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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



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School Principal

OUR MISSION

The people of Immanuel Lutheran Church are living proof of the grace of God through salvation in Jesus Christ.

Empowered by Christ, our mission is to reach out in love to those who have not yet responded to the Gospel that all may be united in Christ.



School Mission

The Mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to provide a loving atmosphere of academic excellence for children while developing in them and their families a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

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“FIRST FRUITS”

The reinvigorated Board of Stewardship is running a Stewardship campaign to bring the books back down to even for the year during the



months of May and June. The Program is called “First Fruits” which remind us what God has asked from us. The donations will offset a deficit that has occurred the last couple of years. By starting the fiscal year even, our hope is to meet our budget next year making this campaign a one time thing. Please read the letter that has been mailed to everyone in the congregation outlining this program and help fill our tree with our “first fruits”.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Presents:

A SCHOOL WIDE MUSICAL

The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit

Friday, May 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 18th @ 2 p.m.

Admission is free but there will be a freewill collection to help defray the expenses.





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SUNDAY

DIVINE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY

9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.



WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

Worship Services are broadcast each Sunday on

WXCT RADIO

990 AM

1:00 P.M.

LCMS DISTRICT NEWS



LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Invited to Return to Boston for 2014 Marathon

LCC Continues to Bring the Mercy and Compassion of Christ as Boston Strong Moves On

One year ago from yesterday, the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs began preparing for their work in Boston after the marathon bombing. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs have returned to Boston three times in the past year working with survivors, first responders, families, and students. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs' work continues as Boston and the world await this year's running of the Marathon.



This year, LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Ruthie, Luther, Hannah, Rufus, Addie, and Maggie will be greeting people in Boston, and have a tentative schedule established, available at the link provided below.

At the Hynes Convention Center, they will be visiting the public alongside Bantry Bay Publishing, the company who facilitated publication of the book *If Not for the Perfect Stranger* - written about the lives of victims and heroes alike, who had risen to the challenge of helping those they saw most in need following the tragic events during the 2013 marathon.

Please consider supporting the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs' travels, as they continue to touch lives in Boston and beyond.

[Click here to donate to the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Travel Fund](#)

[Click here to see the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs' Tentative Boston Schedule](#)

[Click here to like the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs on Facebook](#)

[Click here for more information on the book "If Not for the Perfect Stranger"](#)



A MISSION U WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Topsfield, MA. The topic of the workshop is 'Christ in a Pluralistic World' and the outreach training is sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries and the OSLC Missions Ministry. Learn to compassionately share the truth of Jesus Christ in a pluralistic, anything-goes society.

The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Please RSVP by calling the OSLC church office at 978-887-5701 by Thursday, May 1.

The workshop will be led by Jeff Moeller. Jeff is a veteran director of Christian education and teacher, with more than 21 years of service. He specializes in outreach, discipleship, youth and administrative ministries of the congregation. He has experience in a variety of settings. These include urban, suburban, rural and small city environments, where he has served congregations and schools in Washington, Missouri and Ohio. Jeff graduated from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, in 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in education. In 2004 he earned an MBA from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. His career experience includes extensive Synodical and district service, including the Great Commission Convocation, National Youth Gathering, Transforming Congregations and various boards and committees for the Ohio and English Districts.



Matthew 14:27 - But Jesus immediately said to them, "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!"




**HAPPY
MOTHERS
DAY TO ALL
MOTHERS,
GRAND-
MOTHERS AND GREAT
GRANDMOTHERS!**

TITUS 3:5, NIV

*He saved us
through the washing
of rebirth and renewal
by the Holy Spirit...*



**TROOP 21 INVITES
THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH CONGREGATION
TO AN EAGLE SCOUT
COURT OF HONOR
ON SATURDAY
MAY 3, 2014
AT 4:00PM
FOR THEIR LATEST
EAGLE SCOUT
JOSEPH GUINAZZO**



 **JOIN US FOR SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE!**


Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good.

OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Communion Services are in Bold
 Sunday, May 4, 2014: **8:00am** and 10:45am
 Sunday, May 11, 2014: 8:00am and **10:45am**
 Sunday, May 18, 2014: **8:00am** and 10:45am
 Sunday, May 25, 2014: 8:00am and **10:45am**



Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Maggie Karner recently underwent surgery for a mass in her brain. After biopsy, the doctors have discovered that the mass is cancer. Pastor Karner has started a "CaringBridge Page" for Maggie so that you can follow her progress. Just go to



<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/maggiekarner/journal/view/id/53482d14ca16b40963761e27>

Your continuing prayers are requested for Maggie, Pastor Karner and their family, and all their care givers as this journey begins!

