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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



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Pastor

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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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Second Graders Help the Homeless

They're only 7 or 8 years old but they all have the LOVE of Christ in their hearts.

In preparing for the 100th day of school the second graders held a food drive to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society Homeless Shelter across the street. A flyer was sent out to all Immanuel school families urging them to bring in nonperishable food items with the goal of reaching 100 items by the 100th day of school. This year they had extra time since the 100th day kept moving due to snow days.

The good news is they surpassed their goal by bringing in 114 items. A little incentive of candy kept them competing. The 7th and 8th grade were in heated competition with the kindergarteners. Lindsey G. kept noticing the older kids bringing things in. Faithfully she went home and had Mom do more shopping. She must have wanted the candy really badly. Thanks Lindsey and Mom.

The second graders also graphed all the items brought in. They made a graph with the items then colored them on paper. You can see the graph in the hallway.

Congratulations Immanuel students for a job well done. With the help of the ongoing food drive in the hallway the second graders were able to deliver 137 items to the shelter on February 19.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fellowship Pot Luck Lunch

Mardi Gras STYLE

Sunday
March 15, 2015
ILS Gym
12:00 noon

Immediately following the
10:45 Divine Service

Bring a favorite dish of your choosing. But if you have a talent for any Cajun, Southern or New Orleans style cooking please consider making that.

Please bring one of the following:

Last names that begin with...

A-H Salad or Side

I-P Entree

R-Z Dessert

ALSO...Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to St. Vincent DePaul!

A freewill offering will be accepted to help raise funds to send our Immanuel Youth Group to the 2016 National Youth Convention in New Orleans.

Sponsored by the Board of Stewardship and the ILC Youth Group.
Sponsored in part by Thrivent Action Teams.



ATTENTION THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP IMMANUEL LUTHERAN GET FREE MONEY!

If you are a Thrivent Financial Member, please bring your ID Card to the Pot Luck Lunch to learn how you can designate Thrivent Action Team money to assist Immanuel Lutheran Church and School.



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Newsletter Editors

**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.



From the Pastor's Desk

"One Move...Is All We Need"

As our Lenten journey "*marches*" on this month, the following story – from San Diego, CA – reminds us of what our true focus needs to be during this time of spiritual reflection.

A ten-year old boy was in a devastating car accident in which he lost his left arm. He was determined to continue doing everything his friends did. He learned to shoot a basket and pitch a ball with one arm. When his friends decided to study martial arts, he resolved to do the same.

The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. Every day, after school, he would head over to the studio. And every day, the sensei would show him only one move. Day after day, week after week, over three months of training, the master had taught him only this one move. "Sensei," the boy finally said, "shouldn't I be learning more moves, some blocks and kicks?"

"This is the only move you know," the sensei replied, "but this is the only move you need to know."

Not quite understanding, but believing his teacher, the boy kept training. Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged. The boy deftly used his one move to win the match. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals.

This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a

while, the young boy appeared to be overmatched. Concerned that this newcomer might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened. "No," the sensei insisted, "let him continue." Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy won the match and the tournament. He was the champion.

On the way home, the boy and his sensei reviewed each move in every match. The boy finally summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind. "Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?"

"You won for two reasons," the sensei answered. "First, because you studied nothing else, you have mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm."

The event that draws our attention throughout the Lenten Season – the death of our Lord Jesus Christ – isn't just one Bible story among many; one mighty move of God along with many others. It is *the* act of God, the *one*, the whole story. Every page of Scripture, every Lesson we hear and read all year, everything God does for us every day, is about and because of Jesus extending His two arms on the cross to defeat our every enemy and bring us back together with God.

And that one move is all we need.

