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# Messenger

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



## 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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*Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped make the Victorian Tea Fundraiser such a great success!*

*A great time was had by all!*

*We created new friendships and raised \$1,619.00 for ILS Tuition Assistance!*

*God Bless our Church and all our dear members!*

*What a great blessing we have in our support and love for each other!*



(See Tea on Page 7)



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#### Summer Worship Schedule

June - July - August

**SUNDAY**  
**DIVINE SERVICE**  
with Holy Communion

**9:00 A.M.**

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



**WHEELCHAIR  
ACCESSIBLE**

Worship Services are broadcast each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on

**WNTY Radio**  
**990 AM**  
**96.1 FM**

## From the Pastor's Desk

### **“Watchful”**

*The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth. Psalm 33:13-14*

Father's Day is June 19th; so here's a story about fathers.

A St. Louis firefighter responded to a blaze that was destroying a two-story home.

Everyone had made it out when the smallest boy remembered something he had forgotten.

Without anyone seeing him, he managed to make it back to his bedroom on the second floor. He made it in, but he couldn't get out.

Seeing his son at his bedroom window, the father shouted, "Jump, son! I'll catch you!" The boy cried, "Daddy, I can't see you!" "I know", his dad called back, "but I can see you."

When we were growing up, it was really

important for us to be seen by our fathers, wasn't it?

A smile, or an arm around the shoulder, could make all the difference for us.

Now that we're older, it's still true. For many of us our earthly fathers have run their race, but our *heavenly* Father is still watching over us.

I'm not a little boy, but there are times when I feel very small and helpless (those of you who have lost a spouse can probably relate to those feelings). That's when His smile and His heavenly hand on my shoulder make all the difference. By faith in the crucified and risen Savior, I know I am not, and never will be, alone!

I can't see my Father, but it's enough that He sees me and is always there to catch me.

Pastor Karner  
*1 Thess. 5:23-24*



**Happy  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

*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 16th at 6:00 P.M. in The Old School Basement.** 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. Watch the bulletin for details.



A letter from Barbara Lis, newly elected LWML-NED president.

Hello my dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, **Did I tell you how I believe I was called here?** My friends Deb, Susie, and Rachel and I are in a Bible Study, reading What Happens When Women Say Yes to God by Lysa TerKeurst. One Tuesday, last November, our reading included the idea "maybe you should reconsider your *I can'ts*. "Mmm," I thought, "I don't think I have any *I can'ts*. I don't think I've been saying *No* to God."

**The very next night** I read Sharon Dever's email, asking me to consider being a candidate for President of LWML-NED! And — I had been lazy about reading my home email — the email was 2 weeks old!

**Well, a few things have changed** since that night last November:

1. I did not say, "*I can't*." to God. I said, "*I can, with the help of Christ*."
2. I was elected to be your President at the LWML-NED Convention on April 9th. I thank you, and I'm humbled by your confidence in me. But, it's not me — it's Jesus, and it's the wonderful women on our Board of Directors, and it's you — all of you — serving God in your family, your church, your workplace and your community, where He has placed you for His purpose. I'm humbled by your passion for serving the Lord.

3. I am not lazy with my email any more. Please contact me at [president@lwml-ned.org](mailto:president@lwml-ned.org), if I can help you in any way.

**I'll close my first letter to you with a suggestion** from "The Time is Now: 75 Big Ideas" to consider doing before LWML's 75th anniversary in Albuquerque, New Mexico next June:

*#6 Women of all ages and cultures have gifts to share. The Time is NOW to use the talents of these women ... involve them in your special projects ... listen to them ... encourage them!*

**And this prayer** from my reading today:

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

*Ephesians 3:16-21 NIV*

In Christ,  
Barb List

### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) in Unionville is a non-profit, volunteer Christian agency committed to assisting women in crises due to pregnancy by providing emotional support and practical assistance. Baby bottles were handed out on Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup> for you to take home, fill with pocket change and return on Father's Day, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks out to CPC Unionville.



## Young at Heart

It's time for our annual Picnic Lunch for our "over age 50" group in the Old School Basement on June 2, Thursday at 11:30 am.

We will supply the meat, rolls, and cool desserts; and twenty-five people signed up to bring the other foods for our buffet tables. It's \$5 at the door but only \$2 for those filling our buffet tables. Remember, one of these monthly lunches will be free and we love to welcome first-timers.

This month we are happy to again welcome, Miles Everett, our Bristol Hospital Dietician and Nutritionist. He returns this year to talk to us about Cholesterol and other concerns we have about our diet as we mature. You don't want to miss this program.

Last month sixty of us enjoyed Greer's Chicken and loved Vernon Koch's photos that he made into a video of their trip to Alaska last year. We filled the tables

and had a wonderful time.

Since we do not hold these monthly lunches in July or August, we usually try to do some daytrips. As of this time, none are planned, perhaps you would like to help arrange a trip for us.

All the activities we plan are shown in Sunday's bulletins, our glass-enclosed bulletin board by the library, and the "trips" bulletin board by the gym entrance. You could play cards on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Center with the Adult Fellowship group, if that interests you. The best idea is to visit one of our home-bound members who are waiting for your summertime visit.



