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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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Posing while on a field trip recently to Indian Rock Nature Preserve are these Immanuel Kindergarteners and Pre-schoolers. They took a farm tour there to learn more about farm animals and what they provide for us.

Mark your Calendar

**Kindergarten
Graduation Monday,
June 8th at 6:30 pm
in the gym.**



**Eighth Grade
Graduation
Wednesday, June
10th at 7 pm in the
church, followed by a
reception and hand
bell presentation in
the gym.**

INSIDE THE CONGREGATION

German Festival Approved! On Monday, April 27, 2015 the Immanuel Lutheran Church Voters voted to go ahead with plans to have a German Festival on Saturday, September 19, 2015. The festival will be an attempt to reach out to our Alumni, former members, and the Community at large. Plans are currently in place to have authentic German cuisine, contests, games, entertainment, and a Bier Garten. The German Festival committee wants to encourage all groups within the Church and School to get involved in this amazing event. On Friday, September 18, the festivities will start with an Alumni wine tasting social which will highlight certain classes. Any member or group wishing to get involved, please contact me at j2hkrueger@gmail.com. Save the dates! You don't want to miss this celebration!

Jason Krueger – Congregation President



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Summer Worship Schedule

**SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICE
9:00 A.M.**

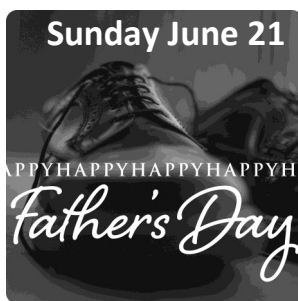
**BIBLE STUDY
10:30 A.M.**



**WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE**

Worship Services are
broadcast each Sunday
on

**WXCT RADIO
990 AM
1:00 P.M.**



From the Pastor's Desk

Holding Fast

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. 2 Timothy 1:13-14

Summer has arrived! That means, for many of us, some extra time (and daylight) to do the things we enjoy: travel, family reunions, outdoor activities, etc. But in the midst of all the “comings and goings” that summer brings, don’t forget to make church a part of your priorities.

On Thursday, September 3, 1987, the CBS Evening News told the story of an airplane accident, which took place near Portland, Maine.

On that day, Henry Dempsey was captain of the Eastern Express commuter flight from Lewiston, Maine, to Boston. Flying at an altitude of 4,000 feet, Captain Dempsey thought he heard an unusual noise that seemed to be coming from the rear of the 15-passenger turboprop plane. Dempsey turned the controls over to his second-in-command and went back to check things out. He made it to the aircraft’s tail section when the plane hit an air pocket.

The jolt of the plane threw pilot Dempsey against the rear door of the aircraft, which hadn’t been properly secured. The door flew open and Dempsey was sucked out over the ocean. When the captain didn’t return and a light said the rear door was open, the co-pilot guessed the worst and radioed for permission to make an emergency landing. He also asked that a search be made for the captain.

The search wasn’t necessary. As the plane’s door came open and the ladder flipped down, Captain Dempsey managed to grab hold of the railing. He held on to that railing for dear life. He held on as the plane made its way to a land-

ing; he held on during the descent; he held on when the plane raced down the runway.

Soon rescue workers arrived and told the captain he was safe. They also said, “You can let go of the railing now.” Not entirely surprisingly, Captain Dempsey couldn’t let go. It took more than 15 minutes for rescue workers to pry his hands from that rail.

Most of us, put in the life-and-death situation that faced Captain Dempsey, would hold on just as tightly as he did. In such a situation, holding on is the only reasonable, rational, thing to do.

That’s true when you’re being sucked out of a plane, and it’s true whenever your physical or eternal life is in danger. Unfortunately, most people approach eternity with a cavalier attitude. That’s not only dangerous, it’s inviting death.

“Hold fast.” That’s what St. Paul urged Timothy to do. It’s what he wants all believers to do. Paul knew that there were many false prophets, many foolish doctrines, many forged philosophies trying to lead God’s people away from the Savior. Some of these alternative truths sounded good; they sounded real good. Even so, in reality, they offered nothing of substance to save.

It’s only through Jesus Christ and His blood-bought forgiveness and salvation that anyone can be adopted into the family of faith and brought safely to their heavenly home. It’s only when they hold fast to the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep they can be saved.

Like Captain Dempsey held fast to that railing, you need to hold fast to the Savior. It’s the only smart, the only saving, thing to do.

