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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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On May 1st Immanuel students delivered flowers that they grew from seed in pots and decorated with cards that they created for families in the neighborhood.



Congratulations to Troop 21 Scouts (left to right) Oskar Tolmoff, Ryan Hislop, and Seth Foley, each achieving his rank of Eagle Scout.



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

Summer Worship Schedule

June - July - August

**SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICE**
with Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.
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**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
**10:30 A.M.**



**WHEELCHAIR  
ACCESSIBLE**

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

**WNTY Radio**  
**990 AM**  
**96.1 FM**

and on the web at  
[KoolOldiesRadio.net](http://KoolOldiesRadio.net)

## From the Pastor's Desk

# “Lift Up Your Children to God”

*Jesus gave him back to his mother.*

Luke 7:15

As we approach Father's Day this month we're reminded of the awesome responsibility we have as parents and grandparents.

J. Wilbur Chapman, the great Presbyterian evangelist, used a sermon to retell a story he had heard: A father came into the bedroom where his young son, his body ravaged by disease, was dying. The boy asked, “Daddy, lift me up?” The father gently put his hands under the boy's withered body and lifted him up from the bed, just a little. “Lift me higher,” the boy pleaded. “Daddy, lift me higher.” The father lifted his son until he was holding the boy above his head. When he let the boy down, his son was dead. It seemed, to the father, as if he had actually lifted his son into the very arms of Christ.

That was the story Chapman told, but it's not the end of the story. After Dr. Chapman had finished his story and service, a man came to him and said, “Dr. Chapman, it happened just as you said. I went into my son's room. My minister was with me. I lifted my son up and his weak voice came back to me in whispers saying, “Higher, Daddy, higher.” When I took him down, he had gone. But, Dr. Chapman, I want you to know, I had lifted my son into the arms of Christ long before. When he was a very small boy I taught him of a Savior's love, and told him what it means to be a Christian.”

Driving by a school playground, or any

daycare facility, I wonder, “Do those children know to whom they belong?” Yes, they may carry the genetic imprint of their parents. They may have a proud family name. But do they know they are God's sons and daughters?

If we give our children and grandchildren the best education money can buy, all the stuff stocked on the toy store shelves, designer clothes, and the latest video games, but don't give them Christ, those children are spiritual paupers. If we teach them how to play every team sport, impart to them all the skills they need to survive in a dog-eat-dog world, but hold back in telling them about the Savior, those children are spiritual orphans.

Parents and grandparents – lift up your children to the Lord. Give them back to the One who watches over them when we can't, who protects them from problems we don't see, and who will be with them after we're gone. Lift up your children to God who allowed His Son to die so that our sons and daughters might live.

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 SUMMER POT LUCK SUPPER will be held **Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in The Old School Basement.** We invite all women of Immanuel to attend. Bring a friend and your favorite dish. Plans for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ladies Aid (Women of Immanuel) will be discussed.

All women are welcome. Mark your calendar to gather with your sisters in Christ. Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.

Items for **HANDS OF GRACE** will be collected. Hands of Grace is an outreach of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Hartford.

*At Hands of Grace our mission is to help individuals and families experiencing a financial crisis meet their basic needs so that they can achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. We offer help with food, clothing, linens, and household goods. We hope to provide not only material items, but also a warm, supportive atmosphere based on the Love of Christ. By helping families meet their most basic needs our prayer is to open their hearts to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

The biggest needs are: pots and pans (used is fine), gently used towels, canned soup and crackers.



### LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

#### MISSION GRANT UPDATE

**Your Mite Offerings Have Made an Impact!**

**Healthy Families \$60,000**

The Lutheran Family Services (LFS) centers will continue to move forward with its mission to build and strengthen individuals, family, and the community beginning with pregnant mothers, infants, and children under the age of five. LFS has 29 centers from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to North Platte, Nebraska.

They use an incentive-based combination of programming including parenting classes, support groups, therapy, and case management, reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect. While teaching the parent(s) parenting skills, it will help the child to feel secure, nurtured, and able to succeed in learning and in life.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, You bless many families with children to nurture, care, and love, but too many times the children are neglected and abused. For those too small to defend themselves, we are called upon to be their advocates. We thank You for Christian human care services such as Lutheran Family Services that provide aid to these children through supplying basic needs for proper health and care, parenting classes, and support groups ready to share Christ's love. Please keep those providing these services aware of Your love and comfort especially when they become tired and discouraged. These things we ask through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER



A Baby Bottle Fundraiser is a fun way for families to participate in crisis pregnancy ministry. The Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) in Unionville is a non-profit, volunteer, Christian agency committed to assisting women in crises due to pregnancy by providing emotional support and practical assistance. Baby bottles were handed out on Mother's Day for you to take home, fill with pocket change, and return on Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>.





