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556 East Second Street
Jamestown NY 14701**

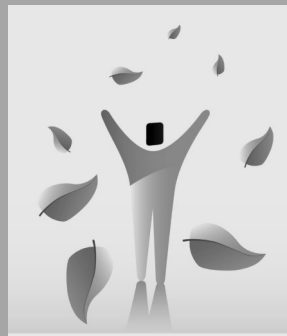


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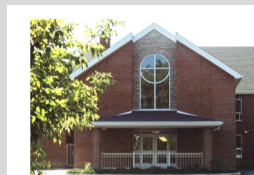
LEAVES OF LIFE



Holy Trinity Lutheran
825 Forest Ave
Jamestown NY 14701
(716) 488-4235



Immanuel Lutheran
556 East Second St
Jamestown NY 14701
(716) 664-7104



Tree of Life Lutheran Community

May
2016

**Of greatest
worth**

Not what I get,
but what I give,
this be the gauge
by which I live.

Not merely joys
that come my way,
but the help I give
to those astray.

Not the rewards
of money and fame,
but the loads I lift
in mankind's name.

This be the pay
at the end of the day,
not what I keep, but
what I give away.

—Author unknown

Give!

Tree of Life Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Holy Trinity Branch

825 Forest Ave
Jamestown NY 14701
(716)488-4235

Immanuel Branch

556 East Second Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
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****SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

are at IMMANUEL

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP

10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL



Holy Trinity

**FEBRUARY
APRIL
JUNE
AUGUST
OCTOBER
DECEMBER**

Immanuel

**JANUARY
MARCH
MAY**
JULY
SEPTEMBER
NOVEMBER**

CHRISTMAS, EASTER AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES—TBA

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IMMANUEL AND HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN BRANCHES

IMMANUEL STAFF & CONTACTS

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pastoral Administrator	Pr Dan Nagle from First
Church Office	664-7104
Rosemary DiDomenico, Parish Secretary	
Beryl Emley, Financial Manager	
Roberto Castellano, Custodian	
Diane K. Kling, Organist; Choir	484-0266
Carol Sorg, Council President	
Ian Eastman, Shared Lutheran Youth Minister (SLYM)	720-8584

Nursery room is available if some feels the need to leave with small child
Church office hours: mornings, Monday—Friday

Website: www.ilcjamestown.com

ROSEMARY/office: ilc@windstream.net

BERYL: berylemley@windstream.net

IAN: ifeastman@gmail.com

DIANE: dkling@netsync.net

HOLY TRINITY STAFF & CONTACTS

- Gail Espinoza, Organist 488-0422
- Lori Fiddmont, Secretary 488-4235 office hrs 9am-3pm T-F
secretary.ht@gmail.com
- Jan Coleson, Financial Secretary
- Jan Coleson, Bookkeeper bookkeeper.ht@gmail.com
- Stephanie Thompson, Custodian

Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9am-3pm

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Are you graduating or is do you know of someone who is?

GRADUATES are honor during & following worship on usually the last Sunday in June. Worship is at 9:30 and the combined service location for June is at Holy Trinity, 825 Forest Ave.

A cake and punch reception will follow.

Contact either church office with the following info:

Name:

Where Graduating from:

Date:

Future Plans:

HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Personnel Committee
tba

Visitation Committee
Paula Hofgren,

Christian Ed
Darcy Whitney
Marcy Palermo,

Property
Mike Espinoza

TREE OF LIFE COMMITTEES

Worship Committee

HT: Gail Espinoza,
TBA

ILC: Diane Kling,
TBA

Vision Team

HT: Chris Radack ,
Mike Espinoza

ILC: Tom Priester
Pat Sandberg
Karyn Okerlund

Fellowship

HT: Dennis Palermo ,
Norm Owen,

TBA
ILC: TBA

Tree of Life Councils

Holy Trinity's Church Council **Alive in Christ! – Sharing the Joy!**

Darcy Whitney, President	(II)	664-2771
Cindy Swan, Vice-Pres	(I)	763-0096
Sandra Stewart, Secretary	(I)	484-5535
Dorie Deyo , Treasurer	(II)	763-0588
Richard Seaholm	(I)	
Mike Espinoza	(I)	488-0422
Chris Radack	(I)	484-6981
Paula Hofgen	(I)	488-1388
Eileen Hitchcock	(I)	664-2560



See last 2 pages for more contact info & committees

Immanuel Council

Terms Expiring 2016

Jan Bechmann (I)
Paul Hagelin (I)

Terms Expiring 2017

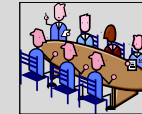
Chris Ahlstrom (I)
Kevin Swanson (I)

Terms Expiring 2018

Carol Sorg (II)
Steve Sandberg (I)
DaleAnn Krahn (I)
Sue Priester (I)
Deb Morlock (I)

