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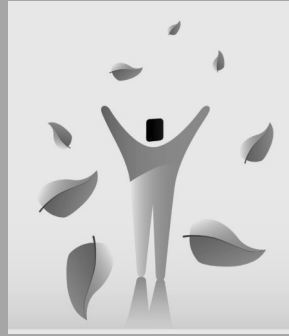
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# LEAVES OF LIFE



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*Jamestown NY 14701*

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# Tree of Life Lutheran Community

september  
2014



## There's an app for that!

These days, there's a smartphone app for just about everything. But what about spiritual concerns? Where can you turn?

- Depressed? Try the joy app. Read Isaiah 51:11.
- Tired? Try the renewal app. Read Isaiah 40:30-31.
- Unsettled? Try the peace app. Read Philippians 4:7.
- Unloved? Try the love app. Read Romans 8:38-39.
- Worried? Try the refuge app. Read Psalm 46:1.
- Fearful? Try the power app. Read 2 Timothy 1:7.
- Guilty? Try the forgiveness app. Read Colossians 1:13-14.
- Praying? Try the prayer app. Read 1 John 5:14-15.

The Scriptures are God's storehouse of meaningful applications for what we face every day. Think of the Bible as the iTunes Store of spiritual apps. Best of all, everything's free!

—Timothy Merrill

# Holy Trinity...

## Tree of Life Lutheran Community

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Holy Trinity branch

Immanuel Branch



### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

- Sept. 7 Joint service @ Holy Trinity 9:15am
- Sept. 14 HT, 9:15AM; ILC, 10:45AM
- Sept. 21 Joint Service at Immanuel 10:45 am
- Sept. 28 HT, 9:15AM; ILC, 10:45AM



**Please note:**

**Combined Worship Services will now be  
The FIRST & THIRD Sundays  
HT, 9:15 on First; ILC, 10:45 on 3rd**



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

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TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY—IMMANUEL & HOLY TRINITY

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

John Taylor, President	488-1430
Steve Muscarella, Vice President	483-2656
Dorie Deyo, Treasurer	763-0588
Darcy Whitney, Secretary	664-2771
Ashley Muscarella	969-7071
Norm Owen	487-1849
Eileen Hitchcock	664-2560
Paula Hogfren	488-1388
Dennis Palermo	483-8111
Sandra Stewart	484-5535
Richard Seaholm	

#### HOLY TRINITY STAFF

- Pastor Bob Kasting 640-1580 [revbobk2001@yahoo.com](mailto:revbobk2001@yahoo.com)
- Gail Espinoza, Organist 488-0422
- Judy Whittaker, Secretary 488-4235 office hrs 9am-3pm T-F  
[secretary.ht@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ht@gmail.com)
- Marsha Donner, Financial Secretary 664-1847
- Custodian—Darcy Whitney interim
- Janette Coleson, Bookkeeper [bookkeeper.ht@gmail.com](mailto:bookkeeper.ht@gmail.com)

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

**Personnel Committee** Sandra Stewart  
**Visitation Committee** Paula Hofgren,

#### COMMITTEES

**Worship Committee** Gail Espinoza, Ashley Muscarella HT  
 Diane Kling, Lisa Gustafson, ILC

**Vision Team** Merle Nollinger, Michael White, Sandy Forsberg –HT  
 Steve Sandberg, Tom Priester, Karen Okerlund –ILC

**Fellowship** Dennis Palermo, Norm Owen, Dianne Dillingham,  
 Dodie Erickson-HT, Carol Sorg & Deb Morlock– ILC

**Christian Ed** Sandy Stewart, Marcy Palermo, John Taylor

# Holy Trinity News

NEWS FROM TREE OF LIFE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## We Rejoice with...

Congratulations to Richie and Danielle Seaholm on the occasion of their marriage on July 12, 2014

### OCTOBER ISSUE DEADLINE

Next "Leaves of Life" DEADLINE FOR NEWS

Is Sunday September 21 th

*This is news for the month of October*

**Work Party to Assemble the**

**Newsletter: Tues. September 30th**



### Dear friends at Immanuel & Holy Trinity ...

Thinking about yesterdays gospel,

(8/16), Matthew 15:10-20: <sup>10</sup> Jesus called the crowd to him and said,

"Listen and understand. <sup>11</sup> What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is



what defiles them. <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" <sup>13</sup> He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. <sup>14</sup> Leave them; they are blind guides. <sup>15</sup> If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." <sup>16</sup> Peter said, "Explain the parable to us." <sup>17</sup> "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. <sup>18</sup> "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?" <sup>19</sup> But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. <sup>20</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. <sup>21</sup> These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

I was thinking about this all yesterday and this morning. Why are we so quick to say bad things to people, and so quick to judge those who aren't like us. Yes I am guilty of this too. I am quick to see someone and make judgments on them or say something about someone even before I know them.