## Young at Heart

It's time for our annual Picnic Lunch for our "over age 50" group in the Old School Basement on June 1, Thursday at 11:30 am. We always love to welcome first time guests, and at every lunch someone always comes for the first time – how about YOU !

If you need a ride, please call the church office or Carol, so you don't miss the fun. We always supply the picnic meats, rolls, and cool desserts. Almost thirty people signed up to bring the other picnic items for our buffet tables and will give only \$2 when signing in. The rest of us will contribute the usual \$5 amount this time; remember, one of these monthly lunches will be Free!

Last month sixty of us enjoyed Greer's Chicken and loved hearing the Immanuel Ringers. Vernon Koch's students from our school are such talented handbell ringers and put on a wonderful concert for us.

This month we are happy to again welcome Miles Everett, RN, our Bristol Hospital Dietitian and Nutritionist. He returns this year to tell us what we should be eating as we mature. He will be suggesting how the Mediterranean Diet might be good for us to fol-

low, so come and hear what ideas he has for you.

During the summer when we do not hold these lunches, we will try to schedule a couple daytrips. If you would like to plan a daytrip for us, that would be wonderful; see Carol about details so she can help advertise it. This year we were able to get 20 seats for the musical "Oklahoma" at the Goodspeed Theatre, with lunch included at the Gelston House next door to the Theater. The date is Thursday, August 24 and the total cost is \$80 for the lunch and matinee show. A \$20 deposit will reserve your seat for this great daytrip. We always find members who are willing to drive the rest of us down to East Haddam as we meet in the church parking lot before departing. Call Carol at 860-582-9608 for more information and to reserve your seat soon. Other daytrips are being planned.

All of our activities are shown in our Sunday church bulletins and in the glass-enclosed bulletin boards down by the gym entrance, so take a few minutes to check on activities that interest you this summer. Remember, the Adult Fellowship group meets at 1 pm in the Parish Center to play cards on Mondays.

Hope everyone enjoys a healthy happy summer!

### The Immanuel Ringers



### *Summer Lunch Daytrips for you*

First Thursdays - July 6 and August 3

Meet here in the church parking lot at 11:30 am — no signups — no \$ deposits.

WE WILL TRAVEL IN CARS TOGETHER (you don't need to drive unless you wish to) TO A SPECIAL AREA OF THE STATE LIKE LITCHFIELD OR NEW BRITAIN AND HAVE LUNCH AT A SPECIAL RESTAURANT. FOLLOWING LUNCH WE WILL GO AND SEE SPECIAL BEAUTIFUL THINGS LIKE MUSEUMS OR GARDENS. BRING APPROXIMATELY \$25 WITH YOU FOR A FUN DAYTRIP – WHY STAY HOME THIS SUMMER!!

~ Church News ~



**Welcome to Our Church Family**

**Immanuel Welcomes our newest members thru  
The Rite of Adult Confirmation  
Kevin Daly, and  
Gilman Shannon Madore**

**The Reaffirmation of Faith  
Gerhardt Wall and  
Ron Kuharski**




*To our readers:*

With summertime typically being a slow time news-wise, the next issue of this newsletter will be the combined July/August **Messenger**. Please keep this in mind when submitting items for publication.  
Ed & Dee Krampitz, Editors



**RADIO MINISTRY**

Our Sunday morning Divine Worship Service, heard at 1 pm each Sunday afternoon on WNTY at **990 AM** and **96.1 FM**, is now also streamed on the web at **KoolOldiesRadio.net**. (Italian programming may be heard when you log on at 1 pm, but after only a minute or two it will be immediately followed by Immanuel's Divine Worship Service.)




**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**



Dorothy L. Bergeron  
March 26, 1938 — May 9, 2017




**"I believe your father would like to add something."**

## ~ Church News ~

### College Care Packages

*We received two more thank-you letters after the May issue of Messenger was printed.*



Dear Parish of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

First, let me apologize for the delay in my Thank You note but nonetheless, thanks for the box of snacks! In the stress of the end of the semester and finals week, it's nice to know people back home still are taking care of me. Have a great day and hope you had a Happy Easter!

Jesse Caron, WNEU  
(Judy Buonafede's grandson)

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Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for the finals care package! I am in nursing school and have over an hour commute to and from school each day so the snacks were great to munch on while I was driving. Sending out care packages for college students is so thoughtful of you, especially this time of year! I know, for me at least, this is a very busy and stressful time of year. It's crunch time now and everything is becoming due all at once so knowing people so far away were thinking of me helped to put a smile on my face.

