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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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Youth of Immanuel Lutheran's 2nd Annual



WINTER BBQ

Photos by Mr. Vernon Koch



A big thank you to all who came to our BBQ and supported us . . . we cannot wait to do it again next year! —ILS Youth Group



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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

“Christ on the Cross”

. . . Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Matthew 28:5b-6a

Many of you are aware of my love for Renaissance art, especially Northern Renaissance Painting (if you weren't aware you probably haven't been to my office lately, where you'll find some artwork and numerous books on the subject).

But you don't have to be an art lover like me to know the name, Michelangelo.

One of the greatest artists of all time, apparently Mike could also be a pretty good public speaker. One day, at least according to one story, he got his dander up and addressed some of his fellow artists.

With some disappointment in his voice, he asked them, “Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures on the one theme of Christ in weakness, Christ on the cross and, most of all, Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate on that passing episode as if . . . the curtain dropped down there on disaster and defeat? That dreadful scene lasted only a few hours. But through un-

ending eternity Christ is alive; Christ rules and reigns and triumphs!”

Now I believe that Jesus' death on the cross was far more representative of His power and commitment than it was of any weakness. Even so, the artists had a point: Jesus' life, suffering, and death are important, unbelievably important. Without them, we have no salvation.

But it needs to be remembered that Jesus' life didn't permanently end with His death upon the cross of Calvary.

There *is* a resurrection and it's that event which shouts the triumphant message that Jesus' sufferings and His sacrifices have been accepted!

No longer is death in control. No longer is the grave the ultimate end for humanity. Because Jesus has risen, we, too, will rise. On April 16th, all of Christianity will shout the ancient greeting of the Church: “Christ is risen!” And from heaven comes this reply, “He is risen, indeed!”

May the risen Christ always live within your heart. Amen.

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

From New England District

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dan Ternig. I have been raised and confirmed as a member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. My father was a past president of the Church in which I was raised. I am currently a member and Elder of St. John's Lutheran Church of Waterbury, CT. I have always felt that my purpose in life has been to help people. I have been employed in the field of banking for more than thirty years; currently working at a community bank, where I have been able to help many people save their homes. There are many obstacles that homeowners face in these times and I have volunteered to offer my experience and expertise to help members of our Synod.

In the past, I have helped people obtain tax reductions for elderly and disabled persons, heating assistance, emergency mortgage assistance, mortgage modifications, and sometimes just helped someone find the right person with whom to speak to help alleviate their home mortgage burdens.

It is my hope that I may assist some of the members of the Missouri Synod Lutheran churches throughout Connecticut. If you would like an honest and unbiased assessment of your current mortgage situation, I will discreetly listen to the details of your particular case, and then offer my honest and unbiased opinion. It may be that you are currently in the best position, or I may be able to advise you on how to lower your mortgage payments. If I feel that you may need legal advice I will advise you to speak with an attorney of your choosing.

I will try to contact anyone who requests my assistance as soon as possible. I am doing this voluntary work in my free time, thus it may take a few days to get back to you. My advice is free of any charge and is my own opinion only, which is based on thirty years experience, and up to date knowledge on currently available mortgage modification programs. My only compensation is the joy and gratification that I feel when I am able to help someone who is in need.

My goal is to be of help by giving and sharing information of which people may not be aware. As I begin this mission I would like to offer my assistance first via the Internet. Although the Internet may seem impersonal, it is very practical. If you would prefer to speak with me, please leave your phone number on your email message. These are difficult times, and I hope I may be of assistance to some of our members.

My email address: dan.will.try.to.help@gmail.com

Yours In Christ,

Dan Ternig



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.

April 18th — Tuesday Ladies Luncheon at BARC, 12:30 pm

April 10th & 24th — 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

It's finally time for our first Lunch Event of 2017 ! Our annual PIZZA Party will be on Thursday, April 6 at 11:30 in the Old School Basement. We always have lots of choices from the West End Pizza along with salad, desserts and beverages for \$5 at the door, or use your Gift Certificate, if you have one. Consider this your personal invitation to join your church friends, over age 50, for Christian fellowship and fun. We always hold at least six lunches and that includes a surprise one that is entirely FREE.

This month our program is somewhat different. Have you heard of the "Young @ Heart" Chorus from Northampton, MA? We have the movie these seniors made to show you; what a fun surprise it will be.

Next month, our lunch will include Greer's Chicken along with many other dishes you donate to our buffet tables. Our May 4 program will be our Immanuel Ringers from our school led by Vernon Koch. What a wonderful musical treat.

We are working on daytrips for the summer months. Any volunteers to be our Daytrip Planner this year?

