

Warm-A-Child from the Helping Ministry



Immanuel's Helping Ministry is sponsoring the very popular "Mitten Tree" Christmas giving project.

For this holiday season we again are presenting a wonderful way for our church and school community to help some needy children from local public schools, St. Vincent de Paul, Bristol Pre-schools, and from within our own congregation. The **Warm-A-Child Christmas tree**, found by the library is decorated with paper mittens describing specific clothing requests. If you would please choose a mitten or two, fulfill the request, and place the gift wrapped packages (with the mitten attached) back under the tree by **Dec. 6**, your gift will be very, very appreciated. If anyone has requests for this service, please call MaryAnn at 860-583-2975.

We are also sending unwrapped newborn items to the area's **Crisis Pregnancy Center**. We hope to fill some boxes with lots of diapers, clothing, and just about anything suitable for an infant.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

And... have fun shopping!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin is Wednesdays at noon.

Immanuel Lutheran Church—Bristol, Connecticut

November 29, 2015

First Sunday in Advent



CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH DEADLINE IS TODAY!

Our **Young-At-Heart** annual **Christmas Party at Nuchie's** is Tuesday, Dec. 8, and we need your reservation **NOW**. We are looking forward to a large crowd as we enjoy great food, sing, give our door prizes, and enjoy Christian fellowship. You can call Carol 860-582-9608 with comments, questions and concerns. Hope to see YOU there next week!



TREE DECORATING The Christmas tree in church will be decorated **Sunday, December 6th** at noon. The Trustees will set up the tree and help place the Chrismons™, which are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. Please join us to learn the meanings and placements of the Chrismons™.



Advent Light Lunch

Following the Advent morning worship services, a self-serve light lunch will be available in the gym.

Lunch will consist of a choice of 2 soups, bread & butter, coffee and tea. Come and enjoy each Wednesday morning in Advent, Dec. 2, 9 and 16.





Christmas Potluck Lunch

Join us for fellowship and good food
Sunday, December 13
ILS GYM

Following the 10:45 Divine Service

Bring your favorite dish: A-G Entrée, H-P Salad or Side, R-Z Dessert
Bring a non-perishable food item.

*A free-will offering will be accepted to raise funds for
The Youth Group's Convention in New Orleans.*

Sponsored by the Board of Stewardship and the ILC Youth Group.



SEWING HELP NEEDED!!!

The school musical - *The Sound of Music*, planned for the spring, is in need of some sewing help. For the costumes made from curtains we need someone willing to sew approximately 10 child-sized aprons and 6 pairs of suspenders. Anyone interested please call Linda Beaudoin @ 860-589-6431.

Ladies of Holy Trinity Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

located at 8 Maple Street, Terryville.

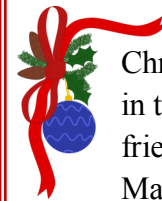
Our bazaar, which raises funds for mission projects, such as Orphan Grain Train, will feature: the best Christmas Cookie Walk, homemade breakfast of fresh cinnamon rolls, french toast, egg casseroles, homemade luncheon of soups, cheesecake, hot dogs, (in our cafe setting) assorted nuts by the pound, pashminas, paisley scarves, Christmas crafts, decorating greens displays, baked goods, homemade candy, kids toys, and more!

For more information, call Jan at 860-485-3196 or the church 860-582-0723



Orphan Grain Train "UNDIE SUNDAY"

Destitute people around the world need basic necessities. Thousands of children in India, Latvia, Liberia, Nicaragua, and other countries do not have adequate clothing. You Can Help. During the month of November, underwear will be collected for Orphan Grain Train to send to needy people. All sizes are needed: men's, women's, boys and girls. Please leave **NEW, PACKAGED SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR** in the bin in the hallway. Additional items will be purchased using a Thrivent Action grant.



The Women of Immanuel will hold their annual

Christmas potluck on **Thursday, December 10th** at 6:00 pm in the **Old School Basement**. Bring your favorite dish and a friend; desserts will be provided. All women are welcome.

Mark your calendar to celebrate the Advent of the coming of our Lord with your sisters in Christ. Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.

FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to Wanda Hubbard for 30 years of service on our annual pre-Thanksgiving food drive!

We have been truly blessed by your work and dedication.

Thank you also to everyone who made our FOOD DRIVE such a success; especially the GIRL SCOUTS who worked hard bringing the donations in from the cars, sorting the food into boxes, carrying the boxes to the transport vehicles and for making 11 blankets and 28 hats that were so warmly received by both the Zion Food Bank and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Also, thank you to our beloved Youth Group for your hard work in sorting food and to John Helming for always supplying the much-needed boxes for so many years.

Food Drive



God has truly blessed us here at Immanuel Lutheran Church & School. May He bless our donations and our work!