Officers 2016

President: Carol S
Vice President: Kevin S
Secretary: Jan B/Chris A
Treasurer: Deb M



2016 AUDITORS:

Kim Hagelin
Gary Swanson

Team chairs:

Property team: Steve S/Paul H
Worship & Music: Sue P
Outreach: Jan B/Chris A
Hospitality: DaleAnn K/Sue P
CE, Family and Youth: DaleAnn
Personnel: Kevin S
Stewardship: Steve S/Council
Finance: Deb M

2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

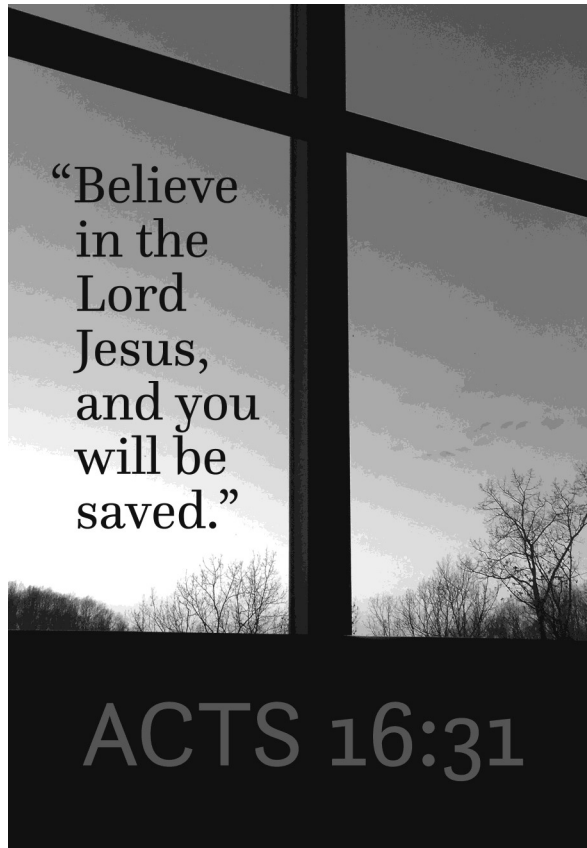
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Vision Team:

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Karyn Okerslund

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Special dates

- Ascension of the Lord, May 5, 2016
- National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2016
- Mother's Day, May 8, 2016
- Pentecost, May 15, 2016
- Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2016
- Trinity Sunday, May 22, 2016
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 23, 2016
- Memorial Day, May 30, 2016



ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST ADULT PROGRAM: "Taste of Chautauqua" June 26-30, 2016



Chautauqua's Athenaeum Hotel

LCLC's "Taste of Chautauqua" is an affordable way to experience what the renowned Chautauqua Institution has to offer, in an abbreviated week. Participants will reside at the comfortable LCLC Retreat Center and spend their days

learning and exploring at Chautauqua. Gate Passes will include access to such notable places as the Hall of Philosophy, the Amphitheater for lectures, public spaces of the Athenaeum Hotel, and the Victorian charm of the residential area.

This is a great way to learn what the Chautauqua Institution is all about while enjoying the beauty and peace of LCLC.

Registration form available on LCLC website or call 716-386-4125 for more information.



Saturday, June 4, 2016

(Optional Retreat Weekend from Friday-Sunday)

Get Moving for LCLC! is a fundraising event that encourages people of all ages to get physically active while at the same time supporting the ministry at LCLC. If you're unable to make it to LCLC the weekend of June 4th, be a **"Remote Participant"** by doing your activity in your home town on a date that's best for you.

Get Moving for LCLC! is a "multi-thon" fundraiser which includes the following activities:

- *Bike Ride Around the Lake (full or half loops)
- *Swim Across the Lake (from the Chautauqua Institution)
- *Walk-a-thon (on the LCLC trails and roads)
- *Run-a-thon (on the LCLC trails or local public roads)

Participants are asked to solicit donations for all the biking, swimming, walking and or running they do for LCLC. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000.

WHEN: Saturday, June 4 from 8:00-1:00 for the fundraising event. Or join us for the Retreat Weekend.*

***Optional Retreat Weekend** from Friday night through Sunday morning. Lodging will be available in our Cabins, Redeemer Lodge, and the Retreat Center depending on your comfort needs. This retreat will include such family friendly camp activities as worships, campfires, Gaga Ball, 9-Square, fishing, plus delicious meals served in St. John's Hall.

Thanks to the kind support of the St. John's Home Board, all meals will be free of charge.

Call the office at 716-386-4125.

LABOR OF LOVE

MEETS 9am at Holy Trinity. All ladies are welcome, no sewing skills are necessary!

1st MONDAY of the month: May, June, Oct, Nov & Dec ;

NO MEETINGS July , Aug, Sept.. Winter info TBA



KNITTING GROUP .. Meets the **first Tuesday** of month, 10am at Immanuel October thru May.



