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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.

Rev. Timothy Yeadon
Vacancy Pastor

Dcs. Claire E. Neagley
School Principal

Mr. Vernon C. Koch
Lay Minister

Vacation Bible School 2009

We are pleased to announce that the Vacation Bible School for 2009 is going to be a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved. Although the actual week for VBS isn't until July 13th-17th... 9:00 – noon, we all have to be actively involved to present the best possible week for our children, their neighbors, friends, and relatives age 4-11.

The title of this year's VBS is Gadget's Garage-Jesus Makes all things new, and involves a workshop theme, where imagination and invention help children discover their creative side with activities that explore the beauty of God's Word. This year we will be introducing our mascot, Gizmo, a friend for all, the robotic puppet with the silver lining. His shiny outlook makes him a fun and integral part of each day's lessons. It's all about Jesus! –Every Day in every way.

Our busy sessions will open in the church sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., followed by a series of fun and inspirational Bible and lessons and stories, music and motion, arts and crafts, games, and theme related and healthy snacks.. Inspirational, indeed. Even the youngest "inventor" will be moving from site to site, insuring lots of confidence, fun and attitudes designed to accept the Word of God and the message to accept that Jesus is indeed the Master inventor and Creator.

Registration applications have been distributed to all ILS children. Addition forms may be obtained from the church office. Remember that early registration aids our planning and makes for an even better program. All children who have completed one year of pre-school through grade 4 are very welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. Older students are needed as guides and helpers. Spread the word.

Vacation Bible School is one of the BEST outreach programs of our church. Traditionally we have attracted many families outside our congregation or school-even children from the neighborhood have been involved. We are asking for the support of the congregation by asking that they try to assure that all their contact children may be enrolled. Also besides some volunteer support during the week, we really need financial contributions to help defray the cost of the Concordia VBS materials. Please note "VBS" on your envelopes and checks, or see MaryAnn Kalwat with cash or any contribution.



Summer Worship Schedule

During the months of July and August, there will be only one worship service beginning at 9:00 a.m.

With our church in vacancy, the Board of Parish Ministries felt that the one-service summer schedule would be helpful to those who volunteer to lead the worship.

The reason for the 9:00 a.m. start time is to allow for the recording of the worship service

and delivery of the CD recording to the radio station in Southington.

We sincerely hope and pray that all our members will include Sunday worship as the starting point of all their summer activities.

When on vacation, be with us in spirit.

The rest of the summer, be with us in person.

Women of Immanuel

By Gail Smuda

The summer **Pot Luck supper** will be held Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. Please note the change of day; school graduation is scheduled for June 11th. We invite all women of Immanuel to attend. Bring a friend and your favorite dish. A Penny Auction will be held; start gathering “treasures” to donate. A bylaw amendment will be presented to revise the section on meetings to reflect the reduction to four meetings a year.

Bylaw Amendment

The following bylaw amendment is proposed to change the number of meetings of the Women of Immanuel from eight times a year to four times a year. The change was discussed at the March 2009 meeting. A vote on the amendment will take place at the June 11, 2009 meeting.

Article V – Meetings

Current wording with changes marked:

Section 1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of January, February, July and August four times a year.

New wording:

Section 1. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held four times a year.

Health Kits

We're well on our way to our goal of 2,000 Health Kits which are sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution at refuge camps throughout the world. You can help meet the goal by donating dark-colored hand towels, bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.), combs (wide tooth preferred) and adult-size toothbrushes. Donations may be placed in the box near the coat rack.



Serve The Lord With Gladness!

Psalm 100:2

“Serve The Lord with Gladness” was the theme of the first biennial LWML convention in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Aug 31 – Sep 1, 1943. That theme was used once again in 1947. Though themes have changed with each biennium, the women of the LWML continue to be servants of the Lord, serving Him and our neighbors both near and far away.

