



# Messenger

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



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## 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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# Spring is Here!

Have you ever noticed how quickly spring appears after every winter? I know some of you are thinking that I am crazy for saying this especially after the long winter we just had, but think about it. In the matter of a couple of days the trees are budding, the grass is turning green, the peepers are getting loud again, and our wardrobe changes from long pants and jeans to short sleeves and shorts. After a long hard winter and months of waiting, it is all of a sudden here. I keep thinking

that this is how the people during Jesus' time must have felt. After many years of waiting, listening to the stories of the coming Messiah, and studying the scriptures, the Messiah was there. It was almost all of a sudden, over the course of a few days after the many years of waiting. It was almost too good to be true. As Christians we try to have a strong faith and believe that Christ will come again to take us home with him. Although we should be ready for that day to come, we shouldn't just sit around and wait for it. We should spread the good news to our families, friends, community, and acquaintances. After all, He will be here before we know it.

*Jason Krueger* –  
Congregation President

## UPDATE ON COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES:

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO

GRACIOUSLY RESPONDED WITH  
THE ADDRESSES OF OUR DEAR  
COLLEGE STUDENTS.

THE CARE PACKAGES WERE SENT OUT THE  
WEEK OF APRIL 13th. WE PRAY THEY WERE  
RECEIVED WITH THE SAME JOY AS WAS  
SHARED IN THEIR PREPARATION.

## GOD BLESS OUR STUDENTS!

*Board of Evangelism*  
*Brad Schaffrick, Chairman*





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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

### “THE COLORS”

*So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the Name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:18-20*

I’ve been thinking a lot about all of the hatred and violence toward Christians these days: from beheadings in Ethiopia and school massacres in Kenya, to the cultural assault on Christian beliefs and values in the United States. It’s almost enough to frighten even the strongest of Christians!

On May 24th, the Church will celebrate the Day of Pentecost; a day when the Holy Spirit mightily moved the Christian Church forward!

In the Civil War most regiments had a ten-man honor guard, which carried the flags of country and unit into battle.

Not surprisingly, carrying something as conspicuous as these great flags made the soldier an immediate target for the enemy. Battlefield records tell us how one carrier of the flag after another could be shot. The colors would wobble, and the next member of the guard would grab it and continue on.

It was an honor to carry those flags, if even for a very short time.

On occasion, all of the color guard would be killed or wounded, but there is no record that speaks of a charge being stopped while officers searched for volunteers. Volunteers were always at the ready because they knew it was an honor to carry the flag.

Go to the bloodied battlefield of Gettysburg and see — placed in display cases of honor — the colors of these regiments, ripped and torn by shot and shell, baptized by the blood of men, who had made a commitment to a cause that changed the world.

As great as the cause of freedom was, it pales in comparison to God’s cause to free souls from the slavery of sin, death and Satan.

Christians should remember it is an honor to share the cross of Christ with a sinful world. Because of the Savior’s innocent life, suffering, death and glorious resurrection from the dead, we have been given a message that can change the world. Now we need to remember how easily other things can get in the way of the church moving forward in the sharing of that message.

We need to remember those things, and we need to avoid them.

To carry the colors — the cross of Christ — is the honor the Savior has given to every generation of the church. Some decades have carried those colors well and souls have been won; others have failed and the advancement of the message has almost faltered.

Now you and I are not responsible for what has happened in the past, and we’re not entirely responsible for what happens in the future, but this is our time to do what we can, where we can, in the sharing of the Redeemer’s Name.

As the disciples said, “We cannot help but speak of those things which we have seen and heard and touched.”

PRAYER: Dear Lord, send the Holy Spirit upon the church and upon us. Grant us the courage, the wisdom, the words, to share the story of salvation with a lost and sinful world. This we ask in the Name of the Savior who gave His life, so we could have forgiveness and life eternal. Amen.

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*

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

to our Church member and Immanuel Lutheran School alumni, Evan Foley. A junior at St. Paul Catholic High School, Evan was invited to attend the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) at American University in Washington, D.C. This is a 6-day conference which will take place at the end of June.



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

### **You gotta love Christian Seniors!**

A woman had just returned to her home from church services, when she was startled by an intruder.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" ("Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.")

The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture verse to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!"