John 20:29 - The Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

CHURCH NEWS

CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN
ERNA STUMPP
 CALLED HOME TO OUR LORD ON MARCH 30, 2014

LLOYD POWERS
 CALLED HOME BY OUR LORD ON APRIL 2, 2014

AUGUST ERLING
 CALLED HOME BY OUR LORD
 ON APRIL 9, 2014


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Despite calls for help, there is still a need for volunteers to serve as ushers for worship services. Three people have been recruited to help but we still need eleven more people to fill in the holes in the usher teams. One team has only two members left out of the normal six members.

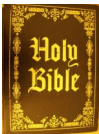
Serving as an usher is easy and requires little training and ushers are only responsible to serve two months out of the year. Men and women can serve as ushers.

We especially appeal to our younger members and newer members to fill in the usher teams and give service to the Lord and the church.

Please speak to any usher and volunteer to help. Your service will be most appreciated.



USHERS



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES


Sunday Mornings 9:30am in the Gym
 Wednesdays 10:00am Chapel
 Thursdays 7:00am Men's Emmaus Walkers

Be in the Word Every Day Of The Week!
Start your own Bible Study!

A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE:


Roberta Kuhr

If you haven't stopped in to chat with Roberta yet, Her office is located at the Parish Center and her office hours are on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-12:00pm. Call the Parish Center at 860-585-4787 to make an appointment.




SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children Grades Pre K- 2 with Mrs. Krueger
 Children Grades 3-5 with Mrs. Tonn and Mrs. Jabs
 Children Grades 6-8 with Mrs. Buonafede
 High School students with Mr. Kissner and Mr. Read




THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Be sure to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to either Immanuel Lutheran Church or School! The money is truly a blessing to the Ministry here at Immanuel Lutheran Church!



Luke 24:25-26 - He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"

YOUNG AT HEART

IMMANUEL'S 100 YEAR OLD MEMBER



On Saturday, March 22, eight of our members went to Plainville's Apple Rehab to visit Clara Kroll to wish her a Happy 100th Birthday! Everyone helped in the celebration: Immanuel's



School students created wonderful cards, there was a large bright birthday cake, a balloon, flowers and more greeting cards. We even brought a copy of her Immanuel 1928 Confirmation Class photo. We had cake with her before her other relatives arrived, including former Pastor R. Henry Brauer. We wish our oldest member, Clara Kroll, a blessed 100th Birthday!



Young at Heart News....

Who are we? We are your older church members, over age 50, who like to have fun and lunch together, socialize, and learn new things. Hope you didn't miss our April pizza party and the Bristol Mansions program. We will meet five more times this year in the old school basement (handicapped accessible) on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30am in May, June, Sept., Oct., and Nov. This is your personal invitation to join us for lunch and fellowship!

On May 1, Thursday, at 11:30am our lunch will include Greer's Chicken and wonderful food made by thirty of us that we add to our buffet tables. The price at the door is \$5.00, but the thirty



people bringing food pay only \$2.00 for this lunch. In June, others who sign up to bring foods for our picnic lunch will pay only \$2.00, but the rest of us pay \$5.00 to cover expenses. This is a new change that we are trying in 2014



Our May program will be "Immanuel's Parish Nurse" as we welcome Roberta Kuhr and donate our annual Young -At-Heart gift to her work among us. Come and learn: Who is she? What does she do for Immanuel? Can she help me? and much, much more. You don't want to miss her program.

During the summer months, we have two daytrips planned already. 1) On Tuesday, June 17, some of us will go to tour the Governor's Mansion in Hartford and the new landscaped Sculpture Gardens there. We will drive in arranged cars at 10 am and then visit Elizabeth Park to see the rose gardens in full bloom and have lunch together; the only cost is your lunch. 2) Our annual trip to the Goodspeed Theatre with lunch at the Gelston House on Wednesday, July 30. We have 20 tickets available at \$73.50 each to see "Fiddler on the Roof"; signup sheet will be at our lunches or call Carol 582-9608.



Always check out our announcements in the Sunday bulletins, the glass cases near the library, and the TRIP bulletin board near the gym for all of our activities and senior ideas. More ideas: You can play cards at 1 pm. in the Parish Hall on Mondays or visit a homebound member of the church. Remember to greet one another in church and don't miss our monthly lunches!



Matthew 28:18-20- Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me . Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.



WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

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At the April meeting, Vicar Kevin Mongeau and two members of the board of *Hands of Grace* spoke about the community outreach program of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Hartford, CT. In addition to providing food, clothing, and household items to those experiencing temporary financial crisis they show them the love of the Lord. They shared heartbreaking and heart-warming stories. Vicar Mongeau said that they aren't only feeding people with groceries but with the Word of God. We heard of many instances of God's hand providing for these people and leading them to God with the devotional books they are given. Vicar Mongeau thanked everyone for the personal care items donated by our members.