Mites to support mission work have been a large focus of the LWML, generating millions of dollars over the years. Equally as valuable and blessed is the service that individuals, societies, zones and districts give. Many thanks have been received from seminarians, immigrant families, and the blind where you have spent your personal time with them to help fulfill their needs. Many social service organizations and charities have also benefited from the gathering of “Gifts from the Heart” and other servant activities.

The society, zone and national Bible studies that we have together help to strengthen and encourage us to be bold in our witness so that with every good deed we do; we lift up the name of the Lord as the source of our service.

Some of us may not be attending “Look to the Hills ... God Reigns”, the 33rd Biennial LWML Convention which starts on June 25 in Portland Oregon, but the love and service of everyone in the LWML will be remembered and lifted up by many LWML sisters in Christ with gladness.

To God be the Glory for the things he has done through our service.



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Kimberly Maron & Bryan Peretto -
Saturday, May 16th, 2009

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHAD RYAN WENTLAND
Son of Ryan & Lana (Eschner) Wentland
baptized May 24, 2009

CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN

FRED SEMROW
July 4, 1917—May 2, 2009

ELSIE (SEMROW) WISHNESKI
July 12, 1921—May 3, 2009

DANIEL GRIFFITH
January 19, 1957—May 18, 2009





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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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 the Pastor

This month, and specifically on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, seven of our young people confirm their faith. Four of those confirming attend Immanuel Lutheran School and three have learned of Christ in confirmation class after school at a weekly class. At this time I would like to publicly thank Pastor Jeffrey Potter of our sister congregation St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in New Britain Connecticut. When we had a sudden vacancy in the teaching staff Pastor Potter immediately agreed to help out in whatever way he could. He met in the weeks after Easter and prepared his students for the date of their confirmation. As Vacancy Pastor it fell primarily to myself to finish up the confirmation classes with the ILS students and it was a joy to come during the week to explore faith issues with them and to make sure they were ready for their confirmations. A wonderful event occurred on Sunday, May 17 in the afternoon. Our Immanuel conducted a public examination of those intending to confirm their faith. Meeting in the afternoon the seven students were asked questions concerning the faith by two of our Elders: Michael Killian and Michael Krampitz who graciously gave up an afternoon to do this service for the Lord and His children. Pastor Potter and I also joined in the questioning. We covered questions from all areas of the faith and the Small Catechism of Martin Luther focusing on subjects such as the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and Confession of Sin and Forgiveness. I believe all who heard their

answers were amazed, including myself. I cannot recall of a single question where I or any of the other leaders had to coax an answer out of the confirmands or draw out an explanation from them. Each responded in a way that credited their Savior, their parents, their Sunday School teachers, and their church. We followed it up with a barbeque and it was a most joyous event and quite a fulfilling day. Now comes the Rite of Confirmation. It occurs on May 31 at 2:00 PM in the afternoon. By the time you read this article it may or may not have occurred. But undoubtedly its special nature will be a blessing to all in attendance and we pray a blessing to the seven who are confirming their faith. By the way, the word is "confirm-ING" when it comes to the faith. Although we sometimes say, "I was confirmed" on such and such a date, the verb is really an active one. Why? It is because each confirmand is personally confirming the faith given to him or her by God's grace in baptism. It is their chance to publicly say that Christ is their Savior and Lord and it is their promise to Him to be faithful.

Thank you, Immanuel, for the joy and privilege of allowing me to serve the Savior and you in this way. The seven confirmands speak for themselves and attest to the honor of being their teacher. But I freely recognize that the greatest praise of Christ goes to the Lord for their greatest and most important teachers of all: Mom and Dad!!!

Blessings upon them now and always. – Pastor Yeadon, Vacancy Pastor

VBS — July 13-17, 2009

Thanks to those who have contacted the office or me personally to volunteer to support Immanuel's Vacation Bible School efforts this year! We continue to seek volunteers, and everyone is welcome. The theme this year is **Gadget's Garage**.

We are still in need of volunteers as teachers and helpers as well as contributors for this most important outreach ministry. If you can help in any way, please contact Karen in the church office (583-5649) or by e-mail at il.church@snet.