Hope to see you and a friend on Thursday, June 2 for our Picnic *Shut-in Visitation* lunch!

**From your**



Have you ever heard advertisements stating, "Shouldn't we tell everyone how great this deal is?" Well, let's think about what God does for us. Shouldn't we be telling everyone what God has done for us? Isn't this far greater than any money-saving deal?

Our lives are so busy we miss the whole meaning and how precious every breathing breath is. We are wrapped up in our own desires, forgetting who gave us everything we own.

We are so blessed to know the Lord. Make it your job to spread the Word of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ so others will know of His Love and Mercy. Praise the Lord!

God's Blessings to all of you,  
**Roberta Kubr,**  
Parish Nurse

## ~ School News ~

### Congratulations!



Shown with their teacher, Mr. Tavernier, are (left to right) Maggie Theriault, Meadow Wells and Kurt Radcliff, representing Immanuel Lutheran School at the CMEA Connecticut Honors Choir at the convention center in Hartford on April 29.

## ~ Church News ~



**Immanuel Welcomes our  
newest members thru  
The Rite of Adult  
Confirmation**

**Norman & Marilyn Stone**  
**Jamie & Kristin LaForge**  
**Gladys Legace**  
**Janet Romanko**  
**Hugo & Kristin Cabello**  
**Scott, Jennifer & Nate DeAngelo**  
**June Lozewski**

Hello!

*Thank you so much for the College Care package that I was sent. It should help me greatly through the last few weeks of school.*

*It means a lot to be continuously thought about by the church.*

*God Bless,*

*Kelly Tower—Bryant University*

**Immanuel welcomes  
through the rite of Holy Baptism**  
**Jennifer DeAngelo**  
**Baptized on May 22, 2016**

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
I wanted to thank everyone for the snacks at the end of the semester. It was really nice of you and they came in handy.*

*From,  
Jesse Caron  
(grandson of Judy Buonafede)*



### CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN

**Benjamin Lane Bridges**  
*August 16, 1983 — May 3, 2016*

**Leah Modeen**  
*December 30, 1916 — May 16, 2016*



## NEWSLETTER

To our readers:

With summertime typically being a slow time news-wise, the next issue of the Messenger newsletter will be a combined July/August issue. Please plan ahead when submitting items for publication.  
 Ed & Dee Krampitz, Editors

## ~ Church News ~



### Looking for some exciting basketball?

WELL, ONCE AGAIN THE  
**PASTOR BRIDGES AND WILLIAM ASZKLAR**  
**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

*will be held on  
SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH AND  
SUNDAY JUNE 19TH!!!*

#### How can you help?

1. You can form a team (any ages, high school to adult);
2. You can donate items for our silent auction;
3. You can donate food item to sell with morning coffee (1 dozen muffins);
4. You can donate cookies for our lunch time; and/or
5. You can donate food items for the concession stand (hotdogs, hamburgers, rolls)

*Please see the sign-up sheet located in the office on Trina's desk.*

SINCE THE TOURNAMENT BEGAN,  
WE HAVE GIVEN OUT OVER \$12,000 TO  
OUR DEAR ILS FAMILIES.

***This year we will be honoring Ben***

Thank you in advance for all of your help,  
love and support of this tournament.

***God bless you,  
Judy and Mary***

#### Mark your Calendars:



**Sunday, June 26**  
**12:30 - 4:30**  
West Street  
Parking Lot

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 11th through the 15th**

9am to 12:30pm

*Welcome to Deep Sea Discovery!*

*Get ready to dive into a life-changing adventure that leads kids deeper into God's love! Through*

*Deep Sea Discovery, divers will resurface knowing that God is with them wherever they go! Your kids won't want to miss this adventure! Secure their place on the dive team today!*

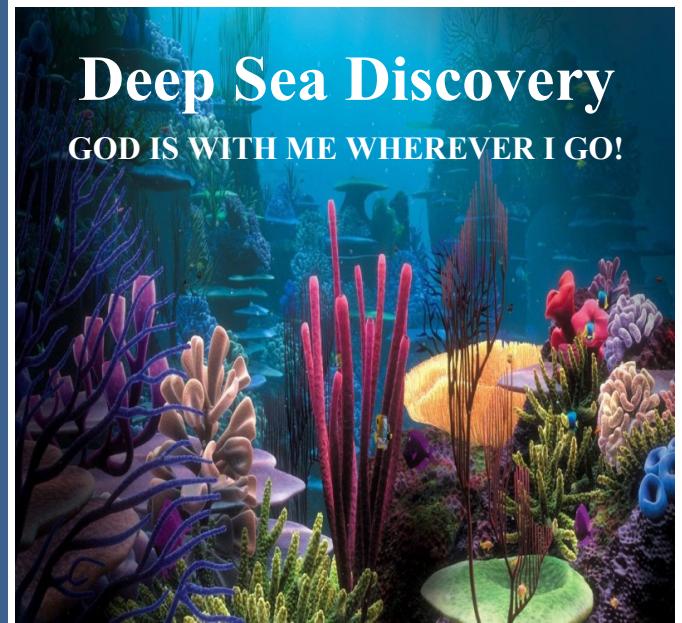
#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

