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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Looking for ideas about a topic for my Voice article, I decided to browse the internet. You know what was there: unemployment, stock market declines, and violence in the Middle East.

In the middle of all that (and more like it), a friend posted a music video which lasted 6:07. It was a tribute to Richard Wright, the long-time keyboardist for Pink Floyd, who had died in 2008. The post was preceded by a comment from my friend: "Just listen. Please. For me. Find the best speakers available around you, take six minutes out of your day, close your eyes...and listen."

One more thing I want to add about this post: This is a Facebook friend I've never met. We know each other from a baseball discussion group.

This is the modern world. A friend whom I've never met, but whom I've "known" for about two years, posts a musical tribute to a deceased musician from a rock band we both enjoy, and I listened to it on my in-law's computer because I'm now on vacation in Oklahoma. Tomorrow morning I'll e-mail this article to Rachel Williams in Connecticut, and she'll receive it within seconds of me pressing "send."

Six minutes, and seven seconds. The music was beautiful, relaxing, a little ethereal, as is typical of Pink Floyd. But the important part was that it was an injection of beauty into the other part of the internet—the unemployment, violence, and hatred part.

In Psalm 27:4, David said that he only desired one thing from the Lord, and that was that "*I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.*"

We forget, or at least I forget, that our Lord is beautiful. His works of creation are beautiful. His truth is beautiful. His love in Christ is beautiful.

I forget that He is beautiful because, as a pastor, I tend to turn His Word into "doctrinal formulations," and those can be quite cold. I forget that He's beautiful because I'm distracted by too many other things. And sometimes I forget that He's beautiful because I'm afraid that to say so would be "sappy."

Oh yes, and in Isaiah 53:2 we're told that "*He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.*"

Of course the point of that is that the world has its own sense of beauty, and it can be pretty superficial. From that point of view, Jesus was not beautiful, and He is easily missed. But for those who see Him as He is, He is beautiful. And we live in a world very much in need of His beauty.

Was Pink Floyd a Christian band? Not so far as I know. A time or two their lyrics were critical of the Church. (Wait a minute, every Christian has their own criticisms of the Church.) But wherever the Floyd are/were with the Lord (and who can tell?), their music brought beauty into a troubled world.

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Listen to my friend's words: "Take six minutes out of your day." He correctly assumes that most of us are just too busy to watch a video that lasts a mere 6:07. And so he pleads with us: "**Listen.**"

Can we do that? Can we spend six minutes a day seeing the beauty of our great God? He does love us. He made us, and saves us. He would like to bring a little window of beauty into our lives. If we're willing to listen.



JCC

Do you believe that the local church is the hope of the world? Jesus did and two-thirds of Americans still do too! Jesus believed that His church would take the world by storm, change it, transform it, and make it better! The local church certainly provides us with our hope for eternity by connecting us with Jesus Christ, but it is also our hope for the present reality of our world. A recent study by The Barna Group revealed that 75% of all adults in America believe that the influence of local churches in their community is either positive or very positive. Contrast that with only 5% of adults in America who view the influence of local churches in their community as being negative, and you can see that the local church is still bringing hope to world. So just how did Jesus envision His Church being the hope of the world? In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells His followers "*you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" Jesus had a simple plan for the local church. Be my witnesses! If you look up the word "witness" in Webster's Dictionary, you will find this definition; "one who provides evidence." Jesus' central message was that He had the power to restore what was broken through His resurrection. With Jesus' resurrection, He changed the eternal destination of the world. Without the resurrection, our world is truly hopeless. With Jesus' resurrection the world has hope, not only of eternity, but of restoration now. The hope Jesus gives us is this, "*I saw a new heaven and a new earth...God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Revelation 21:1-4).*" Jesus showed us a vision of the future; that one day everything that is wrong with our world today will be made right, perfect, and whole again. What is now old and broken will be made new and restored. All this will take place because of the restorative power of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus envisioned that His followers would not just believe in His resurrection, but live it day in and day out. They were to be the evidence of His resurrection in their communities, to give witness to what is to come in the future. How is the local church "evidence" of Jesus' resurrection? Our local church provides the evidence when we come to worship and are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit, working through God's Word and the Sacraments, and then return to a broken world as agents of transformation because we have been changed ourselves. Jesus not only taught about eternal salvation, but He also performed miracles of restoration. He preached about eternal life and then He also provided people with life when He fed 5,000 people, He brought sight to the blind, and He healed those who couldn't walk. He provided people with a picture of what His resurrection really means. Jesus' resurrection was a future and a present reality. Jesus' resurrection means that one day there will be no more pain or sadness, because there won't be any one who is blind, deaf, lame, or hungry. But it also means, that God's people will bring a glimpse of this to their communities before the King returns. Now, our church can't do miracles like Jesus, but we can do our part to bring the sure and certain hope of Jesus' resurrection to our community. This is why it is so important to not just share Jesus with our mouths, but also with our actions. When members of Immanuel provide food for our local shelter that satisfies the hungry, we are showing off the evidence of Jesus' resurrection. When we volunteer at Jericho to run shelters for the homeless or become a mentor to a parentless child, we are showing off the evidence of Jesus' resurrection. When we raise money for our mission teams and then go to New Orleans, Appalachia, Haiti, or Africa, we are showing off the evidence of Jesus' resurrection. Immanuel gives evidence of Jesus' resurrection in many different ways. Sometimes we share Christ and the hope of His resurrection with words and sometimes we provide evidence of His resurrection with our deeds. Our local church is the hope of the world, because Jesus Christ is the hope of our lives.