2008-2009 School Year Comes to a Close

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11

God blessed us with another very busy year here at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Along with His Divine Presence, Grace and Mercy **YOUR** loving and faithful support through the giving of **time, talents and treasures** were the supporting cast which secured the overwhelming success of everything we planned and carried out.

Beginning with the PTO-sponsored Opening Picnic in August straight through to the PTO-sponsored 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast, our school year was blessed with opportunities for education growth, food-fun-and fellowship and community service.

Thank You very much for everything YOU did to make this school year successful. We look forward to another year – and an even better year of -

“Securing Each Child’s Future – for Eternity, through Growing in Christ Together!”

The Year in (Limited) Review

August

Opening Picnic
Teacher’s In-service

September

Back-to-School Night
School Rally Sunday

October

Sauerkraut Supper
ILS Golf Tournament
Mum Festival Parade

November

Veteran’s Day Breakfast
1st Annual Auction Event
Fundraiser
Thanksgiving Feast

December

ILS Children sing at The Haven
Bristol Children’s Holiday
‘Reverse’ Parade
Christmas Concert
Christmas Gift Shop
Christmas Program Worship

January

Sonstrom Basketball
Tournament
Varsity B.B. players
travel to N.H.
NJrHS Induction

February

History Fair/School
Open House
Flags for Vets Bake Sale #1
Home Show
D.A.R.E. Graduation

March

National Lutheran Schools Week
Chili/Dessert Cook-off/Bake-off
CPR Training Workshop
Scholarships Basketball
Tuition Assistance Fundraiser
Boy Scout Blue & Gold Banquet

April

McEducator Night
Tag Sale
Flags for Vets Bake #2

May

ILS Relay for Life Event
Kindergarten Open House
Music/Art Festival
Pre-school Graduation
Camp Chase, all school
Fantastic Festivals
Competition

June (Coming Up: Ya’ll Come!)

Ring for Joy Chapel – June 3 @ 8:30 a.m.
Kindergarten Graduation – June 5 @ 7 p.m.
Awards Banquet (ticket required) – June 7 @ 2 p.m.
8th Grade Graduation Breakfast & Devotions – June 10
8th Grade Graduation Service – June 11 @ 7 p.m.
Awards Assembly, grades 1-7 – June 11 @ 10 a.m.
Last Day of School, grades 1-7, Closing Chapel @ 10:30am

School Resumes: August 26th
Opening Picnic: August 22nd

News and Events



“MEALS FOR THE NEEDY” *Located at Zion Lutheran Church*

27 Judd Street • Bristol, Ct 06010
(860) 589-7744

May 13, 2009

Boy Scout Troop 21 of Immanuel Lutheran Church c/o Rob Foley
13 Frankie Lane Terryville, CT 06786

Dear Friends,

At the Letter Carriers' Food Drive on Saturday we were so fortunate to have the assistance of Boy Scouts and parents from Troop 21 of Immanuel Lutheran Church. All of you were so hard working, eager, helpful, enthusiastic, conscientious, etc., etc., etc. What more can we say!!!! Even when our last load of food was brought to Zion after 6:30 pm and our volunteers were exhausted we were delighted to see several Boy Scouts and parents show up to help us carry boxes into our church. They sure were a welcome sight!!!

We are very pleased by the amount of food that was donated by residents of our community. The past six months or so have been extremely busy for local soup kitchens so we were hoping that this food drive would help to restock our food shelves (and it did!).

This Friday "Meals for the Needy" will be participating in the United Way "Day of Caring". We have about 6 high school students who will assist us in putting some of the canned goods that were collected at this food drive on our shelves.

Thank you and God bless you for the tremendous effort that you gave to this food drive. We were very I- pleased and impressed by your dedication and energy. We hope that this was a valuable Scouting experience for all of you.

Together in service to those in need,

Shirley Dickau

Shirley A. Dickau
Associate in Ministry

Baby Bottle Reminder!

It's time to start returning
the baby bottles!



