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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



## Fellowship POT LUCK Lunch

Rev. Kevin A. Karner

Pastor

Mr. James F. Krupski

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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A special thank you to the ILC Youth Group and the Board of Stewardship, and to everyone who brought great-tasting food. A wonderful time was had by all.



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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.



**From the Pastor's Desk**

**“Where Do You Put a Risen Lord?”**

*So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put Him!”* John 20:2

“El Cid” is the 1000-year-old story of Rodrigo Diaz, a Spanish knight who almost single-handedly saved the kingdom of Spain from the Moors. The movie itself is based on truth. It spoke the truth when it showed El Cid’s victories. It told the truth when it showed his death and how his generals tried to pretend he was still alive. The movie accurately showed how they dressed his body in armor, strapped him to his horse, and tied a sword into his hand. Then it showed the body of the dead leader, charging out of the gates of the city, leading his men against the enemy.

The movie is quite accurate ... up to that point. But then, in a desire for a happy ending, the movie begins to lie, showing the Spanish forces in the lead routing the frightened Moors. But it didn’t happen that way -- the dead body fooled no one. The charge failed, and the defeated Spaniards ran away. They found out that a dead man is a poor leader.

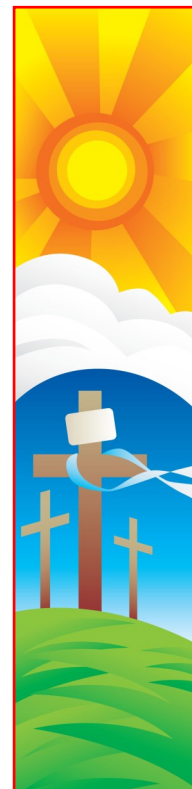
In contrast, Christians follow a living Lord. Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus was crucified. Tens of thousands had been crucified before Him, but only Jesus -- unexpectedly, unbelievably -- came back to life. Because He did, the world is changed. Those who believe on Jesus as their living Lord are confident that death doesn’t have the final word in their lives. Those who put their hope and their futures into the nail-pierced hands of the risen Savior, know they will never be

alone, and that nothing in this world can separate them from the love of God which has come to them through Christ Jesus.

Christ is risen! Yes, we know that sort of thing doesn’t happen ... can’t happen. But because Jesus was the sinless Son of God, He didn’t have our limitations. Jesus did rise. In the days that followed, Jesus’ friends saw Him, ate with Him, talked with Him, and touched Him. Not just once, but numerous times. This, the most wonderful event in the history of the world, cannot be denied. Jesus lives and, because He does, we know we follow a living Lord. This is the truth that has changed the world and, ... your life.

Have a blessed Easter!  
**Christ IS risen! He is risen,  
INDEED! Alleluia!**

Pastor Karner  
*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. — 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

### Holy Week and Easter

During *Holy Week*, the week before Easter, we focus on the events of Jesus' Passion. Each day of Holy Week has its own character. On *Palm Sunday*, the crowds cheered Jesus and threw palm branches across His path. Many congregations celebrate Palm Sunday by waving palm branches and singing special hymns. On *Maundy Thursday* we celebrate Jesus' institution



of the Lord's Supper. At the end of the Divine Service, the linens and paraments are stripped from the altar while Psalm 22 – a prophecy of the crucifixion – is read or sung. This reminds us of how our Lord stripped to the waist to wash His disciples' feet, and how He was stripped and

beaten before His crucifixion. *Good Friday* is "good" because on that Friday all the bad – all the sin, all the death – falls on Jesus and not on us. We forego the normal decorations of the Church to honor Jesus' great sacrifice; the One who gave up everything – even His life – for us. During the *Vigil of Easter*, we worship our risen



Lord as we cross from Lent to Easter. The service begins the same way Good Friday ended – dark and without decoration – but it changes over to the joyous light and decorations of Easter. In the Bible, a day starts at sundown. So what we call Saturday night is Sunday morning from the Bible's point of view. Therefore, the first Easter Sunday Service takes place Saturday after sundown. At the Vigil, the congregation is invited to remember their Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection with a special service of baptismal remembrance.

The color of *Easter* is white. The white of our risen Lord's holiness is everywhere: the paraments, vestments, and traditional Easter lilies. After a long absence in Lent, "Alleluia" returns at Easter. Also the joyous Hymn of Praise and the Gloria Patri return and are sung as part of the liturgy once more.

