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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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Rockwell Park Summer Festival

Saturday, August 20



Christy Hislop and Pastor Kevin Karner working the booth for Immanuel Lutheran Church

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 11, 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 11, 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 19th 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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From the Pastor's Desk

“A Sneeze and A Blessing”

Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His Holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

A few years ago, a professor at the University of Texas Rio Grand Valley made a decision. That decision was made plain to his students through the course syllabus. And what was that decision? The professor decreed that students were to refrain from using the term “God bless you.” The ban was in effect during all of his classes and tests.

It was an order that upset some of the students who felt it was a violation of their freedom of religion; others thought their prof was just being pretty picky. It didn't take too long for the professor's rule to go viral.

So strong was the reaction in the general public, the University jumped on in with an explanation. It said, “The intent was not to limit the religious freedoms of students but to avoid unsolicited comments that might distract others.” That could make sense if the professor had also said saying, “Gesundheit!” was unacceptable, or “Up your nose with a rubber hose!” or any of a thousand other disruptive things people might say.

Nope, the professor only forbade his students from saying, “God bless you.” To make a long story short, the prof eventually took that line out of his course syllabus.

That's fantastic.

But ... and here's where it gets interesting, do you know why we say Gesundheit when someone sneezes? Well, according to Wikipedia:

“The attraction of gesundheit isn't hard to miss. The English ‘bless you’ has inherent religious connotations. Some today simply aren't religious and so look for an alternative, while others have become more concerned about the political correctness of the words and phrases they use, and religion has always been a hot-button issue. Just as people are moving away from saying, ‘Merry Christmas’ in favor of ‘Happy Holidays,’ being able to wish someone ‘health’ rather than ‘blessings’ is seen as more politically correct.”

Now, I have both blessed and gesundheit people. But no more. I'm going to be politically incorrect and regularly wish the Lord's blessings upon sneezers. Understand that's not because I'm being obstinate or contrary.

No, it's because I don't like it when God gets banished from my daily life and vocabulary.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, may we call upon Your Name as readily as You are ready to listen to our prayers and praises. In the Name of our Savior Jesus, we ask 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

Join us on Thursday, September 1, at 11:30 for our **INTERNATIONAL LUNCH** in the original school building (OSB).

Everyone is asked to add to our buffet tables by bringing a special dish for us to enjoy. You could bring a dish that represents your heritage or just a special dish from Mexico, Italy, China, Spain, France, Sweden, Germany, etc. that you enjoy. What a surprise it will be to see what we will be eating. Call Lynda H. with questions 585-7004.

After lunch David Hintz takes us on a tour of our National Parks by his "Beautiful America" program. He has prepared for us a photographic journey of their trips for us to enjoy. Bring a friend to enjoy this with you in the air conditioned OSB.

You are invited to our German Fest Sept. 16 and 17th right here in our church lot Friday night and Saturday from noon until 9pm. Find your German clothes and

join us and invite your friends and neighbors. We need your help even for just a couple hours, perhaps in a seated job so others take a break. We always need help on Saturday morning cutting and packaging those German cakes you bake for us to sell, or help out selling the cakes in the OSB in the afternoon; sign up this Sunday.

Be sure to save the date of Thursday, Oct. 6 for our Young-at-Heart OKTOBERFEST LUNCH of German foods in the old school basement. We need your contributions to fill our buffet tables so call Lynda 585-7004 if you need suggestions. We always enjoy this wonderful good food with our German friends.

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!

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

On FRIDAY, SEPT. 16, AT 2 PM, we will be meeting and then setting up the old school basement for our 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 to volunteer your time for either Friday evening or during the day Saturday, Sept. 16 or 17.

"TAKE HOME" Bake Sale

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Watch the Sunday bulletin for upcoming news on our Women of Immanuel's 95th Anniversary Luncheon on Thursday, October 13, at 12 noon. We will gather at Max Pizza & Restaurant, 108 Stafford Ave., Bristol.

Altar Guild – Keep Saturday, October 29 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 Kuhn

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

Thank You



Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,
 I Am writing to express my gratitude for being chosen as a recipient of the Immanuel Lutheran Scholarship Award. I am deeply appreciative of this honor and of your support. I hope to one day be able to give back in service to others as you have so generously given to me, to the glory of God.

Thank you and God Bless.
 Sincerely,
 Hannah Krueger

To the members of the congregation, and the Immanuel Lutheran Foundation, and the ILC Scholarship Committee,
 I am most grateful for your generosity and support in granting me the Westfall II Trust Scholarship and the ILC Scholarship. In the fall, I will be attending Boston College to study nursing. I am very excited to start this new chapter in my life. I am thankful and blessed to have received these both, and I cannot wait to see what God has planned for my next journey.

May God bless you all,
 Gabriella Buonafede

Thank you to the ILC congregation for the scholarship I received. It is an honor to be deemed a worthy candidate, and the funds will do well in helping me in my academic endeavors. God's grace be with you all and keep cool this summer.

Sincerely,
 Ben Jabs



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN

Wanda Kay Miller
 October 23, 1941 — August 4, 2022



Children's Sunday School will begin on
 Sunday, September 11th 9:30-10:30 AM.

