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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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Immanuel Lutheran School held the first Daughter Dance



Fathers and Daughters at the Daughter Dance.

(More ILS news on Page 8)



SOUP'S ON



Back by popular demand! We are offering Lenten Soup Lunches in the Parish Center following the 10:45 am Service each Wednesday during Lent. If any group or individual would like to volunteer to prepare a crockpot full of soup for one Wednesday, there is a sign-up sheet in the office for the following dates:

MARCH 9, 16, 23, 30 and APRIL 6

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



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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) —



WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE

Worship Services are broadcast each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on

WNTY Radio

AM 990

&

FM 96.1

and online at

KoolOldiesRadio.net

From the Pastor's Desk

“Spiritual Warfare”

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

It was one of those man-bites-dog stories.

Only this time it was the story of a teenage girl in New Zealand who was bitten by a shark. The girl was Lydia Ward, aged 14, and the shark was probably a broad-nosed seven-gill shark.

And no, Lydia didn't bite the shark when it bit her on the hip, but she didn't panic either.

What she did do was clobber that shark over the head with her surfing body board. She clobbered it again and again and again. Finally, the shark decided it was in his best interest to let her go. Just for the record, Lydia is doing fine. I've received no reports on the condition of the shark.

Now Lydia's story is being told for a purpose. It would seem to most of us that a young lady doesn't have much chance against a shark. Thankfully, the young lady didn't know that, and because she didn't know that she is alive and well today.

Similarly, it would appear that as Christians we don't have a prayer when Satan comes at us with his bag of temptations. He is old, and wise, and has considerable resources. To most observers it would seem we would come out on the short end.

Not necessarily. When Martin Luther was confronted by the devil, so the leg-

end goes, he threw an inkwell at Old Nick. I can also tell you some of the other more colorful suggestions Luther had in regard to handling the devil.

The bottom line is this: Lydia had her surfing body board and Christians have the power of the Holy Spirit. That's what St. James was telling God's people. Submit yourself to God and at the same time do some serious devil-resisting.

Having said those words of encouragement, James makes a rather unusual prediction of what will happen: resist the devil and he will flee from you.

That's right. The devil will flee from those who, armed with faith in Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, are persistent in their resistance. Understand, the battle might not always be easy, but the idea is to follow Lydia's example and resist and resist and resist yet again.

THE PRAYER: Dear Heavenly Father, help us understand that in the battle against Satan we are not on our own. The risen Redeemer has always promised to be with us. The Holy Spirit has shown that He wishes to keep us safe and strong. With their power, may I resist Satan and have the joy of watching him flee. In Jesus' Name, I pray.
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

Here it is March already; do you agree all of us "over age 55" members have had enough of winter weather! Looking ahead to Spring, we will all set our clocks ahead for Daylight Saving time on March 13 and the following Sunday, March 20 is the first day of Spring!!

We need to start planning our Lunch activities for this year, but we will need more people to step into new volunteer roles so we can begin possibly on Thursday, April 7.

Consider how you could actively help with your time and interests, perhaps providing a monthly program sharing your talents and knowledge with

us. Being newly retired, you could more actively help our group out as a volunteer with new ideas. Please consider attending our Planning Committee meeting this month (March 17) as shown in Sunday's bulletins. Everyone will be warmly welcomed as we try to continue and expand our lunch program that so many enjoy.

Remember to greet one another in church at our Wednesday Lenten services and on Sundays. You can enjoy Christian fellowship on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Center if you enjoy playing cards or join the Walk and Talk group on Tuesday mornings. May God bless you as we await springtime weather!!



Parish Nurse Corner

Roberta Kuhr, RN BSN FCN

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.

After Easter — The Women's Bible Study will meet in the Parish Center.

Second Sunday of each month — following the 8 am Service, I will take blood pressures.

Please contact me if you or someone you know would like a visit. Please let me know, my cell number is 860-877-0022

Blessings, Roberta

Official 2022 Event Dates... Mark Your Calendars!

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School Picnic
Saturday, June 11th

German Festival
Friday, September 16 & Saturday, September 17

Christkindlmarkt Festival
Friday, December 2 through Sunday, December 4
This is a new and exciting multi-day Christmas event we are planning to bring to membership and our community... a committee will be forming... stay tuned!

~ Youth News ~



Houston Bound

July 9-13, 2022

We have 15 youth and 3 adults traveling to Houston! *(This includes youth from Immanuel and Cheshire).*

Can and Bottle Drive

Youth Group is still doing their Can and Bottle drive. Please leave your donations in the New School Kitchen.

Reminder about Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice dollars from 2021 must be directed by March 31.

If you need assistance, go to www.thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836.

