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# Messenger

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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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## SERVICE

with Holy Communion  
Thursday, May 25 at  
10:45 am and 7 pm

## A Beautiful Easter SONrise!



— Photos by Vern Koch —

## ~ Congratulations to our 2017 Confirmands ~

*Morgan Alison Hebert-Dubois*

*Cody Michael McIntyre*

*Nicholas Alexander Madigan*

*Melanie Paige Moliengo*

*Maliki James Matthews*

*Samantha Emily Ruffino*

*Kacie Kathleen Therrien*





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### **SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES**

**8:00 a.m.**

Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday of the month.

**10:45 a.m.**

Holy Communion on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday of the month.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**9:30 a.m.**

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:30 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**

### ***“A Greater Love”***

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. 1 John 3:1*

All of us have watched professional sports.

It doesn't matter if it's hockey, football, baseball or championship chess, when the cameras zoom in on the winner, he or she will stop whatever he or she is doing, hold up an index finger, and say, "Number one." If the camera stays on them for a second or two longer, they'll mouth the words, "Hi, mom!"

Why is it always mom who comes to these players' minds at the moment of success? Why not, "Hi, wife!" or "Hi, kids!" or "Hi, dad!" or even, "Hi, college coach that brought me to this point where I'm making a gazillion dollars?"

Why do they always say hello to mom?

Like the rest of us, these athletes know their mothers are standing behind them.

Indeed, a person can commit an unspeakable crime and everyone will abandon him – everybody – except for Mom.

Look at Mary, Jesus' mother. As the Savior was dying to take away the sins of humankind, almost everybody else had deserted Him. Embarrassed or frightened, most friends had fled from His side. But Mary, the Lord's mother, stayed at the foot of the cross (see John 19:25).

May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, and it's right we celebrate it. But what is it we celebrate this Mother's Day? Is Mother's Day just a time to give thanks for a biological individual who struggled and suffered through her children's sins, stunts and shenanigans?

The church, Christ's church, says, "No!"

The church says, we rejoice in Christian mothers who, with love, write on the hearts of their children what the rough hand of the world can't erase. In doing so, we remember birth mothers, adoptive mothers, and mothers who never had a child to call their own. We remember all who found it within themselves to speak to the little ones of the Lord's gracious love.

We remember those who have shared how God's Son experienced the ultimate loneliness so our sons, our daughters might never be alone; how God's Son suffered so our children would never have to suffer eternally; how God's Son laid down His life so our sons and daughters might live. Most importantly, they told how God's Son rose so our sons and daughters might have life. God's Son rose so all who believe in Jesus as their suffering Substitute, their victorious Friend, their living Lord, will live forever.

Mothers, look into your cribs and cradles. Look at your young children, your teens, your young adults, your children, with families of their own. Look at your grandchildren growing up in a different world than we could ever have imagined.

Look at them. Do you love them?

Of course, you do! You've laid down your lives for them, but God loves them with a greater, a deeper, longer-lasting love than yours. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us. His is a love so great that His Son died so we might be called children of God.

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Plans for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ladies Aid (Women of Immanuel) will be discussed.

All women are welcome. Mark your calendar to gather with your sisters in Christ. Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.

- **Our Spring Bake Sale will be held Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> between services.**



**LUTHERAN WOMEN  
IN MISSION**

### MISSION GRANT UPDATE

**Your Mite Offerings Have Made An Impact!**

A \$25,000 grant was given to LCMS Black Ministry in the Office of National Mission for the purpose of helping to lay the groundwork for the Rosa J. Young Academies project. Rosa's love for Christ our Savior and the confessional teachings of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod created a lasting legacy. Many of her students went on to serve nobly in secular professions, and many more became pastors and