Pastor Karner
1 Thess. 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

WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

THE SUMMER POT LUCK SUPPER will be held **Thursday, June 18th at 6:00 P.M.** in the **Old School Basement.**



New England District's Deaconess for Human Care, Tiffany Manor, will be present on Thursday June 18th to share about Taboo, a national conference for college students offered by LCMSU, the campus ministry initiative of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In January hundreds of Lutheran college students traveled to St. Louis for this conference focused on the tough issues of dating, sexuality and marriage. 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.

Thanks to those who baked or donated, and all who purchased the bake goods. The funds raised, \$222, will be used for church projects and donations to LCMS service organizations.



**LUTHERAN WOMEN
IN MISSION**

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

If you aren't able to attend the LWML Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, you can still participate by com-

ing together in your own churches to watch the opening worship service. Go to www.lwml.org to find the instructions for live streaming via an Internet connection and we can be together in worship... together in God's Word and prayer.

THE BEST INTENTIONS

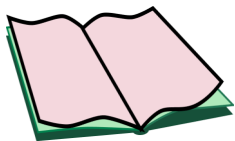
The smallest good deed is worth a thousand grand intentions. Author Unknown

I myself with great intentions ... and that's as far as it goes. Then I feel guilty and sad. As a baptized child of God I repent of these failures and am forgiven, rejoicing that I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to go from just good intentions to actions.

Even the smallest deeds can make an impact – like making a phone call; sharing a Bible verse; or sending an email greeting, a mite donation, or a card with a Mustard Seed enclosed. The Time is NOW to take action – even the smallest good deed is worthy!

For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 7:18, 25)

Eden Keefe, Vice President of Christian Life
Lutheran Women's Missionary League



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Plans are being made for a Church Photo Directory this year. The Board of Parish Ministries is working with Lifetouch (Olan Mills) to produce this directory later this year.

Tentative dates for sittings are August 11-13 and September 8-9. All members who participate will receive a free directory and a free 8x10 of the photo chosen for the directory. There are also opportunities for members to purchase extra photos and packages.

Further information will be forthcoming in the newsletter and church bulletin.

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



Hello Families, have you heard the news??
 ILC & ILCS will be having a wine tasting and German Festival on September 17th and 18th. As part of these events we will be having a silent auction and a Tea Cup auction. We are asking for donations of items, themed baskets, and services or monetary gifts to make this a great auction. If you would like to donate for this event please fill out the Silent Auction Donation Form, which can be found in the church office. Our auctions have been a successful fundraiser in the past and we hope this will be just as successful as a part of something bigger.

Please consider helping us out. Thank you.
Auction Chairperson,
Christy Hislop

In April, the Board of Evangelism mailed care packages to our college students. Here are a couple of thank you notes we received.

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

To the wonderful people of Immanuel Lutheran Church:

Thank you so much for the awesome care package I just received today! It was such a surprise for me. It will definitely come in handy during my final three weeks of classes and exams.

This semester has been extremely busy yet rewarding. I spent my Spring Break touring the beautiful state of Florida with the Wind Symphony. I'm currently playing French Horn in three instrumental groups which fills up my schedule. But I love it! The members of the Wind Symphony who visited us last year still talk about how the concert they played for us was the best one of their entire tour and how much they enjoyed playing with the Immanuel Lutheran School students. Classes are going well, but I'm ready for finals to be over!

Thank you again for the thoughtful gift! I feel so blessed to know so many caring people who put these together for me and my other friends in college.

See you in May!
Alex Rindfleisch

Immanuel Welcomes our newest members!

Lynn Donahue
Donna Hiscock
Cynthia Jackson
Kashif Nazir

Welcome to Our Church Family

Immanuel welcomes through the rite of Holy Baptism

Dominick James Ruffino
son of Wayne and Diane Ruffino
Baptized on May 17, 2015



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN

Harold E. Woike
 March 4, 1921 — April 28, 2015



Esther (Gahr) Breitreutz
 July 7, 1923 — May 17, 2015



"I was packing up to go home after finishing my second semester of college when I received a care package from church and I couldn't have been more excited. I may have been finished with finals at that point, but the snacks and prayers within still served their purposes well for the ten-hour drive home I would have to make the next morning. Thank you for the reminder that my home away from home, Immanuel Lutheran Church, is thinking of me while I am away at school.

I am currently studying at Roanoke College - a small, Lutheran, liberal arts college in Salem, Virginia. As a double major in International Relations and Sociology with a minor in Environmental Studies and a concentration in Anthropology, I stay very busy - all the more reason why the care package was a wonderful surprise. Over spring break, I stayed with a family in rural Nicaragua to build latrines for an impoverished community with eight other students. In addition, as I am writing this, I am conducting research in Palau - an island nation near the Philippines - for a month on non-communicable diseases as a lead researcher among fourteen other students. Suddenly, Connecticut summers don't seem so hot in comparison!