On **Fathers Day**
June 21, bring your
baby bottle filled
with coins. The
funds collected
benefit

The Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc.

30 Mill Street, Unionville, CT 06085
(860) 673-7397

Thank you for participating in this
year's Baby Bottle Drive.
Without your support we could not
take these strides for LIFE.

Wanted

Volunteers for the Christian
Fellowship
Coffee Hour
after the 8:00
a.m. Worship
Service.
Several open
dates are
available –
just pick one!



Call Will Kisser, for
details.

Focusing on the Trinity

Christians are monotheists, meaning we believe in only one God. Yet we talk about the doctrine of the Trinity. In the church year, the Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday. It's a day for focusing on what theologians call the Triune God — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Someone said about the concept of the Trinity, "You will lose your soul if you don't believe it, and you will lose your mind if you try to explain it."

The bottom line is this: God (one Person) has been revealed to mankind in three ways. He is our Creator, who then came to Earth as our Savior (in the person of Jesus) and is eternally present with us as the Holy Spirit.

On Trinity Sunday, we praise our Triune God for meeting all our needs.

Satisfied Servants

According to a survey conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, clergy members rank highest in job satisfaction. More than 87% of pastors report being satisfied with their jobs. Firefighters are second (80%), and physical therapists are third (78%).

The survey collected data from more than 27,000 people for almost two decades. At the bottom of the job-satisfaction scale are roofers, waiters and gas-station attendants.

Survey director Tom Smith admits he was surprised that pastors topped the list. "Apparently the rewards of spiritual guidance and leadership outweigh the burdens of being a religious leader," he says.

Job satisfaction is highest in professions that involve "caring for, teaching and protecting others, and creative pursuits," Smith adds. Prestige and happiness aren't necessarily linked.

If you want to be happy in your work, seek out a career or volunteer opportunities that allow you to make a difference. Pray that God will show you ways to use your gifts to help others.



Hooray for Fathers

A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is most inspiring.

A few comments:

- Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.
- When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."
- My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."
- My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us regularly to church.

What would you write about your father?

Part-time Position Available

Our church and school has a position available for a part-time building maintenance position. This position will become available in August.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the church office.



Always

God will always forgive us,

No matter how often

we ask.

God will always

empower us

With strength for

whatever the task.

God will never

forsake us,

If we stumble or lose

our way.

God always is loving

us dearly,

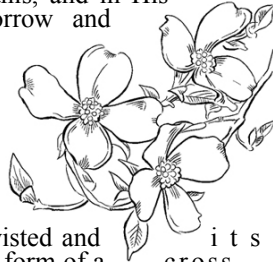
In a glorious and

wonderful way!

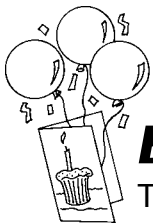
—Peggy Ferrell,

Legend of the Dogwood

There is a legend, that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber of the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it: "Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross... two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember".