We will have classes for **Pre-K through Grade 5 grade**. Join us for Bible Stories, Games, Music, Crafts and of course, Snacks. Please contact Diane Ruffino (860-685-0626) or wdruffino@att.net if you want your child involved or have any questions.

Attention all 7th and 8th grade Public School students!

Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday, September 7. 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.

VBS THANK YOU

A huge thanks goes out to all who planned, taught, worked on decorating, worked on snacks, registration and so much more for our VBS week!! From the bottom of my heart you were appreciated!! May God continue to bless our efforts and work!!
 Brenda Buonafede



Annual German Festival



It's time to volunteer for this year's German Festival 2022! September 16-17, 2022 First, thank you for volunteering! We cannot bring this amazing event to our community without all of you!

This year there are two ways for you to sign up. #1 – Provide your information on the volunteer signup sheet located on the glass display at the Christian Mart and we will contact you to schedule your specific day, times and volunteer tasks. #2 - You can go online to see all task areas, days and time slots at <https://immanuellutheran154.ivolunteer.com> OR, just scan the QR code on the right and you will be directed online to sign up. Once on the iVolunteer page, click on the dated event link at the bottom of the page, then scroll down to choose what volunteer options work for you. Many of our volunteers choose to work throughout the festival on multiple days and in more than one time slot or in multiple tasks areas. You will be able to

choose multiple time slots. Whatever your availability, we will take you where/when we can get you!

*****Important note: a confirmation email will be sent to your email address after you signup. You MUST check your email and click on the link in the email one-time (within 24hours) to verify your email and lock-in your initial time slot signup... It's that easy! 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 and she can help you out.***** We will send you reminder emails and additional communications as we get closer to the start of this year's event. Thank you all in advance for your time and support of Immanuel Lutheran's German Fest 2022 ~ Prost!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Join us in the biergarten where we'll be listening to German music while serving up imported German beers and wine, hot dogs, bratwurst, vesperplatte with authentic German brot, pretzels and more!

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

Come Enjoy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 12:00 NOON – 9:00 PM

We're back on Saturday, bringing you authentic German cuisine including bratwurst, sauerkraut, spätzle, potato pancakes, roasted pork, German desserts, ice cream, imported German beers, wine, and more. We'll have live German music throughout the day in the biergarten.

On Saturday there will also be hand-crafted vendors for your shopping enjoyment and Kinderland for the children featuring scavenger hunts, rain gutter regattas and many more fun activities and prizes.

Special event just for the adults! We will again have a stein-holding competition starting at 3 PM on Saturday. Think you have what it takes to be the last one holding a full stein to win the big cash prize and bragging rights? Email us at il.german.festival@gmail.com to arrange for your stein-holding competition entry.

FREE ADMISSION

All Food & Drinks sold separately

We hope to see everyone there!

HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch

PTO Officers 1975



Left to Right: Rudy Finger, Vern Koch, sitting Peter White. Can anyone identify the last two people standing on the right after Vern?

PTO Officers 1978



Back Row: Gene Zahnke, Vice President; Bob Kirschner, President; Joan Heidorn, Hospitality; Vern Koch, Headmaster
Front Row: Vera Sonstrom, Ways and Means; Betty Brackett, Refreshments; Lois Koch, Secretary; Pam Bohlen, Publicity.

From last month we have identified... (in bold)



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



Ellen Kirschner (seated), standing left to right, **Edith Hummel Fawcett**, Sandy Tonn, Laurel Behrendt, Joyce Killany and Barbara Jensen were our early faithful library staff later joined by teacher Jan Voisine.

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb,
His fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went,
The Lamb was sure to go.
He followed her to school each day,
Twasn't even in the rule.
He made the children laugh and play,

To have a Lamb at school.
And then the rules all changed one day,
Illegal it became;
To bring the Lamb of God to school,
Or even speak his Name.
Every day got worse and worse,
And days turned into years.

Instead of hearing children laugh,
We heard gun shots and tears.
What must we do to stop the crime,
That's in our schools today?
Let's let the Lamb come back to school,
And teach our kids to pray!

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club Some of Us Like to Tinker.

Why should I use Post-Processing software to enhance my photos?

I get good pictures right out of my camera!

Electronic image sensors in today's digital cameras are pretty amazing. They can produce excellent photos. If you're happy with the results right out of camera, it's a Success!!

Most serious hobbyists and likely all pro photographers would argue that out-of-camera photos do benefit from post-processing to make each photo "all it can be." It starts with sharpening, color and light adjustments, cropping, tweaking the highlights, maybe upping the vibrance, and more. Keep going and real magic can happen ... just don't go too far. Some call post-processing essential, some call it creative. It's usually both. Others call it "*Tinkering.*"



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

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Our nine weeks of Camp Immanuel concluded on August 19. All sessions were well attended and the children enjoyed their time with the staff and each other.

The Immanuel Lutheran School is back in session Wednesday, August 31. We currently have 145 students registered for the upcoming year. A Meet the Teacher event is scheduled for Monday, August 29, from 5:30-7:00 PM. Families will be able to meet their teachers, see their classrooms, find their lockers and walk through their schedule.