IMMANUEL'S BUSINESS

Well here it is - your Back-to School/Reformation Voice and doesn't it seem like just yesterday that we were setting up the Field of Flags on our lawn. And with VBS pushed back this year because of all the January snow days (remember them?) our summer seemed condensed and really flew by. But before the season gets totally away from us, there is still much to be done around Immanuel. While the Trustees and volunteers have been plugging away, this year's maintenance list is long and some items will be on-going. For more info and to volunteer, please contact me at the Church office or Dennis Ruopp via the Trustee mailbox.

Kudos this time to our Sanctuary Design Committee for their fine work on our worship space. Their efforts have been garnering rave reviews and should enhance our services for years to come. Kudos also to ALL who have volunteered this summer pruning, priming, painting, putting up, and pitching out at our Church, School, and Cemetery. And to our VBS staff for a most exciting Jungle Journey, and the WSO for hosting another highly successful tag sale event.

On a business note, as the third quarter of the calendar year winds down so does the first quarter of our fiscal year. Although it is not unusual to be lagging a bit behind budget at this point, I'm happy to report that our stewardship effort has been keeping pace fairly well and we gratefully thank you for your support! Please check the enclosed calendar for upcoming events like Celebrate Immanuel and come on down and join in. All are welcome, see you there.

In His Service,
Bill Hunt, Business & Facilities Manager



Dear Friends in Christ;

Hope you all had a restful, Christ filled summer.

from our President ...

September will be quickly upon us, and whether with school age children or not, busy with a whole host of activities. While the secular world will want us to make its priorities first (sports, music, scouts, etc), I'd encourage you to put Christ first and remember your Immanuel responsibilities. A wide variety of Bible study small groups continue to be held which, if you're not already a part of, **you** could easily

join. Sunday School will start with a new curriculum, after Celebrate Immanuel (September 11th), which **you** and your children should be a part of. The Youth have many activities planned for your teenagers and fifth/sixth graders to take part in. Naturally, **we** should make worship, if not already, part of **our weekly routine** especially now that summer vacation interruptions are behind us.

On the business side, Council has approved the engagement of an audit firm to review our operations as well as our finances, including church, school and cemetery. Our bylaws requires an annual audit so it was long overdue that a complete and objective audit be conducted. No one is thinking anything untoward is occurring, the audit is simply being done as we are bound to do, not to mention it is a sound business practice. The audit is to occur over six weeks, starting mid September and concluding early November. I'll report its findings at the November Voters meeting.

As always, should there be anything you'd like to discuss or have concerns with, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

In Christ

Phil Wiegand



Immanuel Lutheran School News ...

The start of a new school year is upon us. This is always an exciting time for all students and teachers alike and ILS is no exception. We are all looking forward to “reading, writing, and arithmetic” but also freely sharing our love of Jesus and the Word of God on a daily basis in classrooms, hallways, and playground. What a great feeling that is!

