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Youth Group had a great time in Keene, NH in February

Photos by Trina Theriault

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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Come join the Youth of Immanuel Lutheran for our 2nd annual

WINTER BBQ

Saturday, March 25th, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Immanuel Lutheran School Gym

Tickets: Adult - \$16.00

Children under 10 - \$11.00

Money raised will help our youth attend the National Youth Gathering.
Tickets will be sold between services and in the office.

— Mr. Koch will do a presentation of his and Lois' trip to Alaska —

Menu Includes:

Pulled Pork,
Smoked Chicken, Hotdogs,
Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese,
Baked Beans

BEACH BALL
VOLLEYBALL



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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

“Stepping Up”

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them ...

Romans 12:4-6a

As we have now begun the holy season of Lent, I would encourage you to consider your partnership with the brothers and sisters in Christ here at Immanuel Lutheran Church & School. It's customary for many to think of giving something up for Lent; instead, why not consider “taking something on” (i.e. – volunteering, serving, helping).

In 2014, military re-enactors in Charleston, South Carolina, revived the memory of the Confederate submarine Hunley.

If you've never heard of the Hunley, let me share its story: during the War Between the States, the Union Navy had managed to hold a blockade on the South Carolina city of Charleston.

Without the most basic of supplies being delivered, the citizens of that beautiful community had become desperate. As you know, desperate times call for desperate measures. That desperation led to the building of the Confederate submarine called the Hunley.

Unfortunately, the vessel, while brilliant in its conception, was a death trap!

During its first training exercise, the Hunley sank and killed five members of the crew. Less than two months later, the vessel sank again. That time it took the lives of all eight crew members, including that of H. L. Hunley, the ship's creator.

You might think these catastrophes would mark the end of the ill-fated sub. Not so. Another crew – a crew composed complete-

ly of volunteers – came forward to pilot the sub and break the blockade. To that end, on the night of February 17, 1864, the Hunley went down in the history books as being the first submarine to ever sink another vessel.

Yes, the Hunley went down in the history books, but in doing so the Hunley also took the lives of a third crew as it went down in Charleston Harbor. There the boat stayed until it was recovered more than 130 years later.

Knowing that story, you might wonder, “why did that third crew volunteer?” While many reasons can be offered, only one holds water: they believed in the cause. And if that's the case, then consider two observations:

1 - Even though Jesus knew His life would end on Calvary's cross, He still became one of us. This He did so He could carry our sins, defeat our enemies, and rise on the third day. The cause of doing the Father's will and saving us from damnation must have been a precious cause to Him.

2 - Why is it that many of our churches must plead for volunteers to come forward to teach Sunday school, be part of a board or committee, or do the other things a vibrant congregation should do in thanks to the Savior? Is it because these causes aren't important to us?

I pray not. I pray that a paraphrase of a familiar hymn may be in our grateful hearts.

Let none hear us idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,” while the souls of men are dying, and the Master calls for us. Take the task He gives us gladly. Let His work our pleasure be; answer quickly when He calls us, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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 spring meeting of the Women of Immanuel **will be Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the Old School Basement.** *Note change of date to the first Thursday in April.*

Dr. Anne Stuhlman, ILS principal, will give an update on recent changes, including moving PreK to the “new school”.

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



LWML Mid-Valley Zone

The LWML Spring Gathering will be held **Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 20 North Street, Enfield, CT.** Eileen Nelson, a recipient of an LWML–NED short term mission scholarship, will present a program about her trip to Romania with Thrivent Builds Worldwide. The meeting begins at 3:00; registration begins at 2:30.

MISSION GRANT UPDATE

Your Mite Offerings Have Made An Impact!
2015–2017 Mission Grant: Disaster Response Trailers \$80,000 fully paid

Since receiving the grant money from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), The Luther-

an Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has been able to grant 26 Disaster Response Trailer Grants spread throughout 21 districts! Each participating organization provided one-third of the funding toward the purchase of a trailer stocked with disaster response equipment and supplies. The \$80,000 received from the LWML has multiplied into nearly \$270,000 for equipment.

