

Immanuel Lutheran Parade

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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 Earl Lewis, Mark Melrose, and me . Frank Chapman, despite having just had a knee replacement, was still planning to come, but had to cancel when the Judge he was planning to bring had a breakdown.

In my case, I had the same veteran, Jim, that I had last year. He is a Vietnam veteran who, other than his time in the service, has lived his whole life in St. Charles and even went to the Immanuel Lutheran school. (By the way, while talking with Jim and Earl before the parade, I actually learned that Earl's connection to the school at the church is that he was a teacher and taught music there before he went in the insurance business).

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 and the crowds at Blanchette Park were huge. The day was beautiful, so that certainly helped

This year I was in front in the T/A (T-Tops out of course) followed by Earl and Mark.

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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