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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

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

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2021 **V**ACATION **B**IBLE **S**CHOOL



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Summer picnics from the past.

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FELLOWSHIP REMEMBERED





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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June – July – August

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE

with Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.

— (Live Streaming) —

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FELLOWSHIP COFFEE
10:00 A.M.

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:30 A.M.

— (Live Streaming) —



**WHEELCHAIR
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Worship Services are
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at 1:00 p.m. on

WNTY Radio

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From the Pastor's Desk

“God’s Benefit”

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called seas. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:9-10

This summer we had the opportunity to celebrate the anniversary of the United States’ birth. And, of course, it’s right that we stop and show our appreciation for what God has done in, and through, the United States of America.

That’s the way it was over 100 years ago when the great preacher, Dwight Moody, was reading the 103rd Psalm. He came to the verse, “*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.*”

Having read that Scripture to his audience, Moody stopped short, and with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face said, “You can’t remember all o’ God’s benefits, of course. But that doesn’t mean you should forget ’em all, either. Remember some of them.”

Well, today, I can’t list all the benefits you and I have received through this

wonderful land God has entrusted to us.

On the other hand, we dare not forget all those benefits either. That’s why I’d like to encourage you to thank the Lord for the barbecue grill you use this summer, as well as the abundance of food you’re cooking on it.

Thank You, Lord, for the freedom we enjoy and the responsibility to use it properly.

Most of all, thank the Lord for always being there for us and offering us salvation through His Son’s sacrifice.

Moody had it right. “We can’t remember all of God’s benefits. But that doesn’t mean we should forget ’em, either.” Take a little time out from all your summer activities and give the Lord a little thanks.

THE PRAYER: Dear heavenly Father, You have given us so much. We thank You for the gift of the freedom we have in this land and the spiritual gift of freedom we have through Your Son. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Pastor Karner

1 Thessalonians 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

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

**Immanuel welcomes
through the rite of Holy Baptism**

Jackson Robert Violet

Baptized on July 18, 2021

Son of Robert and Kelly (Lejeune) Violet



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Gregory John Hebert

May 18, 1972 — July 18, 2021



**Check out the “What about ...”
tracts outside the church office.**

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Members and Friends,

I am overcome with bittersweet feelings as I share my plans to retire on August 15, 2021. After prayerful consideration and long discussion with God and my husband, I have decided that this chapter of my life has come to an end; it is time to enjoy my time with my children and grandchildren.



My teaching journey began 37 years ago in Flint, Michigan and is now ending with the 34 years I've given Immanuel Lutheran. It was a blessing to be (Called by God) to serve in both of these fine schools. I have taught various grades, families, and generations throughout my tenure and I have loved every moment. It is an honor to end my career here.

I want to thank you for your support during my time at Immanuel. I've been able to work with countless students, providing not just instruction in all subject areas but also offering guidance, support, and mentorship to my students. I will always think back fondly on my time as an educator.

Thank you again for your timeless support and thoughtfulness throughout our time together. I will continue to keep you in my prayers and that God will continue to bless your ministry.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rosemary Ryskowski





Happy summertime greetings to all our older members who used to enjoy our monthly lunches, but haven't for over a year!

We hope everyone has had their two vaccine shots so we can get together soon.

We usually do not have our lunches during the summer months and will not have them this year. We are now planning a September 2, first Thursday, lunch

for you of pizza and salad at the usual 11:30 time and in the old school basement. Our own David Hintz, Photographer, will take us on a Cross Country Camping Trip as he shares his photos from his trip with Lynda across our land.

We really miss the Christian fellowship we enjoyed at our lunches and hope to see you in church soon. God Bless You!

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Women of Immanuel ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Please join us on **Thursday, August 19 at 2:00 pm** in the OSB (original school basement). *Please note the date change of our meeting!* All women are welcome. We will be discussing and planning for the German Festival. Mark your calendar to gather with your sisters in Christ. Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.

Dee Krampitz, Vice President

BAKERS! BAKERS! GERMAN CAKE BAKERS NEEDED!

Donations of German Cakes are needed for the Dessert area of our German Fest on Sept. 17 & 18. We have some recipes available for authentic German cakes to share with you when you sign up to bring one or two cakes on Sunday mornings. You can also sign up in the church office during the week to bake and/or sell cakes during the festival. Although our Women of Immanuel and Young-At-Heart groups are working together on Desserts, we really do need everyone to donate cakes for this September Festival. *Please sign up soon!*

CHRISTIAN MART UPDATE

Beginning Sunday, August 8th the Christian Mart will officially open! Open Hours are: Every Sunday, 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM – **AND** – immediately following the end of Sunday Divine Worship Service until 11:30 AM.