Thank you to Dennis Ruopp, the trustees, and all of the volunteers who helped out over the summer completing repairs, upgrades, and painting. Be sure to check out the renovations to the school office. Everything looks great!

Some important dates to put on your calendar:


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| August 31 - | First day of school (full day) - Opening chapel at 9 am |
| September 11 - 9:30 am - | Celebrate Immanuel |
| September 22 - 7 pm - | Back to School Night |
| September 30 - 6:30 pm - | PTL Movie Night |
| October 5 - 7:30 am - | Donuts with Dad |
| October 22 - 6:30 pm - | Oktoberfest |

Immanuel is still accepting students for all grades. Applications are available in the school office or at immanuellutherschool.org

In Christ’s Service,

Nate Palkewick, Principal





A Big THANK YOU to all who helped with this year’s Vacation Bible School. On the following page you will see the names of those who helped with teaching, crafts, food and fun and the decorations. Also, many thanks to those of you who gave donations to help cover the expenses of sponsoring this fun-filled week. This year, we averaged 82 children in daily attendance. For our mission project, we brought in food for St. James’ Food Pantry and our offerings were sent to Lutheran World Relief for their malaria mosquito net project. At the end of VBS, we had enough offering money to purchase 48 nets! Due to the generosity of some members of the congregation, the total quickly upped to 52 nets! Thank you for helping this program protect so many families from the effects of this mosquito born illness!

Save the Date for next year !
Vacation Bible School 2012
June 25-29

In His Service ~
Renee Harper & Twyla Walter



**Our
2011
VBS Volunteers**

Preschool -

PS 3yr Leader - Kat Wiegand PS 3yr

Helpers -

Jan Smith
Adele Tarleton
TJ Keller
Anna Gordon

PS 4yr Leader - Anita Fox

PS 4yr Helpers -

Michelle Behling
Priscilla Behling
Ashlyn Marr
Sarah Freitag
Erin Kelly
Erin Tressur
Meaghan Doyle



PS 5yr Leader - Deanne Schultz

PS 5yr Helpers -

Kim Barrett
Christine Peterson
Rebecca Williams
Emily Bodnar
Haley Wallin



Kindergarten Leaders - Renate Roehl

Lisa Barker

Helpers - Kayleen Walter

Jocelyn Curran

1stGrade Leaders - Peter Walter

Stephanie Hunt
Heather Sliech

2nd/3rd Grades Leader - Nancy Lutz

Adult Helper- Nancy Lutz

Helpers - Joe Harper

Theo Roehl
Katie Keller
Lindsey Scholten
Kaylee Hancock
Danielle Herman



4th - 5th Grades Leaders- Shannon Dempsey

Lisa Ferguson

Jim Harper

Snacks Leader - Meaghan Kelly

Helpers- Barbara Krebs, Connie Jennings

Roseanne Keller, Sarah Keller

Crafts Leader - Jackie Scholten

Helpers - Barbara Coelho

Sarah Connors



Recreation Leader - Kurt Habeck

Helpers - Christian Walter

Billy Hunt, Andy Stock

Erik Gordon, Joe Leo

Bible Leader - Twyla Walter

Music/Story -

Leader - Renee Harper

Storyteller - Bill Hunt

Helpers - Alex Roehl

Dominique Harrison

Abbey Walter

Stefanie Ferguson

Nate Palkewick

Openings/Closings - Pastor Walt Harper

Lobby & Registration

Helpers - Loretta Fox, Abbey Walter

Anna Gordon, Rachel Williams

Luann Kelly

Coordinators - Renee Harper, Twyla Walter

Set Design/Decorations Leader - Luann Kelly

Helpers- Stephanie Schultz, Deanne and Tim

Schultz, Anneliese Schulz, Roehl Family,

Harper Family, Walter Family, Keller Family,

Scholten Family, Lisa Barker, Annika Stuerken,

Barbara Coehlo, Dennis Ruopp, Kurt Habeck,

Anita Fox, Rachel Williams, Carolyn and

Kim Barrett, Lisa Ferguson, Kat Wiegand,

Loretta Fox, Deana Haitsch

**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS !
WE HAD A GREAT WEEK at VBS!**





Sanctuary Committee Update

While not as fast as we would like, the upgrades to the Sanctuary are nearly complete. As of this writing, we are awaiting the new pulpit, screen and projector installment. An elevated platform has been installed (*and the Pastors are able to see all the way to the back row!*) When all is done, a thorough cleaning of carpeting and pews will be done.