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord holds too much joy for one day, so Christmas is a twelve-day

celebration. The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord overflows not into twelve days, but into fifty! The season of Easter is a "week of weeks." During these seven weeks the Church takes this extended time to explain to us the joy and meaning of Easter. Jesus is alive – so alive that St. Thomas can put his hands in the mark of the nails. But at the same time, Jesus' glorified body can suddenly be where the disciples are, even though the doors are locked.

The death and resurrection of Jesus changes everything. Believers now do not have to fear death as the end of the story. The hopelessness of this sin-broken world is overtaken by the sure hope of eternal life with Christ in body and soul. God had been talking about Easter from the beginning – hinting and preparing His people to receive it. And now it's here for us to celebrate each week. Each Sunday is a little celebration of Easter: the Lord's Day on which He rose from the dead.





## Worship Schedule

**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**

6:15 AM — SONRise Service *here at Immanuel\**  
**\*NOTE: The SONRise Service time & place has moved to 6:15 AM in the Sanctuary here at church.**

8 AM — Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 — Divine Service with Holy Communion

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" — **John 11:25-26**



## Women of Immanuel

### WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

The next meeting of the Women of Immanuel will be held on **Thursday, April 9, 2015** in the **Old School Basement**.

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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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

**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)

Have you heard the news? When we gather under the theme Bountiful! Sow · Nourish · Reap, our Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Dr. James Lamb from Lutherans for Life and our Mites in Action Mission Speakers will be Carly Hatcher from MOST Ministries, Rev. Jim Hetzner from Lutheran Church Charities (Comfort Dogs), Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendetto from Concordia, Selma, and Rev. E. James Rivett, Prison Ministry. The Rev. Gregory Seltz from Lutheran Hour Ministries will be the proclaimer on Thursday evening, and we look forward to Saturday evening entertainment provided by Jan Struck and Dr. Dina Vendetti. Won't you join us?

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN – INDIA \$85,000

As a church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has a long history of mission work in India. India was the first foreign mission field of the LCMS, beginning in 1895. Many resources have been dedicated to spreading the Gospel in India over the years, resulting in the creation of the LCMS partner church in India, the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC)

Christian Educational Support for Children-India is a program of Concordia Gospel Outreach that provides resources to support the spread of the Gospel through Lutheran educational ministries in India. With the support of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League \$85,000 grant, approximately 20,000 children will be reached, who in turn will share the Gospel message with their families and communities. Sharing the Gospel through children's ministry is a highly effective way to change the life of not only a child, but an entire family.

Through the Christian Educational Support for Children—India project, Concordia Gospel Outreach will support IELC educational ministries, including Lutheran schools and church-based children's ministries, with Gospel-based curriculum and related resources to strengthen the Christian education of Indian children.

**Prayer:** O most gracious God, we live in a world filled with many unbelievers. The children of India, as well as their families, need to hear of the salvation You provide for all mankind. We ask Your Spirit to stir in our hearts the desire to reach out to them and support Concordia Gospel Outreach as they provide Christian resources through Lutheran educational ministries in India. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

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**

## **INSIDE THE CONGREGATION**

Have you ever noticed how long it takes for something to happen within our Federal Government? How about our City Government? How about with our Church? Everything worthwhile takes time to implement. Six years ago, before I became involved with the Church council I had a rudimentary understanding at best of the way things work. I had big ideas and I was going to help change the world right away! I was wrong of course, but not for lack of trying. It amazes me every meeting that things we talk about at today's council meetings were discussed at meetings in the 1990's, 1960's, and 1940's. And while a lot has changed in this world of ours, there is one thing that remains

the same. Immanuel Lutheran Church's commitment to bringing people to Christ by reaching out to them in Love. We do this through our ministry, our many groups, our School, and through the various ways that we give back to our community. In the next year or so we will continue to reach out to people in our community through special events, alumni gatherings, church socials and other events. If you have any ideas on how we can continue to reach out to others in Love, we are always willing to listen. Your Church leaders are working hard to ensure a place for your children's children, just as our forefathers did.

