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OUR MISSION

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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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National Youth Gathering Houston, Texas



Gabriella Buonafede
Bristol Central
High School
Class of 2022

Orphan Grain Train - Republic of Georgia (ROG) shipment



OGT Shipment (continued on page 5)



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Ed & Dee Krampitz
Newsletter Editors
Deadline for submissions is the 19th of the month.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June – July – August

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE

with Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.
— (Live Streaming) —

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE
10:00 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:30 A.M.
— (Live Streaming) —



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&

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From the Pastor's Desk

“Looking to Our Roots”

Isaiah 51:1-2, 5-6 – *“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ... My righteousness draws near, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”*

God gives us a strange direction. He says, “You who seek the Lord ... look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you.”

All right, I think. I’ll do that. I’ll probably find a great role model to learn from. So, I turn to their story, and what do I find? A mess, that’s what. Sure, Abraham and Sarah followed God’s command to leave their home behind and move to a land far away, waiting faithfully for Him to keep His promises to them. That’s great. But I also find a man who passed off his wife as his sister, putting her in danger, all because he was afraid of the locals. I find a woman who used her servant’s body to get a baby, and then treated that woman badly. I find a couple who had the usual mix of good and evil, obedience to God and – well, the exact opposite. Am I

supposed to imitate these people?

But I’ve missed the point. That isn’t what God is asking us to look at. In the very next line of Isaiah, He makes the point clear: “for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.” Pay attention to Abraham and Sarah, God says, because of what I did with them – because of my choosing and blessing and saving – that’s the thing you should notice. That’s what you should seek for yourselves, and put your full confidence in. My choosing and My blessing make all the difference.

It’s the same for us too, isn’t it? We are mixtures of good and evil just as Sarah and Abraham were. We’ve done nothing to merit attention – at least positive attention! But that’s no longer important. God has set His choice on us. He has called us out of the crowd and said, “You will be Mine. For you I will be born as a human being; I will live and serve and suffer and die. I will take away your guilt and your evil from you, because I choose to do so, and I will pay the price. And I will rise from the dead, and share with you My joyful, everlasting life. You are Mine – chosen, blessed, saved.”

This is how much God has loved you, and will love you always. Who else could you share this good news with?

THE PRAYER: Lord, thank You for choosing us to be Your own through Your own gracious love. Please bring many more to faith in Your Son Jesus. 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 Lutheran Church announces its 2022 Scholarship Awards**

*This year's scholarships are awarded to:*

- Jared Krueger**
- Hannah Krueger**
- Gabriella Buonafede**
- Benjamin Jabs**



**The Immanuel Lutheran Foundation announces its 2022 Scholarship Awards**

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.

- 2022 recipients are:**
- Gabriella Buonafede**
  - Hannah Krueger**
  - Lorrin Jackson,**
  - Jared Krueger**



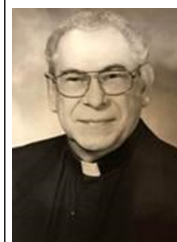
**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**



**Joseph A. Cydylo, Jr., DMD**  
August 4, 1953 — July 11, 2022



**Vernon O. Stockman**  
March 27, 1932 — July 16, 2022



Rev. Dr. Osmar Otto Lehenbauer  
September 2, 1929 – June 28, 2022

Rev. Dr. Osmar Otto Lehenbauer of Oviedo, Florida, long-time pastor and retired president of the New England District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), died Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at AdventHealth Orlando. He served Immanuel from 1986-1991

From your



*I'd like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Parish Nurse coffee hour.*

**Walk & Talk** — Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Please join us in the Parish Center. It's a Christian fellowship you will enjoy.

**Ladies Luncheon** Tuesday, August 2 at 12:30 at BARC. Bring a Friend.

**Women's Bible Study** Tuesday, August 9 at noon in the Parish Center. Please join us and bring your lunch.

**Let's make a Puzzle** Wednesday, August 17 from 1 to 2pm in the Parish Center. Please join us.

Please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions or want a visit from your Parish Nurse. God's blessings for a wonder day. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Roberta Kuhr, Parish Nurse

**REMINDER:** the deadline for the September Messenger is August 19.



## IMMANUEL'S YOUNG – AT – HEART

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 @ 11:30

Everyone brings something

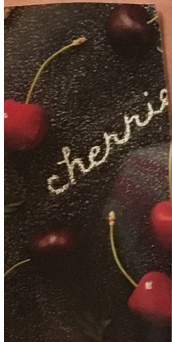
COLD to add to our buffet!

What you bring is what we eat.

(We are not supplying any of the food this time)

We hope to welcome you to the old school basement with your cold item and \$2 donation on Thursday, August 4.

Miles Everett, Dietician, will be presenting his interesting Program.





## Young at Heart

Greetings to all our "over age 50" members and friends!

We will be holding **two** summertime lunches this year, so mark your calendars now for Thursday, **August 4** and **September 1** at 11:30 in the OSB (original school building).

On August 4, we are holding a COOL or **COLD LUNCH** but not supplying any food, because **every-one** must bring something cold to add to our buffet tables.