(sign up in office)

#### **REGISTRATION FORMS**

(sign up in office)

*If questions, please call the office at 860-583-5649.*



## ~ School News ~

### 'The Sound of Music' (Continued from Page 1)



### Tea (Continued from Page 1)



## “My Faith” poems by the 7th and 8th grade students

**My Faith**

By Lorrin

My faith flows like a river, constant and unending.  
 My faith soars like an eagle, high and above.  
 My faith is as white as snow, clean and glistening.  
 My faith is like the sun, bright and forever shining.  
 My faith is like the moon, guiding me through the darkness.  
 My faith is as strong as the winds of a tornado.  
 My faith is like a flower, always blooming.  
 My faith is like a rainbow, the positive beauty that comes out of a negative storm.  
 My faith is like a citadel that holds my relationship with the Trinity.  
 My faith is like a second home, always there for me.  
 My faith is as calm as a quiet morning.  
 My faith is something unique to me, and will be mine forever.

**My Faith**

By Jared

My faith comforts me in times of need.  
 My faith forgives me when I've sinned.  
 My faith is as strong as a rock.  
 My faith is always with me.  
 My faith gives me eternal life.  
 My faith is like a light purging out the darkness.  
 My faith is as tall as a mountain.  
 My faith is as deep as an ocean.  
 My faith is like a curb guiding me through life.  
 My faith gives me a reason not to be afraid.  
 My faith is in Jesus who saves me from death.

**My Faith**

By Brooke

My faith is like Dory - it just keeps swimming.  
 My faith is like Scooby Doo - searching for Jesus.  
 My faith is as sweet as Winnie the Pooh's favorite food - it's as sweet as honey.  
 My faith is like Merida - it's brave.  
 My faith is like Tinker Bell - it holds magic.  
 My faith is like Elsa - yet you can't let it go.  
 My faith is like the Jungle Book - it has the “bear” necessities.  
 My faith is like Pocahontas - its colors in the wind.  
 My faith is like Arora - a sleeping beauty.  
 My faith is like Ariel - it is a treasure.  
 My faith is like Cinderella - her shoe fits, my faith fits me.  
 My faith is like Mulan - yet it's never in disguise.  
 My faith is like the Seagulls from Nemo - it's MINE!!!

**My Faith**

By Nicholas

My faith empowers me  
 My faith grows in me when I read the Holy Bible  
 My faith is as big as the galaxy  
 My faith is powerful  
 My faith gives me forgiveness  
 My faith is in me, everywhere I go  
 My faith is bigger than the world  
 My faith is like the Holy Bible; it teaches me how to live my life  
 My faith is the most important thing in my Life . . .

**My Faith:**

By Kacie

My faith is as precious as a pearl.  
 My faith guides me to Jesus.  
 My faith protects me from the devil.  
 My faith is as powerful as a crashing meteor.  
 My faith soars like a seagull over water.  
 My faith is as bright as an angel.  
 My faith is stronger than a lion.  
 My faith leads me like a teacher.  
 My faith is as joyful as a child with ice cream.  
 My faith rises higher than the tallest mountain.  
 My faith is my greatest strength.  
 My faith is my greatest treasure!

**My Faith**

By Reagan

**A great feast**

This fort's great walls  
 hold a feast and a ball  
 with wide open doors to all.

**The garden**

All sweet and no sour  
 tall trees and great flowers dear  
 Jesus empowers me.

**The son**

The radiant light of the sun straying over the pages as the light of the truth gently glows  
 from the great book situated perfectly in my lap  
 driving the darkness away, into its realm in the corner

**I am as**

I am as weak as an infant  
 As fragile as glass  
 As slow as a slug  
 As lowly as dirt  
 As sinful as any  
 As dirty as many  
 Deserving nothing at all  
 Without so much as a tear  
 God held his child dear  
 And laid down his life for thee  
 I'm as tall as Mount Zion as strong as a lion  
 With my faith deep inside thee.



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## Activities

**2 - Young at Heart Lunch**  
**2, 9, 19, 22, 30 - The Emmaus Walkers**  
**5, 12, 19, 26 - Men's Basketball**  
**6 - Kindergarten Graduation**  
**6, 13, 20, 27 - Adult Fellowship**  
**7, 14, 21, 28 - Walk & Talk**  
**8 - 8th Grade Graduation**  
**8 - Board of Finance Meeting**  
**9 - Last day of School**  
**9 - Elders Meeting**  
**10 - BBT Quilt Guild**  
**16 - Women of Immanuel Pot Luck**

**16 - Photo Club**  
**16 - Church Council**  
**18, 19 - Bridges/Aszklar Basketball Tournament**  
**21 - IL Foundation**  
**26 - VBS Car Wash**

These activities are a sample of what was posted on Immanuel's online calendar as of the publishing of this edition of the *Messenger*. To see the most up-to-date listings of all activities at the church and the school, log onto the church website at [www.ilcs.org](http://www.ilcs.org) and click on **Calendar** at the top of the page.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

**HAPPY**  
**FATHER'S**  
**DAY!**  
**JUNE 19**



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