Women of Immanuel will hold a **bake sale Sunday, May 4th** between services. Stop by for a treat for dessert or snack with your afternoon coffee. Those who prefer not to bake may make a donation instead. Funds raised will benefit our mission projects here and throughout the world.



SAVE THE DATE: The summer potluck will be held **Thursday, June 19th** at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Center. (Note the change of date because of school graduation.) We invite all women of Immanuel to attend. Bring a friend and your favorite dish. Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League-New England District \$55,000 Mite Goal has been met and exceeded! All of the Mission Projects have been paid.

Immanuel Lutheran School was given \$4,000 to provide scholarships for children in the community.

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Rev. Steven Schumacher, Director, received \$2,000 to provide a Russian and Russian Sign Language set of Bible Story Books to be distributed through a Hearing and Deaf Ministry at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chita, Siberia.



Mission Projects for 2014-2016 were selected at the LWML-NED convention at the end of April. The June newsletter will include information on the new projects.

LWML MISSION GRANT "I CAN" - SERVING AT-RISK CHILDREN WITH LEARNING NEEDS

The Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) enrolls youth who are considered academically at-risk in an I CAN Learning Center site hosted by a Lutheran church (or school) located within a low performing public school district. The \$99,000 Scholar-

ship Fund is established to cover program expenses as a means of reaching out to neighborhood youth, serving them by providing supplemental instruction in reading, mathematics, study skills, and fine arts within a Christ-centered setting. LSEM has expanded into nine states with similar programs.



Helping Ministry Update:



Although our fearless leader, Ann Winters, has moved on (thank you for your many years of service) the Helping Ministry continues to support the Bristol community as well as our own ministries. Throughout the year the mite box money is designated to go to various organizations. Not only do we give them what we collect from the mite box but also Thrivent supplements these funds. The more we receive, the more Thrivent gives us. So, as the Spirit moves you please consider donating to the mite box. If you have questions or feel uncomfortable putting your money in the box but would like to support our ministry at Immanuel, feel free to talk to Dawn Milano, Kristy Wolfe, Wanda Hubbard, or Linda Beaudoin.

- Jan - April - Bristol Community Organization - fuel bank
- May - June -- Baby Bottles for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Unionville
- July - Cash to buy Back Packs for the United Way Backpack project
- August - Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups
- Sept - Nov -- Christian Fellowship Center
- Nov 15- Dec - Warm A Child



Psalm 110: 1 - The Lord says to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."



SCHOOL NEWS



THIRD QUARTER

High Honors

Seth Foley (8) Caleb Beaudoin (7)
 Alena Hauer (8) Morgan Moliengo (7)
 Ashley Romaniello (8)

Honors

Alexa Bugryn (8)	Ben Jabs (7)
Sierra Reed (8)	Erika Santilli (7)
Haley Romaniello (8)	Lorrin Jackson (6)
Jessie Romaniello (8)	Jared Krueger (6)
Oskar Tolmoff (8)	Maria Santilli (6)
Morgan Bielert (7)	

CHECK OUT THE
 DIFFERENCE A LUTHERAN
 SCHOOL
 MAKES



Immanuel is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015

school year for Preschool –8th grade. If you would like to tour the school or know some who would like to see our great ministry, call the school office (860-583-5631) or email Mr. Krupski (jameskrupski@ilcsschool.org) for more information.



TUITION ASSISTANCE—It is our goal at Immanuel, that no child should be declined a Christ Centered education because of finances. For over 115 years, our school has made Christian Education a centerpiece of its ministry. In order to make this possible,

it is vital that we have resources available for tuition assistance. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can make a donation by simply putting your gift in an envelope clearly marked for Tuition Assistance. Like any other donation to Immanuel this gift is tax deductible.

WELCOME IN THE BEAUTY OF
 SPRING WITH
 BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

The Music Department Presents:



A Spring Music Concert

When: Thursday, May 1

@ 7 p.m.

Where: The School Gymnasium

James 2:18 - But someone will say, "You have faith, I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

From The Editor:



My 10 year old daughter recently quizzed me on my memory of old sayings when she asked me, "If April Showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring?" I thought about this for a minute before answering, then I replied happiness, color, oxygen, and smiles. She looked at me with disbelief and said, "No dad, Mayflowers bring Pilgrims!"

