

The Visitor

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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A New Year

So we've reached that time of year, the summer has come to an end, families are coming home from vacations, students are going back to school, and the fall will soon be in full swing. If you are anything like me this is always a bittersweet time of year. I for one and a bit sad to see summer go because Katie, Liam and I had a wonderful summer together. Our summer included a week spent at Camp Calumet where I had the very difficult job of being the resident camp chaplain (that was a joke) and Katie, Liam and Katie's parents got to join me. Just a week after returning from that glorious week at camp we left for a two week vacation in which we visited friends and family in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. We covered a lot of ground in that trip but it was all worth it. So even though the summer is coming to an end, when I look back on it I feel as though I made the most of it which makes me ready for the fall and all it will bring.

Now as exciting as it is for summer to begin, I have always been equally excited about the fall. First of all my birthday is in September so that probably helped, but I always love the fall weather, the start of football season, and the start of a new year. Now I know that January is technically the beginning of the year, but the end of August/ beginning of September is the beginning of the school year and also the program year for the church, so though its not a new year it kind of feels like one. For example, here at church we are already preparing for the start of Sunday school which will take place on September 20th, later this month. The day before that, September 19th (which also happens to be my 30th birthday), we will be holding our annual neighborhood hot dog roast here at the church where we enjoy food and fun with those around the neighborhood. In addition to these great events we will also be starting all our other regularly scheduled programming including our Wednesday and Tuesday evening bible studies, our Pub Theology group, and this year a brand new Youth Group for those who are in Grade 7 and above. I am really excited about all of these programs and I hope that you are as well.

So though the summer is coming to an end and we might wish we were still on vacation, there is still so much to look forward to in this new program year ensuring that we will all have plenty of fun this fall. I hope you will join in on the fun.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Chris

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OFFICE HOURS

9am-1pm Monday-Friday

REMINDER: Please notify the church office either by *calling (203) 238-1248* or with a note placed in the offering plate when a family member is/will be hospitalized so the church can provide appropriate care and prayers for you and your family member. Thank you for your help.

Save the Dates ~ Save the Dates

September 19 @ 2:00pm - Community Hot Dog Roast

September 20 - Start of Sunday Church School / First Youth Group Meeting

Stewardship News

As we begin the fall season we will be beginning to prepare our stewardship planning for 2016. We will be starting the process a little earlier this year, details and schedule will be coming out soon. Now is a good time to reflect on how the ministry of Immanuel effects you and how you plan to participate and contribute to our ministry this year, next year, and the future.

Library News

Immanuel is blessed with a diverse collection of books we keep in the church library. Over time these books get mixed up-they are borrowed, they are returned, they need to be straightened out and sometimes follow-up contact needs to be made. Our library could use organization and over sight to keep it relative and useful.

The Christian Education committee is seeking people interested in meeting during the summer months to create and implement a plan for our library. If you are willing to help-please let Kim Freeman know; leave word in my box, or speak with me any Sunday morning. Many thanks for prayerfully considering...

Youth News

Attention Youth Entering **Seventh Grade and Up**
SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20th

On Sunday September 20th, following worship and fellowship we will have our very first Youth Group meeting to begin the year and talk about all the fun activities that we hope to do this coming year. Our plan is to travel up to Hubbard park together, have pizza and play some games. We should be there from about 12:00 to 2:00pm.

Please Join Us!!

Contact Amy Daniele at adfd924@sbcglobal.net
Or
Pastor Chris at pastor@immanuelmeriden.org

Martin's Messengers

Fall is around the corner and we're getting ready for our craft fair on Saturday November 7, 2015 from 9a.m. to 2p.m. All the major areas seem to be in place and we are now clipping along at top speed to have a successful fair.

I'm going to list our committee heads so if you haven't signed up for any certain task you can contact the proper person.

