believe that many more people would choose ILS for their children if they knew what we offer. Therefore, getting the word out is key!

Personalized Learning will be our preferred instructional model. With Personalized Learning every student is able to move at his or her own pace within the curriculum. No one is held back and no one is pressured to keep up with the student next to him or her. Rigor is high and students are allowed to select topics of personal interest while working within the curriculum. While the grade level curriculum is covered for every student, most students move beyond their grade level expectation in this model. There is no ceiling and enrichment opportunities are student-selected. As we perfect the Personalized Learning model with our current small enrollment, we will be prepared to continue this valuable method for more students as we grow.

Each day at Immanuel will start with a School Community Gathering on the front landings between the church and the school. Following the flag raising, students will say the American and Christian pledges, hear announcements, share a verse, sing a song, and start the day with a prayer. Parents dropping off their children are welcome to



attend this morning gathering any day of the year. Members are also welcome to join us. The Wednesday Chapel service has moved to 10:45. This time better accommodates a literacy block for the youngest students. It also backs up to lunch and recess. Everyone is welcome at Chapel.

New this year is a monthly Principal's Coffee Hour at 8:15 on the first Friday of each month. The topic on September 2 is Personalized Learning. The Principal's Coffee Hour will take place in the library and will consist of a brief presentation on a given topic, announcement of volunteer opportunities within the school, conversation and refreshments.

Strategic planning has begun. At the back-to-school faculty meeting the ILS staff was able to collectively prioritize school needs. The outcome of their work will be shared as more groups are included in the process. The strategic plan will lead us to goals and guide our work as we plan for growth and improvement. Immanuel Lutheran School is a fabulous environment for children to learn and grow. Thanks to all who support our cause, a Christ-centered education.

Dr. Anne Stuhlman, School Principal



First day of school photos by Vern Koch



Alumni Night and German Festival



Volunteers are needed!



... at both the German Festival and the Alumni Reunion. There are many jobs that need to be filled from serving food, selling food tickets, food prep and distribution, Bier Garten security and monitoring, bounce house monitoring, and more. If you are interested in helping you can sign up after the Church service, or call the office at 860-583-5649. We need as many people as we can get in order for this festival to be a success.



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH- PRESENTS:

Alumni & Church Wine Tasting & Auction

Friday, September 16, 2016
7:00 pm—10:00 pm

Please join us for a welcome reception honoring our Alumni in the School Gymnasium 7:00 pm — 10:00 pm. We will be honoring the Graduation classes celebrating a ten year class anniversary. Classes 2006, 1996, 1986, 1976, 1966, 1956, 1946, & 1936. **All alumni and adult 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 7:00-9:00 pm and a Silent Auction which will conclude at 9:00 pm.

The cost to attend is **\$25.00** per person.

If you wish to make a donation to the Silent Auction, please see Charlie Radcliff or call the office.

Forms are available in the office.

AND

SECOND ANNUAL GERMAN FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 11:00AM — 9:00PM

The German Festival is back this year! After last year's success in getting the community to join us for a day of rejoicing in our German culture. Much like last year there will be authentic German food, costumes, games, and music. We have an **Accordion player** from 2:30-4:30pm and a live five piece **OOm Pah** band from 5:00-8:00pm.

We hope to see everyone there!



GERMAN FESTIVAL

The 2016 German Festival is approaching fast! The food committee is asking the congregation to pitch in and help to make this year's festival a grand success. You can do this by volunteering a small portion of your time that day. We are asking you to sign our volunteer list outside of the office after church or in the office during the week. You don't need to be a cook to volunteer. We have plenty of jobs besides cooking.

Thanks in advance! The German Festival Cooking Committee.

German Festival Booth Application Forms

Any Immanuel Lutheran Church group (i.e. PTO, Young-At-Heart, Cub Scouts, Youth group, etc.) may reserve a booth at the German Festival on September 17 at no charge, but an application form must be submitted.

Anyone else interested please submit an application. Forms are available in the church office.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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
Barbara Greenlaw
Gabriella Hamelin
Keegan Thormahlen
Brian Winter

11
Cody McIntyre

12
Pamela Prindle
Josie Rindfleisch

13
Sarah Gurgigno

14
Shannon Gurgigno
Jaime Mitchell
George Tavernier

15
Christian Lindstrom

16
Ethan Beaudoin
Brittany Dunn
Michelle Helming

17
Joan Kirschner

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Rebecca Fitzinger
Ronald Helming
Kimberly Maron
Janet Romanko

19
Carol McCorrison
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 Kisser
Christine Morel
William Wentland, Jr.

29
Jared Krueger
Fred Mitchell

30
Kristine Beaudet
Ruth Burgess

ALUMNI REUNION



Name: _____ **Class Year:** _____

Maiden Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

E Mail Address: _____

\$25.00 per person Alumni Wine Tasting 9/16/16

Number Attending

Checks should be made out to "Immanuel Lutheran Church"

Event tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

Mail to: Immanuel Lutheran Church

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