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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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The Christian Mart is officially open!



The Christian Mart Team, left to right Rhoda Lange, Mary Sylvia and Christina Curry and daughter Madison.

(More photos on Page 8)

New Adult Instruction Class

Do you desire to become a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, or do you know someone who does? Are you a life-long Lutheran ready to dust off your Catechism and renew your understanding of the chief articles of the Christian faith? In any case, we've got the opportunity for you!

On Sunday, September 12, Pastor Karner will begin teaching a 12-week class in the school library. The content will take you to the heart of the Bible's message. In His undeserved love, God is "for us" in Jesus Christ, offering us forgiveness, joy, hope, assurance, direction, and new life through Him.

While the first class starts at 6:45 pm on September 12, the day and time of the following classes will be discussed to see what works best for everyone.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending, please call the church office at 860-583-5649.





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Ed & Dee Krampitz
Newsletter Editors

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES

8:00 a.m.

— *(Live Streaming)* —

Holy Communion on the
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday
of the month.

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10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion on the
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday
of the month.

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m.

— *(Live Streaming)* —



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1:00 p.m. on

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From the Pastor's Desk

“Learning and Listening”

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD! Psalm 25:7

In 2015, Malachi Bradley was only 10 years old.

Even so, he possessed two qualities that often elude those who are many times his age. His story is an interesting one.

Bradley was out camping with his family at a mountain lake in a remote area of Utah. He'd been learning about mushrooms and was so caught up in the desire to find new specimens he wandered away from the group. Unfortunately, he wandered so far away that when he finally looked up he had no idea of his whereabouts.

Realizing he was going to spend a frigid night in the mountains alone, Bradley remembered some of the survival skills his father had taught him. Thinking quickly, he found, and curled up between two large rocks that had absorbed the day's heat. The next day when Bradley heard a plane fly overhead, he realized he couldn't be seen in a heavily treed area. Quickly, he found an open meadow and there he waited until a helicopter arrived to rescue him.

Thinking about the events of the previous days, Bradley said he'd go camping again, but things would be different. Things will be different, because “I'll learn from my mistakes.”

At the beginning I said Bradley had two important and admirable qualities. Have you been able to identify them? The first is probably obvious: he said he learns from his mistakes. Looking back at my life and the lives of many people whom I

know, learning from past mistakes is an elusive attribute.

All too easily, past temptations become present temptations, and past sins end up being repeated over and over again. Just like the apostle Paul, “I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing” (Romans 7:19). Our inability to learn from past mistakes and our continuous sinning takes us to Malachi's second good quality. He was saved from trouble and tragedy because he had listened to his father.

A wise Christian follows Malachi's example and listens to his Heavenly Father. And what does the Heavenly Father tell us? On the Mount of Transfiguration, He said Jesus “... is My beloved Son; listen to Him” (Mark 9:7b). We should listen to Jesus when He says,

* He is “... the Way, and the Truth, and the Life” (John 14:6b).

* He is the resurrection and the life and with faith in Him as Savior, we will never die (see John 11:25).

* He is the Good Shepherd who lays down and picks up His life again, so the sheep might be saved (see John 10:11-18).

There you have it: a 10-year-old boy shows us we should learn from past mistakes and urges us to listen to our Heavenly Father. If we follow Malachi, many of us will be ahead of the game.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, grant us the grace to learn from our mistakes and listen to You who calls us to the Savior's blood-bought forgiveness and salvation. In Jesus' Name we pray it. 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



Young at Heart

Our German Fest will be held this year in the back lot on Friday evening September 17th and Saturday the 18th from noon until 9 pm. Find your German clothes and enjoy the day with us and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends. We need your help even just for a few hours so that others can take a break from working all day; some jobs are seated ones so please sign up at church to help out. Our group and our Women of Immanuel group are handling the Dessert area in the old school basement, so we hope you can bake a genuine German cake and/or perhaps help us cut, package and sell the desserts; you know many hands make light work.

Be sure to save Thursday, October 7 for our Young-At-Heart OKTOBERFEST lunch of German foods at 11:30 in the old school basement. We may need your help in bringing some German foods to our buffet tables; call Carol 860-582-9608 if you can add to our menu of German foods or desserts. For only \$5 you can join us for this special day of good food with all your German friends or use your free lunch gift card or bring food so you donate only \$2. We look forward to welcoming you at the door, chatting at our tables, singing Happy Birthday to you, eating different foods, listening to interesting programs, and really enjoying a couple of hours with you; don't stay home alone!