*Knowing scripture can save your life —  
In more ways than one!*

**MAY 10th**



**TO ALL MOTHERS,  
GRANDMOTHERS AND  
GREAT GRANDMOTHERS!**

**Memorial**  
**DAY** **MAY 25th**



**GREETERS WANTED**  
for  
**Sunday Morning  
Worship Services**

**To greet members  
coming to church  
before both worship services  
(7:45 am and 10:30 am)**

**If interested, please contact  
Roberta Kuhr at 860-585-4787,  
or leave your name and contact  
information in the church office.**

**Thank you!**

*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?" — Luke 24:25-26*

## Women of Immanuel

**THE SUMMER POT LUCK SUPPER** will be held **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Old School Basement**. Note change of date due to school graduation.

Deaconess Tiffany Manor will speak about the conference for college students. Deaconess Manor travelled to St. Louis with her daughter, Maggie Karner and Heidi.

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.

**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. Funds raised will benefit our mission projects here and throughout the world.



**CHRIST-CENTERED TUTORING THROUGH REBECCA'S GARDEN OF HOPE \$100,000**  
 Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH) a faith-based after-school tutoring and mentoring outreach program. It became a non-profit 501 c-3 organization in January 2011, and is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. They are located in Orlando, Florida. Springtime is here; plants and flowers are popping up out of the ground. Everything is turning green and fresh after the cold of winter. RGOH is reaching out to at-risk children living in unstable high-risk environments that are not conducive to their spiritual growth and success in school and life. Children without direction and support will in many cases, fail. The concept of Rebecca's Garden of Hope, Inc., is to give children opportunities for great success. Mentoring and Tutoring Outreach Program seeks to nurture each child with love and encourage them to

build on a foundation on Christ. RGOH is equipping congregations free of charge by providing a tutoring and mentoring model that reaches out to these at-risk children, provides a safe environment for their spiritual growth, and enhances their life skills. This grant will be used for:

- developing and providing educational materials and Christ-centered support for congregations, students, and their families;
  - updating used computers and labs for these children in LCMS congregations;
  - providing travel expenses and training manuals for congregations using the RGOH tutoring and mentoring template;
  - providing travel expenses to bring this mentoring model to other congregations across the United States; and
  - purchasing needed office equipment to print training manuals and mass produce CDs for congregational tutoring and mentoring outreach.
- Through the efforts of Rebecca's Garden of Hope and the LWML, many congregations and thousands of children are given the opportunity for Christian tutoring and mentoring that can spiritually change these children's lives forever as they learn about the Good News of salvation in Christ.



**“Sisters in Christ are like pillars on a porch. Sometimes they lean on you, and sometimes you hold them up. But it is good to know that they are always standing by!”**

*But Jesus immediately said to them, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!” — Matthew 14:27*



# Confirmation Class of 2015

*Adam Walter Beaudet*

*Caleb Samuel Beaudoin*

*Morgan Nicole Bielert*

*Anthony James Buonafede*

*Myah Marie Croze*

*Michelle Faye Helming*

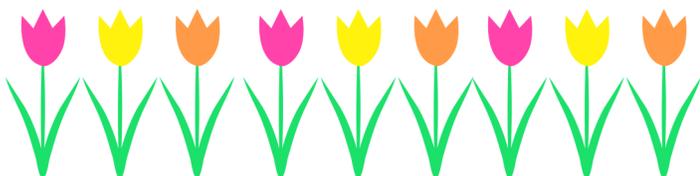
*Benjamin Samuel Jabs*

*Morgan Elizabeth Moliengo*

*Erika Dawn Santilli*

*Jared Edward Henry Tessman*

*Nicole Emma Tessman*



## 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



**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!*



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

New Adult Bible Study

The Book of Ephesians

Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Gym

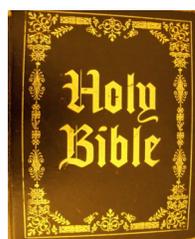
Men's Emmaus Walkers

Thursdays at 7:00 am

## — 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)



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

## Young at Heart

It's our annual **May - Greer's Chicken Lunch** on May 7, Thursday, at 11:30 am in the Old School Basement. Plan now to join us for a fabulous \$5- lunch if you are one of our "over age 50" members. If you are one of the thirty people bringing wonderful foods for our buffet tables, we are keeping the \$2 price change, that we started last year.

Hope you didn't miss our annual Pizza Party in April. We have five more lunches this year on the first Thursday of the month in the handicapped accessible old school basement. If you need a ride, call the church office or Carol M. and someone will pick you up, so you won't miss the fun.