teachers. Her story is timeless and useful. It offers hope in adversity for rural and inter-city mission work today. The legacy of Rosa J. Young has become the inspiration for educating a new generation. The Rosa J. Young Academies and After School Programs have the goal of re-establishing Lutheran Christian education in districts where there are large African American and immigrant populations. The grant monies were used to prepare the Rosa J. Young Academies process for the completion of many stages before the opening of the first school in August 2018. Dr. Douglas P. Thaman, Ed.D, Executive Director, Missouri Charter Public School Association has been contracted as service provider of the process. Presently, they are working with goals in process as well as long term goals. Some of these include feasibility study/ research, drafting a business and operating plan, establishing a 501c3 organization and governing body, coordinating and partnering with other entities to draft a management and curriculum plan, and drafting a charter school application. Along with more fundraising, much still needs to be accomplished before the target opening of the 1st school in August of 2018. **Rosa J. Young felt education was important, but a Christian education was better.**



### Parish Nurse Corner

Please join us every **Tuesday** morning at Walk and Talk. Starts at 9:30 in the Parish Center. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** — Tuesday Ladies Luncheon at BARC, 12:30 pm.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** — Women's Bible Study at 4:30 pm., the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Sandwiches and coffee provided. Bring a friend. Hope to see you there.

Blessings,  
Roberta



## Young at Heart

It's our annual May **Greer's Chicken Lunch** on May 4, 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 foods for our buffet tables, you'll only contribute \$2 at the door. This is also true for our June picnic buffet when we buy the meat and you bring foods for our buffet which usually is \$5, of course that include desserts and choices of beverages.

Remember, it is not just the food, but the interesting programs we all enjoy. In May, our own Vernon Koch is bringing over the Immanuel Ringers to perform for us. We love having the talented students from our school entertain us. In June, Miles Everett, RN Dietician from Bristol Hospital, who we have thoroughly enjoyed in the past, will speak about the advantages of the Mediterranean Diet.

We hope you didn't miss our wonderful Pizza Party last month because of the very wet rainy weather. We meet on the first Thursday of the month and hope you don't miss out because you need a ride, so call Carol or the office so you don't miss the fun.

We love to welcome first-timers!

During the summer when we don't hold these lunches, we try to schedule a couple daytrips. This year we were able to get 20 seats for the musical "Oklahoma" at the Goodspeed Theatre with lunch included at the Gelston House next door to the theatre. It's a full lunch with a choice of four entrées. The date is Thursday, August 24 and the total cost is \$80 with a \$20 deposit to reserve your seat. It's good that we have members who are willing to drive down to East Haddam and take passengers; others just leave their cars in the gym side lot for the day. Call Carol M. at 860-582-9608 to reserve your seat soon or take care of that at our May lunch. Other daytrip plans are in the works.

Always check our "Young-At-Heart" bulletin board by the gym entrance in the glass case for more things to do at area Senior Centers. Remember, the Adult Fellowship group meets on Monday afternoons at 1 pm in the Parish Center to play cards, if that interests you. Now that the weather is nicer, try to visit one of our many homebound members waiting for a visit.

### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER



A Baby Bottle Fundraiser is a fun way for families to participate in crisis pregnancy ministry. 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 will be handed out on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>, for you to take home, fill with pocket change and return on Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

### FROM THE DIRECTORS OF THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION:

We are accepting applications for the Westfall Scholarships. There are 5 scholarship awards that are available. The forms are available in the Church Office. Completed forms **MUST** be received by the Foundation Directors no later than June 20, 2017 to be eligible for consideration. These scholarships will be awarded in August 2017.