Daylight-Saving Time Begins



Daylight-Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13th

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

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



2022 Lenten Mid-Week Services:

- March 9 – Lent 2 – 10:45 and 7 pm
- March 16 – Lent 3 – 10:45 and 7 pm
- March 23 – Lent 4 – 10:45 and 7 pm
- March 30 – Lent 5 – 10:45 and 7 pm
- April 6 – Lent 6 – 10:45 and 7 pm



- April 10: **PALM SUNDAY**
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.)
- April 14: **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
10:45 am and 7 pm – **with Holy Communion**
- April 15: **GOOD FRIDAY**
7 pm – **Tenebrae**
- April 16: **HOLY SATURDAY**
7 pm – **Vigil of Easter / Service of Light**
- April 17: **EASTER SUNDAY**
6:00 am **SONrise Service on Chippens Hill**
Hill Street (Water Dept. property), Bristol
8:00 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion**
10:45 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion**



Please note: Watch the Sunday bulletin and announcements by Pastor for any schedule changes for the SONrise Service.



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Arnold Tonn

August 10, 1927 — February 11, 2022



Irene Kraus

April 16, 1920 — February 12, 2022



Forward In Faith

Watch your mailboxes and email inboxes for more information about this new important fund and please consider a gift to the Forward In Faith Fund today!

We always move forward in faith even through the difficult times.

We can move forward in faith knowing God is guiding our steps.

We must move forward in faith to fulfill our mission.

We know moving forward in faith works!

German Festival Committee Meeting



The next German Festival committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29th at 7PM in the Parish Center. We are asking that all existing committee members AND anyone who would like to join the committee for the 2022 festival to please attend. If you are an existing committee member and cannot attend this meeting, please contact Rhoda Lange at (860) 543-5992 or rhoda.lange231@gmail.com ~ Thank you!

HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch

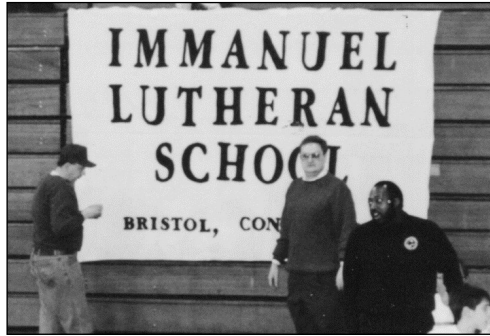
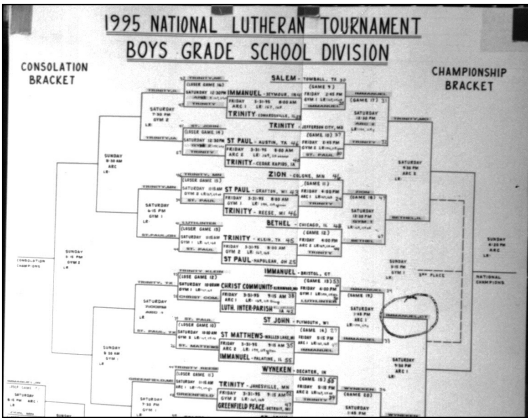
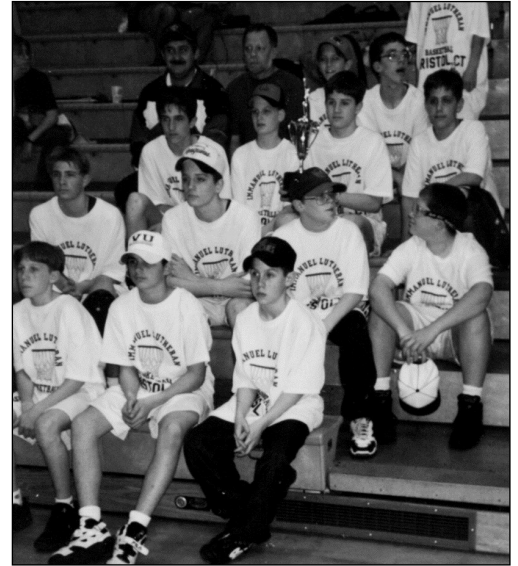
1995 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT VALPORAISO, INDIANA

In 1995 we received an invitation to participate in a national basketball tournament at Valparaiso University in Indiana. We gladly accepted and ended up taking 3rd place.

Below are pictures of the beautiful chapel at Valpo, our team and parents/coaches, our sign and banner, our trophy, and the flow chart with the circle. THAT WAS US!

On the bus trip home, you would have thought we won the World Series. Wonderful group that represented Immanuel in the most positive way.

Can you pick out any players or adults you may know or have known?

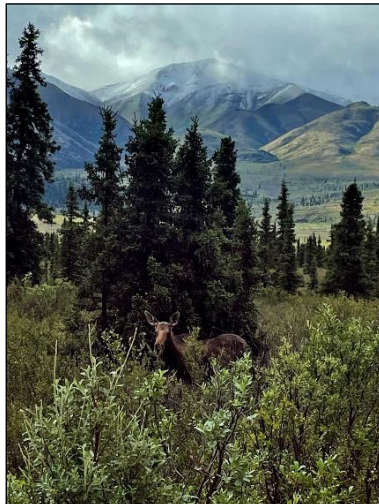


The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club **Need to Get Out More?**

Join us at a Photo Club Meeting

They're on the First Tuesday of Every Month except July and August,
at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