Our May program will be our "Immanuel Lutheran School - back then and now" as we learn the many changes our school has gone through. We will hear about the changes in curriculum, attendance, tuition, and more.

During the summer months, we will try to have two daytrips available for you. On August 27, ten of us will join the Bristol Senior Center bus trip to outlet shop, cruise the Thimble Islands, and enjoy lunch out. We also are planning a trip to wonderful Wickham Park gardens in Manchester - a hidden treasure! More info will be coming to you. (No Goodspeed this year.)

Always look for announcements in our Sunday bulletins, the glass cases near the library, and the TRIP bulletin board near the gym for activities for seniors. If you like to play cards, join the large group that plays on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Center. Now that the weather is nice, try to visit one of our many homebound members waiting for a visit.

### A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE:



I'm looking for people who enjoy playing setback. We

have church members who are homebound or in nursing homes and would love to play. They also would love a visit from members.



Anyone interested please call me on my cell phone and leave a message — 860-877-0022.

### Walk and Talk

We would like you to join us on Tuesday mornings for Walk and Talk. Many people hesitate because of the walking. It is up to the individual if you wish to walk or not. We have a great group and we share many great ideas and we would love to have you join us.

**Tuesdays - 9:30 am at the Parish Center**  
*We hope to see you there!*

### Ladies, remember the date:



**Tuesday, May 12th 12:30pm**  
at The Dining Room on Jerome Ave. (known to some as BARC). Just come and join us , no phone calls needed. We

would love to see you there! Need a ride? Let me know in advance. Call me on my cell phone 860-877-0022 and leave a message.

**Remember, Women's Bible Study with Maggie Karner the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Parish Center. Join us!**

**We need to keep the Lord as our main focus!**

*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. — James 2:18*

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **School News** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**WELCOME IN THE BEAUTY OF SPRING WITH  
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC AND ART**

**The Music and Art  
Departments Present:**



**A Spring Music Concert and Art Exhibition**

**When: Friday, May 15  
Concert at 7 p.m.**

**Followed by an  
Art Exhibition of the 2015 Student Work  
Where: The School Gymnasium**



Members of the Immanuel, Family and Friends Are Invited to Celebrate the God Given Growth of Our Students in our upcoming

**GRADUATIONS CEREMONIES**

***Eighth Grade Graduation:*** Wednesday, June 10th at 7 p.m. in the Church, followed by a reception and hand bell presentation in the gym.

***Kindergarten Graduation:***

Monday June 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

***Preschool Graduation:***

Friday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m.



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



### THIRD QUARTER

#### High Honors

Caleb Beaudoin (8)

Morgan Moliengo (8)

Jared Krueger (7)

Melanie Moliengo (6)

#### Honors

Morgan Bielert (8) Ben Jabs (8)

Erika Santilli (8) Lorrin Jackson (7)

Paris Machado (7) Kacie Therrien (6)

Morgan Hebert (6)