Additionally, request for grants continue to be accepted throughout the year for your projects.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Church News** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**Summer Worship Schedule**  
**June – July – August**  
 9 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion  
 10:15 Coffee  
 10:30 Adult Bible Study



**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**

✠  
 John H. Fray  
 June 13, 1931 — April 9, 2017



**Immanuel welcomes  
 through the rite of Holy Baptism  
 Madison Paige Turley  
 Daughter of Cleigh Turley and  
 Rebecca (Gohsler) Turley  
 Baptized on April 30, 2017**



**Go to Germany with Pastor Karner  
 In The Footsteps of Martin Luther  
 12-Day Germany Reformation Tour  
 September 27 — October 8, 2017**

Come to the land of Luther, lederhosen, and liverwurst (OK, there won't be any liverwurst)! Join Pastor Karner on a tour of Germany during the 500-year celebration of the Reformation (1517-2017)! The cost is \$4,295 per person. You can contact Pastor Karner either by email at [kkarner@juno.com](mailto:kkarner@juno.com) or by phone at 765-749-9951 to let him know you're interested, or to ask any questions you might have. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to see and experience the best of Luther's Germany!

**Important!**

**If you intend to take this trip,  
 Pastor Karner needs to know  
as soon as possible in order to  
 finalize arrangements!**



**Save the date . . .**  
**Sunday, August 27**, as preparation continues for the celebration this year of the **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church**, including worship, dinner, and program. Look for details here and in the Sunday Bulletin as they become available.



**It's TRUE!**

*"Words cannot express..."*

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is in need of good photos to help tell the story of our last 25 years. In that story we'll try to recall; various people and events following a 25-year timeline like, pastors, teachers, principals and church officers, the Office Manager, retirements, the Alumni Wine Tastings, Sauerkraut Suppers, the German Fests, a new Constitution, the Foundation, German Services, and fund drives ... the talent shows. Groups like, our Youth Group, Young at Heart, Women of Immanuel, Emmaus Walkers, Scouts, Choirs, Parish Ministries, the Photo Club, the History Club, Train Club, Immanuel Quilters, the Altar Guild, The "Boards", the continuing Radio Ministry, Mum Festival Committees ... and no doubt more.

***Pictures tell a thousand words!!***

Good quality photographs with the subject matter identified and dated, *please!* Forward photos to the church office for scanning or send digital files by e-mail, to Dee Krampitz in the church office ([dkrampitz@ilcs.org](mailto:dkrampitz@ilcs.org)).

*Thanks!*



**WE NEED PICTURES!**

## Immanuel Lutheran School Messages of Easter



***Thank You to The Board of Evangelism and the volunteers for all your hard work in making the SONrise Service and Easter Breakfast possible.***



Left to right, front row: Linda Beaudoin, Janet Romanko, Cordelia Behrendt, Josie Rindfleisch.

Second row: George Rindfleisch, Gladys Lagace, Alice Helming, Trina Theriault.

Not pictured: Caleb Beaudoin, Diane Erling, Mary Ann Kalwat, Laurie Grekula, and the Youth Group.

## ~ School News ~

### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

All Immanuel Lutheran School PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff are delivering flowers to our friendly neighbors on Monday, May 1. This annual May Day tradition now includes students growing the flowers from seed, decorating the pots, and creating a handmade card. This witnessing effort may lead more people through the door at Immanuel.

Our enrollments for next year are coming in steadily. We have had several new families enroll in the month of April. Because the school has encouraged private tours, we find that most families that come to visit do enroll. We have had several shadow students this month as well. These realistic opportunities to experience time in class with our current students has also proven to be beneficial.

Students in grades 2-8, and a few 1<sup>st</sup> graders, will sing with the Bristol Brass and Wind on Sunday, May 7. The performance will be at Chippens Hill Middle School auditorium at 4:00. Our students are singing "Dry Your Tears, Afrika" and "As a Little Child." They may sing "American the Beautiful" as well.

The annual Herbert Kern National Junior Honor Society Induction is scheduled for May 9 at 7:00 in the sanctuary. There are six new inductees this year. A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend.

Our next All School Sing is May 14 at 8:00. This is Mother's Day. To celebrate this day the school is hosting a Mother's Day breakfast in the gym following the 8:00 service. Everyone is welcome. All dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other non-mom figures are invited to help us in the kitchen. Volunteers should contact me directly.

Pre-Kindergarten Graduation is scheduled for 10:00, May 26. We have 11 graduating this year.