Jesus tells us he is the only one who judges people, and that we are to love one another as he loves us. Couple months ago someone handed me a copy of a news letter from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Vero Beach Fl. I am reprinting a part of that newsletter. I will be adding Tree of Life in where necessary. →

## ESTHER CIRCLE

Meets Wednesday September 3 at 1:30pm

in Holy Trinity Library

All ladies are welcome to join us



**HT attendance:** July 6—48      July 13—40      July 20—44  
Aug 3—59      Aug 10—49

*You are welcome...*

*Tree of Life Parish welcomes you! We welcome if you are single, married, divorced, gay wealthy, poor, black, brown, yellow or white. We welcome crying newborns, squirming children, and frazzled Mom and Dad's. You are welcome if you sing like an opera star or can't carry a tune in a bucket, like some of us. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Martin Luther, haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism, or if you're "just browsing."*

*We welcome you if you are over 60, even if you haven't grown up yet, or if you are a teenager and growing up too fast. We welcome starving artists, latté sippers, vegetarians, and junk food junkies. You are welcome if you are in recovery or still struggling with your addiction. We welcome you if you have been having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion". We've been there too!*

*If you are left-wing, right-wing, or no wing at all, you are welcome here. If you are visiting Grandma and Grandpa and they made you come to church, WELCOME! You are welcome if you are vacations, year-rounder, snow-birds, seekers, doubters, or if you are inked, pierced, in flip flops or a three piece suit.*

*We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to Tree of Life because we are a place of saints and sinners of all kind who are here by the grace of God.*

Your Brother in Christ

*Pastor Bob*

**NOTE ... PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS .. WE ARE IN NEED OF STUDENTS CURRENT ADDRESSES SO THAT WE CAN SEND "CARE" PACKAGES TO THEM.**

# Holy Trinity News

## HOLY TRINITY PROGRAM COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEERS

### Christian Ed Committee

Darcy Whitney, Sandy Stewart, Marcy Palermo, John Taylor, (*Judy Lind from ILC*)

### Personnel Committee

Sandy Stewart— Council Liaison , Marie Carlson, Walter Carlson, Onnolee Nollinger, Ladd Cordner, Peggy Slattery

### Finance Committee

Dorie Deyo, Don Anderson, Paula Hofgren, Cindy Swan, Norm Owen

### Memorial Committee

Walt Carlson ,Karen Melquist, Allie Withers, Judy Johnson, Dodie Erickson.

### Food Cupboard Volunteers

Marie Carlson, Sandy Forsberg, Paula Hofgren, Judy Johnson, Bill Deane, Keta Deane, Diane Dillingham , Anne Buffone, Gerry Caruso, Karen Melquist, Dorie Deyo, Marsha Donner, Paul Donner, Bob Shaul, Sandy Stewart, Carol Winterburn, Merle Nollinger

### Property Committee:

Steve Muscarella – Dennis Palermo

### Fellowship:

Norm Owen , Dennis Palermo, Dodie Erickson, Diane Dillingham, (*Deb Morlock and Carol Sorg from ILC*)

### WELCA:

Diane Dillingham; coordinator, Anne Buffone; secretary, Sharon Carlson; treasurer

### Social Ministry/Care Committee:

Marlene Hanson, Dodie Erickson, Paula Hofgren, John Taylor, Donna Johnson

### Mission Trip Team

Dorie Deyo, Dodie Erickson, Darcy Whitney

### Property Special Projects Team

Hal Hanson, Jim Buffone, Dennis Palermo, Merle Nollinger

### Office Work Team:

Dodie Erickson, Sandy Stewart, Karen Melquist

### Tuesday Volunteers

Hal & Marlene Hanson, Merle Nollinger

### Worship/Music

Ashley Muscarella, Gail Espinoza, (*Diane Kling from ILC*)

# Holy Trinity News

SERVING YOU IN SEPTEMBER

## GREETERS

- 7 Dodie Erickson, John & Shelly Taylor
- 14 Hal & Marlen Hanson, Paul & Marsha Donner
- 21 Joint Service at ILC
- 28 Don & Joann Anderson, Cindy Swan & Sean Swan-Leuze