**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.

TITUS 3:5, NIV

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





**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**

Frieda (Rindfleisch) Malsheske

January 8, 1936 — March 5, 2015



Edna (Schultz) DiPietro

September 13, 1919 — April 20, 2015



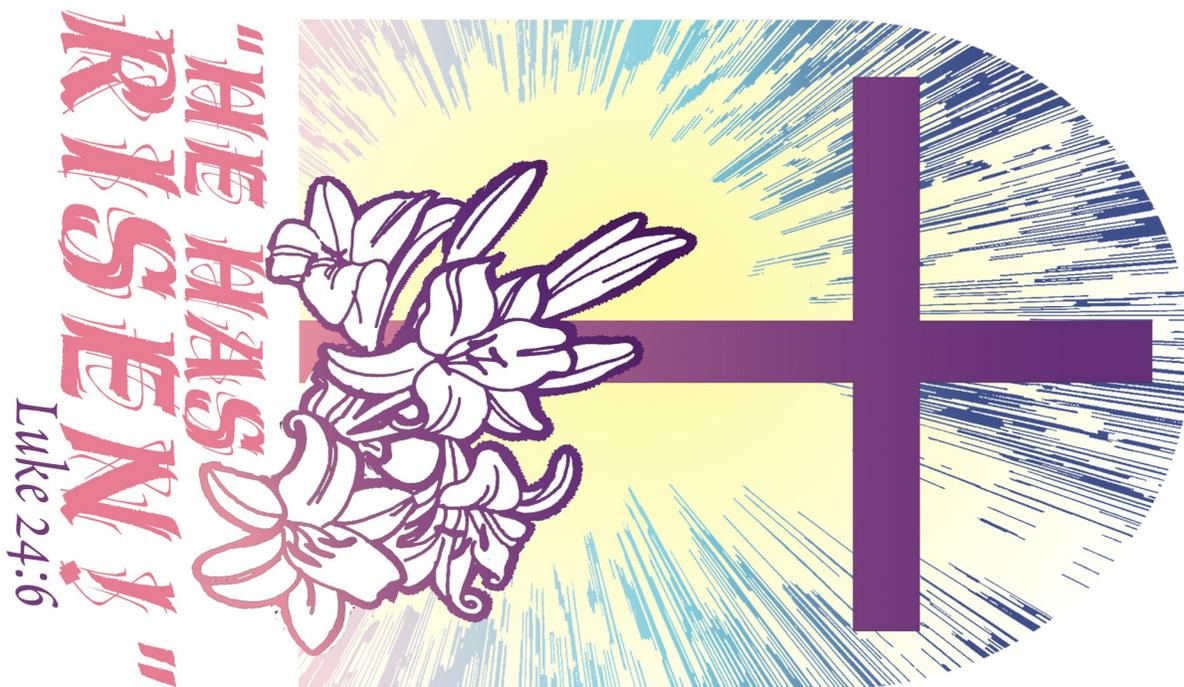
From the Editors, Ed and Dee:  
 The *Messenger* deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles should be either emailed to **ekrampitz@sbcglobal.net** or brought to the church office and left either in the mail slot or on my desk.  
 Please consider having the *Messenger* sent to you electronically.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

~~~~~ **Sunday, May 24 is Pentecost** ~~~~~

**MAY 2015**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

| Sun                                                                      | Mon                                                             | Tue                                                    | Wed                                                      | Thu                                               | Fri                                                                   | Sat                                                   |
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|                                                                          |                                                                 |                                                        |                                                          |                                                   | <b>1</b><br>Victoria Holcomb<br>Mary Ann Kalwat<br>Kaitlyn Thormahlen | <b>2</b><br>Isabella Yapoujian                        |
| <b>3</b><br>Gregory Blaschke, Jr.<br>Hedwig Maretzki<br>Billee Wallace   | <b>4</b><br>Pauline Blaschke<br>Sue Lutz                        | <b>5</b><br>Aaron Boutin<br>David Thormahlen           | <b>6</b><br>Bruce Helming<br>Dick Prindle                | <b>7</b><br>Edna Kozikowski<br>Wally Woike        | <b>8</b>                                                              | <b>9</b><br>Morgan Boucher                            |
| <b>10</b> Cassandra Ewen<br>Rudy Finger<br>John Mora<br>Matthew Raspanti | <b>11</b><br>Robert Boutin<br>Marian Goodwin<br>Morgan Moliengo | <b>12</b><br>James Christopher, III<br>Kimberly Martin | <b>13</b><br>Elaine Blank<br>Samuel Gahr<br>Meadow Wells | <b>14</b><br>Parker Synder                        | <b>15</b><br>Kelly Lejeune                                            | <b>16</b><br>Casey McIntyre<br>Paul Strawderman       |
| <b>17</b><br>Carol Young                                                 | <b>18</b>                                                       | <b>19</b><br>Adam Beaudet<br>Roberta Kuhr              | <b>20</b><br>Nancy Mitchell                              | <b>21</b><br>John Bohn<br>Seth Foley<br>Paul Tonn | <b>22</b><br>Nate Kissner<br>Matthew Tonn                             | <b>23</b><br>Annabelle Kirschner<br>Lorraine Sonstrom |
| <b>24</b><br>Tyler Bodley                                                | <b>25</b><br>Mark Brasche                                       | <b>26</b>                                              | <b>27</b><br>Bryan Pavlik                                | <b>28</b><br>Donald Kalwat                        | <b>29</b><br>Christy Hislop                                           | <b>30</b>                                             |
| <b>31</b><br>Oscar Jobs                                                  |                                                                 |                                                        |                                                          |                                                   |                                                                       |                                                       |



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