This past November, our students voted on two ballot items: President of the United States and Field Day. Trump and Lake Compounce both won by a slim margin. We go to the amusement park on June 9.

Due to issues with the visiting committee, our National Lutheran School Association accreditation visit has been moved to October 18, 19, and 20. We were a little disappointed as we were ready for the May visit. But we now see this as an opportunity to polish and perfect. We expect nothing less than the highest rating from the upcoming visit.

If you are ever in need of a lift, stand in the main entry at 8:00. The students sing a song each morning at our opening, which is at the top of the staircase in the narthex. After the pledges, a verse, and announcements, their beautiful sound rains down. It is a wonderful way to start each day.

Yours in Christ,  
Dr. Anne Stuhlman, Principal







*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

***Proverbs 3:5&6***

The Board of Christian Education of Immanuel Lutheran School invites you to attend the Retirement Celebration of Mr. Raymond Ryskowski. God’s good and faithful servant will be retiring after forty-four years of teaching.

Please join family and friends as we celebrate at 5:30 on Saturday, June 3, at Nuchie’s in Forestville. Following a delicious meal our host, Mr. Vernon Koch, and others will share some “memorable moments with Ray.”

Please fill out the form below and return to: Barbara Radcliff – BOCE  
154 Meadow St.  
Bristol, CT 06010

We would appreciate your reply by May 21, 2017.

### ***Retirement Celebration of Mr. Raymond Ryskowski***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Nuchie’s Buffet plus Gift - \$40.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Gift only \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Immanuel Lutheran School – BOCE

*Thank You, the BOCE*

**HAPPY RETIREMENT**

# Church News

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran School,*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful Care Package. Having all the awesome snacks during finals week will be amazing.*

*My name is Hannah Koch. I go to Husson University in Bangor, Maine. I am studying to become a physical therapist. When I was younger I used to visit my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Koch, and go into Immanuel Lutheran School to sit in classes and meet the students to make friends. When I was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade I joined the school on their trip to Washington, D.C. and that experience was incredible, and I learned so much from going.*

*Thank you all again for the amazing care package. I hope that the rest of the school year goes great for all of you.*

*Thank you,  
Hannah Koch*

## Thank You for College Care Packages



*Just writing to say thank you for the "Finals Survival Kit" that was sent to me. It is great to know the church is still thinking of all of us in college while we are away. I really appreciate it.*

*Regards,  
Kelly Tower*

*Dear Immanuel Members,*

*Thank you for sending me a college care package filled with study snacks. It's always great to receive mail or packages when you are away from home. I think it's a great idea that Immanuel does this and I appreciate it very much!*

*I have been busy with my classes and writing papers and can't believe I'm already finishing up my freshman year of college at American University in Washington, D.C. I look forward to being home in early May!*

*Thank you again Immanuel for remembering me while I'm away at college!*

*Sincerely,  
Evan Foley*

*To the amazing people of Immanuel Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you so much for the care package I received today. Finals are fast approaching and my friends and I will most certainly enjoy all the treats you provided for us while we study. Everything is going quite well here. We are getting ready for Easter break as well as the end of another great semester.*

*Additionally, the Wind Symphony and I are preparing for our upcoming tour in South Africa next month! I am eternally thankful for all these unbelievable opportunities which would not be possible without the continued help and support from Immanuel Lutheran Church. You are all such wonderful blessings, and I can't wait to be home again in June!*

*Thank you again and God Bless!  
Alex Rindfleisch*

~ Boy Scout News ~

Court of Honor



Kids Say The Darnedest Things . . .

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Joey standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque.

It was covered with names and had small United States flags mounted on both sides of it.

The six-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, “Good morning, Joey.”

“Good morning, Pastor,” he replied, still focused on the plaque. “Pastor, what is this?”

The pastor said, “Well son, it’s a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.”

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Joey’s voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, “Which service, the 8 o’clock or the 10:45?”

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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





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