ESTHER CIRCLE MEETS

every First Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm usually at Holy Trinity library.

RACHEL CIRCLE MEETS

the third Thursday of the month at Holy Trinity @ 1:30pm also in the library.

All Women are invited to join these bible studies and prayer times. (both meet Sept-May)

Men's Fellowship



SENIOR MEN'S GROUP meets every first and third Wednesday at Immanuel @ 9am for projects & fellowship. All men are invited to join them!

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Dear Friends at First, Holy Trinity, and Immanuel ...

As I write this article, May is approaching (having just past the mid-point of April) and we are beginning to see the beginning of the spring season, not just on the calendar, but all around us. Who

doesn't love spring? There might be debate about some of the seasons, but spring has more fans than opponents. If I were to voice on complaint about May, it would be that my lawn gets so wet that the mower leaves mud tracks in its wake. If that's the worst I can say about a month, life in May isn't bad.

Even better, May gives us an opportunity to continue our celebration of our Lord's resurrection with the final weeks of the Easter season marking its conclusion (as a season) with the powerful celebration of the Day of Pentecost! Speaking of conclusions, the Day of Pentecost is also to be celebrated in our congregations as Confirmation Sunday, when our youth will affirm their baptismal faith. In that celebration we gather around our young people as they conclude a journey that began with their baptism.

But wait! Concluding our Easter celebration? Concluding our affirming of our baptismal faith? Concluding on the Day of Pentecost? To bend a well-known phrase from Martin Luther, "This is most certainly not true!" The celebration of Easter and our Lord's resurrection is a celebration of a new beginning; the celebration of the Day of Pentecost is a celebration of a new beginning; the celebration of Confirmation is the celebration of a new beginning! Spring shows life renewing all around us, and the water that makes my lawn soggy is life-giving.

So also, in this changing season of our faith, we are renewed and celebrate the new life we have in Jesus, a gift from a loving God through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Rising from death to life and ascending into heaven, Jesus' promise is that we will never be left alone, that we will receive power through the Holy Spirit. We live in all the seasons of our life, our new life in Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit lifting us in hope and faith for a mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and serving those in need. We receive this gift in Holy

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80th Anniversary Celebration 1936 -2016

Sunday, June 12, 2016

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon of giving thanks for what Christ has done through the years at "Camp ELBA"(Eastern Lutheran Bible Association), "Chautauqua Lutheran Camp," "Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp," and now "Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center."

Enjoy...

Catching up with former Campers and Staff

Exploring the Grounds

Scrapbook Display (Please bring yours to share.)

LCLC T-shirt Contest (The oldest one wins a new T-shirt from the Canteen.)

Service of Thanksgiving and Praise at 4:30 PM

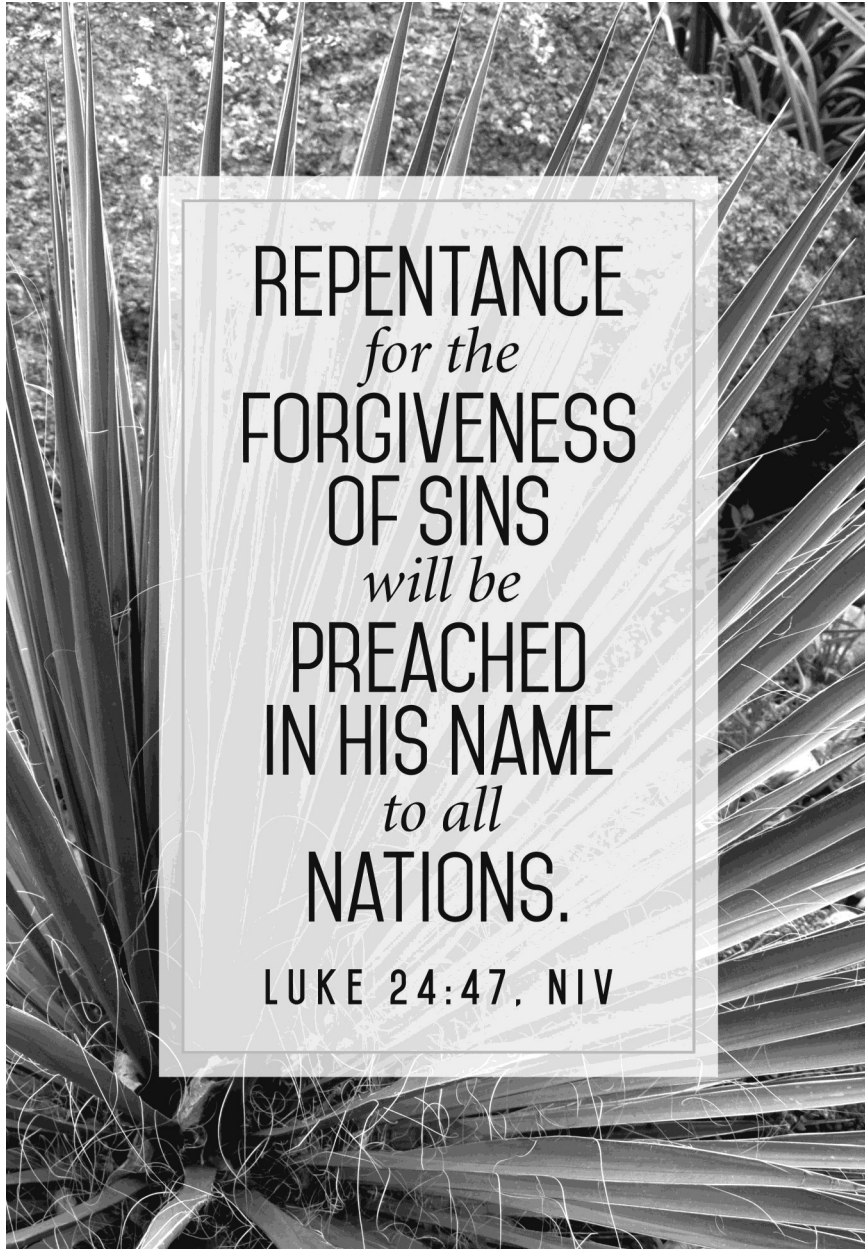
Dinner at 5:15 PM \$8.00 13 yrs. & older / \$6.00 6-12 yrs. / Free 5 yrs. & younger