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

On FRIDAY, SEPT. 17, AT 2 PM, we will be setting up the old school basement for our Fifth Annual German Festival during the weekend. Our group, along with the "Young-At-Heart" group, is handling the dessert area of our German Festival, so we need lots of volunteers to help out. We need you to bake those authentic German cakes, help slice and package them for sale and also help sell them. Please sign up on Sunday to volunteer your time for either

Friday evening or during the day Saturday, Sept. 17 or 18.

Our group will also be having a "TAKE HOME" Bake Sale during the Festival where we sell breads, muffins, pies, jams, etc. to benefit our group. Please plan to help out by baking for this table which will have items priced and packaged to take home in the OSB. Remember, many helpers mean lighter work for all.

From your Parish Nurse

WALK AND TALK — Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us, and think of names we could consider and bring your thoughts with you.

We also will be meeting for lunch once a month depending on COVID.

Blood pressures every second Sunday in the office will be taken after the 8am service for those interested.

DEC. 28 – A luncheon will be provided for policemen on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at noon to thank them for keeping us and our community safe.

Another luncheon will also be provided for firemen/EMTs to thank them for protecting us in emergency situations. Date not finalized yet.

Watch for news about the Women's Bible study starting in October.

Anyone wishing to help your hands will be appreciated. Please text me or leave a message on my home phone.

Anyone wishing to make visits to our home bound please see me and also looking for occasional meals prepared for the home bound.

Roberta Kuhr
Parish Nurse

Altar Guild – keep Saturday, October 23 open for breakfast and an Altar Guild meeting at 9am in the Parish Center. Anyone wishing to join the Altar Guild, please feel free to come and join us for breakfast. Hope to see you there.

Roberta Kuhr

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



**Immanuel Lutheran Church announces its 2021 Scholarship Awards**

*This year's scholarships are awarded to:*

**Benjamin Jabs, Seth Foley,  
Michelle Helming and Jared Krueger**



**The Immanuel Lutheran Foundation announces its 2021 Scholarship Awards**

The **Westfall I** Scholarship is awarded annually to a member of Immanuel pursuing a career of service in The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, typically as a pastor, teacher, Director of Christian Education or related field.

**The 2021 Scholarship is awarded to:  
Deborah Krueger**

The **Westfall II** Scholarships are awarded to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church or graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School. These are given in memory of Amelia Westfall and her siblings: Elenora, Helena, Wanda and Emil Westfall. Scholarships are awarded to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church or graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School entering or in a degreed program at an accredited college or university.

**2021 recipients are:**

**Michelle Helming, Benjamin Jabs,  
Lorrin Jackson, and Jared Krueger**



**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**

**Eleonora E. Erling**  
January 13, 1923 — August 31, 2021



**Attention all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Public School students!**

Confirmation classes have begun (Thursday, September 2 was the first class). In August you should have received a letter from Pastor Karner. If you have NOT received a letter, please contact the church office at 860-583-5649.

**Youth Sunday**



**starts**

September 12th, 9:30 to 10:30am, ages 3 through 3rd Grade.

Classes will include Music, Bible Stories, Games and Crafts.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ruffino, [wdruffino@att.net](mailto:wdruffino@att.net) or 860-685-0626.

## ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **School News** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

### **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

School started Wednesday, September 1. Immanuel Lutheran School currently enrolls 141 students. Thank you for supporting the school. We are forever focused on our mission to provide a loving environment of academic excellence for children, while developing in them and their families a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ. Chapel and religion are usually our new students favorite times of the day.

We have had smoother starts to the year, but we are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. The staff will be at the 8:00 service on Sunday, September 12 for commissioning. It is a wonderful group who are Christ-centered and child-friendly. Staff will also be present at the Mum Parade, the Germanfest, and the Sauerkraut Supper. We are eager to be back to normal and have a typical year.