Presently, trailers are being made and the tools are being shipped to the receiving organizations. These organizations have promised to maintain the equipment and use them: generally in Mercy work throughout the year and specifically for Disaster Response when the need arises. LCMS Disaster Response provides a ministry of presence before, during, and after a disaster giving the volunteers a better position to speak the comforting truths of the Gospel to the individuals and families affected. This grant is helping to build our partners' capacity to respond with Christian care to needs within the church and throughout our communities.

Additionally, while the intent of this equipment is for use in disaster response, it can certainly be used at other times. Disaster volunteers are encouraged to maintain their training in “down times” by putting their equipment and training to good use, aiding those in their congregation and community who need assistance with maintaining their homes. In this way, they are provided with additional opportunities to act and speak of the love of Christ which motivates them in their love for others.



Parish Nurse Corner

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

March 14th — Tuesday Ladies Luncheon at BARC, 12:30 pm

March 14th & 28th — Women's Bible Study at 4:30 pm., the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Sandwiches and coffee provided. Bring a friend. Hope to see you there.

Blessings,
 Roberta

Young at Heart

Here it is March already and Daylight Saving Time begins on March 12th – change your clocks ahead! Think we can agree that we have all had enough of winter weather. Did you know the first day of Spring is March 20th?

Our Planning Committee met in February to work on our program of activities for our “over age 50” group of members. Our program of six monthly lunches on the first Thursday of the month starts next month at 11:30 am in the old school basement, which is handicap accessible. Everyone is welcome at all of our events, activities and daytrips, especially our lunches and programs.

Our first lunch of the year will be our annual Pizza Party on Thursday, April 6th at 11:30. We will enjoy all kinds of delicious pizzas from the West End Pizza for \$5 or use your gift certificate if you have one; there will be much more to enjoy as well.

During this Lenten season, you can join our church members for a soup lunch after our Wednesday, 10:45 church service in the gym. It would be wonderful if you could help out by making soup or volunteering to help on Wednesdays.

If you like to play cards, stop in the Parish Center on Mondays at 1 pm and join the group having fun there. How about visiting one of our homebound members of Immanuel, just call so they know you are coming to spend time with them.

Watch the glass-enclosed bulletin boards that were moved to the parking lot gym entrance for new information, especially trips that you could join through various towns’ Senior Centers. Lots of ideas and theatre information can be found there.

Remember to greet one another in church on Wednesdays and Sundays!



Immanuel Lutheran School
Ski Club



Mark your calendar: Girl Scout cookies booth March 12th in the hallway by the gym, before and after services.



Women’s Bible Study

Starting in March we will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Parish Center, 4:30 to 6 pm.



*All are welcomed,
bring a friend!*

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



Lenten and Easter Service Schedule:

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1, 10:45am & 7pm

Mid-Week Lenten Services:

- March 8 – Lent 2 – 10:45am & 7pm
- March 15 – Lent 3 – 10:45am & 7pm
- March 22 – Lent 4 – 10:45am & 7pm
- March 29 – Lent 5 – 10:45am & 7pm
- April 5 – Lent 6 – 10:45am & 7pm

Note: Lenten Lunch (soup) is available in the gym following the 10:45 am Wednesday services.

PALM SUNDAY / April 9

8 am – Divine Service

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

(Please note that the 10:45 am service includes the Confirmation of our 8th grade students)

MAUNDY THURSDAY / April 13

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

7 pm – Divine Service with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY / April 14

10:45 am – German Divine Service with Holy Communion

7 pm – Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY / April 15

7 pm – Vigil of Easter / Service of Light

EASTER SUNDAY / April 16

6:00 am SONrise service on Chippens Hill

Hill Street (Water Dept. Property), Bristol

Easter Breakfast 6:30 to 10:30 am in our gym

8:00 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

GOD BLESS!



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Jacob Gohsler

June 10, 1986 — February 1, 2017



Go to Germany with Pastor Karner

**In The Footsteps of
Martin Luther**

12-Day Germany Reformation Tour

September 27 — October 8, 2017

Contact Pastor Karner if you are interested in taking this once-in-a-lifetime trip!



WE NEED PICTURES!