## LECTORS

- 7 Ev Owen
- 14 Michael White
- 28 JoAnn Anderson

## USHERS

Bob Winterburn, Paul Donner, Craig Pillsbury, Barry Benson

## COMMUNION STEWARDS (need volunteers)

- 7 Dennis Palermo, Ashley Muscarella

## FUNERAL LUNCH COMMITTEE:

Dodie Erickson, Esther Gustafson Paula Hofgren

## ALTAR CARE:

Joann Anderson, Letha Adelman

## TRANSPORTATION

Peggy Slattery

## MONEY COUNTERS

- 7 Dorie Deyo
- 14 Dennis Palermo
- 21 John Taylor
- 28 Sandy Stewart

## SOCIAL MINISTRY DESK

- 7 Marie Carlson
- 14 Donna Johnson
- 28 Dodie Erickson

JOINT SERVICE S

Sept. 7 at Holy Trinity 9:15

Sept. 21 at Immanuel 10:45am



# update .. Council/Vision Committee

We listened. A few weeks ago members of the Vision Committee and Church Council presented Steve Sandberg's proposal for a Phase One renovation at Holy Trinity, providing for handi-capped access via new bathrooms and ramps and elevators in the hallways. Much concern was voiced at a question and answer session about the cost, and the ability of an aging and contracting congregation to handle another mortgage. The question of why we all should worship at Holy Trinity, a building which requires updating, and not at Immanuel, a building which is move-in ready, is difficult to answer. From a purely financial viewpoint, this option does not make much sense. There is much passion attached to our buildings.

Therefore, the Councils decided to postpone a consolidation vote and continue our march to the altar through the wilderness by scheduling two joint services a month, one at each building. With this schedule Sunday school will be consolidated half the time. Judy Lind has purchased the same curriculum which Holy Trinity is using, which is based on the lectionary service. Therefore, mixing classes ought to be seamless.

Furthermore, the CODE group, which manages the renovated apartments in our neighborhood, has shown interest in purchasing Immanuel House. This group also revitalized the basketball hoops in our parking lot, such that basketball games have returned to Immanuel.

All four Lutheran churches joined together for Vacation Bible School with over eighty children participating. When you read this, five Lutheran churches will have worshipped together at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp with picnic following.

So we are not ready to commit to our marriage vows (of consolidation) yet, but our courtship will continue.

*Wolf-Dieter Krahn*  
 President of Church Council  
 Immanuel Branch of Tree of Life Parish

# Immanuel News

NEWS FROM TREE OF LIFE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



LCLC is truly blessed by friends like you who give to our ministry. Through gifts such as yours, we are able to provide programs that encourage and nurture the spirit of our guests and campers. .... Lee Lindeman

## SENIOR MEN STEAK/CHICKEN FRY PICNIC!!!!!!



For many years Ben & Molly Griffith hosted an annual steak fry for Immanuel's Senior Men. We are continuing this time of fellowship and good food!

WHEN: Wednesday, September 3, 2014

TIME: Beginning at noon ---time of fellowship ; Eat at 12:30

WHERE: Immanuel Lutheran Church

COST: There is NO cost! Meat for this picnic is once again being provided by the Immanuel Families Fellowship group, individuals and our extra doughnut money.

ALL SENIOR MEN ARE INVITED!

Please contact one of the following to let them know if you are coming and whether you want steak or chicken:

Al Johnson---488-1555 OR Clair Fletcher 665-4011

## HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY TEAMS

We don't always know the value and importance of some committed volunteers and programs in our Church until we experience a need. Phyllis and I have new appreciation and thankfulness for the Home Communion Ministry Teams that have regularly visited us. Each time they come bringing Communion, we feel refreshed, forgiven, and a sense of peace. Thanks to the following dedicated members of Immanuel's Home Communion Ministry Team who give of their time helping those in need: Mike and Karin Flynn; Jane Engle and Carol Sorg; Judy and Priscilla DuBois, Judy Lind, Eleanor Hagelin and Shirley Fletcher, Pastor Kasting .....Gratefully, *Phyllis and Al Johnson*