I can't wait to return home in a little over a week back to attending church every Sunday, working all week, and planning an amazing VBS program for this summer with Sarah, Ryan, and Alex. Thank you again for the care package as a reminder that Immanuel Lutheran is keeping us in our hearts even as we are away at school!

God Bless,
Amanda Wolfe

Scouting News

**Immanuel Lutheran School
Daisy Scouts, Brownies, Juniors, Girl Scouts & Cadets**



POW WOW at Camp Timber Trails
Girl Scout Camp in Tolland, MA



Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Troop 21 met on Saturday, May 2nd in Terryville, with a member of the Terryville Historical Society, and painted the Atawater Cannon, which overlooks Baldwin Park.



"Do a Good Turn Daily"



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On Saturday, May 9th, members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Troop 21 participated in the Bristol Postal Food Drive, which benefited five local charities/food pantries. The boys spent the day assisting at the Bristol Post Office unloading mail trucks, weighing, sorting, boxing, distribution and delivery of the nearly 12,000 lbs. of food that was collected by the Bristol Post Office staff from residents throughout Bristol.

**A NOTE FROM OUR
PARISH NURSE:**



Still looking for anyone who would like to brighten

someone's life by playing setback with some of our shut-ins or just making a visit to someone and



Shut-in Visitation

bring a smile to their face. Please contact me if you would like to participate. Anyone interested, please call me on my cell phone

and leave a message — 860-877-0022.

Don't forget Walk and Talk

All are invited. Tuesdays - 9:30 am

at the Parish Center

We hope to see you there!

Ladies, looking forward to seeing you again on June 9th at the Dining Room on Jerome Ave. (known to some as BARC) at 12:30 pm. It has been a positive experience for all and a great way to support our community. See you there!!!

Keep Tuesday, July 7th open!



We will be having a box lunch picnic at one of our parks. I will need to know if you will be attending so I can order the correct number of box lunches. I

haven't received a definite cost at this time, but it should be approximately \$10 per person. If it rains we will meet at the Parish Center. Hope to see all of you there!! Leave a message on my home phone, at 860-621-0230, or on my cell phone, at 860-877-0022 if you plan on attending.

*Blessings,
Roberta*

Young at Heart

It's time for our annual Picnic Lunch for our "over age 50" group in the Old School Basement on June 4, Thursday, at 11:30 am. We always love to welcome first timers; at every lunch someone new comes — how about YOU!



If **you need a ride** please call the church office or Carol, so you don't miss the fun. We will supply all the picnic meat, rolls and cool desserts. Thirty people signed up to bring the other picnic items for our buffet tables and will pay only \$2 when signing in. The rest of us will contribute the usual \$5 amount this time; remember one of these monthly lunches will be Free!

This month we will welcome Maggie Foschini of **American Senior Benefits** in Farmington. She can help us with many of our concerns as we age as she has already done for some of our members. Do you wonder if you're paying too much for Medicare supplemental insurance, or costs of nursing home and home confinement, running out of money, Veteran's benefits, doctor or hospital bills? Their goal is to provide solutions to these concerns and more. Bring your questions and join us.

Last month, 57 of us enjoyed Greer's chicken and our School speakers and donated \$200 from our treasury to ILS Tuition Assistance. Another \$200 went toward the New Tables fund to replace the heavy, old damaged tables.

Since we don't hold summer lunches in July or August, we try to plan some daytrips for you. This summer we plan to visit wonderful Wickham Park in Manchester — one of the jewels of our state and a photographer's dream. There are numerous acres of gardens — Scottish, Chinese,

English, etc., plus an Aviary-like zoo, a fabulous Sensory Gardens, and much more. The weather must be perfect and we'll also have a rain date. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details. On August 27, ten of us will travel with the Bristol Senior Center for a cruise of the Thimble Islands including lunch and shopping. If you just paid a deposit so far, the \$59 balance is due now to Young-At-Heart as well as a lunch menu selection.

All the activities we plan are shown in Sunday's bulletins, our glass enclosed bulletin board by the Library, and the "Trips" bulletin board near the gym entrance. You could also play cards on Mondays at 1pm in the Parish Center, if that interests you. The best idea is to visit one of our home-bound members who are waiting for a summertime visit. Be sure to greet one another in church and invite someone to join you at our June 4 Picnic Lunch !

NEW!!!



I just found out that more of us can go on the **Thimble Islands Daytrip** with the Bristol Senior Center on August 27, Thursday. Two buses are going and we can almost have our own Bus; isn't that GREAT !...so spread the news!