Pastor Karner
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Lenten Worship



Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

March 4 — Lent 2 — 10 AM & 7 PM

March 11 — Lent 3 — 10 AM & 7 PM

March 18 — Lent 4 — 10 AM & 7 PM

March 25 — Lent 5 — 10 AM & 7 PM

Palm Sunday, March 29

8 AM — Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 AM — Divine Service with Holy Communion
and Confirmation

Maundy Thursday, April 2

10 AM — Divine Service with Holy Communion

7 PM — Divine Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3

10 AM — German Worship

7 PM — Tenebrae

Holy Saturday, April 4

7 PM — Vigil of Easter/Service of Light

Easter Sunday, April 5

SONRise 6:00 AM on Chippens Hill (Hill Street)

8 AM — Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 — Divine Service with Holy Communion



Lenten Service soups

Each Wednesday evening during Lent different groups are hosting different soups before the Lenten service. The dinners will start at 6:00 pm with the service at 7:00 pm. There is no cost for these dinners. Bring your families and join us for fellowship!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please Join us in-between the services for a grade specific introduction and study of the stories of the Bible.



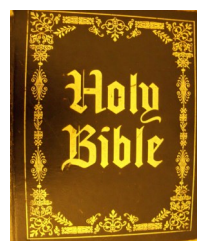
All grades are welcome
Pre K - High School

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Gym

Women's Bible Study at 7:00 pm
on the last Tuesday of each month

Men's Emmaus Walkers
Thursdays at 7:00 am



— *Be in the Word* —
Every Day Of The Week

Women of Immanuel

The next meeting of the Women of Immanuel will be held on **Thursday, April 9, 2015** in the Parish Center. Watch the bulletin for program details. Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.

SAVE THE DATE Women of Immanuel will hold a **bake sale Sunday, May 3rd** 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.



**LUTHERAN WOMEN
IN MISSION**

LWML 2015 36th Biennial Convention June 25 – 28, 2015, Des Moines, Iowa



Date: June 25-28, 2015

Location: Des Moines, Iowa

Theme: "Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap"

Scripture Verse: And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV)

The Time is NOW... to register for the LWML Convention. Join us June 25-28, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa for the LWML Convention. Be fed by God's Word and Sacrament. Be nurtured through

worship and fellowship. Be equipped to sow, nourish and reap in the Father's field.

Early discounted registration is now available online or by filling out the registration form in the Winter Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. **Register by March 14 and save \$20!**

Love In Word And Deed

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Psalm 103:8).

The word "love" can be used in many ways. A person might say that she loves chocolate, but a far different meaning for love is meant when that same person says that she loves her children. This type of love is deeper, stronger, and more intimate. The Psalmist describes God's love as abounding and steadfast.

How did God show His bountiful and unwavering love? Jesus came as a human to live a perfect life, suffer, and die for the sins of all. He rose from the dead and lives today to grant those who believe in Him eternal life. The Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe and the power to love others as we serve our Lord. In addition, our loving God daily sustains, cares for, forgives, and comforts us. This merciful and gracious love of God for us in Christ literally changes our lives. What amazing love!

Challenge: Share the amazing love of Jesus with someone special in your life this week. Continue to reflect on the changes the Lord's steadfast love has made in your life throughout the season of Lent.

-Shari Miller, Strategic Plan Facilitator



2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Inside the Congregation

Jason Krueger – Congregation President

What to give up?

Ahh... the season of Lent. Easter is so close we can almost see the snow melting, hear the birds singing, and taste that Easter ham. But as we get out of the doldrums of winter and move into a season filled with life, energy, and light, as Christians we are forced to re-examine our own lives. Are we living “healthy” lives? Are we acting how Jesus wants us to act? Are we setting examples for others to follow? Do we give generously and cheerfully of our time, talents and treasures? Being human I can almost guar-

antee that the answer will be no to at least one of those questions. I guess the better question is; “What can I do this Lenten season to become a better Christian and improve my walk with God?” The great thing about your personal relationship with God is that only God and you can answer that question. So as you get ready for the season of Easter, do some praying, talking, and walking to and with God. The answers to your questions will become apparent, and your life will become much happier.

From Pastor's Secretary on hospital visitations . . .



Pastor Karner would like to visit you during your hospital stay, but we don't always know that you are there. Visits are important and we do not want to miss

anyone! On Bristol Hospital's admission form, under religion, along with being listed as Lutheran, our church name also must be listed. Otherwise, when I call there twice a week they have no way of knowing if a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church is a patient at Bristol Hospital. A phone call from a relative to the church office at 860-583-5649 would also be helpful. If you or a relative are admitted to a hospital other than Bristol Hospital, please contact the church office. I check my phone messages and emails when I'm not in the office.