Rosemary Ryskowski retired at the end of the school year. We wish her a happy retirement and loads of family time. Her service at Immanuel Lutheran School has been impactful. She loved all of her students. Casey Campbell resigned to take a position closer to home. Jeremiah Regimbald was offered a music position nearby. The new teacher line-up is below:

Gina Joiner - Little Lambs  
 Theresa Little - Little Lambs  
 Jamie Pitcher - Little Lambs and AM Extended Care  
 Ahelm Fidol - Little Lambs and PK Assistant  
 Katja Evans - PK3 and Art  
 Bill Fabrizio - PK3 Assistant  
 Lorene Berrian - PK4  
 Chrissy Orie - PK4  
 Debbie Krueger - Kindergarten  
 Tammy Thormahlen - Kindergarten Assistant  
 Holly Tonn - 1st Grade  
 Cara Saade - 2nd Grade  
 Christina Signore - 1st and 2nd Grade Assistant  
 Jill (Tonn) Lapage - 3rd Grade  
 Talie White - 4th Grade  
 Sandy Butler - Middle School Science and Algebra 1  
 Hannah Baldino - Middle School Math and PE  
 Jeet Basu - Middle School Social Studies  
 Angelina DeLorenzo - Middle School Language Arts  
 Heather Correa - Elementary Spanish  
 Greg Flower - Music and Bells  
 Caitlynn Pacitto and Donna Day - Extended Care

We still need Extended Care workers in the afternoon. This is a perfect job for college age adults, or responsible high school seniors, or an adult wanting something part-time. We also need lunch volunteers. If you are interested please call the office.

Blessings,  
 Anne Stuhlman, Principal





## Annual German Festival



### Volunteers are needed!

... at the German Festival. There are many jobs that need to be filled from serving food, selling food tickets, food prep and distribution, biergarten security and monitoring, Kinderland monitoring, and more. If you are interested in helping you can sign up after the Church service, or call the office at 860-583-5649. We need as many people as we can get in order for this festival to be a success.

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**WE WILL BE SERVING BEER,  
BRATWURST, VESPERPLATTE,  
AND PRETZELS**

**6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**12:00 NOON – 9:00 PM**

The German Festival is back and we are inviting the community to join us for a day of rejoicing in our German culture.

### *Come Enjoy*

Live Music throughout the day. Authentic German cuisine to include Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Spätzle, Potato Pancakes, Roast Pork, German Desserts and more.

Biergarten with Imported German beers, German wine, homemade German desserts, hand-crafted and community vendors, stein holding competition & Kinderland with life-size Candy Land game, bounce obstacle course, special features and more activities just for kids!

### **FREE ADMISSION**

Food & Drinks sold separately

**We hope to see  
everyone there!**



### 2021 German Festival Schedule

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**5:30-5:45 PM**

Service for Festival Workers

**6:00pm**

Opening Ceremony

Festival Dedication

- Tapping The Keg "First Pour"

With The Mayor

**6:15-9:00pm**

German Music in the Biergarten

w/Brats, Dogs, Pretzels & Beer,

German Dancing

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**12:00 noon**

Festival Opens

**12:30pm – 3:00pm**

German Music & crowd activities

**3:00pm (Sharp)**

Stein Holding Competition

**3:30-8:00pm**

German Music, German Band,

Dancing & crowd activities

**8:00-9:00pm**

General music in Biergarten



# FELLOWSHIP REMEMBERED – Chapter 5

by Vern Koch

Just to give you the scope of the food we consumed at our chicken bar-b-ques here is the menu from September 1, 1980. 69 adults and 5 children attended.

- 7 dozen silver queen corn on the cob
  - 62 drumstick/thigh combinations
  - 20 breasts
- 40 wings (we need to order more for next year as appetizers)

The minutes of November, 1980, contain a small error.

*"The AF helped with preparing, serving and cleaning up for the most successful (1<sup>st</sup> annual **Sauerkraut Supper**) [in October of 1961, I vividly remember smelling sauerkraut all day long in my classroom in the Original School and coming that evening to a packed basement with the ladies of the church preparing and serving the supper. As I was told, that was one of many sauerkraut suppers held in the school basement during our history.]*

*"Santa visited the Harvest Festival booths which included baked goods, hot dogs, craft items, plants, tag sale items, Christian Mart materials, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders selling oranges and grapefruit."  
Over \$3000 was raised for the Building Fund"*

In February of 1981 *"A large crowd gathered in the gym for slides and movies about the **church renovation and 'raising the new steeple'***

*In addition there was much good food, volley-ball, cards, Backgammon, Scrabble and other 'quiet' games".*

*Wil Kisser, President, presented the following activities:*

- *Rocky Mountain Slides by "Porky" and Pat Erling*
- *Foot Frolicking (known in the outside world as Square Dancing) led by Gene Zahnke*
- *Bus Trip to Gloucester/Rockport*



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **The Christian Mart** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



Come and visit us during the German Festival.  
We will be located in the OSB.