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY—IMMANUEL

HOLY TRINITY

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

## September 1

Roger Slattery  
Tarah Bowman  
Blaise Richardson

## September 2

John Duck  
Onnolee Nollinger  
Sueanne Muscarella  
Matt Ingrao

## September 4 J

John Zabrodsky

## September 5

Steven Johnson  
Madysen Vasquez

## September 8

Barry Benson  
Kaden Johnson

## September 9

Marlene Lucas  
Timothy Rasmusson

## September 10

Donna Smith

## September 12

Elizabeth Lucas  
Wendy DeFord  
Andrew Sears

## September 13

Duane Anderson  
Glenn Phillips  
Ava Tantillo  
Harriet Carlson

## September 14

Jesse Milne  
Patrick Johnston  
Braelyn Peterson  
Matthew Wisler

## September 16

Margaret Rose Kimmel  
Greg Swan  
Delana Smith

## September 17

Allene Andersen  
Marie Carlson  
Kurt Albright

## September 20

Jacqueline J. Anderson  
Kristy Zabrodsky  
Raymond Lukach

## September 21

Paul Evanczik

## September 22

Daniel Forsberg

## September 23

Brandon Stafford  
Harriet Carlson  
Christine B. Ortolano  
Bradley Albright

## September 24

Phyllis Bretz  
Paul Hofgren  
Courtney Ventura

## Sept 25

Ryan Kimmins

## Sept 26

Dusty Swan  
Julia Kimmel

## Sep 28

Paul Swanson  
Monica Hopkins  
Chantell Moreen  
Steve Muscarella

*We Rejoice with You!*

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY—HOLY TRINITY BRANCH



# Holy Trinity News

NEWS FROM TREE OF LIFE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## HOLY TRINITY OPERATING FUND REPORT

Operating Fund report	JULY 2014	Yr. to date Actual	Yr. to date Budget
Income	\$ 8,663	\$72,839	\$76,941
Expense	\$29,071	\$85,237	\$75,302
Balance	-\$20,408	-\$12,397	+ \$1,639

## In the Mail...



Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,  
 Many thanks to all of you who shared in the observance of my 60th anniversary of ordination. I was grateful for your participation at worship that day and for the many of you who remembered me with your cards and good wishes. You all really made my day!

And now may God bless you all as we look forward to the future that god has for Holy Trinity! Whenever God is involved it will always be a blessing!!

God's love, Joy and Peace- Pastor Chuck Gustafson

Dear Friends,  
 Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center is truly blessed by friends like you who give to our ministry. Through gifts such as yours, we are able to provide programs that encourage and nurture the spirit of our guests and campers.

Your generous donation will help us continue to reach out and connect with any individuals. Thank you for sharing in LCLC outdoor ministries. Please accept this letter acknowledging two donations in honor of Rev. Charles H. Gustafson's 60th Ordination Anniversary. We appreciate your ongoing support and are grateful fro the ways you bless LCLC!  
 God's Peace- Lee M. Lindeman  
 Executive director LCLC

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY—HOLY TRINITY BRANCH

# Immanuel News

NEWS FROM TREE OF LIFE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Reception honoring Paul Arnone for his military service

### Thank you received....

My thanks to Carol Sorg, Al Johnson, Jan Bechmann, Jeanne Wahlstrom & my friends in the kitchen for your thoughtfulness, labor & love for making my birthday so special (also for the memoriam) I feel 9' tall ... love you, Paul Arnone



Ken & Gayle Lyon, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a luncheon on July 20, at the home of Johnny & Karyn Okerlund and with a Eastern Caribbean cruise. The luncheon was hosted by the Okerlund's (Gayle's sister & brother-in-law and Scott & Terra Devereaux (niece & nephew-in-law) The Okerlunds served as attendants for the couple at their wedding and their daughter, Terra served as flower girl. They were married July 27, 1974, in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jamestown, N.Y. The Rev. Robert Finkbiener officiated.

## Rejoice with..

Rosemary & Rick DiDomenico on the birth a granddaughter on August 17th at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon NH. The baby's parents are Rick & MJ DiDomenico of West Lebanon NH. Ali Mae is 7#1oz, 20". Siblings; Rick II (21), Reagan (6), Sophie (4)



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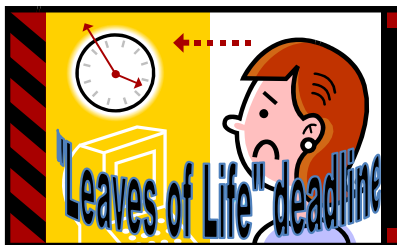
NEWS FROM TREE OF LIFE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## OCT "Leaves of Life" DEADLINE

Is Sunday, Sept 21st

Mailing for ILC: Mon Sept 29

& HT: Tues Sept 30



## Immanuel ..Jamestown.. Report for June 2014

Note: totals are rounded off

account	Beg. bal.	Receipts	disbursements	End bal.
Expansion	1,418	2,167	1,936	1,649
General	19,849	10,370	15,311	14,908
Memorial	57,358	100	0	57,458
<b>total</b>	<b>\$78,626</b>	<b>\$12,637</b>	<b>\$17,248</b>	<b>\$74,016</b>

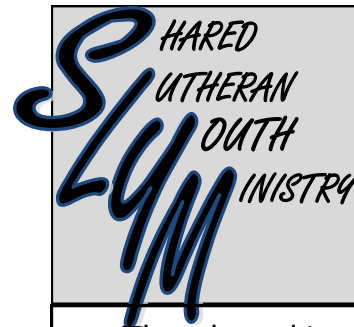
## Immanuel ..Jamestown.. Report for July 2014

Note: totals are rounded off

account	Beg. bal.	Receipts	disbursements	Transfers/ JE's	End bal.
Expansion	1,649	1,776	1,936	0	1,488
General	14,908	9,480	10,405	3,703	17,685
Memorial	57,458	480	0	(3,703)	54,236
<b>total</b>	<b>\$74,016</b>	<b>\$11,736</b>	<b>\$12,342</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$73,410</b>

Average Sunday attendance for June—71; July—63

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY—IMMANUEL



Youth Ministry Contact:

Ian Eastman, M.A.