It's been 25 years since the publication of "The Story of Immanuel Congregation – Aug Erling's history of Our First Century – A Journey in Faith. It was an excellent account of Immanuel from its beginnings in 1888, the first services in 1892, to the century mark in 1992. But it was the pictures that brought Aug's text back to life!

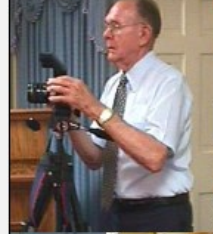
A lot's happened since 1992, so the newly organized 125th Anniversary Committee is planning a sequel. So we're looking for some really good photos to help tell the story of the last 25 years. These are just a few at random.

Here's how you can help.

Select special photos that tell a story, illustrate an event, a building project, or person(s) to remember ... there's a lot of those.

Photos should be clear and crisp to reproduce well. Digital photos work best. Careful ... some cell phone pictures may look good on the phone but not reproduce well.

Prints can be dropped off in the Achieves box in the church office. Digital photos can be e-mailed to Dee at dkrampitz@ilcs.org, Please identify e-mails as "Anniversary Photos". Identify yourself and the content of the photos. For "special handling" like scanning originals, contact Dee in the church office, 860-583-5649. - Thanks.



Orphan Grain Train Wish List



Orphan Grain Train (OGT), located at 33 S. Main Street in Terryville, has an ongoing need for donated items of all kinds. There is a drop-off box in front of the building for your convenience.

Drop-off hours are Monday mornings from 9 am to 12 noon. The community is welcome to participate. Contact us at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church if you have any questions – (860) 582-0723.

The following list contains items you may have, just collecting dust in your basement, attic or storage unit. We would love to have any of the following items.

Any medical supplies and equipment (to include, for example, such items as listed below):

- Hospital and household linens (adult and crib sizes)
- Disposable gowns and gloves
- Hospital beds and mattresses
- Lifting devices
- Prosthetic limbs
- Walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, commodes, shower chairs, etc.
- Stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs otoscopes, etc.
- Rehab equipment
- Drug store items (nothing with expiration dates)
- Hygiene Kits
- Sanitary products for women
- Toothbrushes
- Diapers for adults and infants

School Supplies

- Backpacks
- New coloring books
- Crayons
- Washable markers
- New pens and pencils
- Glue sticks
- Blunt scissors
- 12-inch rulers
- Protractors
- Construction paper
- Loose leaf paper and notebooks
- Sports equipment such as soccer balls
- Stuffed toys (also small hard toys, bicycles, tricycles)

Clothing (gently used or new – no tears or stains)

- Infant (including layettes), children's, men's and women's clothing
- Men's, women's and children's shoes (winter and summer, new or used in good condition)
- Coats, hats, gloves, and scarves (new or used in good condition)
- Underwear and socks (must be new)

Miscellaneous

- Blankets and quilts (new or used in good condition)
- Sewing machines and supplies

To get involved or to learn more about Orphan Grain Train, check out www.ogt.org.

From the Board of Evangelism

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES will be mailed out to our college students on Friday, March 31st (just in time for finals). If you know of a college student who would appreciate one of our care packages, please sign up in the office. Last year's packages were very warmly received and we look forward to, once again, letting our college students know that they remain in our thoughts and prayers.



SOUP'S ON



Due to popular demand, we continue to offer Lenten Soup Lunches on Wednesdays during Lent after the 10:45 am Mid-Week Lenten Service.

If any group or individual would like to volunteer to prepare a crockpot full of soup for one Wednesday during Lent, there is a sign up sheet in the office for the following dates:

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 and APRIL 5.

Our lunches are self-serve and include 2 crockpots of soup, bread, butter, coffee, tea and water.

EASTER BREAKFAST



Volunteers Needed for this year's Easter Breakfast 6 am to 11am
Easter Morning
April 16

Sign up sheet is in the office.

If you have any questions, please contact Trina in the office at 860-583-5631.

Wonderful opportunities for fellowship.

Thank you for volunteering!



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12th

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before!