You don't need to bake or cook anything, just bring something cold to share and what a surprise it will be to find out what we will actually enjoy eating for lunch.

Ideas: salads of any and all kinds, sandwiches of all kinds, coleslaw, jellos, veggie salads, cheeses, rolls, vegetables, fruits, watermelon, iced tea, etc.

Our speaker will be the enjoyable Nutritionist and Diabetic Counselor, Miles Everett, whom we all enjoy, telling us about the foods we should be eating and also perhaps about Yoga.

On September 1, the Thursday before Labor Day at 11:30 we will be holding our first International Lunch. Let's fill our buffet tables with interesting foods from Italy, Spain, Germany, Mexico, China, Sweden, etc. We will only supply the beverages so we ask everyone to please bring something for this special occasion to make it fun and interesting for all of us. David Hintz is preparing a wonderful photographic show of National Parks he has visited for our program.

Mark your calendar now so you do not miss out on the fun and fellowship we offer each month.

### OGT Shipment (continued from Page 1)

Well, the truck arrived today (Thursday, June 30) at 9am and we had a great group of volunteers to load. The trucker was on his way by 11:45 to the port to offload the container for shipment. This load goes to a group named the International Charity Fund which has been vetted by OGT national to receive and distribute items sent. The items will go to help the poor in ROG (Republic of Georgia) and refugees from Ukraine that seek the Charity's assistance. I have attached the pick list, for your information, so you can see what goes on one of these loads. It always amazes me how much we can get on a 40 foot container. It's packed to the brim. Over 1800 boxes of clothing, blankets, hygiene kits and supplies, medical equipment, bicycles, toys, food, and sewing machines and supplies. About 23,000 pounds in all. Quite a load and we pray a Blessing to those in need. We previously sent over 65,000 Harvest Pack meals to Kiev thru a Ukrainian church with a sister congregation there. We cannot solve the war but we can help relieve some of the suffering. Thanks to all. God is Good ~Paul & Linda

### It's time to volunteer for this year's German Festival!

This year there are two ways you can sign up to volunteer. #1, just provide your information on the volunteer signup sheet located on the glass display at the Christian Mart. #2, you can go online and select specific time slots for the tasks you would like to volunteer for. This is a new option, but, it's super easy to do! Just visit <https://immanuel Lutheran154.ivolunteer.com> – read the information on the page carefully, then click on the bottom link with the German Festival dates. You will be directed to a page with all tasks, dates and time slots for volunteer options. Once you're there, just click on the time slots you would like to volunteer for (for those of you who bounce around to different tasks throughout the festival, you can select as many tasks or time slots as you like). This online system will help us to more clearly see and fill open slots as we get closer and closer to the festival. If you make a mistake, or, are not sure if you did it right, no worries. Just contact Rhoda Lange at (860) 543-5992 or [rhoda.lange231@gmail.com](mailto:rhoda.lange231@gmail.com) and she can help you out. Thanks in advance to all our dedicated volunteers ~ Prost!

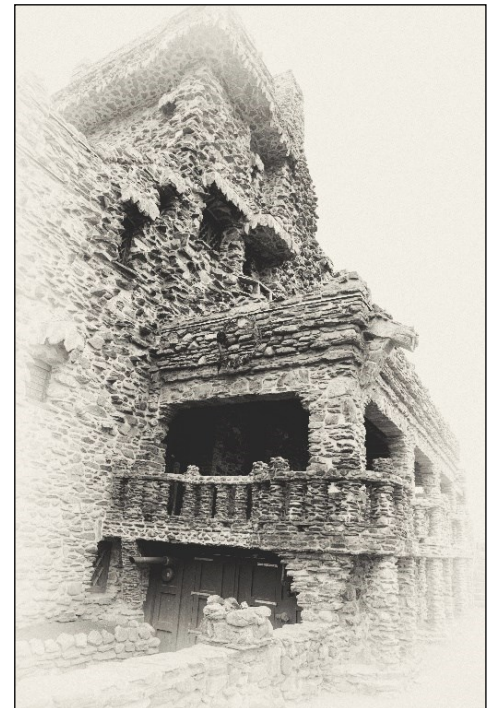
## The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club Black & White *or* Color?

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### **Black & White is timeless. It can transform an image.**

Black and White can create a mood. Color no longer distracts. Light has a more dramatic effect. It's classic and elegant, and adds a vintage feel to a picture. It highlights shape and forms texture and pattern in the image. It heightens the influence of composition.

***But the fact of the matter is***, each technique, *Color or B&W*, provides unique opportunities for the photographer to conjure up different emotions from the viewer. Some photos might seem lackluster in color but become powerful in black and white ... *and vice versa*.



# HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch

## DO YOU KNOW THESE PEOPLE???



Emily Heresko (seated) and a friend work on the library recording inventory and keeping track of nearly 6,000 volumes.