While the hours through the end of Summer will be limited, we will expand the hours for Sundays (and on some weekdays) beginning September 5th. An announcement of the expanded hours will be posted at the church and online, as well as, shared in the bulletin.

Additionally, affordable greeting cards will be available anytime the church office is open. Greeting cards can be purchased on an "honor system" when the Christian Mart is not open. When you take a card, place your money/check in the box. It's that simple!

Remember... for every \$1 you spend at the Christian Mart, approximately 50¢ of that will go to Immanuel Lutheran. Sometimes, more than that! The next time you need to buy a gift, think of the Christian Mart first! We thank you for your patience and look forward to bringing an ever changing/evolving line of Christian products to this congregation. ~ *The Christian Mart Team*

2021 **V**ACATION **B**IBLE **S**CHOOL IN PICTURES



Greetings!

It is exciting for me to invite you all to the first post-Covid meeting of Immanuel Lutheran's Digital Photo Club.

We will once again be meeting in the Parish Center to enjoy each other's photographs and some treats.

I hope you can join us each month as we enjoy the photos and each other's company – masks are optional. We will be meeting the first Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm, starting in September. Bring a snack if you like.

Here is a list of the upcoming season's photo topics:

Sept: Open – What did you photograph during our Covid crisis?

Oct: Reflections – Water, mirrors, really shining cars. Whatever can produce a nice reflection.

Nov: Shapes – A photo that clearly defines a shape of some kind ... Square, Round, Triangle ... Get creative!

Dec: Parks – This can be your local or state park. Can be people enjoying outside activities.

Jan: Orange – Anything orange. How about an orange? It can be any variant of orange – bright or soft.

Feb: What I like to Photograph – A collection of your photos that show what you most like to photograph – Grand kids, landscapes, people – whatever ...

March: Gates and Fences – It's a great chance to photograph beautiful fence lines and gates. Check out some of the local farms.

April: Backyard Visitors – You don't need to go far. Get some shots of those critters that visit your backyard. Bird feeders always provide nice pictures.

May: Planes, Trains, Automobiles – Here is your chance to get creative. Get some close-ups of cars or trains or planes.

June: Sunrise/Sunset – Who doesn't like a nice sunrise or sunset? Get up early or stay out late ... Get that perfect shot of the sun coming up or going down!

Please remember that if you don't have any theme photos, then bring some of your favorite photos to share with the group.

I sincerely hope to see you there. Please feel free to encourage any of your friends to join us. All they need is a camera and a desire to have fun! If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at eml08@att.net.

God Bless,
Eric Larson



**Friday, September 17th – 6 PM to 9 PM &
Saturday, September 18th – 12 PM to 9 PM**

A special thank you to Valya Rindfleisch for creating a new German Fest logo for our German Festival... Job well done, we love it!

Volunteers Needed!

This year's festival preparations are in full swing! Volunteer recruitment officially begins on August 1st. Please volunteer! We need you and it's fun! You can sign up anytime in the church office on the clipboard located there, OR, visit the Christian Mart on opening day and sign-up while you shop! We will be actively recruiting volunteers through August and early September. Give as little or as much of your time as you can spare and enjoy the festival the rest of the time. **See you all there... Prost!**

Sponsorships Available!

This year, for the first time, we are offering sponsorship options to help us bring the best festival experience possible to reality. Sponsorships are an excellent way for businesses to gain more visibility via a popular event in the community they serve. They also help us maximize the financial success of our annual German Festival event. Do you know any businesses that might be interested in becoming a sponsor? Maybe you'd like to be a sponsor yourself? Kinder level, Bratwurst level and Spätzle level sponsorships are still available. What to learn more? Check out the sponsorship forms that are currently available in the lobby.

Yard Signs

Help us promote the festival! Do you live on a high traffic road? We'd love to place a yard sign on your property to help promote this year's German Festival throughout Bristol. Keep an eye out for announcements in late August, at which time, you will be able to take a sign home. Or, we will be happy to place it on your property for you. ~ German Festival Committee

If you have questions, please contact Rhoda Lange at (860) 543-5992.

FELLOWSHIP REMEMBERED – Chapter 4

by Vern Koch

From the minutes of July 15, 1978:

"The Sonstroem/Werner complex on Stafford Ave. came alive with crowds of hungry people. After enjoying some sun, some swimming, and some sipping our highly spirited chefs hailed the group for a sumptuous feast of roasted sheep, cream-style corn and loads of other goodies."