Submitted by Gene Zahnke



Birthdays THIS MONTH

- | | | | | | |
|---|---|-----------|---|----|---|
| 1 | Evan Foley
Ruth Huff
Jack Lusis
Lorraine Malsheske
Paul Ryskowski
Joel Sonstroem | Lois Koch | Erna Stumpp | 24 | Walter Meusel
Jeffrey Sonstroem |
| 2 | Laura Anderson
Daniel Wall | 8 | Andrew Rinaldi
Rebecca Sammito
Ruth Stewart | 17 | Richard Dalke |
| 3 | John Dunn
Gail Smuda
Nathon Anthony | 9 | Claudia Bishop
Abigail Bourgoin | 18 | Joyce Raspanti
Mel Schab
Bev Zahnke |
| 4 | Jourdan Anthony
Helen Hintz
Jaime Ryskowski | 10 | Jacob Gohsler
Haylee Kisser
Kristina Perry | 19 | Annette Dalke
Pat Wollenberg |
| 5 | John Gohsler
Linda Kuharski
Theresa Stange | 11 | Bryan Killian
Michael Senesac | 20 | Isabella Sakowski |
| 6 | Dawn Brasche
Richard Lutz
David Rindfleisch
Emily Senesac
Bethany Swicklas | 12 | Alexa Bugryn
Jacqueline Holcomb
Peter Koch
Paris Machado
Pamela Mockler
Claire Neagley | 21 | Aubrey Figueroa
Adela Kaufmann
Jesse King
Cynthia Laudati
Barry Sonstroem
Nancy Tower |
| 7 | Betty Damato
Courtney Kane | 13 | John Fray
Travis Poudin
Linda Sonstroem | 22 | Laurel Behrendt
Robert Bergeron
Leslie Foley
Andrew Mazzaccaro
Nathan Rakich-kely |
| | | 14 | Patricia Kahle | 23 | Gary Bell
Scott Killian
Hank Kuharski Jr.
Albert Neumann
Joel Wulff |
| | | 16 | Mark Kuharski
Christopher Pacitto
Richard Sonstroem | | |
| | | | | 25 | Matthew Mockler
Doreen Tessier |
| | | | | 26 | Benjamin Jabs
Adeline Macdermid |
| | | | | 27 | Helene Fray
John Kritz
Randy Lorancaitis |
| | | | | 28 | Lisa Bugryn
Jay Perry |
| | | | | 29 | Eunice Charest
Sandra Cleveland
Matthew Couch
Shawn Dennis
Connie Glidden
Laura Hamelin
Karen Hebert
Krystal Michelson |
| | | | | 30 | Alice Bielert
Tami Lundquist
Kacie Therrien
Carrie Washcalis |

June 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 HOLY COMMUNION	1 1:00 – Adult Fellowship	2 9:00 – LWR Quilters	3 8:30 – Worship/ILS 7:00 Lifelight Bible Study	4 7:00 a.m. Emmaus Walkers 11:30 Senior Saints Luncheon 7:00 Train Club	5 Kindergarten Graduation 7:00 p.m.	6
7 8:00—WORSHIP 10:45—WORSHIP 2:00—Awards Banquet 3:30 Lutherans for Life 5:00 Men's Night (Gym)	8 1:00 – Adult Fellowship 7:00—Trustees 7:00 BOCE	9 9:00 – LWR Quilters 7:00 – Senior Choir	10 6:00—Women of Immanuel Potluck Supper 7:00 Board of Finance	11 7:00 – Emmaus Walkers 7:00—Train Club	12 7:00 BBT Quilters	13
 14 8:00—WORSHIP 9:30—Bible Study, 10:45—WORSHIP 5:00 Men's Night (Gym) Flag Day	15 1:00—Adult Fellowship	16 9:00 – LWR Quilters 7:00 – Senior Choir	17	18 7:00 am—Emmaus Walkers 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Train Club 7:00 Board of Evangelism	19	20
21 8:00—WORSHIP 9:30—Bible Study, 10:45—WORSHIP 5:00 Men's Night (Gym) Father's Day	22 1:00 – Adult Fellowship	23 9:00 – LWR Quilters	24	25 7:00 Emmaus Walkers 7:00 Train Club	26	27
 28 8:00—WORSHIP 9:30 Bible Study 10:45—WORSHIP 5:00 Men's Night (Gym)	29 1:00 – Adult Fellowship 7:30—Voters Meeting	30 9:00 - LWR Quilters				

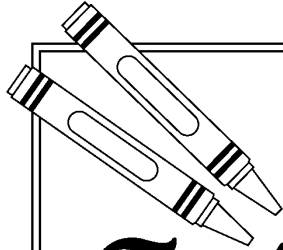


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Just for **KIDS**

Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God. Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 fathers	3 faithfulness	1 you	

“ _____ , _____ — _____ ,
 _____ ; _____
 _____ .” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: “The living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

SURPRISE DAD at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.*

What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

What you do:

1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.



*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



*Summer
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A simple line drawing of a dove in flight, facing right, positioned below the word "Messenger".