~ **School News** ~

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church members and Friends,

It is registration time at Immanuel Lutheran School! We are excited for this registration season as there is so much to look forward to for next year. We are planning for growth. There have been changes to the tuition rates to attract students in grade levels with low numbers. There are also new multi-child discounts to be more attractive to large families. There is no longer a separate fee to register, but there is a \$150 commitment fee that will be deducted from the tuition. The rates for 2017-18 follow.

Grade Level	Member rate	Non-Member Rate
1 st child in grades K, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8	\$3,000	\$4,500
2 nd child in grades K, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8	\$2,000	\$3,000
Every child in grades 1, 5, 7	\$1,000	\$1,500
1 st child PK3 & PK4 (full day/5 days a week)	\$2,500	\$3,500
2 nd child in PK3 & PK4 (full day/5 days a week)	\$1,650	\$2,300
PK3 & PK4 (half day/5 days a week)	\$1,650	\$2,300
3 rd child and forward PK-8	\$1,000	\$1,500

Our Open House dates have been established to accommodate more people and busy schedules. Families of current students, alumni, or church members are welcome to attend the open houses, mingle with prospective families and tell them about our school. The dates are below.

- Thursday, March 23, from 6:00-7:30
- Tuesday, April 11, 6:00-7:30
- Sunday, April 30, 12:00-2:00

We would like to offer sports next year at Immanuel. Currently we are considering Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Basketball, and Volleyball. If you have a sport suggestion, or would like to coach a sport at Immanuel, please contact the office or email me directly.

A new hot lunch program began this week and is wildly popular with both students and staff. Two days a week our friends from St. Matthew's Lutheran School in New Britain are cooking on site. Two days are sandwiches from BARC. And, one day is pizza from West End. We have been without hot lunch since the end of November. So this is a nice change for the students and a convenience for parents.

Odyssey of the Mind is Saturday, March 18, at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven. We now have four teams competing and several volunteers helping as well. Wish us luck as we compete in an arena of teamwork and creativity! We excel at both!

Our students were very charitable in February. They collected and delivered food to St. Vincent DePaul, created and delivered Valentines to Countryside Manor, and collected over \$350 for the American Cancer Society.

Our next All School Sing is Sunday, March 5, at 10:45. This is one way of thanking the congregation for all you do for us. Please know that your support of our school means the world to our students and their families.

Yours in Christ,
 Dr. Anne Stuhlman, Principal



Boy Scout Troop 21 was joined by Cub Scout Pack 21 on February 5th for our annual observance of Scout Sunday. The scouts looked sharp in their uniforms as they presented a flag ceremony to open and to close the 10:45 Divine Service.

Below, Cub Scout Pack 21 at their Pinewood Derby on January 21st.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 David Hintz William Jabs Sue Simons	2 Michele Dubois Andrew Massaro Julie Stringer Jonathan Wegner	3 Zachary Schab	4 Linda Beaudoin
5 Elaine Larson	6 Justin Behrendt Nate DeAngelo Aaron Gorneault Marilyn Stone	7 Jay Pickhardt	8 Angelina Croce Tammy Croce Sheilah Newcity	9 Amanda Chromy Justin Kirschner Chris Schab	10 Myles Matthews	11 Diane Ruffino Samantha Ruffino
12 Nathan Bentivengo Rob Redman, Jr. Brian Theriault	13 Herbert Tonn	14 Christina Curry Jackson Mitchell Kevin Reich	15 Donna Bell	16 Nathan Desjardins	17 Jordan Boucher Hugo Cabello Scott DeAngelo	18 Roald Erling David Werner
19 Ruth Pickhardt Alexandria Segal Michele Tavernier	20 Deborah Martin Dominick Ruffino	21 John Helming Emil Jabs Michael Krampitz	22 Stephen Helming	23 Andreia DeAngelo Gregory Newcity	24 Craig Lejeune	25 Zachary Bodick
26 Dorothy Bergeron	27 Katie Boucher Vernon Stockman Philip Wells	28 Emilee Mowatt	29	30 Ryan Bodley Hannah Mora Terri Pesce	31 Gordon Sonstroem	



*God proves his
love for us in
that while we
still were sinners
Christ died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV

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