Try as we may, who can forget the 'Fashion Show' produced by Richard Stockman on October 28, 1978. Included were such notable beauties as:

Bathing Beauty - Gene Zahnke

Business – Wil Kisser

Thin Lady – Roald Erling

ERA – Vicar Ron Myer

Lady of the Evening – Don Palmeter
(coach and teacher at Immanuel)

Bride – Ed Werner

Flower Girl – Pastor Bill Thompson

Attendance at most of the events we sponsored exceeded 65 people.



~~~~~ School News ~~~~~

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

We have one month of summer remaining. It will be filled with setting up classrooms, planning curriculum, scheduling classes and events, interviewing prospective new hires, touring new families, and registering new students. Enrollment for the upcoming school year is currently 123. With the current enrollment trends, we anticipate 130 for the upcoming year.

Our summer camp for young children is currently up and running. Parents of our own students are able to utilize the program for childcare as they need to throughout the summer. Children enjoy crafts, outdoor play, and water play with a new theme each week.

Little Lambs, our year-round toddler program, is growing! There are still spaces available. We have such a wonderful space to house the program. The main level of the old school currently has two classrooms dedicated to the program. There is a third classroom available if needed. Each room can hold eight children at a time with two teachers in each room. The classes are grouped by age. Currently we have 14 Lambs in the program.

We are interviewing for grade 1 and for middle school language arts and social studies. We are also looking for a PK-8 Spanish teacher (part-time). Formal rounds of interviews begin August 9.

A Meet the Teacher event will be held on Monday, August 30th for parents and students to see their classroom and meet their teachers. Scheduled times will be given to families if we are still in covid mode.

We are creating a maker space. A maker space is a designated area where students can collaborate to problem solve, be innovative, tinker, create, build, and explore. Materials can range from high-tech to no-tech. In the maker space, students will be presented with a variety of problems to solve. They can work in small groups or individually. Building materials will range from cardboard/paint/glue to 3D printing.

We need your odds and ends for the maker space! Look around your house and in your garage for odds and ends. Look for bolts and screws, gears, wood scraps, batteries, pieces of electrical wire, small machines such as a fan that is missing blades, a mixer with a missing beater, etc. These odds and ends will make for a more comprehensive maker space. A box is in the Narthex to collect your donations of odds and ends.