*Jason Krueger* – Congregation President

**Men's Basketball is Sunday nights from 6 to 8 pm.**

*All men from within our congregation or school are welcome!*



### **Women's Bible Study**

**Last Tuesday of each month at the Parish Center 7 to 9 pm.**

*All are welcomed, bring a friend!*



## **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

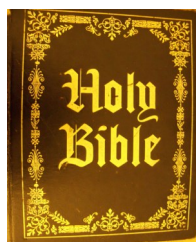


## **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Gym

Men's Emmaus Walkers  
Thursdays at 7:00 am

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



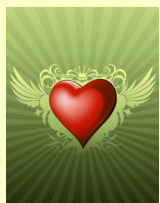
## **— German Festival —**

Anyone looking to help with the planning of a **German Festival** to be held in September, please contact

Jason Krueger at: [dj2hkrueger@gmail.com](mailto:dj2hkrueger@gmail.com)

# Young at Heart

It's finally time for our first lunch of 2015! It's our annual **Pizza Party** with lots of choices from West End Pizza, the best pizzas around! Join us on **Thursday, April 2**, in the basement of the old school at 11:30 am. We realize that this is Maundy Thursday and feel you could easily attend the 10am service, then stop over for lunch with us. For \$5 at the door (some have a gift certificate), you will enjoy pizza, salad, dessert and beverages with your church friends over age 50. Come and find out what our group has planned for you this year. We always hold at least six lunches and that includes one that is **FREE**.



Since many of us have not been "Out and About" during this very cold and super snowy winter, we decided not to have a speaker, but we would have a friendly "visiting time" with one another. You can chat together, play cards, play board games, do puzzle sheets, etc.; just enjoy being together with your fellow members and friends. Games will be available. We will also decide, via a ballot, what our annual donation to our Immanuel church or school will be.

Next month, our lunch will include Greer's Chicken and a program by our school principal, Jim Krupski; so put May 7 on your calendar now.

*Blessed Easter Wishes to all our shut-in members and Young-At-Heart friends !*

## A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE:



Looking for volunteers to visit with family members

of Immanuel. Please contact me if interested.

I'm also looking for people who are interested in transporting people for doctors appointments or

providing transportation to

church. Leave a message at my home if interested.

860-621-0230.



*Save the date!*  
**Altar Guild Meeting**  
April 26th 9:15 am  
*See you there!*

## Walk and Talk

**Tuesdays - 9:30 am at the Parish Center**  
*All are welcomed!*



## Ladies of Immanuel

**Tuesday, April 14th 12:30pm**  
**at The Dining Room on Jerome Ave. (known to some as BARC).**

All are welcomed. Please contact

Roberta so she can let them know how many will be attending. Leave a message on her home phone: 860-621-0230.

*Hope to see you there!*

--- CPR course cancelled due to a lack of interest. ---

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. — **Mark 9:9**

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**TUITION ASSISTANCE** — It is our goal at Immanuel, that no child should be declined a Christ Centered education because of finances. For over 117 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.

*Immanuel Lutheran School  
Bristol, Connecticut  
begins*

## **OPEN ENROLLMENT**

for the

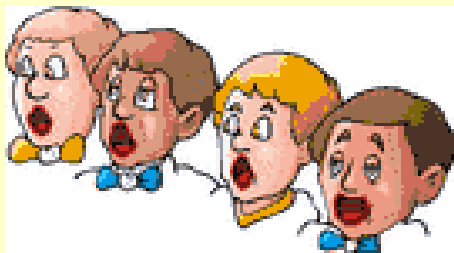
**2015-2016 School Year!**

(Application for Enrollment forms are available in the school office.)

**Full-Day 4 Year Old Preschool  
will be available for the  
2015-2016 School Year!**

Please call the office with any questions you may have (860-583-5631).

Forms are also available on the school web site: [ilcsschool.org](http://ilcsschool.org)



**Come and Enjoy the Music  
Preschool and Kindergarten  
Spring Program  
Friday, April 24  
9:30 a.m.  
In the Gym**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**ANTHONY BUONAFEDE AND JARED KRUEGER**

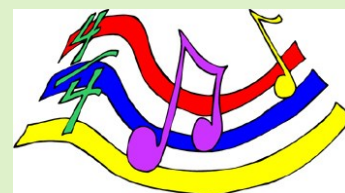
for performing with the

**Connecticut All Northern Band**

at Welte Hall at Central Connecticut State

University in New Britain on March 7th!

**Outstanding Performance!**





# Thank you!



On behalf of the Board of Evangelism, we would like to THANK ALL OF YOU WHO TOOK THE TIME TO RESPOND TO OUR QUESTIONNAIRE.