*Who Knows Where
You'll End Up!!*



Orphan Grain Train (OGT) New England

“Relief for Kentucky”

Items being collected for tornado victims:

SCHOOL KITS (Any or all of the following items)

- 1 Backpack (or fabric string bag can be purchased at Dollar Tree)
- 4 Spiral notebooks and 4 folders
- 1 Blunt Scissors and 1 ruler
- 1 Eraser and 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 2 Pens and 4 Pencils
- 1 Box of 24 crayons

HEALTH KITS (Any or all of the following items)

- 1 Bath Towel - 1 Washcloth
 - 1 Bar of Soap (3-4 oz)
 - 1 Toothbrush and 1 Toothpaste (watch for expiration dates – *need to be 1 year*)
 - 1 Comb
 - 1 Nail Clipper
 - 6 Band Aids
 - 1 Pkg. Tissues (pocket size)
 - 1 Deodorant
- Put in a 2½ gallon zipper bag (all above can be purchased at the Dollar Tree) towels at Walmart
 - All sizes of baby disposable diapers, wipes, shampoo, blankets, NEW infant toy and NEW PJs.

MISC. ITEMS (Please—NEW or GENTLY USED) Not accepting anything that is not in good/working condition)

- New bedding sheets, twin, double, queen; blankets, quilts, NEW pillows
- Dishes, glasses, silverware, all kinds of utensils, pots and pans, cookie sheets
- Dish towels, bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths
- Bibles and prayer shawls
- School Supplies—please pack boxes with like items
- NEW: Children’s winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves
- Slow cookers, toasters, toaster ovens, coffee pots
- Laundry baskets and laundry and dish detergents
- Storage totes
- NOAA alert radios
- Canes
- Children’s and Adult Diapers

Items may be dropped off on Monday mornings from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon at the OGT warehouse located at 33 S. Main Street in Terryville.

School News

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

February was a short yet exciting month for the students of Immanuel Lutheran School.

On February 9, many students dressed like they were 100 years old for the 100th day of school. Shown are "100-year-old" 4th graders dissecting owl pellets in science class on the 100th day.



"100-year-old" PK4 students

Our basketball season has allowed our players to grow tremendously from the first practice. The last games of the season were held at home on March 3. Coach Orsen Durham, Deanne Dejesus, and Talie White have really worked with the students to improve their skills. We have high hopes that our last games will pull off victories!



Immanuel Lutheran School held the first Daughter Dance on February 12. The Valentine themed dance was attended by over 60 girls in pretty dresses accompanied by their fathers, uncles, grandfathers, or mothers dressed to the nines! It was wonderful to see the adults, mostly men in suits, making the acquaintance of other men in suits as their daughters frolicked about the dance floor in little girl groups. There was dancing, loads of sugar, and hundreds of red heart-shaped balloons. The photo backdrop, which took a lot of time and effort, was created by Katja Evans and other staff members. Several volunteers helped with the set up and break-down. We will certainly make this an annual event. A good time was had by all.



Girls in pretty dresses at the Daughter Dance

On February 28th, schools were able to make their own decisions about mask wearing. Immanuel Lutheran School allowed parents to choose whether or not their child would wear a mask. Those selecting to have their child not wear a mask were asked to administer a home covid test before coming to school unmasked on March 1. Test kits were given to the school by the State of Connecticut for this purpose. It was nice to see all of the smiles and full faces. We have adorable students!

The school continues to grow. We currently have 30 Little Lambs in our toddler program and the third classroom, opened in December, is nearly full. We anticipate wait lists by June in PK3, PK4, Kindergarten, and 1st grade.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Anne Stuhlman, Principal

Easter Flowers

Quantity			Totals
# _____	6" Lily	@ \$13.00	
Make checks out to:	Immanuel Altar Guild	Total Amount	\$



In Memory of: _____

Given by (please print) _____

I will pick up after the 2nd service. I will help deliver this flower to a shut-in.

If you would like to order an Easter Lily for the altar for Easter, please fill out the order form and attach cash or check (made out to Altar Guild) and leave it in the Altar Guild mailbox in the office. **Last day to order is Sunday, March 20.**

Altar Guild Flower Fund

I prefer not to order a lily but would like to contribute to the Altar Guild flower fund. This fund will guarantee that flowers are provided for the altar on Sundays when no one has specially ordered arrangements.

Name _____ Donations \$ _____

MARCH 2022 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 Doncet Justin Kirschner Chris Schab	10 Myles Matthews William Niemand-Evans	11 Diane Ruffino Samantha Ruffino	12 Nathan Bentivengo Rob Redman, Jr.
13	14 Christina Curry Jackson Mitchell Kevin Reich	15 Donna Bell	16 Nathan Desjardins	17 Jordan Boucher Scott DeAngelo	18 David Werner	19 Alexandria Segal
20 Deborah Martin Dominick Ruffino	21 John Helming Michael Krampitz	22 Stephen Helming	23 Andreia DeAngelo Gregory Newcity	24 Craig Lejeune	25 Zachary Bodick	26
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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