We would like to borrow several heavy wooden picnic tables from the end of August to mid-November. We are creating outdoor teaching and learning spaces. Tables will be returned to their owners before Thanksgiving.

Have a restful and safe summer!

Yours in Christ,
Dr. Anne Stuhlman, Principal

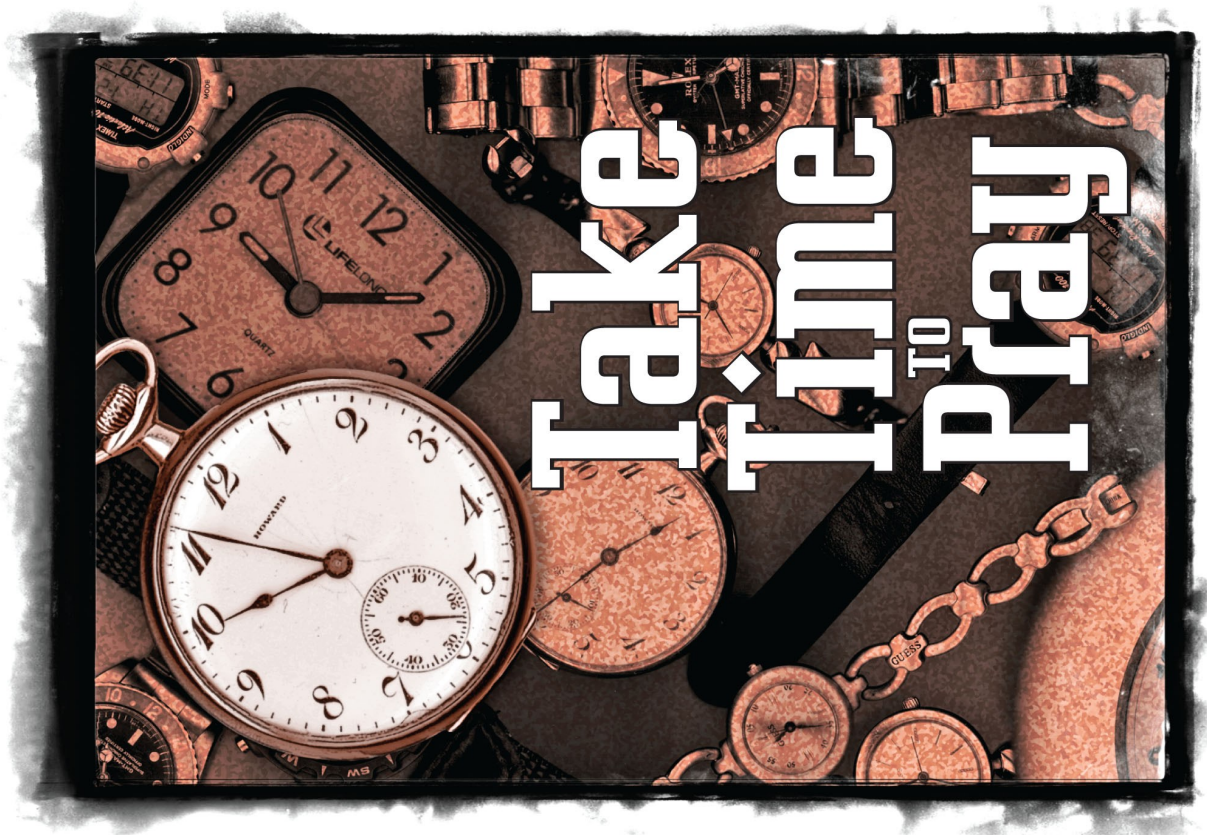


JULY 2021 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Andrew Helming	2 Leonard Maron	3 Alyssa Kirschner Robert Pease
4 <i>Happy Fourth of July!</i>	5 Sienna Tonn	6 Donna Hiscock Paul Stewart	7 Dorothy Duessel Janice Eschner Elizabeth Helming Cameron Perry	8 Darrin Bodley Matthew Croze Erika Raspanti Amelia Tessier	9 Wanda Hubbard Dee Krampitz Carol Maron Wendy Palmisano	10 Melanie Moliengo Rocco Pesce
11 Greyson Fortier	12 Meghan Carder Jessica Lundquist	13 Jennifer McIntyre Eric Therrien	14 Elizabeth Fitz Lynn Kisser Beth Schroeder	15 John Fitzherbert, Jr.	16 Tyler Beaudet Brooke Wells	17 Chandler Boutin Linda White
18 Mary Aszklar Todd Gorneault Elizabeth Moliengo Shannon Richards Rebecca Runk	19 Edward Miller Donald Smuda Jared Tessman	20 Kevin Daly Debbie Krueger Rhoda Lange Jonathan Tonn	21 Gregory Croze Amelia Schuler	22 Marvin Heidorn Albert Houle, IV Nathaniel Milano Katie Tessman	23 Megan Swicklas	24 Marilyn Triplett
25 Richard Armington Jennifer DeAngelo Jacqueline Phillips	26 Adam Houle Elizabeth Houle Sarah Williams	27 Doreen Checoves Kevin Karner Nicholas Madigan	28 Susan Bodick Rebecca Turley	29 Makenzie Jankowski	Matthew Dennis 30 Jack Gohsler Keith Hogan Whitney Massaro Joseph Reed Roy Mason Tyler Thormahlen Doris Wegner	31

AUGUST 2021 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Laurie Grekula Holly Tonn	2 Rosemary Badenhop Amy Richmond Cindy Schuler	3	4 Stephanie Bennett Joseph Cydylo Louise Winter	5 Peter Tonn	Alexis Fitzherbert 6 Ryan Hill Jordan Kuharski Alicia Michelson Phyllis Steinackle Madison Turley	7 Seth Michelson Eric Velasco Robert Wells
8 Amy Sonstroem	9 Mark Blank Kimberly Debaise Michael Killian Rachel Shields	10 Aaron Desjardins Caitlyn Pacitto	11 Alice Cunningham Carissa Darm Deborah Swicklas	12 Eric Larson	13 Kenneth Michelson	14 James Fitzgerald Maggie Theriault
15 Abigail Deloge Sierra Reed	16 Armin Hauer Joyce Marion Breeann Redman Ryan Tessman	17 Ruth Johnson	18 Madison Charles-Durham Anthony Santilli	19 Barbara Radcliff Molly Tower	20 David Kisser	21 Shannon Madore
22 Scott Eschner John Fitzherbert Karl Riegler	23 Craig Stange Jonah Tonn	24 Michael Behrendt Janet Desrosiers Lauren Simard	25 Wayne Kuharski Daniel Tonn	26 Jamie Laforge Marilyn Schmelder Linda Wall	27	28 Mikaela Bennett
29 Barbara Wallick	30 Danielle Pion Arnold Tonn	31 Alexandra Dubois Jon Sonstroem				



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