Ellen Kirschner (seated), standing left to right, ???, Sandy Tonn, Laurel Behrendt, Joyce Killany and Barbara Jensen were our early faithful library staff later joined by teacher Jan Voisine, Barb Radcliff and Claudia Bishop all of whom spent countless hours inventorying, selecting and carding the thousands of volumes that comprised our library.



Betty Wilde (now 90) worked on the pizza for hot lunch in the kitchen of the new school.



Bill Blaschke, Lois Koch, Peter White, Vern Koch, Bob Herold and Wilma Ladd were the PTO Board for 1976.



## Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

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July 15, 2022

### A Special Message For Our Members

From the day Immanuel evangelical Lutheran Church was founded, its members had great faith that God would provide for the building of the church, its facilities and all that would follow. That faith was met with bounty and resources that funded the build and maintenance of all our facilities through today. Our congregation has faced many spiritual and financial challenges along the way and has always responded in great love and faith with gifts that have not only sustained Immanuel, but, helped us to grow and push through difficult times.

We have always moved forward in faith to face our challenges. It's a theme that has transcended more than 125 years of our existence as a church.

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

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

*We must move forward in faith to fulfill our mission.*

*We know moving forward in faith works!*

While capital funding drives have helped to feed our finances over the years, the monies are typically used for urgent rather than emergent and future needs. We want to do better than that. While the health of our finances is critical to the smooth operation of our church and school, it often puts our original mission of the church on the back burner. Forward in Faith is meant to mend that and keep us focused on reaching out in love to those who have not yet responded to the Gospel (that all may be united in Christ). Forward In Faith will allow us to keep our focus!

For this reason, the church council has voted to establish a new perpetual fund that will serve to meet the long-term needs of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School – with the goal of eliminating the need for individual capital campaign drives to solve urgent needs when they arise. Forward In Faith will serve to create a “rainy day” fund, 25% of every dollar given will be set aside and fully restricted for our future. The remaining will also be restricted, however, accessible and managed by the church council as needed to address non-budgeted needs and projects and to maintain or update/upgrade our facilities. At times there may be no needs for projects, other times, there may be several simultaneously. Some small, others of great size. Regardless of the need, Forward In Faith will insure that we are better prepared for the needs of this congregation, our school, and all our facilities when they happen moving forward.

Your gift to Forward In Faith will insure that we are prepared for the unexpected, creating a financial reserve that establishes and maintains Immanuel Lutheran's financial health for years to come. Your gift will be a long term blessing to Immanuel Lutheran today and for the future.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Karner

Howard Schmelder  
President

Rhoda Lange  
Chair, Board of Christian Stewardship

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~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Camp Immanuel** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



Water play is a fun daily event at Camp Immanuel.



A trip to pick blueberries at Litchfield Hills Blueberry Farm in Terryville, included lunch in addition to "pick one, eat one."



A walking field trip to Rockwell Park included a pond study.

**The next German Festival meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10th at 7 PM in the Parish Center!**  
 ALL committee members and team leaders are required to attend in-person or via Zoom.

## AUGUST 2022 BIRTHDAYS

**Sun**

**7**  
 Seth Michelson  
 Eric Velasco  
 Robert Wells

**14**  
 James Fitzgerald  
 Maggie Theriault

**21**  
 Shannon Madore  
 Jackson Violet

**28**  
 Mikaela Bennett

**Mon**

**1**  
 Laurie Grekula  
 Holly Tonn

**8**  
 Amy Sonstroem

**15**  
 Abigail Deloge  
 Sierra Reed

**22**  
 Paula Bunce  
 Scott Eschner  
 John Fitzherbert  
 Karl Riegler

**29**  
 Barbara Wallick

**Tue**

**2**  
 Rosemary Badenhop  
 Amy Richmond  
 Cindy Schuler

**9**  
 Mark Blank  
 Kimberly Debase  
 Michael Killian  
 Rachel Shields

**16**  
 Barbara Erling  
 Armin Hauer  
 Joyce Marion  
 Breeann Redman  
 Ryan Tessman

**23**  
 Craig Stange  
 Jonah Tonn

**30**  
 Danielle Pion

**Wed**

**3**  
 Aaron Desjardins  
 Caitlyn Pacitto

**17**  
 Michael Behrendt  
 Janet Desrosiers  
 Lauren Simard

**31**  
 Alexandra Dubois  
 Jon Sonstroem

**Thu**

**4**  
 Stephanie Bennett  
 Louise Winter

**11**  
 Carissa Darm  
 Deborah Swicklas

**18**  
 Madison Charles-Durham  
 Anthony Santilli

**25**  
 Wayne Kuharski  
 Daniel Tonn

**Fri**

**5**  
 Peter Tonn

**12**  
 Eric Larson

**19**  
 Barbara Radcliff  
 Molly Tower

**26**  
 Jamie Laforge  
 Marilyn Schmelder  
 Linda Wall

**Sat**

**6** Alexis Fitzherbert  
 Ryan Hill  
 Jordan Kuharski  
 Alicia Michelson  
 Phyllis Steinackle  
 Madison Turley

**13**  
 Kenneth Michelson

**20**  
 David Kissler

**27**



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