It's the Thimble Island Cruise, lunch at the Chowder Pot III, Westbrook Outlet shopping — all for \$79, going from the Bristol Senior Center at 9:30 am, returning at 6 pm. Invite others to join you !

Another trip going from West St., Bristol is to the **Bronx Zoo** on Wed., July 15 . Let me know if you're interested — \$62 for trip — lunch on your own with St. Stan's Travelers.

Thanks for spreading the news. Call for more info. Carol Maron 582-9608.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2015



ON JUNE 10TH, AT 7 P.M., THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
WILL BE THE 117TH GRADUATING CLASS OF
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL:

Caleb Beaudoin

Morgan Bielert

Anthony Buonafede

Myah Croze

Michelle Helming

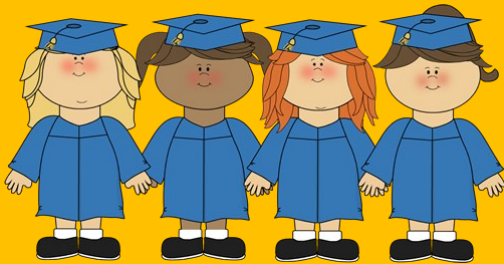
Benjamin Jabs

Morgan Moliengo

Erika Santilli

We wish them God's blessings as they move on to various high schools.

Kindergarten Graduation



The congregation and friends are invited to attend our annual Kindergarten Graduation on Monday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Come celebrate with these young children as they demonstrate what they have learned during the year and their faith in Jesus Christ.



As we finish another school year, the students, faculty and staff would like to thank you for your very generous support of our education ministry at Immanuel.

Without your support we would not be able to share the message of Jesus with these young people every day.

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FAREWELL

As I leave my ministry among you, I want to thank all of you for your prayerful support of the school and my ministry here at Immanuel. I pray that God will always keep the ministry to the young children deep within your heart.



Keeping the focus on the gift of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection must always remain the focus of your ministry here at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School.

As you go into the future, may the comfort of the words of Joshua 1:9 always be with you: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

In the Service of Our Resurrected Lord and Savior,
Jim Krupski

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.



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.



June Activities

- June 4 - Young-At-Heart Luncheon - 11:30 am
ILC Photo Club - 7:00 pm
- June 6—VBS Car Wash - 11:00 am-3:00 pm
- June 8 - Kindergarten Graduation - 6:30 pm
- June 10 - 8th Grade Graduation - 7:00 pm
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 18 - Women of Immanuel Potluck - 6:00 pm
- June 19 thru 21 - Aszklar and Bridges
Memorial Basketball Tournament
- June 21 - Father's Day (and baby bottles are due)
First Day of Summer



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE!

Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good.

For the months of June, July & August we change to our Summer Schedule of one Divine Service, with Holy Communion, each Sunday at 9:00 am. **On Sunday, June 7th, there will be a special Divine Service for the Homebound at 3:00 pm at the church.** If anyone will be in need of a ride, please contact Dee Krampitz in the church office at 860-583-5649.

On September 6th we will return to two Divine Services each Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am.

JUNE 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Evan Foley Jack Lusia Lorraine Malsheske Paul Ryskowski Joel Sonstroem	2 Daniel Wall	3 Gail Smuda	4 Helen Hintz Jaime Ryskowski	5 Linda Kuharski	6 Richard Lutz David Rindfleisch Bethany Swicklas
7 Lois Koch	8 Ruth Stewart	9 Claudia Bishop Abigail Bourgoin	10 Andrew Dubois Jacob Gohsler Haylee Kissler	11 Bryan Killian	12 Alexa Bugryn Jacqueline Holcomb Peter Koch Paris Machado Pamela Mockler	13 John Fray Linda Sonstroem
14 Patricia Kahle	15	16 Christopher Pacitto	17	18 Joyce Raspanti Mel Schab Bev Zahnke	19 Heidi Karner Pat Wollenberg	20 Walter Riemer
21 Adele Kaufmann Carley Klemyk Julia Klemyk Barry Sonstroem Nancy Tower	22 Robert Bergeron Leslie Foley	23 Gary Bell Henry Kuharski, Jr. Joel Wulff	24	25 Marcus Lopisi	26 Benjamin Jabs	27 Helene Fray
28 Lisa Bugryn	29 Eunice Charest Sandra Cleveland Shawn Dennis Connie Glidden Laura Hamelin Karen Hebert	30 Alice Bielert Carrie Palmisano Kacie Therrien				

“Let the beauty
of the
LORD
our God be
upon us.”
Psalm 90:17, NKJV



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