Please **RSVP by June 1** so we know how many meals to prepare.

Email contact@lclcenter.org or phone 716-386-4125. www.lclcenter.org

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pastor con't..

Baptism and, gathering around our youth as they celebrate the faith given them, we affirm with them our faith and the power of the Holy Spirit within our lives and together within the church. In this moment of celebration we affirm that this faith and Spirit, this new life in Jesus Christ, come to us daily in all the seasons of our life together.

Resurrection, Pentecost, Confirmation are celebrations not of endings but of beginnings. We will gather on Sunday, May 15th, to celebrate the Day of Pentecost and Confirmation ... and, as we do on all Sundays, to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. Come together, let the Spirit gather us around Word and Sacrament with our youth and with each other as we live each new day in the light of Jesus Christ!

Luther asks the meaning of the third article of the Apostle's Creed (about the Holy Spirit) and answers:

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins – mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Dan
Additional reading:
Acts 1 & Acts 2
Psalm 95*

MINISTRY TEAMS(6pm)

Next meeting is Monday,

May 9th @ Immanuel –

Combined Council, 6:30

followed by individual councils

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IMMANUEL

MAY birthdays

3rd -Rosemary DiDomenico
 4th -Dan Kling
 5th -Jane Engle,
 6th -Dawson Gustafson,
 -Gloria Marchincin,
 8th -Sue Christian,
 11th -Karin Flynn,
 -Tim Johnson,
 12th -Kim Hagelin
 16th -Wendy Reichard,
 17th -Eleanor Hagelin,
 -Kathy Ridgway
 18th -Roberto Castellano
 19th -Carol Sorg
 21st -Janet Bechmann,
 24th -Gary Swanson
 25th -Randy Elf
 26th -Ardis Johnson
 27th -Jeanne Wahlstrom,
 -Scott Devereaux
 28th -Katelyn Bennett
 31st -Deanna Johnson

MAY anniversaries

05/01/1998 -Ken & Debbie Pifer
 05/02/1987 -Lee & Carolyn Bennett
 05/05/1962 -Chuck & Judy Lind
 05/21/1980 -Izzie & Cindy Barlow
 05/27/2006 -Beryl & DeVon Emley
 05/28/2004 -Garth & Amy Swanson
 05/30/1997 -Woody & Marty Danielson

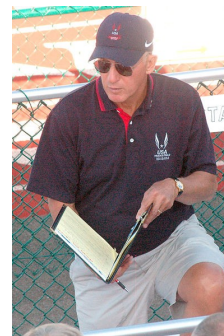


Tree of Life special days



HOLY TRINITY

1 Cady Montgomery
 Joseph Palermo
 Zachary Ricker
 3 Quinn Taylor
 4 Tim Deford
 Dodie Erickson
 5 Gage Smith
 6 Amy Raffa
 Phillip Carlson
 7 Ted Bogdan
 10 Dorie Deyo
 11 Ralph Rasmussen
 Julie Destro
 Clara Towers
 12 Bethany Anderson
 Abrielle Mistretta
 Piper Slagle
 13 Tim Rasmusson
 Olivia Zabrodsky
 14 Alice Certo
 Luca Mistretta
 15 Sue Vanderzyden
 16 Walt Carlson
 17 Craig Pillsbury
 Michelle Ricker
 Sean Swan-Leuze
 19 Merle Nollinger
 20 Dennis Swan
 21 Maria Welker
 25 Michael Scalise
 26 Anhild Evanckik
 27 Evelyn Owen
 28 Zoe Camarata
 29 Michael Espinoza



This is an excerpt from **The Post Journal** issue April 9, 2016... Tom Priester is a very active member of Tree of Life Immanuel branch.