To date, the new stained Krinklglas window has been installed. The Sanctuary Committee will be meeting with the Pastor to draw up liturgical plans for other windows in the Sanctuary. Several people have expressed interest in donating to the other windows (*MANY THANKS!*) and we will present the other drawings once a cohesive plan of action is in place.

The main usher station is now on the right side as you face the back of the Sanctuary (a few "tweaks" still need to be done).

A new storage area for our food pantry and all other mission collections has been installed at the back of the Sanctuary just past the usher station.

*The door to the far left is for WSO ongoing projects : the sweater kits, diaper/wipes and seasonal LWML collections.

*The middle doors contain food pantry donations, and all other current mission collections.

Please place any of your donations on the shelves designated for each mission. **AND -**

There is also a closet for cleaning-up which has brooms, vacuum cleaners and dusters etc., If your group uses the narthex area, if you host a coffee hour or if you note a spill that needs picking up, please feel free to use the equipment provided and return it to the closet.

It is hoped that these closets will help our Sanctuary - God's house- remain neat and uncluttered.

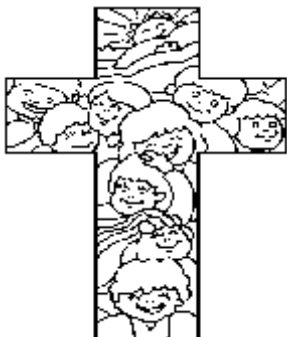
The new green banners were inspired by the impressions on our Lutheran Service Book. Please take a few moments to look at these symbols both on the hymnals and the banners. (Also see pages viii and ix in the front of the hymnal.) The symbols themselves speak of the Holy Trinity and how God's grace is given to us through the bible, baptism and communion. The symbols themselves are easy to understand but perhaps not all those "other squiggly lines". As the banners were being designed we spoke to each other about how God's grace to us isn't stagnant but ongoing daily in our lives. We talked about how the Trinity is a living thing not just something that was given in the past to ancient peoples. Our faith as Christians is a living thing demonstrated in the things we do and say.

Questions? Please see Jeri Surovy or Rachel Williams ~

Who are in service to our Lord!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome to our new Sunday School Superintendent, Scott Scholten.. If you are interested in teaching this year, Scott would love to speak with you... If you are a current Sunday School teacher, please plan to attend the meeting on September 7th at 7:00 pm to discuss the 2011-12 Sunday School year.



Don't forget to stop by the Sunday School table at Celebrate Immanuel Register for the year and meet your teachers!

Acolyte Training will be held on September 18th during the Sunday School hour. Children 5th through 8th grades will meet in the Sanctuary with Pastor Walt to train as acolytes at all services.

MUSIC NOTES



Fall Music Rehearsal Schedule (Check monthly church calendar for exceptions)

Thursdays (beginning Sept. 8th): **6:30pm-7:15pm Bell Choir** (High School – Adults; Middle School students may join by obtaining special permission from Joanne.)
7:30pm-8:45pm Adult Choir (High School – Adults)

3rd Tuesday of the month (beginning Sept. 20th) **7:30-9:00pm Praise Band/Song Leaders**

Sundays (beginning Sept. 18th) **7:20am–7:45am Adult Choir** warm-up for 8am worship.
10am-10:35am Praise Band/Song Leaders review/ sound check

Celebration Sunday (Sept 11) Schedule **8:30am Praise Band/Song Leaders** review/sound check for **9:30** worship. NOTE TIME!!!

Praise Band for the 10:45 worship service is looking for singers, guitarists, bassists, drummers, keyboardists and possibly other instruments. Please contact Joanne at notablemusic@sbcglobal.net to set up a time for an assessment session so that we may work out the best schedules and blends.

Instrumentalists and Soloists are invited to participate in any of our weekend worship services. Contact Joanne if you are willing and able!!

Men's Choir - open to all high school through adult male singers. Rehearsals, worship service schedule is as follows. Can only make one of these events? That's OK!! We'll work it out!

