


Dear Friends,

On Sunday, June 4, Christian churches all around the world will celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. Here at Immanuel, you decorate the altar area with red geraniums, and worshipers are encouraged to wear red clothing that day. The scripture readings for Pentecost Sunday always include the account from the Acts of the Apostles that tells about Jesus' disciples receiving the Holy Spirit "as tongues of fire upon their heads." From that time on, those inspired followers spread the word of God's love for all in Christ Jesus our Lord to all the known world.

We are told in Acts that after Peter preached – after receiving the Spirit – over 3000 people begged to be baptized. Because of this account, sometimes Pentecost is called "the birthday of the church." But, the Day of Pentecost has been a time for celebration since before the earliest days of Christianity.

As they had done for centuries, each spring, the Jewish people celebrated Shavuot, which occurs 49 days after the first day of Passover (i.e. the 50th day, including Passover itself). That's why there were so many people of faith in Jerusalem that day who would hear Peter's message. In our Christian calendar, our celebration of Pentecost is 49 days after Easter, 7 weeks after Jesus' resurrection. Greek-speaking Jews gave the day the name Pentecost (πεντηκοστή, "fiftieth day"). According to Jewish tradition, Pentecost commemorates God's giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, 49 days after the Exodus.

As you can see, both our ancestors in the faith, the Jewish people, and we Christians have reason to celebrate on such a holy day. God reached into history to demonstrate continuing love, caring and compassion for humanity from the earliest days and throughout human history. Whether we're commemorating the giving of God's Law or the giving of the Holy Spirit to all believers, Pentecost is the day to thank the Lord and raise songs of praise.

The people of Immanuel will have one more reason to be in worship that day. June 4, at the only service, 9:30 am, you will have an opportunity to meet a pastoral candidate who comes to you recommended by your Call Committee and the Congregation Council. Cont'd next column 

This pastor will lead worship and preach, celebrate the Lord's supper, sing and pray with you.