In the large glass -enclosed bulletin boards by the gym entrance, you will find many trips that surrounding towns' senior centers have available to

you. We post all of our Young-At-Heart activities there also, so take a look at what opportunities are available to seniors like us.

Invite a friend to join you on April 6 for lunch; we love to welcome new people! Sending Easter Blessings to all our shut-in members and Young-At-Heart friends!



SUMMER DAYTRIP TO GOODSPEED MUSICAL'S "OKLAHOMA!" WITH GELSTON HOUSE LUNCH.

This daytrip is sponsored by our Young-At-Heart group, but is open to anyone interested in a Thursday, August 24 afternoon Show with lunch included. We have twenty (20) tickets available @ \$80 a person so reserve your seat to this show and special lunch. We will travel by car down so we will need some drivers, but don't let that stop you from joining us for a wonderful time. Call Carol to reserve your seat 860-582-9608 soon.

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** (due to Holy Week).

Dr. Anne Stuhlman, ILS principal, will give an update on recent changes, including moving Pre K 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.

From the Board of Evangelism 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!

Thought for today

"Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve."

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



HOLY WEEK
Worship Services

PALM SUNDAY / April 9

8 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion
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

“Given
for
you.”



Immanuel welcomes
through the rite of Holy Baptism
Leo and Tallulah Madore
son and daughter of
Gilman & Shannon Madore
Baptized on March 5, 2017

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Marion Florence Sonstroem
daughter of Joel & Kristy Sonstroem
Baptized on March 26, 2017



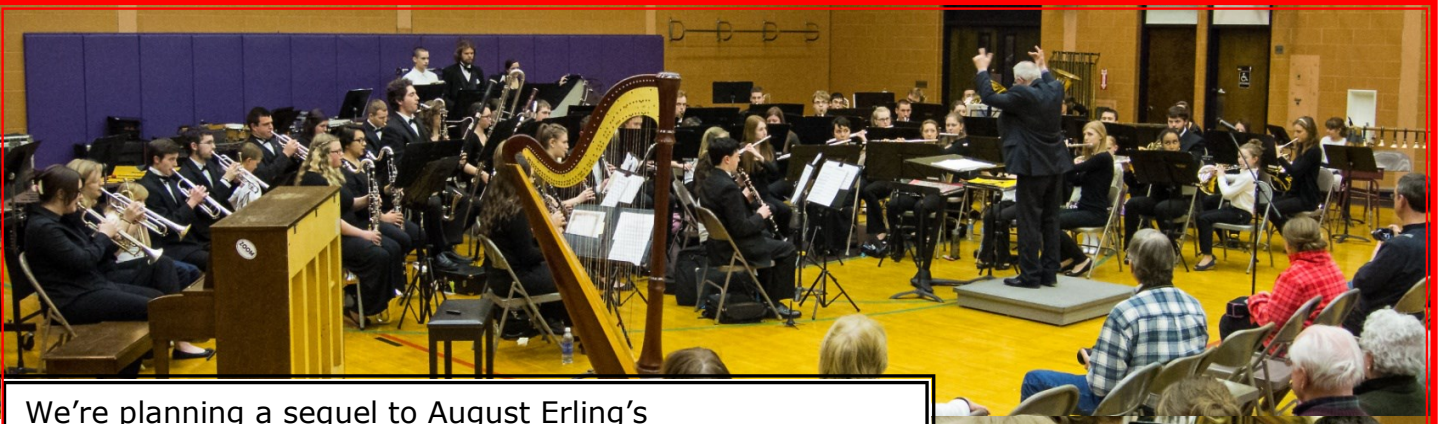
Altar Guild Meeting
Sunday, April 23 at
9:15 in the sanctuary.

**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're planning a sequel to August Erling's
*The Story of Immanuel Congregation
 Our First Century – A Journey in Faith*

The 125th Anniversary Committee is in need of good photos to help tell the story of our last 25 years. In that story we'll try to recall various people and events following a 25-year timeline, like pastors, teachers, principals and church officers, the Office Manager, retirements, the Alumni Wine Tastings, Sauerkraut Suppers, the German Fests, a new Constitution, the Foundation, German Services, and fund drives ... the talent shows. Groups like, our Youth Group, Young-At-Heart, Women of Immanuel, Emmaus Walkers, Scouts, Choirs, Parish Ministries, the Photo Club, the History Club, the Train Club, the Immanuel Quilters, the Altar Guild, the "Boards", the continuing Radio Ministry, Mum Festival Committees ... and no doubt more.

Pictures tell a thousand words!!

Good quality photographs with the subject matter identified and dated, *please!* Forward photos to the church office for scanning or send digital files by e-mail, to Dee Krampitz in the church office (dkrampitz@ilcs.org).