716-720-8584

Email: ifeastman@gmail.com

Web: younglutherans.blogspot.com

The Shared Lutheran Youth Ministry has some exciting opportunities coming up this month for youth to serve, worship, and have some fun together.

Check out the SLYM Facebook Page or

[www.younglutherans.blogspot.com](http://www.younglutherans.blogspot.com) for details.

The Shared Lutheran Youth Ministry provides faith formation, fun and ministry opportunities for youth in grades 5-12. It is a cooperative effort of Bethel, First Lutheran, Holy Trinity and

Immanuel Lutheran Churches.

SLYM BEGINS

SUNDAY SEPT 21 5:30-7:00PM

AT FIRST LUTHERAN

## Note SUNDAY SCHOOL



**RALLY DAY will be Sun., Sept 21st @ Immanuel at 9:30am.**

Sunday School will take place on first & third Sundays at the COMBINED location only so on the 1st Sunday, SS at HT will be at 10:45. On the 3rd Sunday, SS at ILC will be at 9:30.





**Dear Friends of Immanuel**

I want to thank everyone who sent memorials and cards to Immanuel at the time of Richard's passing. The outpouring of love and sympathy was wonderful. Thank you to the Knit and Purl group for the beautiful, white prayer shawl. It is lovely and I am using it all the time. Another thank you for the lovely flowers I have received, the visits from Pastor Bob, and to those who have brought me Communion during my stay at Heritage Green. I am feeling better and hope to be back home soon. Marion Bland



**HOLY TRINITY  
FOOD CUPBOARD  
NEWS....**

We served 110 individuals, 17 households and a total of 990 meals.

Last year in July we had 93 individuals, 35 households and a total of 837 meals.

A huge thank you to all who are generous givers and supporters to and of the Food Cupboard.

And, if you are so inclined, we would appreciate more volunteers.

**IF 2 OF YOU  
AGREE  
ON EARTH  
ABOUT ANYTHING YOU  
ASK,  
IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU  
BY MY  
FATHER  
IN  
HEAVEN.  
MATTHEW 18:19, NRSV**

*Christ has no body but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.*

*St. Teresa of Avila*

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**Our Sympathy to...**



Marion Bland & family..

**Richard Bland**  
**03/25/1928**  
**07/06/2014**

**IN MEMORY OF Richard Bland**

- Janice Nagle
- Richard & Joan Nelson
- Mary Peterson
- Larry & Marilyn Ross
- Eleanor Ahlstrom
- Janis Nelson
- Marian Soderberg
- Carol Sorg
- Tom & Sue Priester
- John & Mardell Hanson
- Sue & Peter McGraw
- Brian & Cheryl Rogan
- Tim & Darylin Carlson
- Jeanne Wahlstrom
- George Oste
- Barb Anderson
- John & Peggy Schultz & fam
- Marc & Kumiko Schultz & fam
- Lisa Schultz & Kraig Burnham

**In HONOR of Paul Arnone's  
90th Birthday**

- Jeanne Wahlstrom
- Carol Sorg
- Al & Phyllis Johnson

**In HONOR of Allen Johnson's**

**75th Birthday**  
Carol Sorg  
Al & Phyllis Johnson

**In MEMORY of Don Sandberg**

Craig & Charlotte Carlson  
Marian & Don Leathers  
Evelyn Lee

**ANONYMOUS DONOR**

Honor of Al Johnson  
Honor of Paul Arnone  
Memory of Richard Bland



**ILC MEMORIALS**



**Lutheran Church of the Palms**  
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 Palm Harbor, Florida 34683  
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July 9, 2014

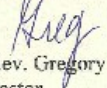
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
 556 E Second Street  
 Jamestown NY 14701

Dear Pastor Bob and friends at Immanuel,

Greetings in the resurrected Christ who gives life and hope. I recently read the Leaves of Life and I was so thrilled with your plans for the future that I felt compelled to write you. You are truly journeying down a road which will serve the people of Jamestown in a beautiful way. What an amazing and Spirit-filled outlook for mission in Jamestown you have adapted. The Immanuel campus can become a powerful beacon of light for those who need so desperately to see the light of Christ working in their neighborhood.

I will remain in prayer for you as you talk and plan and pray together in your journey. You are blessed with strong leadership and undying faithfulness to Christ in your congregation, and that will hold you strong as you continue this journey together with Holy Trinity. Tree of Life is such an appropriate name for two congregations who are focusing on serving in a community which so desperately needs to see Christ in the mission of your new parish. Well done and thanks be to God for your generous and open hearts.