Rehearse: 3:30-4:30pm Saturday, Sept. 17th & 24th Sing: Saturday, Sept. 24th 5pm worship and Sunday, Sept. 25th 8am worship

Rehearse: 3:30-4:30pm Saturday, Nov. 5th & Nov. 12th Sing: Saturday, Nov. 12th 5pm worship and Sunday, Nov. 13th 8am worship.

Rehearse: 3:30-4:30pm Saturday, Dec. 3rd Sing: Saturday, Dec. 3rd 5pm worship and Sunday, Dec. 4th 8am worship.

Christmas Cantata Choir Calling all singers! Come and join our Cantata Choir for our special presentation of Pepper Choplin's *Night of the Father's Love* on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11** (both services). Scripture narration and congregational singing supplement this cantata which reminds us of the awe and mystery of Emmanuel – God With Us. Rehearsals begin in October. Attending approximately 5 of the 8 scheduled rehearsals is recommended, although personal schedules can be accommodated. Each cantata book is accompanied by a performance CD so, if you are interested and can't make many rehearsals, please speak with Joanne and get a book soon!

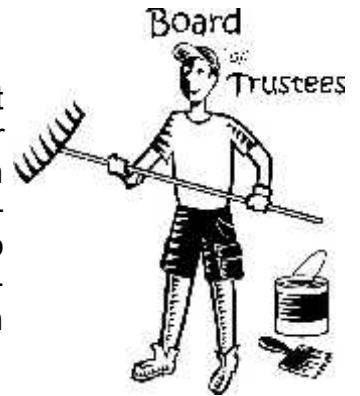
Cantata Rehearsals: Thursdays 8:15pm-9pm October 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; Dec. 1, 8; **DRESS REHEARSAL – MANDATORY** - will be Saturday, December 10th 3-4:30pm. We will stay for the 5pm worship service and offer several musical selections from the cantata to the congregation.

Cantata Presentation: **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th at both worship services. Snow date will be Sunday, January 8th.**

In His Service,

Joanne F. Archibald

Yes, the summer months are winding down and along with it is the time left to finish a few odds and ends in preparation for the 2011- 2012 year of our Day School Ministry. Before I ask for any time you may have to help with punch list items, I would like to thank those who helped with summer cleaning and painting. A comment made by many of those who gave their time to help out went something like “ I wish I had time to help out more”. My sincere reply to that comment is the time that was given moved us that much closer to completing the task at hand and was truly appreciated.



Immanuel is blessed with a rich history of many ways and means to spread the message of the love and salvation our God gives to those who hear and believe. With the many ministries going on in our church and school home, we do need to be very intentional of how we go about being good stewards of these blessings and identify the things that are necessary to spread that message. Please, after you've finish helping with a given function or program here, take the time to leave things as best you can for the next person who may be using that space. Just as important is to be a bit tolerant if things aren't left the same way you would leave them; Satan just loves it when he can get members of a church family to grumble about each other!

If you do have a couple of hours to help out around our facility, there is always something to be done. Keep an eye on the church calendar for clean-up days which are typically held each fall, winter and spring. Please call me (203-792-7558) either now or through out the year to find out how you can help. I look forward to having fun with you doing His work here at Immanuel!

Your brother in Christ,
Dennis Ruopp
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

MEN'S NETWORK

www.lhmmen.com

*Are you ready for some football?
IFFL (Immanuel Fantasy Football League) looking to kickoff
Thursday Sept., 8*

One of the many fun and fellowship suggestions found on Lutheran Hour Ministries - Men's Network website, www.lhmmen.com , is the very popular fantasy football. So with the NFL opening night a couple of weeks away we have just enough time to again crank up a league of our own and get in the game. We're looking for 8 to 12 or so teams "coached" by adult members of our Immanuel family to form what's called a private league on yahoo.com. If you're interested please call me at (203)748-3320 or e-mail to churchoffice@immanueldabury.org. The league is free but we'll probably chip in for a couple of coach's meetings. Expansion teams are welcome.

Reports from the Baltimore baseball trip were all good and we're looking forward to the next one. Thanks to Phil Wiegand and Dean Hollrah for organizing this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS: **Shred It Day !!!** Date to be determined. Und, ja we're looking at bringing back the brats & Schnitzelbank Oktober 22, stay tuned. Weekly Bible studies continue so please watch the weekly bulletin or visit the church website at immanuellutheranchurchandschool.org

Bitte, danke. ~
Bill Hunt

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I hope every one had a safe and enjoyable summer of 2011 which is now winding down and soon we will all be back to the routine of going to school and work with a lot less leisure time and shorter daylight hours to enjoy. However, fall and winter bring their own special beauties that make it wonderful to live here in the northeast.