"Tom Priester has been officiating track and field meets for more than 30 years, but the 76-year-old West Ellicott resident has no plans to slow down. Not even a little bit. "it's just fun," he said.. "I don't do things unless they're fun. I still play basketball. I get asked, 'At your age?' Well, it's because it's fun."

Priester had plenty of "fun" last month.

In the span of a week, Priester officiated the USA Indoor Track & Field Indoor Championships followed by the IAAF World Indoor Championships, both held in Portland, Oregon.....It's been quite a run for the retired teacher and cross country coach at Southwestern Central School. In addition to working this summer's Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon, Priester plans to apply for the 2021 World Outdoor Championships.

Priester will be 81 years old by then.

"Then I'm going to have to hang up my shoes or they'll kick me out," he said with a laugh."

Kudos to Tom!



God's Blessings to you!

NOTE: IF ANYONE SEES A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY ON LIST THAT SHOULD NO LONGER BE INCLUDED FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW!

IN THE MAIL



Dear "Tree of Life" .. Thank you so much for the lovely Easter lily plant and card delivered to me by my sister-in-law Alice Carlson and her granddaughter Kaleigh & boyfriend. Its fragrance still fills the room. I appreciate you thinking of me. I hope to return to church one of these days.

- Sincerely, Jeanne Wahlstrom

Thank you for the Easter Lily and also thanks to Janet Thom for bringing it to my home. ... Eleanor Frick

"God Is the Fountain"

God is the fountain whence
ten thousand blessings flow;
to him my life, my health and friends,
and every good, I owe.
The comforts he affords
are neither few nor small;
he is the source of fresh delights,
my portion and my all.
He fills my heart with joy,
my lips attunes for praise;
and to his glory I'll devote
the remnant of my days.

—Benjamin Beddome

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Please note:

If your memorial is not listed, it will be in next issue



ATTENDANCE

Joint Services

ILC

Good Friday—45
Easter Sunday—165

HT

Maundy Thursday—75
April 3—102
April 10—106

IN MEM, OF

Laura Weeks from:

SueEllen & Chet Bates
Pat & Steve Sandberg

Carl Olson from:

Karin & Michael Flynn
Gernatt Asphalt Products
Charles & Ester Gustafson
Jamestown Macadam Inc
Allen & Phyllis Johnson
Sue & Tom Priester
Neighbors at 152 Aldren Ave
Tom Olson
Carol Sorg

Jane Anthony from:

Sue & Tom Priester

Margaret Knott from:

Betty Olson

Kevin Roy Storms from:

Roy & Betty Storms

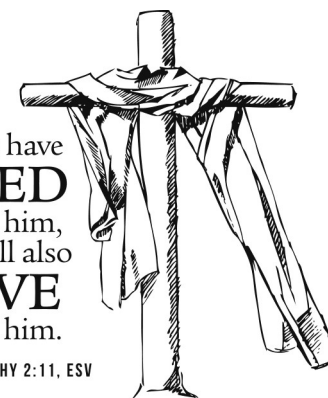
JoAnn Anderson from:

Al & Phyllis Johnson
Johnny & Karyn Okerlund
Dan Chiacchia

Norma Anderson from:

Karin & Michael Flynn
Carol Sorg
Gary & Sallie Swanson
ILC Senior Choir

ILC MEMORIALS



If we have
DIED
with him,
we will also
LIVE
with him.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11, ESV

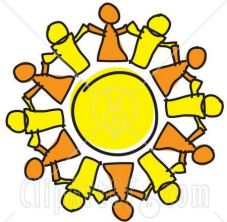
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**Esther Circle meeting Wednesday,
May 4, 1:30 in HOLY TRINITY church
library . Bible study is from APRIL
Gather magazine, SESSION 4.**

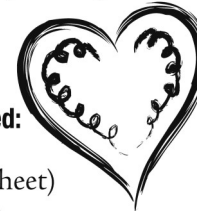


**“Leaves of Life “ DEADLINE
FOR JUNE NEWS Is Sunday May 15th
Work Party to Assemble**

**MON May 23rd for Immanuel
TUES May 24th for Holy Trinity**

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love
for your mom or another special
woman by giving her this gift
from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt
(8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink,
red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and
draw a heart on it. Cut out
the heart so you have two
of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top
of each other, add stuff-
ing and pin the hearts
together.
3. Thread the needle with a
long piece of thread. Knot
the end.
4. Sew the hearts together.
Knot the thread and trim
the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

Disciples needed

The greatest issue
facing the world today, with
all its heartbreaking needs,
is whether those who, by
profession or culture, are
identified as “Christians”
will become disciples —
students, apprentices, practi-
tioners — of Jesus Christ,
steadily learning from him
how to live the life of the
kingdom of the heavens into
every corner of human ex-
istence.