Peace in Christ,

  
 Rev. Gregory W. Hager  
 Pastor

Greg was previously our pastor here at Immanuel

Join us for  
 A Celebration and  
 Thanksgiving for  
 the Ministry of  
 Bishop Marie Jerge

Friday, August 29  
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



Grace Lutheran Church  
 174 Cazenovia St.  
 Buffalo, NY

**FRIEND TO FRIEND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
 Is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a child. Our group includes people who have lost children of any age including miscarriage; some due to illness, accident or tragedy. It is a safe place to share, vent, cry, whatever your need may be. This is obviously a group no one wants to a part of ... but know that others feel what you feel & are there to help you grieve.

We meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at  
 HOSPICE—CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
 20 W Fairmount Ave, Lakewood NY  
 (across from Gloria Dei Lutheran)

For more info, contact Carna Pierce 716 338-0033 or 269-9409... email carnalouise@yahoo.com

**TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY—IMMANUEL**

# REMINDER BOARD



Start off the school year right by making this wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

### What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

### What you do:

1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
3. Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame. Then attach the pen to the frame.
4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.

## Attention Married Couples:



Have you signed up for the Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to be held **September 26-28** at the beautiful Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA? There still is room for you to spend a weekend at this serene location in the Allegheny Forest working towards making your marriage a more intimate, joyful union. Simply go to:

[www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and pay your \$45 registration fee with a credit card or by mailing a check. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Voluntary contributions at the end of the weekend, allow future Weekends to take place. For questions contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or

[fischamber@comcast.net](mailto:fischamber@comcast.net)



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran Disaster Response e-Alert

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)**

It has been a frightening month in the Middle East. More than 1,800 people have been killed and nearly 10,000 injured – with most of the victims reported to be civilians and children.

Our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land have asked for our help. One way we are responding is through Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem, which provides medical services regardless of religious or political affiliation. When you give now to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are helping to send medical teams from Augusta Victoria into Gaza to care for the increasing number of people injured in this conflict. We continue to monitor the situation closely and will walk with our brothers and sisters affected by the crisis.

**Your gifts, designated for Gaza Humanitarian Assistance, will be used – 100 percent – in response to this crisis.**

Working with The Lutheran World Federation, we are committed to assisting Augusta Victoria Hospital in this humanitarian response. Medical professionals are providing specialty care, medications and supplies to triage and treat patients in Gaza and are providing psychosocial support to patients who have been evacuated from Gaza.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land; may God grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. Use this bulletin insert in your congregation to raise awareness, pray for the people affected and support the Gaza Humanitarian Assistance.

In service to Christ.

Rev. Daniel Rift  
 Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

# Immanuel News

NEWS FROM TREE OF LIFE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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!

- 28th -Ken Lyon,  
-Sandy Moss
- 29th -David Bloom,  
-Skip Joslyn
- 30th -Nicole Balzar,

## SEPTEMBER birthdays

- 3rd -Marion Bland  
-Ayden William Hagelin
- 4th -Michael Darroch,  
-Bethany Lightfield,  
-Nick Lind
- 5th -Sonya Rosdahl
- 7th -Darrel Christian,  
-Ryan Main
- 10th -Nathan Priestler
- 12th -Daniel McKay,  
-Marty Danielson
- 13th -Sylvia Oste,  
-Jan Mara
- 14th -Adam Kindberg,  
-Gary Carvella
- 17th -Marie Nelson,  
-Margaret C. Knott
- 18th -Johnny Okerlund
- 20th -Madelyn Kate Burnett
- 21st -Kyler Fenton Carlson
- 22nd -Judy DuBois
- 24th -Terra Devereaux,  
-Sally Swanson
- 25th -Dale Ann Krahn
- 26th -Lillian Chapman



09/08/2013 -PASTOR BOB  
 PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

- 09/09/1967 -Johnny & Karyn Okerlund
- 09/10/1988 -Stephen & Jane Engle
- 09/17/1966 -Dennis & Donna Anderson
- 09/21/1996 -Eric & Kristin Maloney
- 09/22/1972 -Gregory & Nancy Johnson
- 09/26/1998 -Ralph & Dana Hamby
- 09/27/2003 -Dennis & Janet Bechmann
- 09/27/1958 -Wally & Norma Anderson
- 09/27/1986 -Skip & Cindy Joslyn

