



Immanuel Lutheran Parade



Immanuel Lutheran Parade by Chris Winslow



A few years ago, Earl Lewis got Gateway GTO starting participating in the annual parade at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles. Our role has been to provide cars for the parade to transport veterans and also church officials from the church over to church picnic at Blanchette Park.

For this year we had Frank and Cheryl Chapman, Jim and Shelly Schneider, and Earl Lewis. I was also there, but in the Trans Am since the GTO was down with a leaky radiator.

This year saw an increase in the number of veterans. Covid had damped the turnout in '21 and '22 but this year there a few more veterans and we had the privilege to transport 3 of them.

Like last year, we were once again able to toss candy to the folks lining the streets to see the parade. The crowds at the church and along the route were even larger than 2022 and the crowd at Blanchette Park was huge. There was some assistance on that front by mother nature as the weather was absolutely perfect for the event.

This year the Schneiders led us out driving their 66 Bonneville, followed by me in the 98 Trans Am, Frank and Cheryl in their Judge and Earl in his '67 GTO.

This is a really worthwhile event as it allows us to showcase the club while at the same time giving some of our veterans a well deserved moment in the spotlight.

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