To: Pastors, Church Secretaries and Friends  
 From: Rev. Robert Beinke, Acting District President  
 Subj: Rev. Timothy Yeadon Update

Good afternoon,

I visited with Pres. Yeadon recently, and he is feeling much better, thanks be to God! He is walking and exercising daily, and is back to enjoying his hobby of woodworking and also cooking dinner now and then. He and Ruth are very much enjoying their time together at home. He is still, however, very ill and remains in need of a new liver. Weekly doctor visits are a part of his regular agenda.

Continued prayers, then, are very much needed and appreciated!

Pastor Beinke

From the Rev. Dr. Steven Schumacher

Recently, I have received and accepted a call to serve the International Lutheran Council (ILC) as their Chief Accreditation Officer.

My new call (ILC) will keep me connected with our international Lutheran seminaries in working with them to achieve accreditation through the ILC. It is a new position and includes the responsibility for the development, implementation, coordination, evaluation, and oversight of the recently developed accreditation process. The purpose of the process is to help raise the academic standards and theological commitment of Lutheran seminaries, around the world, based on Lutheran doctrine and practice. We ask that you uphold us in prayer as we transition into this new call and service. We also ask that you remember all the saints of the ELCG as they seek to serve and proclaim the Good News of Jesus throughout Ghana.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the mission and ministry that we shared in with you in Ghana over the past seven years. It has all been greatly appreciated.

Serving Christ together,  
 Rev. Dr. Steven and Cynthia Schumacher



## SEPTEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS

| Sun                                              | Mon                                                                                               | Tue                                                                                    | Wed                                         | Thu                                                                                 | Fri                                                               | Sat                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  |                                                                                                   |                                                                                        | <b>1</b><br>Jonathan Harrington             | <b>2</b><br>Shari Kohl<br>Elias Lopisi                                              | <b>3</b><br>Barbara Greenlaw<br>Keegan Thormahlen<br>Brian Winter | <b>4</b><br>Reinhart Hermann, Jr.<br>Meghan Roy                                     |
| <b>5</b><br>Marcia Massaro<br>Trina Theriault    | <b>6</b><br>Lindsey Klemyk<br>Leo Madore                                                          | <b>7</b>                                                                               | <b>8</b><br>Heidi Dennis<br>Dawn Ewen       | <b>9</b><br>Ethan Beaudoin<br>Brittany Dunn<br>Michelle Helming<br>Jonathan Tessier | <b>10</b>                                                         | <b>11</b><br>Cody McIntyre                                                          |
| <b>12</b><br>Pamela Prindle<br>Josie Rindfleisch | <b>13</b><br>Sarah Gurgigno                                                                       | <b>14</b><br>Shannon Gurgigno<br>Jaime Mitchell                                        | <b>15</b><br>Christian Lindstrom            | <b>16</b>                                                                           | <b>17</b><br>Joan Kirschner                                       | <b>18</b><br>Rebecca Fitzinger<br>Ronald Helming<br>Janet Romanko<br>Kimberly Wolfe |
| <b>19</b><br>Savana Tonn                         | <b>20</b>                                                                                         | <b>21</b><br>Elizabeth Mazzaccaro                                                      | <b>22</b><br>Noah Delaney<br>Cole Raymond   | <b>23</b><br>Cordelia Behrendt<br>Paul Tessman                                      | <b>24</b><br>Joshua Bodley                                        | <b>25</b><br>Robin Bodley<br>George Gamache                                         |
| <b>26</b><br>Barry Simard                        | <b>27</b><br>Anthony Buonafede<br>Rickard Darm<br>Karen Machado<br>Thea Sonnenberg<br>Jordan Tonn | <b>28</b><br>James Jacy<br>Wilfred Kissler<br>Christine Morel<br>William Wentland, Jr. | <b>29</b><br>Jared Krueger<br>Fred Mitchell | <b>30</b><br>Kristine Beaudet<br>Quinn Tessier                                      |                                                                   |                                                                                     |



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