SPECIAL DAYS

*God's Blessings to you!*

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY—IMMANUEL



## Immanuel Council

### Terms Expiring 2014

Judy Lind

Wolf-Dieter Krahn

### Terms Expiring 2015

Carol Sorg

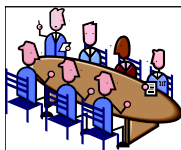
Lisa Gustafson

Rob Lind

### Terms Expiring 2016

Jan Bechmann

Paul Hagelin



### Officers

President: Wolf-Dieter K

Vice President: Rob L

Secretary: TBA

Treasurer: Carol S

### 2014 AUDITORS:

Kim Hagelin

Gary Swanson

### Team chairs:

Property team: Paul H

Worship & Music: Lisa G

Outreach: Jan B

Hospitality: Carol S

CE, Family and Youth: Judy L

Personnel: Wolf-Dieter K

Stewardship: tba

Finance: Rob L

### 2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

David Eaker

Kristie Maloney

1 more TBA

### JNP REPRESENTATIVES

Pat Sandberg

Deb Morlock

DaleAnn Krahn

## Celebrate Global Church Sunday 2014!

What is a global church? The ELCA has deep, longstanding relationships with Lutheran churches and other partners around the world. We respond to our companions and help support the growth of their work — new congregations, urban and youth outreach, theological education, pursuit of justice and peace and leadership training just to name a few. As we work together with our partners and participate in God's work in the world, we all grow in faith and benefit — we grow stronger as a global church

When is global church Sunday? Any Sunday you want! ELCA has put together a packet for your congregation to plan a service to celebrate our church's connection and common mission within Christ's global church. A toolkit of ideas is available at the ELCA website ([elca.org](http://elca.org)). Just type "global church Sunday" into the search box and you will find resources that may be used in conjunction with:

- a mission festival;
  - a visit from an ELCA missionary that you sponsor;
  - the World Day of Prayer for Peace (Sept. 21), World Communion Sunday (Oct. 6), or Lutheran World Federation Sunday (Oct. 27);
- OR
- any Sunday you choose.

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

*Marcia Brown, Mission Coordinator*

Mission Message

**Current mo. ELCA  
LECTIONARY year A**

**13th Sun. aft Pentecost-Sept 7**

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

**14th Sun. aft Pentecost-Sept 14**

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**15th Sun. aft Pentecost-Sept 21**

Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

**16th Sun. aft Pentecost-Sept 28**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32



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.



**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.

**FLU SHOT CLINIC ..**

Staff from Rite-Aid Pharmacy will be here at Immanuel at 10:30am on Monday, Sept. 15th ... It is offered to the "Healthy Bones" participants but has been opened to anyone interested. Please be sure to bring your insurance info.



*"God's outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land,  
O Immanuel."* Isaiah 8:8b

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**

**branch of Tree of Life Lutheran Community**

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pastor Bob Kasting	664-7104 (640-1580)
Church Office	664-7104
Rosemary DiDomenico, Parish Secretary	
Beryl Emley, Financial Manager	
Roberto Castellano, Custodian	
Diane K. Kling, Organist; Choir	484-0266
Wolf-Dieter Krahn, Council President	U/L
Ian Eastman, Shared Lutheran Youth Minister (SLYM)	720-8584

- **Note schedule usually printed on page 2**

**Nursery Care provided during worship for children age five and under**

Church office hours: mornings, Monday—Friday

Pastor in office: Monday & Wednesday mornings

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# SHARED LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRY

WANTED: PEOPLE WHO KNOW PEOPLE

You know people?  
Then we need you!

You know people with whom you have fun, study, play, text, compete, laugh, hang-out, sing, and work.

You also know people who struggle with life's stuff! Often they are the same people. Maybe, you know someone who...



Knew what to say?  
Had more confidence  
to do something?

That is why Shared Lutheran Youth Ministry exists. That is why we are called a "Youth Ministry" instead of "Youth Group."

"Group" would be an inward facing club that only cares about ourselves. "Ministry" is all about us being better at caring, welcoming and affirming people. We gather in

order to know how to care for others! "We love, because Christ first loved us!"

Youth Ministry? "Fun?" Always, just because we are who we are! But also, purposeful, meaningful, encouraging, equipping ministry; because you know people! The same people God created and loves.

Come, all the time, some of the time, even one time! You are always welcome! You are always needed! We are here to help you care for all the people you know.



Ian Eastman, M.A. is a Southwestern Conference Deacon who coordinates SLYM. Contact him at 720-8584 or [ifeastman@gmail.com](mailto:ifeastman@gmail.com).

is going through family changes because of separation or divorce?

gets depressed often?

has been in a relationship or friendship that is going bad? has used drugs or alcohol?

gets left out, made fun of, even bullied?

uses self-harm or cutting as an escape?

has been abused?

thinks about suicide?

is grieving from someone close who has died?

The list could go on!

The point is, you are daily aware of the hard stuff people deal with!

Ever wish you knew how to help?