Thank you for your help.

Dee Krampitz



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before!

ALUMNI LIST NEARING COMPLETION

Over the last several months our newly formed Alumni Association has been doing extensive research in locating our Immanuel Lutheran School Alumni. The list which has been compiled will be used to contact our alumni, schedule Alumni events, and re-connect with former classmates and members. The goal as always is to share the good news of Jesus Christ. If you have graduated from Immanuel Lutheran School, be on the lookout for the re-emergence of the ILS Alumni Newsletter.

Young at Heart

Hope the snow isn't still coming down and you are healthy and safe, as you read this March Messenger. Our Planning Committee, which met in February, is working on this year's schedule of activities and lunches for



our "over age 50" members. Everyone is welcomed at all our events, activities and daytrips; we especially like to welcome new faces at our lunches.

Our program of six monthly lunches begins next month on April 2, Maundy Thursday. It's our annual Pizza Party when we enjoy all kinds of West End Pizzas and an interesting program.

We always meet on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 am in the old school basement, which is handicap accessible. Always watch the glass-enclosed bulletin board outside the library for new information. In the lower hallway, near the door, check out the many trips which you can take with other senior groups in our area. If you like to play cards, join the group on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Center for a fun afternoon.



Shut-in Visitation

How about visiting a homebound member who is waiting for a friendly visit? Roberta Kuhr, our Parish Nurse, could suggest people who would love a visit, if you need people's names.



**Women of Immanuel at the
The Dining Room Restaurant
on Jerome Ave.**

**Wednesday, March 11 at 12:30
Come and join our fellowship group.**

CPR COURSE

Saturday, March 21

*reserve your place by
Wednesday, March 11*

(Cost to be announced, we are trying to keep the cost low for this very important training.)



DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS TODAY!

If you receive services through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, then you have Thrivent Choice dollars to



be used at your discretion. All you have to do to direct the Choice Dollars is

1. Go to Thrivent.com and log into your account.
2. Go to the Thrivent Choice Dollars Section and designate your Choice Dollars to a specific group. Immanuel Lutheran Church, and Immanuel Lutheran School are both listed.
3. Click to direct the Choice Dollars!

IT IS THAT EASY!

Thrivent Choice Dollars translate to real money which can help us to offer better programs and services to our members.

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*Immanuel Lutheran School
Bristol, Connecticut
Is proud to*

*Announce The 2014-2015
SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL*

High Honors

- Caleb Beaudoin (8)
- Morgan Moliengo (8)

Honors

- Morgan Bielert (8)
- Ben Jabs (8)
- Erika Santilli (8)
- Lorrin Jackson (7)
- Jared Krueger (7)
- Morgan Hebert (6)
- Melanie Moliengo (6)
- Kacie Therrien (6)



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

WOW!!

A GREAT JOB ON PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Immanuel Students raised \$482.61 for the
Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

Over 17,000 Pennies were collected



CHECK OUT THE DIFFERENCE A LUTHERAN SCHOOL MAKES

Immanuel is now accepting applications for the
2015-2016
school year for Preschool – 8th grade.

If you would like to tour the school or know someone who
would like to see our great ministry, call the school office at

(860-583-5631) or email Mr. Krupski
(jameskrupski@ilcsschool.org) for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Scouting News

Ben Jabs earned First Class Scout rank
 Kyle Lauretti earned Second Class Scout rank



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHILDREN
 WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE
 OPERATION
 CHRISTMAS CHILD PROGRAM!!!**

We received a lovely thank you letter from the area coordinator. It is on display on the church bulletin board near the library.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8



Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,
 We praise God for you and for the establishment of the Martin Adams – Jacob Westfall Endowment Fund. My husband is currently benefiting from it and we are grateful! He and I served as LCMS missionaries in Peru prior to moving to the Seminary. We hope to return to the foreign mission field once he is ordained.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. We praise God for providing for us through you!