Thanks!



WE NEED PICTURES!

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.

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How it works:

When church members, their friends and family purchase quality gifts from our store or on the web, your church will receive a 10% cash credit to your account with us. It's that simple.

1. Buying in the store -

- Church members simply provide your church's name and we issue a cash credit to your church account.

2. Buying on the web -

- Visit www.churchgoods.com
- Under the retail tab select the products you would like to purchase.
- Proceed to the checkout and in the church code box enter the ID # (we will provide).
- The selected church will automatically be credited with 10% of the purchase. This credit can then be used at any time to purchase products from Patrick Baker & Sons.

To learn more about this creative and productive program, and how it can help your church raise funds easily, please contact customer service directly at:

860-628-5566 option 1 or 1-800-243-6385 option 1
email: info@patrickbaker.com

Cordially,
The Baker Family

~ School News ~

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church members and Friends,


Our first Open House resulted in five children and their families coming to learn more about our school. We felt good about these potential students as the families were lovely and they were interested in us for the right reasons. Two of these students came back to do a full shadow day in the 4th and 5th grades. We are encouraging families to schedule private tours of the school. We believe that seeing the school alive with the sounds and sights of the current students will paint the picture of our life together at Immanuel. So far, we have had six private tours. Some of these have already resulted in enrollment for next year.


Our four Odyssey of the Mind teams competed at the state meet on March 18. We took two buses of students, staff, parents and props to SCSU for the full day competition. All of the adults were so very proud of our students. They presented themselves well, did their best, and had a very positive attitude throughout the day. As it was our first year we didn't expect to win, but we still had a great showing.

As we gear up for the balance of the year, many events are being added to the calendar. Our current last day of the year is Thursday, June 15. Between now and then we have field trips, field day, awards ceremonies, graduation, confirmation, National Honor Society induction, and many other events. This has been a wonderful year and there are many celebrations to be had.

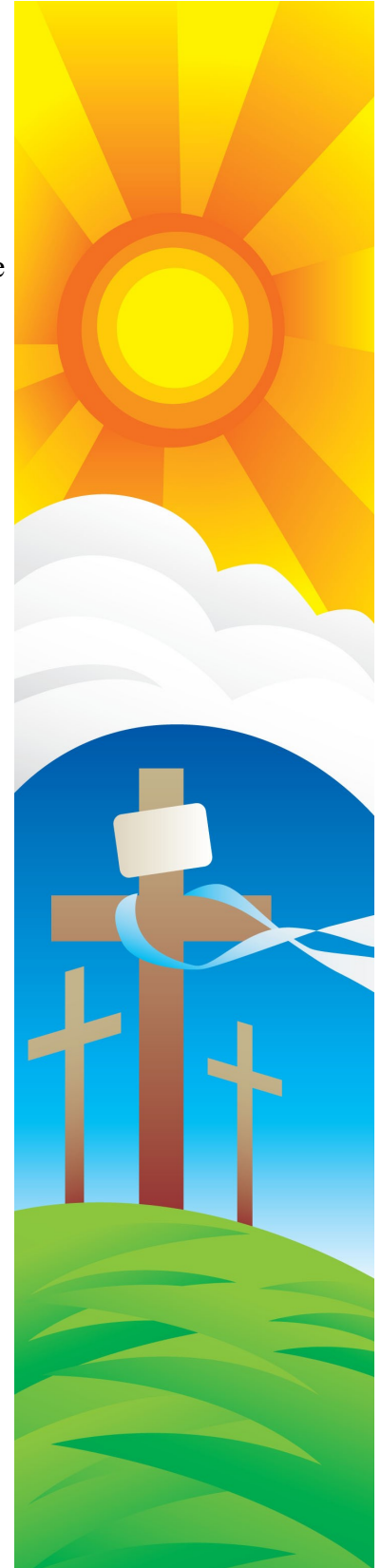
Our next All School Sing is May 14 at 8:00. This is Mother's Day. To celebrate this day the school is hosting a Mother's Day breakfast in the gym following the 8:00 service. All dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other non-mom figures are invited to help us in the kitchen. It is Mom's day off. Students will be able to serve their mothers breakfast and enjoy the meal with them. Volunteers should contact me directly. If all goes as expected, this may be the beginning of a new school tradition for Mother's Day.

Our new hot lunch program is a huge success. We receive positive comments daily from students and parents. Tuesdays and Thursdays our friends from St. Matthew's Lutheran School in New Britain, which recently closed, are cooking on site. Mondays and Wednesdays students have sandwich choices from BARC. And, Friday is cheese pizza from West End. Fridays also include parent volunteers making salads to compliment the pizza. We appreciate all of the volunteer efforts that go into this lunch effort.