## THE YOUTH MINISTRY GIVES "THUMBS UP" TO:

**STATELINE SPEEDWAY** for helping us raise funds for our Motor City Mission, **MAGNUM GRAF-X** for donating shirts that stood out in the crowd, and **TRACY & CARRIE MAGNUSON** for setting it up!

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** for their ongoing support of the youth ministry!

**FRIENDS and FAMILY** who are always there for us!

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5: 16-18).*

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

## "HOLY GROUNDS" COFFEE GET TOGETHER

*Tree of Life is kicking off a new event*

Saturday Sept. 13  
6:30pm @HT



*"The Crossmen"*  
will perform

Left to Right: Joe Osborne, Rick Eggleston, Julie Nagel, Joel Keefer, Doug Weise and Sam Catanese

"Holy Grounds" will be second Saturday of each month  
Watch for more details in upcoming Bulletins

Acts of compassion mean caring for one another and those we'll never meet. Compassion is about political involvement, willingness to embrace difficult issues, courage to expose injustice and inequality, readiness to act. These are acts of prayer, of entering into another hurt, another's suffering.

Perhaps the words "Gods work, our hands" do fall too easily off our lips. But we all know the hard work of compassion. May we live uneasily with our comfortable and privileged lives. May we never grow heartless or insensitive. May our hearts be open to loosening the bonds of injustice, to undoing the thongs of the yoke, to letting the oppressed go free, to breaking every yoke.

O God, help us to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the homeless poor into your house and ours, to acknowledge the naked and cover them, and not to hide ourselves from your own kin. Take away our hearts of stone. Make us your body, your hands, your feet. Help us show Christ's compassion to the world.

*by Julie Aageson*

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Women of ELCA  
Southwestern Conference  
presents



# Fall Assembly Gathering

Saturday, September 20, 2014

at

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

35 West Fairmount Avenue, Lakewood, New York 14750

Guest Speaker

Mary Jo Foti-House

Director of Nursing & Education for Hospice, Chautauqua County

Registration & Fellowship - 9:00 AM

Brunch - 9:30 AM

Cost: \$5.00

RSVP Deadline: Friday, September 12, 2014

Call Stephanie Buccola ~ 665-4221

A Thankoffering will be received at the Closing Worship

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### SLYM 2014 BEGINS!

Sunday, September 21  
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
First Lutheran, 120 Chandler St.

We begin our 5th year of SLYM by beginning a five sessions series about how we can care, welcome, and affirm others every day, everywhere, in every relationship! We'll also have some recreation time and snacks.

### TEMPLE TALKS

Sunday, Sept. 7 @ First  
Sunday, Sept. 14 @ Bethel  
Sunday, Sept. 21 @ Tree of Life

Come hear about the exciting things planned for youth this year.

### PEER MINISTRY RETREAT

Nov. 14-15  
LCLC

Learn about the "good samaritan" style of leadership.

### YOUTHQUAKE

January 23 - 25  
Pittsburgh, PA

Youthquake is a transformational weekend where lives will be renewed and faith will become real! Get your early bird registration in by October 26--just \$144 includes lodging. (Youth will need to bring additional money for meals and souvenirs.)

## SLYM HAS A MESSAGE FOR ALL ADULTS:

YEAH! We recruited you! What? You did not know? But, you said, "YES at our baptism." You are now on our youth ministry team. Thanks for agreeing! Are you excited? Fear not, you do not need to sleep on floors or play laser tag! WE JUST NEED YOU TO SAY YEAH!

YEAH by knowing our names!

"I know I'm loved by the sound of my name in your voice."

YEAH by finding and affirming all that is good.

"Everyone else is telling me what I do wrong."

YEAH by telling our parents all you see that is good.

"You see things my parents don't."

YEAH by showing up for me.

"Thanks for coming. It tells me I count!"

YEAH by telling me you lit a candle and prayed for me.

"I am lucky to know people who actually practice faith."

YEAH by sharing your faith stories.

"You became real when you shared your stories with me."

YEAH by listening to my stories.

"You affirm me when you take time to listen to me."

YEAH by asking for my help.


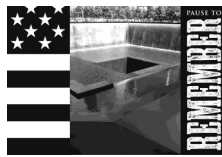

"I need to be needed."

YEAH in as many ways as you can!

Why is this essential? Because as good as our congregation's programs are, youth learn faith through people who live it. Relationships with our adults of all ages and stages of life are essential. You provide the sticking power for faith! "Kids don't care what you know until they know you care." Young people need a church full of people who all are saying, "Yeah!"

We need your help. It is simple, but it must be intentional. Youth ministry is much more than program ministry; it is about connecting young people to people of faith. Thank you for joining the youth ministry team. Thanks for your intentional face-to-face, heart-to-heart, person-to-person, "Yeahs!" for our youth.

TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

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