—Dallas Willard,
The Great Omission



May my meditation be
pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

Psalms 104:34, ESV

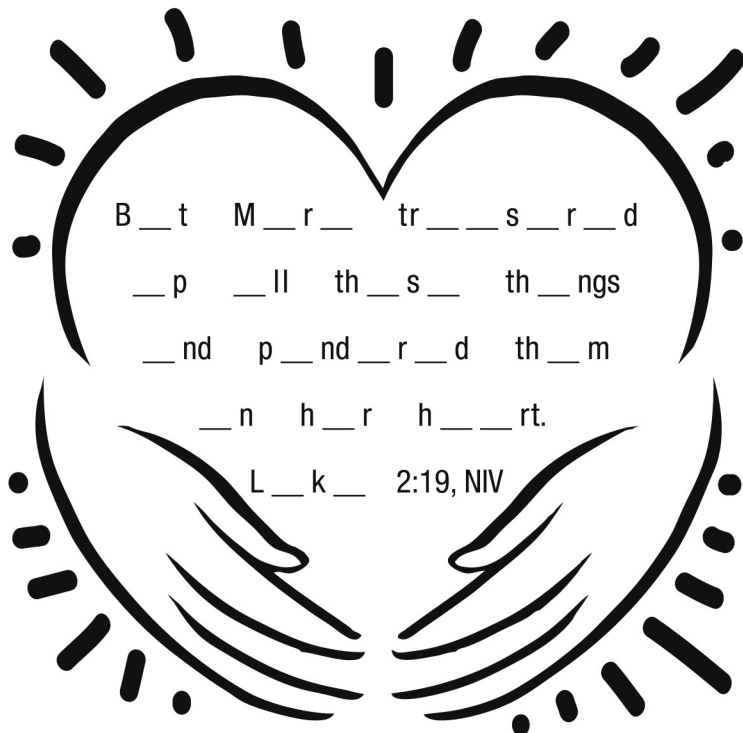


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem.
His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture.
What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

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Change of Address:

Don Frank has moved from Frewsburg Rest Home to The Lutheran, 715 Falconer St, Jamestown

Our Sympathy to families of...



Carl Olson

Carl passed away March 22, 2016 in WCA Hospital.

12/16/1919-3/22/2016



JoAnn Anderson

JoAnn passed away April 4, 2016 at her home.

2/10/1936-4/4/2016



Norma Anderson

Norma, wife of Wally & sister of JoAnn, passed away April 9, 2016 at Heritage Village in Gerry.

12/6/1928-4/9/2016

All were members of Immanuel branch.

Death notifications:

Former Immanuel Members:

Carolyn Carlson passed away 3/27/2016

Pete Thorstenson passed away 4.9/2016

A memorial service for **Susan Brewer** was held at Holy Trinity on April 16.

SERVING TREE OF LIFE

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Please familiarize yourself with the lectern in both churches so if and when you should be the lector at “the other” church you know what you need to do.

Note:

SCHEDULES were mailed out to each person. They are also posted each week in the bulletin and they are posted on the bulletin board at the lower entrance at ILC & for HT in their Narthex.

ASSISTING MINISTER

May 1: Wolf Dieter-Krahn
May 8: Lisa Gustafson
May 15: Carol Sorg
May 22: Sue Priestler
May 29: Susan Bailey

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 1: Paula Hofgren
May 8: Steve Sandberg
May 15: Chris Radack
May 22: Kevin Swanson
May 29: John Taylor

COUNTERS (ILC)

May 1: DaleAnn K, Deb M
May 8: Sue P, Kevin S
May 15: Jan B, Paul H

LECTORS

May 1: Cindy Swan
May 8: Janet Thom
May 15: Sean Swan-Leuze
May 22: Cindy Joslyn
May 29: John Taylor

ACOLYTE

May 1: Alexandria Moss
May 8: Ava Hagelin
May 15: Lily Moss
May 22: Maddie Johnson
May 29: Stephanie Engle

GREETERS

May 1: Chris & Eleanor Ahlstrom
May 8: Dennis & Jan Bechmann,
Sonya Rosdahl
May 15: Clair & Shirley Fletcher
May 22: Al Johnson,
Marian Leathers
May 29: Gayle Lyon,
Karyn Okerlund

WORSHIP TECH AS AVAILABLE

USHERS

May 1: Gr 2—Mike Flynn, Dennis
Anderson, Roberto Castellano, Dan
Kling
May 8: Gr 3—Al Johnson, Scott &
Terra Devereaux, Deb Morlock
May 15: Gr 4—Gary Swanson, Paul
Hagelin, Gary Carvella
May 22: Gr 5—Karyn Okerlund,
Gayle Lyon, DaleAnn Krahn
May 29: Gr 1

WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT for May

Kim H, Carrie M, Susan B

Synod Assembly = multiple mission opportunities (even if you're not going!)