While I cannot argue with her take on this riddle, it reminded me how literal children take things. This should be a wake-up call to anyone who is raising children nowadays. All winter long we are stuck inside, passing the time watching TV (which is never a good idea), and playing video games. The items on TV today are disgraceful and without any hint of morals. If our children are taking these commercials, reality shows, and crime drama's literally, they are figuring out that the world is a very dark and hopeless place. One cannot even watch sports with their children today because the commercials are inappropriate and tasteless. How did we get to this point? How did a society that was founded on Christian values fall so far in such a short period of time? And more importantly, How do we raise our children to have Christian characteristics in a country that is all of a sudden lacking Christian influence? The bible tells us to surround yourself with all things that are good. If your eye causes you to sin, then cut it out, etc. While I wouldn't tell my children to go to that extreme (because of their literalness) I will keep encouraging them to attend Church, Christian School, and try to live their lives to honor God. After all, if the children are our future, we need to start teaching them what is really important.



Just for laughs.....

Two little boys are excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their parents know if any mischief occurs in their neighbourhood, the two boys are probably involved.

The boys' mother asks the pastor next door if he might be able to speak with her sons because he supposedly has a way with kids.

He agrees, but asks to see them individually.

She sends the youngest in the morning, while the older brother is at school.

The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sits the younger boy down and asks him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?"

The boy's mouth drops open, but he makes no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open.

So the preacher repeats the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!"

Again, the boy makes no attempt to answer.

The preacher raises his voice even more and shakes his finger in the boy's face bellowing, "WHERE IS GOD?!"

The boy screams, bolts from the room, runs directly home and dives into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother gets home and finds him in the closet, he asks, "What happened?"

The little one, gasping for breath, replies, "We are in BIG trouble this time!" "GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"



MAY 2014

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1. Victoria Holcomb Mary Ann Kalwat Kaitlyn Thormahlen	2. Elizabeth Gagliardi Isabella Yapoujian	3. Joshua Crapsler Gregory Blaschke Jr. Erin Girard Hedwig Maretzki Billee Wallace
4. Pauline Blaschke Sue Lutz Janet Zurell	5. Aaron Boutin Beverly Huntley David Thormahlen	6. Bruce Helming Dick Prindle	7. Edna Kozikowski Douglas O'Donnell Wally Woike	8. Debra Bilodeau Michael Lauretti, Jr.	9. Morgan Boucher Bryan Haylette Thomas Huntley Todd Steinackle	10. Cassandra Ewen Rudy Finger John Mora Matthew Raspanti
11. Robert Boutin Marc Dahlke Marian Goodwin Morgan Moliengo	12. Kimberly Martin James Christopher III	13. Elaine Blank Jason Cleveland Samuel Gahr Meadow Wells	14. Kristine Luczak Parker Synder	15. Kelly Lejeune	16. Casey McIntyre Paul Strawderman Lawrence Zahnke	17. Carol Young
18. Gregory Hebert	19. Seth Anderson Adam Beaudet Roberta Kuhr Timothy Larson	20. Chloe LeBrecque Nancy Mitchell Christine Wegner	21. John Bohn Seth Foley Nicole Lundquist Sherrie Saglimbeni Paul Tonn	22. Nate Kissler Mary Stange Matthew Tonn	23. Tricia Jankowski Lorraine Sonstrom	24. Tyler Bodley Jessica Gohsler Heather Radun Colin Sonstrom Riley Sonstrom
25. Mark Brasche	26. Joshua Smith	27. Bryan Pavlik Michael Stange Wes Zahnke	28. Donald Kalwat Amanda Saglimbeni	29. Christy Hislop	30. Amanda Saucier	10. Oscar Jobs



Immanuel
Lutheran Church

Youth News

May 2014

LCMS chooses theme for 2016 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.....

“IN CHRIST ALONE”

Ready for another great gathering...save the dates...July 16-20, 2016



Summer High School Retreat
August 1-3
“Consider it Pure Joy”



Mark your Calendars

VBS 2014

July 14-18

Congratulations Confirmands!

We would like to congratulate the Immanuel Lutheran Church Confirmation Class of April 13, 2014:



- Alexa Lyn Bugryn*
- Seth Morgan Foley*
- Alena Hauer*
- Ryan Thomas Tae Hislop*
- Jacob Thomas Holcomb*
- Brandon Christopher Kohl*
- Sierra Barbara Reed*
- Jonathan Valentin Rindfleisch*
- Ashley Nicole Romaniello*
- Haley Alexis Romaniello*
- Jessica Elizabeth Romaniello*
- Oskar Juri Tolmoff*



Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to the youth groups and the Scouts who helped to clean up the Church and School parking lot before Easter!



YOUTH CONNECT WITH GOD...



Time: Sunday @9:30am
Jr. Youth—Main floor of Parish Center
Sr. Youth—Basement of Parish Center



ILC Youth is on facebook! (where else...right?!)
We're ILC Youth Group....come join us...pics and posts!

1 Samuel 2:2 - There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one like you; there is no Rock like our God.

ISAIAH 40:31

³¹ BUT THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH;
THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT
BE WEARY; AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT. KJV

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