In Christ,
 The DiLibertos

Recipes from Immanuel's Members

When you have a sweet tooth and want to stay on track, here's a nice treat. Sugar is NOT an added ingredient.

- 3 mashed bananas (ripe)
- 1/3 c. apple sauce
- 2 c. oats
- 1/4 c. almond milk
- 1/2 c. raisins (optional)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- Bake at 350° for 15-20 minutes



Oatmeal Bread

Makes 2 loaves
 350°
 30-40 minutes



Combine in large bowl:

- 1 c. quick oats
- 1/2 c. whole wheat flour
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. margarine

Pour over:

- 2 c. boiling water

Stir in to combine.

Dissolve:

- 1 pkg. (1 Tbsp.) dry yeast in
- 1/2 c. warm water

When batter is cooled to lukewarm, add yeast.

Stir in:

- 5 c. white flour

When dough is stiff enough to handle, turn onto floured board and knead 5-10 min. Place in greased bowl, cover and let rise until doubled. Punch down and let rise again. Shape into 2 loaves and place in greased 9x5x3" pans. Bake at 350° for 30-40 min. Cool on rack, brushing loaves with margarine for soft crust.

From The Editors, Ed and Dee:
 The Messenger deadline will be the 15th of each month. Articles should be emailed to ekrampitz@sbcglobal.net or brought in to the church office and left either in the mail slot or on my desk.
Dee Krampitz

Happy Anniversary to:
 Bobby & Marilyn Triplett, 3/9/63 (52 years)
 Philip & Shirley Anderson, 3/10/73 (42 years)
 Joseph & Wanda Hubbard Cydlo, 3/13/76 (39 years)



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN
 For the family and loved ones Tricia Jankowski, called home by our Lord on February 11, 2015.
 For the family and loved ones of Lawrence Tonn of Waterville, Minnesota, called home by our Lord. He was a brother to Louise Winter and Herbert Tonn.

March 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 David Hintz William Jabs Sue Simons	2 Katrina Cydlo Michele Dubois Andrew Massaro Julie Stringer Jonathan Wegner	3 Joseph Blekis Claudia Schab Zachary Schab	4 Linda Beaudoin Michael Dalger Patrick Wegner Harold Woike	5 Leon Jacy Elaine Larson Heather Rodriguez	6 Justin Behrendt Aaron Gorneault	7 Jay Pickhardt
8 Alessandro Ciccarelli Angelina Croce Tammy Croze Sheilah Newcity	9 Amanda Chromy Justin Kirschner Chris Schab Robert Winkelman	10 Ryan Blaschke Susan Ciccarelli Danielle Foster Myles Matthews	11 Jennifer Dandelski June Fuhlbruck Diane Ruffino Samatha Ruffino	12 Nathan Bentivengo Rob Redman, Jr. Alexi Rodriguez Brian Theriault	13 Herbert Tonn Becky Wilde	14 Jackson Mitchell Kevin Reich Tyler Zawacki
15 Donna Bell Jennifer Saucier	16 Cameron Couch Nathan Desjardins	17 Jordan Boucher	18 Roald Erling David Werner	19 Nathan Haras Ruth Pickhardt Alexandria Segal Michele Tavernier	20 Bryan Ball Charles Chagnon Diane Eschner Deborah Martin Hunter Oakes Dominick Ruffino	21 John Helming Emil Jabs Michael Krampitz
22 Stephen Helming Clara Kroll	23 Gregory Newcity	24 Deborah Delbon James Krupski Craig Lejeune	25 Zachary Bodick Cheryl Kosiba Jennifer Zawacki	26 Dorothy Bergeron Nicholas Saucier Sharon Toscano Shannon Varasconi	27 Katie Boucher Vernon Stockman Philip Wells	28 Scott Barner Emilee Mowatt
29 Samuel Laudati Erich Woike	30 Ryan Bodley Daniel Lauretti Hannah Mora Terri Pesce Lynn Wallace	31 Robyn Beaudoin Gordon Sonstroem Lisa Underhill				



*God proves his
love for us in
that while we
still were sinners
Christ died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV

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