God bless and thank you again for such a thoughtful gift!

Sincerely,
Autumn Koch

Save the Date!

Let us all gather together to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church with a special Divine Service of music and praise
~ on ~

Sunday, August 27, at 11 am

Following this special service there will be a buffet lunch and ice cream social, with a short program in the gym.

As more information becomes available it will be posted here and in the Sunday Bulletin.

Scholarship Applications

are available in the church office:

We are accepting applications for Immanuel Lutheran Church Scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church or graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School.

**Applications are due in the church office
by 4:30 pm on June 20th**

These scholarships will be awarded in August.

From the Directors of the Immanuel Lutheran Foundation:

We are accepting applications for the Westfall Scholarships. There are 5 scholarship awards that are available. The forms are available in the Church Office. Completed forms ***MUST*** be received by the Foundation Directors no later than June 20, 2017 to be eligible for consideration. These scholarships will be awarded in August 2017.

Additionally, request for grants continue to be accepted throughout the year for your projects.

~ School News ~

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Thanks to all who participated in our first Mother's Day Breakfast. It was a huge success! We will certainly do it again next year. Thanks also to everyone who supported our Freshworx PTO fundraiser. The PTO provides wonderful enrichment programs for the school.

The 7th and 8th grade just returned from the Washington, D.C. Trip. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who supports the students through the annual Sauerkraut Supper, which is the biggest fundraiser for the trip. All twelve students' trips were paid fully by the fundraising. Thank you!

Thursday, June 8, is our Spring Music Concert and Art Show. This is an opportunity for our students to really shine. The event begins at 6:30 in the gym.

Immanuel Lutheran School's Election Day ballot in November included two items: President of the United States and 2017 Field Day. The winners were Donald Trump and Lake Compounce. Therefore, the entire school and many chaperones will go to the amusement park on Friday, June 9. Please pray for an uneventful fun-filled day.

Our students will sing the National Anthem at the New Britain Bees game on Sunday, June 11. The game time is 1:35. Because there is so much interest, we will draw names from a hat to determine which student will throw out the first pitch. Tickets in our reserved blocks are \$10. The sign-up is in the office.

Our Eighth Grade Graduation is Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in the gym. We have a wonderful group of four students graduating this year. We see great success and happiness in their futures. Each of them is very special and will make a difference in the world.

Our last day of school is Thursday, June 15. The day will include a Closing Chapel Service at 9:00 followed by an Awards Assembly in the sanctuary. While there will be many awards giving in the assembly, but our top award will be for Church Attendance Award. Everyone is welcome to attend both the chapel service and the Awards Assembly.

Mr. Ray Ryskowski is retiring from teaching after a 44-year career. A celebration in his honor was held on Saturday, June 3.

The school is donating its chapel offerings for the year to Immanuel Lutheran Church's radio ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Anne Stuhlman, Principal

Congratulations to the Class of 2017



Morgan Hebert-Dubois

Melanie Moliengo

Nicholas Madigan

Kacie Therrien

Washington, D.C.

trip by our 7th and 8th graders,
photos by Vern Koch



~ Pre-School Graduation ~



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Evan Foley Jack Lusi Lorraine Malsheske Paul Ryskowski Joel Sonstroem	2 Daniel Wall	3 Gail Smuda
4 Helen Hintz Jaime Ryskowski	5 Linda Kuharski	6 Lynn Donahue Richard Lutz David Rindfleisch Bethany Swicklas	7 Lois Koch	8 Ruth Stewart	9 Claudia Bishop Abigail Bourgoin	10 Andrew Dubois Haylee Kissler
11 Bryan Killian	12 Alexa Bugryn Jacqueline Holcomb Peter Koch Paris Machado Pamela Mockler	13 Linda Sonstroem	14 Patricia Kahle	15	16 Christopher Pacitto	17
18 Joyce Raspanti Mel Schab Bev Zahnke	19 Heidi Karner Pat Wollenberg	20 Walter Riemer	21 Adele Kaufmann Carley Klemyk Julia Klemyk Barry Sonstroem Nancy Tower	22 Robert Bergeron Leslie Foley	23 Gary Bell Henry Kuharski, Jr. Joel Wulff	24
25 Marcus Lopisi Doreen Tessier	26 Benjamin Jabs	27 Helene Fray	28 Lisa Bugryn	29 Sandra Cleveland Shawn Dennis Connie Glidden Laura Hamelin Karen Hebert	30 Alice Bielert Carrie Rinaldi Kacie Therrien	

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!
JUNE 18**



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