The LYF board members met in August and at least until this 2011 year end, **Board of Youth** we agreed to keep our focus and energy on "Fun" activities for the LYF members to enjoy in an effort to energize and invigorate our youth group participation and enthusiasm for LYF events.

We agreed to plan to have two youth night activities in September, October and November. December we will plan to schedule only one in the first or second week of December with the flurry of Holiday activities / potential weather issues of the month.

As far as a mission/service activity, we are pursuing the Maryland Mission trip for next summer. We have a couple of other ideas for local opportunities that we need to review the details before presenting as a planned event. (e.g. **Youth Encounter and Kids Against Hunger** have partnered together to bring you a great new service opportunity... food packaging service project events!)

A hearty thank you to Marianne Gannon for the upkeep of the LYF Bulletin Board for Events Calendar and Publicity of Youth Events held and future events for congregation to view in the Narthex area.

Current, Future Plans for Events:

Please note: For the below listed events We will have information on the LYF bulletin board as well as provide specific details as they become available for the Pastors announcements during worship services.

Fall Season – Fundraiser – will be the ever popular "Butter Braids" sale. Order Forms will be available on October 14th, 2011. Sales will take place from October 14th – October 31st, 2011. The purchases will be delivered and ready for pick-up at ILC at 10 am on Saturday, November 12th, 2011 (Joan Sherwood – Coordinating)

October 7th or 14th, 2011 -- Tentative plans for Mini-golf / Burgers etc at "RW's Barbecue & Mini-Golf in Brookfield, CT for 5th grade & above. We are looking into a fixed price for golf/food details forthcoming.

October 23rd or 30th, 2011 – Tentative plans for a Haunted House / Hayride experience at Larson farms in Brookfield/New Milford.

November 4th or 11th, 2011 – ILC & CLA basketball and Pizza joint youth group fellowship at their campus at Christian Life Academy in Brookfield, Ct.

November 25th or November 26th -- "LYF at the Movies" night
(planned location is Lowes theater complex in Danbury)

December 3rd or 10th, 2011 – Saturday Open Skate night at the Danbury Ice Rink from ~7-10 pm

Spring 2012 - LYF Fundraiser Golf Outing or Tournament- We remain in the initial planning stage (trying to find a great deal at a great venue) of an event similar but not as high end in cost as the "Driving Fore the Dream" efforts in the past. Profits into the LYF account to possibly have the Board sponsor an entire Quality Fellowship Event TBD. Also, provide funding for the National Youth Gathering.

In service to Christ,
Art Stock
ILC Board of Youth Chair

**WOMEN'S
SERVICE
ORGANIZATION**



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Tag Sale. We are so grateful to those of you who came out to help for the first time and the many that have made this event a regular service project. At our next meeting, we will designate which missions will receive donations.

Saturday, September 17th -- We will meet at Nancy Schulze's home at 10 am for the inspirational movie, GOD OF WONDERS followed by a meeting and lunch. Please call Nancy and let her know you are coming.

October 2nd -- LWML Sunday -- WSO to sponsor coffee hour.

October 28 and 29 -- LWML Fall Retreat in Enfield -- Chocolate Boutique -- Where women taste and see that the Lord is good. See registration form on flyer in this Voice. Our "Ingathering" will be **socks and underwear for (men) residents of the Veterans Home** in Holyoke, Mass. Anyone wishing to donate these items may put them in the new closet in the back of the church. This in one way to show the veterans we appreciate their service for us.

Saturday, November 19 -- We will be meeting either at the church or Carol Sanger's house. (Watch the bulletin for the location.) Making of the scrolls for the Giving Tree and Christmas Shut-in gifts will be completed.

Tuesday, December 13 -- Christmas Party at Nancy Schulze's home at 6:30.

Mite Box -- The recent total sent in was \$90.00. Thank you!!

Next
VOICE DEADLINE
November 15th

VOICE DEADLINE
is always
the 15th
early seven timely
articles are welcome...

ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY
November 23 - 10 am
(Volunteers are
Welcome....)

Finger Prayers

There is no right or wrong way to pray. There are no rules, but there are tools that teach us to pray. Here is an idea to use for your own time of prayer.

Instead of folding our hands, we can use each of our fingers as a prayer:

THUMB : "Thumbs up" for God; pray your thanksgivings.

INDEX/POINTER FINGER: Point in the direction of those who need God's loving touch;

MIDDLE/LONGEST FINGER; pray for those in leadership positions.

RING/WEAKEST FINGER: pray for those most vulnerable or hurting;

PINKIE FINGER : pray for yourself.

Baptisms

Zoe Altemus Ivaszuk

Daughter of Joseph & Lisa (Brainard) Ivaszuk
Baptized June 5

Bryce Christian Harter

Son of F. Adam & Rachel (Levey) Harter
Baptized July 2

Mya Serenity Valdes

Daughter of Kyle & Bonnie (Neville) Valdes
Baptized August 7

Tyler Christian Madyda

Son of John & Crystal (Benson) Madyda
Baptized August 13

Mia Rose Thoennesen

Daughter of Kurt & Andrea (Behling) Thoennesen
Baptized August 14

JOINED THE CHURCH



TRIUMPHANT

Ludwig Schwenk

Died July 4

Lorraine Kuehnert

Died August 4

Norman Davis

Died August 14



Colin Hoke & Barbara Zabawar

Married on August 6



Anniversaries

Gary & Laurie Goetz

25 years on September 6

Lorraine & Christopher Durkin

30 years on September 13

Robert & Inge-Lore Stoeppel

50 years on September 23

Elaine & Patrick O'Brien

10 years on September 29

George & Heidi Muehlfeld

35 years on October 2

Marsha & Chris Gray

30 years on October 10

Bob & Rose Pease

15 years on November 10

Loretta & L. Kevin Fox

30 years on November 20

Ray & Sengdao Bergmann III

15 years on November 23



In loving memory of **Irene Loorman**
Athea Pattison

In loving memory of **Eleanor Bowlby**
Floyd Bowby & Family

In loving memory of **Betty Bogie**
Reid Bogie

In loving memory of **Jerry Ruopp**
Althea Pattison

In loving memory of the
Wagner, Schullery and Gilbert Families
Ernie & Hazel Wagner

The Board of Fellowship invites you to ZUMBA, the best workout party around...

Join us in Immanuel's cafeteria!

When:

Mondays 7:00 - 7:45 PM

Sept 12, 19, 26

Oct. 3, 17, 24

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28

Dec. 5, 12

Cost:

\$70 for 6 sessions

Drop in fee is \$15 per session

SPECIAL DISCOUNT for

Immanuel Lutheran Church or School Families

\$60 for 6 sessions

Drop in fee is \$12 per session

Suitable for all abilities, ages 12 & older

Babysitting available

Please register by contacting :

Diane Wardenburg (203) 426-5757 or

diane@lathropschoolofdance.com



You are also invited to attend

The Radio City

Christmas Spectacular

Starring the Rockettes

Saturday November 12, 2011

10:00 am performance

32 tickets have been reserved

Orchestra section 500

Rows O - R

\$75.00 per person (up to 24 people)

\$60.00 per person (25-32 people)

Voucher for free popcorn and soda/water

Call Sue Johnson at 203-792-3930 for info
or to reserve a spot.



Save the Date !

The calendar is 'chock-full' of events...please be sure to save some time for:

- Worship and Bible Study every week
- Celebrate Immanuel Sept 11 (one service that Sunday at 9:30 am)...activities follow.....
- Lay Ministry Day of Caring - Sept 24th
- Trustees Fall Clean-up - Sat Oct 15th.
- Oktoberfest - October 22nd
- Circuit Reformation Service - Oct 30th (Norwalk)

If you or a family member will be admitted to the hospital, rehabilitation center or nursing home for any reason please let us know in the church office. Due to all of the Federal privacy laws and regulations, Pastors **will not be notified** unless YOU list our church and the pastors when you are admitted. Please tell Admissions you would like the pastor to be notified.

Please discuss this with your family and let them know your wishes.

We would love to know how you're doing, but we need to be notified. Thank you.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Walt and Pastor Joel