The American Cancer Society representative was able to come to Immanuel **last month**  receive the donation of \$352.17 from the Penny War earlier in the year. Our students are merciful!

The National Lutheran School Association accreditation visit scheduled for **May 1, 2, 3** **has been postponed until** October. **Parents will be asked to be on interview panels for this in the fall.** 

Yours in Christ,
Dr. Anne Stuhlman, Principal



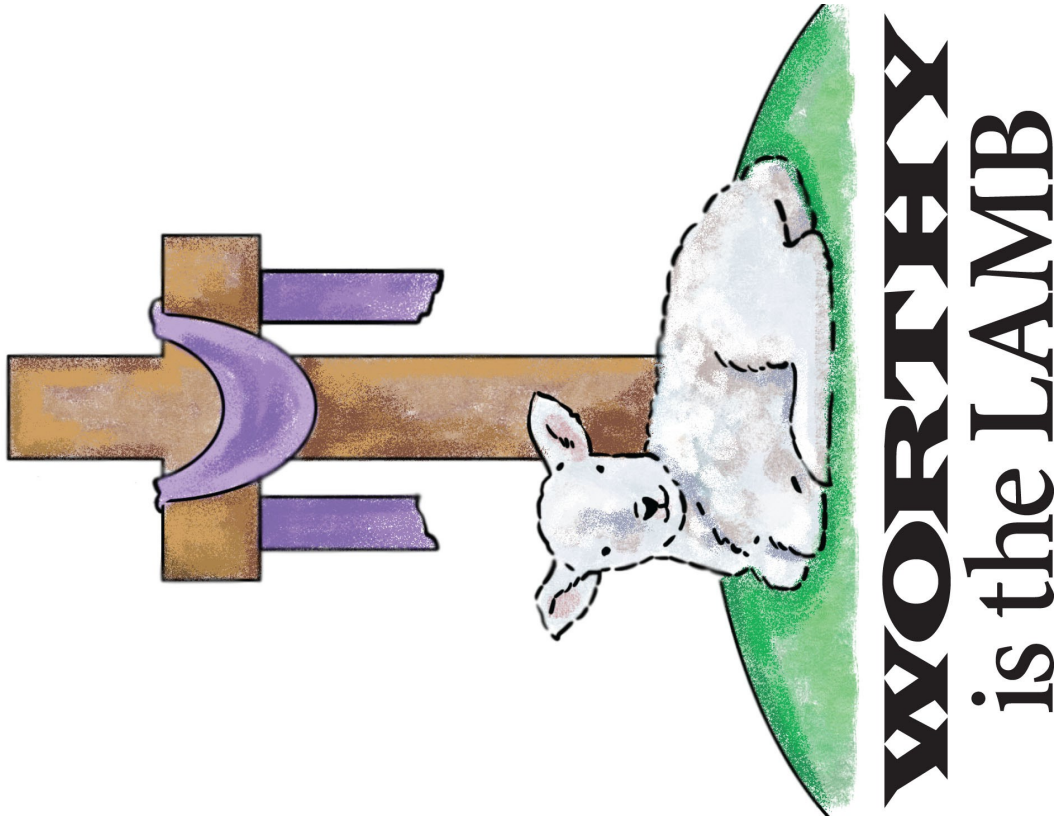
~ Girl Scout News ~



On March 30th the Girl Scouts made a patchwork quilt for Lutheran World Relief

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Margaret Cassala Noreen Kirschner |
| 2 Timothy Sonstroem Kristy Wolfe | 3 David Grossmann | 4 Michael Triplett | 5 Albert May | 6 Judith Buonafede Mary Kuharski Kendall Raymond Jill Scoville | 7 | 8 Benjamin Schuler |
| 9 Gabriella Buonafede | 10 Morgan Bielert William Palmisano, Jr. Ann Winters | 11 Maliki Matthews | 12 Brandon Kohl Danish Nazir Sylva Voisine | 13 | 14 Bill Emmert Beverly Guimond | 15 Jennifer Phillips Dawn Raymond |
| 16 Jared Harrington Irene Kraus Barbara Nye Alexandra Rindfleisch | 17 Janet Hackett | 18 Jessica Divinere | 19 | 20 Dillon Kohl Aliza Redman Alyson Schaffrick Rick Simons | 21 Preston Fitzgerald Charles McIntyre | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Daniel Bielert, II | 25 | 26 Jacob Holcomb Janice Monzillo RoseMarie Pavlik David Ryskowski | 27 Julie Perry | 28 Randolf Jabs Amanda Neumann Joanne Tanasi | 29 Magda Jabs Gladys Lagace |
| 30 Ryan Hislop Becky Wells | | | | | | |



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