The Upstate New York Synod Assembly will be held June 5-7 In Rochester. The theme this year is Racial Justice. The speakers, workshops, and mission expo will all reflect that theme. The assembly presents many ways for you to do God's mission work, even if you're not going to physically be there. First, and foremost, you can pray. Pray for safety for all the attendees travelling from the far ends of the state, pray for wisdom and discernment in the votes and decisions. You can save can tabs from your beverage and other food containers. You may think the few you save won't make a difference, but they will be brought in everything from sandwich bags to 5 gallon buckets! They will be weighed as metal scrap and the proceeds will benefit Rochester area food banks. The World Hunger collection this year has a theme of “God's Peace, Your Piece.” You can donate through your congregation, and your “piece” will be part of the (hopefully) \$45,000 collected. If you're attending the assembly, wear “crazy socks” on Tuesday morning, and Bishop Macholz will make an extra donation for every pair counted. SERRV is a display of fair-traded goods from all over the world. Any purchase you make will directly benefit the worker who made it. Attend any of the 15 workshops and hear about racial justice from various perspectives. Lastly, everyone can practice racial justice in their everyday lives: have conversations with your office or school companions, point out how the joke someone is telling is actually hurtful, pursue equality for all God's children. Inaction and silence are no longer options.

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.

-Marcia Brown
Mission Interpreter

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, you are responsible for finding a replacement and calling to let the office know who is serving for you.

Current mo. ELCA LECTIONARY



6 EASTER

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Rev 21:10, 22—22:5; John 14:23-39

7 EASTER

Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 97;
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; Jn 17:20-26

DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b;
Rom 8:14-17; John 14:8-17[25-27]

THE HOLY TRINITY

Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8;
Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12,-15

PENTECOST 2

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43; Psalm 96:1-9;
Gal 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

HOSPITALIZATIONS

The church office no longer receives calls from the hospital when a member is hospitalized. It would be appreciated if someone from the family would call the church office when a hospitalization occurs. In addition to calls no longer being made to the office by hospital volunteers, the computer used by the clergy at the hospital to locate hospitalized members has been removed. Thank you for your assistance.

The second Sunday of the month Immanuel will continue to be Food collection and will benefit Holy Trinity's food pantry. Any food will be welcome.



Tree of Life News

IMMANUEL AND HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN BRANCHES

Immanuel ..Jamestown.. Report for MARCH 2016

Note: totals are rounded off

<u>account</u>	<u>Beg. bal.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>disbursements</u>	<u>Transfers/ J E's</u>	<u>End bal.</u>
Expansion	104	1,428	1,936	0	(403)
General	47	8,941	8,277	0	711
Memorial	38,491	240	0	0	38,731
total	\$38,644	\$10,609	\$10,214	0	\$39,039

FINANCIAL PICTURE

Holy Trinity .. Jamestown Report for March 2016

	<u>MONTH OF</u> <u>March 2016</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME	\$5704.96	\$19324.44	\$25450.02
EXPENSE	\$6042.39	\$20223.46	\$28106.77
BALANCE	- \$337.43	- \$899.02	\$ 2656.75

Note: IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAME REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.

ILC: 716 664-7104/ ilc@windstream.net

HT: 716 488-4235/ secretary.ht@gmail.com

Easter message



Easter is early this year, and in many places across this church trees will still be bare and fields barren. It might even snow. But on Easter morning we will gather to greet the risen Son and give thanks to God for the new life we have in Jesus Christ.

Two things come to mind this Easter when there is still only the hint of spring: Jesus' words to his disciples just before his crucifixion and a hymn.

Jesus said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Jesus was talking about his death, but he was also assuring his disciples and us that death is not the end, that, though it might seem impossible and even terrifying to step into the void, God brings life out of death.

The hymn is ELW 379.

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

The tune is actually a French Christmas carol. How perfect that, in the bleak midwinter, the promise of spring was planted.

St. Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" We have already fallen into the earth and died. "For

Ruth — a Pentecost story?

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

Why Ruth? This short story doesn't mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law ("Where you go I will go Your people will be my people ... " [Ruth 1:16, NIV]), she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: loving kindness — all the more remarkable because she's a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all people, we too can remember Ruth's story. For in it, God unites two enemy peoples for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth's marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ's reign for the good of the world.



For the righteous ...
enter into peace.