Your role on Pentecost Sunday this year is to be in worship, offer yourselves joyfully to the Lord, and discover possibilities for continuing ministry with a new pastor in place. I pray that you will open your hearts and minds to the leading of God's Holy Spirit. That's what Jesus' disciples did, and they're the reason we're here today. Let's share the good news of God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord just as they did.

~~~Transition Pastor Linda Kraft

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 3-7 pm**

Rain date June 18<sup>th</sup>

**DJ, 5050 drawing, Food**

**For information call: 203.888.2260**

*Show is open to vehicles 25 years+  
Vehicle registration: \$10 (Vets free)*

*Spectators: Free*



Andrew Napomiceno and the BSA Venturing Crew 65, chartered by Immanuel, is having a cans/bottle drive fundraiser to help with the costs for their high adventure trips. Please bring your rinsed and bagged cans and bottles to church on **June 18, 2017** between **9 and 11** to donate to the Crew! Your support is appreciated! Thank you!

## Immanuel's Blessings!

*We wish to extend our thanks to Rich Alves and the RMC for all of their helping hands.*

## The Food Bank Corner

### Cookies & Crackers

### Happy Anniversaries

|    |                                    |    |                                     |
|----|------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 3  | <i>Patty &amp; Joe Seres</i>       | 16 | <i>Ann &amp; David Boyd</i>         |
| 6  | <i>Barbara &amp; Thomas Lovell</i> |    | <i>Erica &amp; Scott Marcinczyk</i> |
| 8  | <i>Ellen &amp; William Fritz</i>   | 24 | <i>Karen &amp; Guy Rogliano</i>     |
|    | <i>Kim &amp; Ben Cegelka</i>       |    | <i>Thaia &amp; Frank Wilde</i>      |
| 10 | <i>Terri &amp; John Mazza</i>      |    | <i>Melanie &amp; Steve Orfiss</i>   |
| 11 | <i>Judith &amp; Troy Adcox</i>     | 26 | <i>Marie and Joe Kuntz</i>          |
| 14 | <i>Jessica &amp; David Haight</i>  |    |                                     |

### Spooner House Meal

**Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank you, Kim & Lee Burton  
for this month's meal.**

### Happy Birthdays

|    |                         |    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | <i>Eleanor Flach</i>    |    | <i>Avery Neumann</i>    |
| 2  | <i>Alexandra Rice</i>   | 19 | <i>Gianna Nossal</i>    |
| 3  | <i>Sean Ruggerio</i>    | 20 | <i>Janet Betts</i>      |
| 6  | <i>Amanda Hanson</i>    |    | <i>Karen Schidat</i>    |
| 8  | <i>Millie Grele</i>     |    | <i>Joe Seres</i>        |
|    | <i>Mauree Ward</i>      | 21 | <i>Gary Hupprich</i>    |
| 12 | <i>John Cripps Jr.</i>  |    | <i>Kate Seyboth</i>     |
|    | <i>Jerry Lower</i>      | 23 | <i>Laura Humme</i>      |
| 14 | <i>Kara Edgren</i>      | 25 | <i>Laura Lynchl</i>     |
| 15 | <i>Alexander Peslak</i> | 27 | <i>Madelyn Ruggerio</i> |
| 16 | <i>Adam Cegelka</i>     |    | <i>Kerilyn Ruggerio</i> |
| 18 | <i>Kristin O'Neil</i>   | 28 | <i>Jessica Nossal</i>   |

**New baby?** Let Karin Schidat know so a rose can be placed on the font in their honor. 203.888.5946

### Prayers: Deb Steckert (203.888.1218) Donna Figoras (203.734.0249)

|                            |                          |                                |                                     |                         |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Aaron &amp; Jessica</i> | <i>Jean Coddington</i>   | <i>Linda Kunecki</i>           | <i>Tyler Otis</i>                   | <i>Krista Snyder</i>    |
| <i>Joe Abate</i>           | <i>Kathy Corrigan</i>    | <i>Sarah Leventhol</i>         | <i>Olivia</i>                       | <i>Margo Steckert</i>   |
| <i>Ann Marie Lisa</i>      | <i>Mary Ann Croves</i>   | <i>Norbert Lorenzen</i>        | <i>Olivia Grace</i>                 | <i>Stephen</i>          |
| <i>Helen Ahearn</i>        | <i>Elizabeth Dicapua</i> | <i>Richard LoRicco Sr.</i>     | <i>Florence Pawlak</i>              | <i>Dorothy Stockman</i> |
| <i>Bob Ancefsy</i>         | <i>Ruth Edgren</i>       | <i>Wilma Luft</i>              | <i>Gary Petitti</i>                 | <i>Ed Stockman</i>      |
| <i>Art Gillette</i>        | <i>Francis</i>           | <i>Friends &amp; family of</i> | <i>Dorothy Prillip</i>              | <i>Alexa Terrell</i>    |
| <i>Elaine Ault</i>         | <i>Fred</i>              | <i>Cheryl Napomiceno</i>       | <i>Joanna Rooney &amp; children</i> | <i>Kim Tupper</i>       |
| <i>Barbara</i>             | <i>Millie Grele</i>      | <i>Ava Nebbia</i>              | <i>Rose</i>                         | <i>Ron Thompson</i>     |
| <i>Shirley Bernardo</i>    | <i>Sebastian Estrada</i> | <i>Tacia Neumann</i>           | <i>Lynne Ross</i>                   | <i>Dee Voccola</i>      |
| <i>Patrick Burton</i>      | <i>Illiana</i>           | <i>George Officer</i>          | <i>Joyce Sauer</i>                  | <i>Chelsea Wheeler</i>  |
| <i>Lauren Burton</i>       |                          |                                | <i>Debby Simko</i>                  |                         |

## May 2017 Council Meeting Highlights

1. Council held 2 Special Meetings related to the Call Process. The first one, on April 18 was with the Call Committee to discuss their recommended Pastor candidate. The second one, on May 2, was with the Pastor candidate. We approved the recommendation to present the candidate to the Congregation members.
2. Congregational Meeting is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> with the sole purpose of voting on a Pastor candidate. That will be after the single, 9:30 Service, which will be led by the candidate. Notice was sent out to members by mail and email.
3. Chris Ed will be accepting food donations at the Church Picnic on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. Property held Spring Cleanup on May 6<sup>th</sup> and installed many energy efficient lights around the church.
5. Property is looking to replace the sign in front of the church.
6. Scouts will hold a Bottle & Can Drive on June 18, the day after the Car Show.
7. Census response – 78 voting members & children have responded to the Census. We are looking for volunteers to help us call people who have not responded Contact Rick Kaeser if you are interested in helping complete our membership database.
8. Several garden plots remain unclaimed. Rick agreed to contact the Oxford Garden Club to see if they are interested. Rick distributed a draft, Rules & Regulations for Immanuel's Garden. See Rick Kaeser for more information.
9. Hall Use Form is being revised and several issues were discussed.

| June Ministry       |      |                                          |                                               |                      |                                               |                      |
|---------------------|------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                     |      | Ushers                                   | Assisting Minister                            | Lector               | Acolyte                                       | Coffee Hour          |
| 4                   | 9:30 | <i>Janet Edgren &amp;<br/>Deb Maciog</i> | <i>Jeananne Urbanowicz</i>                    | <i>Beth Alves</i>    | <i>Lauren Burton</i>                          | <i>TBD</i>           |
| 11                  | 9:30 | <i>Diane &amp; Dale Peters</i>           | <i>Hunter Cripps</i>                          | <i>John Miller</i>   | <i>Brando Fletter</i>                         | <i>Church Picnic</i> |
| 18                  | 9:30 | <i>Vicki &amp; Josh<br/>Napomiceno</i>   | <i>Wendy Cegelka</i>                          | <i>Lars Edgren</i>   | <i>Vanessa Bogle &amp;<br/>Samantha Seres</i> | <i>TBD</i>           |
| 25                  | 9:30 | <i>Ellen &amp; Charles O'Neil</i>        | <i>Andrew Napomiceno</i>                      | <i>Hunter Cripps</i> | <i>Tori Alves &amp;<br/>Jayden Urbanowicz</i> | <i>TBD</i>           |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b> |      |                                          | <i>Loretta Dempsey &amp; MaryAnn Robinson</i> |                      |                                               |                      |