Kitchen/Food	Jeff Peterson
Kids Table	Tammy Luft & June Barton
Bake Sale Table	Bev Lange
Craft Table	Linda Gianokas
Table for Selling Martin Messenger Cards, Bookmarks, Gift Tags, etc.	Carol Kania & Joan Chasse
Raffle Table	Sam Oakes

A few words concerning our RaffleTable. Anyone interested in making a theme basket may do so. Baskets sell well at fairs & you can make one using any theme you want. Examples are: gardening, beverages and snacks, children's games, beauty products, Christmas ornaments or anything you can think of the field is unlimited and lots of fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bev Lange and Linda Gianokas to Martin's Messenger. Bev is working on posters and the bake sale table, and Linda the craft table. Anyone interested in making posters please see Bev or me.

We will be setting up on Friday November 6th from 10a.m. till it's done. We need men to help set up tables. We will consolidate any left overs for sale on Sunday morning. Following worship we will be breaking down.

We have contracted with 5 outside vendors and I am looking for one more. They include Honey, crafts, jewelry, wreaths, and candy. If you know of anyone who may be interested let me know. We are renting tables for \$30.00 each.

As you know all proceeds from the fair are going to Operation Gratitude and Wounded Warriors. Martin's Messengers has been dedicated for about 2 years to our service people and families. We are grateful for service and try to repay it in any way possible. Please try your best to make this fair successful. If you have any questions

Please feel free to see me or call me.

Thank you & God Bless You All!

Jan Sprude
203-440-2426

P.S. We continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month at church after worship working on craft projects. We have "lots" of ideas and easy stuff if you don't have an idea. We also meet on the 4th Tuesday at my house and continue making crafts and cards.

Prayer Cards

Remember, we have an email address! If you'd like prayer or a card sent to someone, please email office@immanuelmeriden.org and we'll get back to you!

Tim Kidder's Cancer Update

Just a short update on the status of Tim Kidder's pancreatic cancer progress. Tim, who is the middle son of our former Pastor Jack Kidder and his wife Renny, and was diagnosed earlier this year with pancreatic cancer, has responded well to his chemotherapy treatment and is scheduled to be operated on later this month to have the tumors surgically removed. This is a good sign and all are invited to pray for his complete recovery.

Shoe Drive

Immanuel is participating in a shoe drive which will benefit the Master's Manna non-profit organization which serves homeless, near homeless, low to moderate income families and individuals living in the greater Wallingford/Meriden CT area.

If you have shoes of any kind gathering dust in your closet bring them down to church and put them in the purple polka-dot box located outside the church office. Let's Help Master's Manna with their Challenge Goal of collecting 15,000 pairs of shoes by October 27th.



Shoes Slippers Boots Heels Cleats Flip-Flops

Please help us help our community & the world.

Proceeds benefit Master's Manna Food Pantry
& provide work for differently-abled teens.
Shoes donated to micro-enterprises by Fund2orgs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

www.mastersmanna.org

203-678-3042

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Beverly Lange	9/1
Juliette Hodge	9/2
June Barton	9/8
Paula Downs	9/9
Marion Burkhardt	9/11
Cindy Zuber	9/11
Jacob Zuber	9/11
Nicole Tomassetti	9/12
Raymond Downs	9/17
Helmut Schwarz	9/17
Christopher McKinsty	9/19
Richard Hoyt	9/19
Suzanne Salerno	9/20
Patricia Schaefer	9/22
Brooke LaValle	9/22
Eternity Ellison	9/23
Lindsey Daniele	9/24
Kate Perzanowski	9/27

Happy Anniversary

Janice and William McGrath	9/3
Gloria and Milton Contaras	9/4
Jeri and Donald Coleman	9/7
Stacy and David LaValle	9/12
Paula and Raymond Downs	9/13
Lisa and Helmut Schwarz	9/18
Cheryl and Michael DuBois	9/23
Linda and Jerry Gianakos	9/27
Lucille and Douglas Gardner	9/28
Arline Ritchie	9/28
Sadique Williams	9/28
Genivieve Cook	9/29
Thomas Orris	9/29
Frank Malin	9/29

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:30: Council	4	5 7:00: NA
6 9:45: Worship	7 6:30: Women's NA	8 7:30: NA	9 9:30: WELCA 10:00: Bible Study	10	11	12 10:00: Girl Scouts 7:00: NA
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Sunday Church School

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Youth Group

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Return Services Requested

Address of Recipient