We have a wonderful staff. The skills and talents they bring allow us to offer an enriching curriculum while teaching them about God's love. This year we are adding introductory world languages at the elementary level. Students in grades 1-4 will learn French, Spanish, Italian and German. Students in grades 5-8 will receive half a year of French and half a year of Spanish with a splash of Italian. We are also maintaining our Engineering class at the middle school level.

As the school has been closed off to visitors due to covid, we are opening all of the classrooms for members to view after the service on Sunday, August 28. Teachers will not be present, but their classrooms will be ready. The teaching line-up for the 2022-2023 school year is below.

Immanuel Lutheran School 2022-2023 Faculty and Staff

Holly Tonn - PK3	Sandy Butler - Middle School Science (6-8) & Math (6&8)
Lorene Berrian - PK3	Claudia Welikson - Language Arts (6-8) and Social
Katie Stevens - PK4	Studies (6-8), and 1-8 Spanish & Italian
Sarah Williams - PK3 and PK4	Rebecca Plourd - Music, Bells, Math (7), Engineering
Susan Schneider - Preschool, Camp and Extended Care Director	and Home Sciences
Debbie Krueger - Kindergarten	Hannah Baldino - PE and Religion (6)
Tammy Thormahlen - Kindergarten Assistant	Katja Evans - Little Lambs Director, K-8 Art, and 1-4 German
Alyssa Kirschner - 1st Grade	Theresa Little - Little Lambs
Victoria Guerrera - 2nd Grade	Kelly Burrell - Little Lambs
Jill Lepage - 3rd Grade	Marybeth Plourd - Little Lambs
Talie White - 4th Grade	Jamie Pitcher - Little Lambs
Andrea Emmert - 5th grade and 1-8 French	Lauren Kiluk - Little Lambs (PT)

Blessings,
Anne Stuhlman, Principal

Upcoming Events

Sauerkraut Supper

Friday, October 21, 2022
4:30pm - 7pm

Tree Lighting & Carol Sing

Saturday, December 3, 2022
6 pm

From your



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

Women's Bible Study Tuesday, Sept. 6 at

noon in the Parish Center. Please join us and bring your lunch.

Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 12:30 at BARC. Bring a Friend.

Let's make a Puzzle Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 1 to 2pm in the Parish Center. Please join us.

From your Parish Nurse,

Good day everyone. We have been facing many challenges today with family issues, illness, losses, aging issues, which are sometimes difficult to accept. Prayers to Our Lord is an important part of our daily life. One thing I can assure you of is that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is always with us. He knows our every need. He will never leave us. He knows all and is with us to comfort, love us and to give us the strength to continue with whatever we are faced with. We need to trust Him and He will provide us with peace of mind. God's blessings for another day. Please let me know if you would like a visit or know someone who would appreciate one. Text me at 860-877-0022 or leave a message at church.

Thank you and have a blessed day.

Roberta Kuhr, Parish Nurse



BAKERS! BAKERS!

GERMAN CAKE BAKERS NEEDED!!

It's time to look up your favorite German cake recipe and sign up to bake one or two cakes for our German Fest. on Sept. 16 and 17.

We need you to bake and also help cut and package the slices at the Festival. Please sign up in the church office or during Sunday morning coffee hours.

We need many, many bakers, hopefully of authentic German cakes, to volunteer to bake for us.

You can help cut the cost of printing and postage by getting your *Messenger* via email instead of through the Post Office. Contact Dee Krampitz at dkrampitz@ilcs.org.

REMINDER: the deadline for submitting items for the October *Messenger* is September 19.

SEPTEMBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Sun

4
Reinhart Hermann, Jr.
Meghan Roy

11
Cody McIntyre

18
Rebecca Fitzinger
Ronald Helming
Janet Romanko
Kimberly Wolfe

25
Robin Bodley

Mon

5
Marcia Massaro
Trina Theriault

12
Pamela Prindle
Josie Rindfleisch

19
Savana Tonn

26
Barry Simard

Tue

6
Lindsey Klemyk
Leo Madore

13
Sarah Gurgigno

20

27
Anthony Buonafede
Rickard Darm
Karen Machado
Thea Sonnenberg
Jordan Tonn

Wed

7

14
Shannon Gurgigno
Jaime Mitchell

21
Elizabeth Mazzaccaro

28
James Jacy
Wilfred Kissler
Christine Morel
William Wentland, Jr.

Thu

1
Jonathan Harrington

8
Heidi Dennis
Dawn Ewen

15
Christian Lindstrom
Grady Savage

22
Noah Delaney
Cole Raymond

29
Jared Krueger
Fred Mitchell

Fri

2
Shari Kohl
Elias Lopisi

9
Ethan Beaudoin
Brittany Dunn
Michelle Helming
Jonathan Tessier

16

23
Cordelia Behrendt
Paul Tessman

30
Kristine Beaudet
Kylie Berrian

Sat

3
Barbara Greenlaw
Keegan Thormahlen
Brian Winter

10

17
Joan Kirschner

24
Joshua Bodley



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