*We appreciate your input and are addressing your concerns and would ask you to please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue our work.*

*Brad Schaffrick, Chairman*

*Board of Evangelism  
Immanuel Lutheran Church*



## THRIVENT Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent is looking for volunteers on Habitat for Humanity house repairs in Bristol on April 18. They are hoping to get teams of 5.

Please contact Linda Beaudoin at 860-589-6431 or Julia Weston.



## The Whiffenpoofs

### About the Whiffenpoofs

Every year, 14 senior Yale men are selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group. Founded in 1909, the "Whiffs" began as a senior quartet that met for weekly concerts at Mory's Temple Bar, the famous Yale tavern. Today, the group has become one of Yale's most celebrated traditions.

**Join the Yale tradition as the MBS Theater hosts the Whiffenpoofs on Sunday April 19th at 1:00 PM**  
**A performance you don't want to miss!**  
**70 Memorial Blvd, Bristol CT**

**Tickets are \$20.00 and will be available as of March 9, 2015. You will be able to purchase ONLINE at TicketRiver.Com or through the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce - 200 Main Street, Bristol. Call 860-584-4718 for information.**

**All Proceeds Help Support the MBS Theater!**

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES ARE NEEDED PLEASE!!!**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church's EVANGELISM COMMITTEE will be sending out in April CARE PACKAGES TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

**PLEASE** send us your college student's name and address so that we can show them that we care and that we are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. You can leave your student's name and address in the Evangelism Committee mailbox or leave it with Trina in the office or send it via email to [trina@ilcscsschool.org](mailto:trina@ilcscsschool.org).

*Thank you for your kind cooperation!*

**Brad Schaffrick, Chairman  
Evangelism Committee**





**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**

**Ruth (Werner) Neumann**  
January 8, 1936 — March 5, 2015

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**Janet L. Zurell**  
May 4, 1934 — March 19, 2015

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**Clara M. Kroll**  
March 22, 1914 — March 21, 2015



From the Editors, Ed and Dee:  
The *Messenger* deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles should be either emailed to [ekrampitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ekrampitz@sbcglobal.net) or brought to the church office and left either in the mail slot or on my desk.  
Please consider having the *Messenger* sent to you electronically. For more information contact me at [dkrampitz@ilcs.org](mailto:dkrampitz@ilcs.org).  
*Dee Krampitz*

**APRIL 2015**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Margaret Cassala Noreen Kirschner Martin Kraegel, III Tara Kuharski	<b>2</b> Timothy Sonstroem Kristy Wolfe	<b>3</b> Brendan Dyer David Grossmann Olivia Kowalski	<b>4</b> Jillian Norbut Michael Triplett
<b>5</b> Albert May	<b>6</b> Judith Buonafede Mary Kuharski Katelynn Perry Kendall Raymond Phillip Sakowski Reinhardt Schultz Jill Scoville Kathryn Senesac Christopher Winter	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Benjamin Schuler	<b>9</b> Gabriella Buonafede Waldemar Jabs	<b>10</b> Morgan Bielert Pamela Couch William Palmisano, Jr. Ann Winters	<b>11</b> Maliki Matthews
<b>12</b> Jeffrey Blaschke Brandon Kohl Sylva Voisine Kevin Yanke	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bill Emmert Beverly Guimond	<b>15</b> Jennifer Phillips Dawn Raymond	<b>16</b> Jared Harrington Irene Kraus Nathan Larson Barbara Nye Alexandra Rindfleisch	<b>17</b> Janet Hackett	<b>18</b> Jessica Divinere Marsha Tinella Cheryl Wegner
<b>19</b> Charles DiBiaso Martha Woike	<b>20</b> Dillon Kohl Aliza Redman Alyson Schaffrick Rick Simons	<b>21</b> Preston Fitzgerald Charles McIntyre	<b>22</b> Mark Lopa Darlene Saucier Dallas Wyatt	<b>23</b> Kyle Lauretti	<b>24</b> Daniel Bielert, II Loni O'Donnell	<b>25</b> Lindsay Brasche Billy Mazzaccaro
<b>26</b> Janet Andrews Jacob Holcomb Sarah Mockler Janice Monzillo RoseMarie Pavlik David Ryskowski	<b>27</b> Mildred Dragon Julie Yapoujian	<b>28</b> Randolf Jabs Amanda Neumann Joanne Tanasi	<b>29</b> Robert Casar Julie Desimini Magda Jabs	<b>30</b> Ryan Hislop Becky Wells		

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