ISAIAH 57:1-2, NRSV



Sunday May 15th

CONFIRMATION

AT Immanuel

During Worship

Confirmands are:

Stephanie Engle (ILC)

Isabella Palermo (HT)

Michael Scalise (HT)

Quinn Taylor (HT)



Upstate New York Synod – ELCA 2016 Synod Assembly

Christ creates in himself one new humanity . . . thus making peace. Eph.2:15b

Registration for the 2016 Synod Assembly is open. The registration fee is \$95. Meal costs are in addition to the registration fee and will be listed on the registration page. Synod Assembly is open to all who want to attend, not just rostered leaders and congregational voting members. Child care will be offered. To get the latest information about this year's synod Assembly, we encourage attendees to sign up for the Upstate Update and visit www.upstatenysynod.org/ to get all the advance information.

Assembly participants need to make their room reservations at the [Radisson Rochester Riverside](#), 120 East Main Street, Rochester,



NY14604. Remember the deadline to guarantee you receive the special \$109 assembly rate is May 15

from the Bishop...

if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” We will not remain alone. We will bear fruit.

The seed has been planted in all the barren places in the world and in our lives. That gives us the power and the hope – especially in the face of our brokenness – to see life where the world only sees death ... in refugee camps and hospice units, in parched earth and in floods, in oppression and denied justice we are bold to confess. Now the green blade rises. Now love lives again. Now love comes again like wheat arising green.

Christ is risen.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



The Scandinavian Folk Festival is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year on July 15-17 at the Gerry Rodeo Grounds. The planning committee is looking for volunteers to help out in a variety of areas. Volunteering for three hours gets you in free for the day; six hours gets you in free for the entire weekend. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Gale Svenson-Campbell via email at gales1949@gmail.com or via phone at 716-763-6319.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
ILC....1 6th Sunday of Easter Worship 9:30 GP: Vicar Tara Eastman Sun. School 10:45 Conf. Class, 5:30 @First	2 HT, LOL 9AM HT office closed ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 & Sr Center Bingo, 11:30	3 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am ILC Women Knit, 10 @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10 @ILC Nar-Anon, 7	4 ILC Sr Men, 9 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT, 10-2 Food Cupboard HT Esther Circle, 1:30 Senior Choir, 7 at ILC	5 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am TOPS (HT) 9-NOON @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10 @ILC VETS-PTSD Grp 2-4 @ILC Peer Support Group, fh (Eagles Nest), 7pm	6 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT, 10-2 Food Cupboard	7	
Mother's Day 8 ILC FOOD SUNDAY 7 Easter; Worship 9:30 GP: Deacon Ian Eastman Sun. School 10:45 Christian Nurture Team Conf. Class Picnic	9 HT office closed ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 & Sr Center Bingo, 11:30 Ministry Teams, 6 @ ILC Combined Council, 6:30 Individual Councils, 7:30	10 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10 @ILC Nar-Anon, 7	11 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT, 10-2 Food Cupboard Senior Choir, 7 at ILC	12 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am TOPS (HT) 9-NOON @ILC VETS-PTSD Grp 2-4 @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10	13 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT, 10-2 Food Cupboard	14 ILC Fellowship Hall in use by Sara Lind (baby shower)	
ILC....15 Day of Pentecost W, 9:30; SS 10:45 GP: Rev Dan Nagle Confirmation June "LEAVES" deadline	16 HT office closed ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 & Sr Center Bingo, 11:30	17 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10 @ILC Nar-Anon, 7	18 ILC Sr Men, 9 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT, 10-2 Food Cupboard Senior Choir, 7 at ILC	19 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am TOPS (HT) 9-NOON @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10 @ILC VETS-PTSD Grp 2-4 HT Rachel Circle, 1:30 @ILC Y Cancer Support, 6	20 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 ILC n/l helpers HT, 10-2 Food Cupboard	21	
ILC....22 The Holy Trinity Worship 9:30 Sun. School 10:45 GP: Pastor Dan Rumfelt	23 HT office closed ILC N/L mailing, 9 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 & Sr Center Bingo, 11:30	24 HT N/L MAILING, 9 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10 followed by Tureen @ILC Nar-Anon, 7	25 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT, 10-2 Food Cupboard Senior Choir, 7 at ILC	26 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am TOPS (HT) 9-NOON @ILC VETS-PTSD Grp 2-4 @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10	27 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT, 10-2 Food Cupboard	28	
ILC ... 29 Pentecost 2 Worship 9:30 Sun. School 10:45 GP: Pastor Dan Rumfelt	30 Offices closed <i>Memorial Day</i> 	31 @ILC Tai Chi, level 2, 9am @ILC Sr Center Exer- cise,10 @ILC Nar-Anon, 7	<div>MAY 2016</div> <div>COMBINED WORSHIP, SS, CHOIR, COUNCILS .. ALL AT IMMANUEL IN MAY</div>				