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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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## 3rd Annual German Festival



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## Continuation of our 125th Anniversary in pictures





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**Ed & Dee Krampitz  
Newsletter Editors**  
Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month.

#### 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**  
and online at  
[KoolOldiesRadio.net](http://KoolOldiesRadio.net)

## From the Pastor's Desk

# "Reformation 2017: All about Jesus"

The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth. So it is still today. The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is a time to return: to the truth, to the basics, to the foundation.

Do you remember the Small Catechism? Many of us were made to memorize the catechism (or at least part of it) during our Confirmation classes. Some of us might have even suffered through a public examination over its contents.

How much do you remember? Say it with me: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him..." Can you finish? Do you remember where that is found? (It's in Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.)

It's time to return. Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the instruction of laypeople. Luther intended the Small Catechism to be used at church and in the home to instruct children in the faith and to reinforce the faith in the hearts and minds of adults.

There is no better time than in this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation to review the catechism.

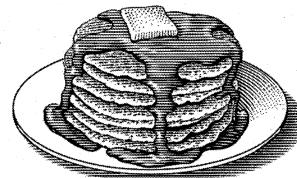
Read it for yourself. Refresh the theology in your mind. Pray the catechism daily. Memorize it.

But even more, teach it. If you are a parent, teach it to your children. As you have opportunity, share it with your friends and peers.

The catechism teaches the fundamentals of the Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys and Confession. This small book is well worth your time and study.

May this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be a time when we return to the Word and Sacraments, when we turn to Christ and His love. It's still all about Jesus.

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



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

TO BENEFIT  
**MMRF** MULTIPLE MYELOMA  
Research Foundation

AS THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE PRIVATE FUNDER OF MULTIPLE MYELOMA RESEARCH, MMRF DIRECTS NEARLY 90% OF ITS TOTAL BUDGET TO RESEARCH AND RELATED PROGRAMMING. THEY ARE WELL-POLITIONED TO SEE NEW DRUG BREAKTHROUGHS THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PATIENTS' LIVES. AND, IN THE PROCESS, THEY ARE CHANGING THE WAY CANCER RESEARCH IS CONDUCTED.

**Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am - 10:30am

- In the Gym -

Donations of any amount are appreciated

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS**  
**#LIVEGENEROUSLY**

*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 ~~~~~

### **WOMEN OF IMMANUEL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Immanuel's Ladies Aid Society will commemorate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a luncheon at Oasis Restaurant on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Join your Sisters in Christ to celebrate 90 years of service to the congregation and community. Invitations with more details will be distributed as we get closer to the date. All women are welcome.



Celebrate LWML Sunday with us on October 1, 2017. Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ,

encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to "Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

The **LWML-NED Retreat** will be held November 3-4, 2017, in Enfield, CT.

The theme chosen is **The Rock Speaks**.

*All drink the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock is Christ. 1Cor 10:4.*

**Come join your LWML-NED Sisters in Christ for a weekend of Bible study, fellowship, singing and relaxation!**

Registration forms can be found in the Women of Immanuel mail slot in the church office or online at LWML-NED under [HOME- RETREAT](#).

## ~~~~~ Orphan Grain Train ~~~~~

### **OGT DISASTER RESPONSE FOR HURRICANE IRMA in FLORIDA**

OGT-New England is teaming up with OGT-Maryland and OGT-Pennsylvania to send a truckload of items badly needed in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Please consider donating any of the following items. (If you would prefer to give a financial gift, your funds would be used to purchase some of these items.) Items may be delivered here to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

#### **Cleaning supplies:**

- Shovels • Brooms
- Mops
- Sturdy rubber gloves
- Cleaning fluid
- Buckets (like the orange ones Home Depot sells)
- Large heavy sponge

(All of the above small items may be wrapped in the bath towel and secured with 2 rubber bands, or you may donate them individually.)

- Diapers for children as well as adults

#### **Hygiene supplies:**

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush • Toothpaste • Comb
- Washcloth • Bath Towel

**ESTIMATED DEPARTURE OF TRUCK FROM HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TERRYVILLE IS OCTOBER 29TH.**



It's Oktoberfest at our Thursday, October 5, lunch for our "over age 50" crowd, and you don't want to miss this German Lunch!!

Our German cooks are preparing most of the food and others are bringing great dishes for us to enjoy. For only \$5, you can enjoy a wonderful meal of Pork loin, Sauerkraut, Sausage, German potato salad, many other German dishes and apple desserts. Those contributing food we ask for only \$2. This is your personal invitation to attend, call your friends and remind them of this 11:30 special event, our Oktoberfest, in the old school basement or call for a ride.

It's not only the food, but the music you will enjoy, as we again welcome "Bristol's Old Tyme Fiddlers" to our Oktoberfest. Remember the wonderful time we had when the school children came and enjoyed the music with us! Wear your German clothes, if you can!

Another October church activity is the 90th Anniver-

sary of our Ladies Aid Society (Women of Immanuel) on October 8 celebrated at 1 pm at the Oasis Restaurant for any lady. Remember, also to get your tickets for our annual church-school Sauerkraut Supper on October 13 that are on sale now.

Next month on November 2, we will celebrate the 23rd Anniversary since our lunch group started with the traditional Soup & Sandwich Lunch. Save the date on your calendar for our annual Christmas Party at Nuchie's Restaurant on December 5, Tuesday. Maybe you could help out or present some entertainment for us.

Homebound members are waiting for a visit from you; call the church office for more information. Join the Adult Fellowship card players in the Parish Center at 1 pm on Mondays for a fun time.

Remember to come on Thursday, October 5 at 11:30 to enjoy wonderful Christian fellowship, great German food and fun!



## Parish Nurse Corner

**Walk and Talk - Tuesday mornings**, please join us. Starts at 9:30am in the Parish Center. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Ladies Luncheon at BARC - October 17th** at 12:30 pm.

We had an excellent turnout last meeting. Hope all of you can make it once again.

**Women's Bible Study - October 10th, and 24th** - Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month. Starts at 4:00pm in the Parish, sandwiches and coffee provided. Bring a friend. Hope to see you there.

Blessings,  
Roberta

### How Does This Ever Get Old?

"The Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith."

On many Sunday mornings while enjoying the richest of blessings that God continues to shower upon us in His Divine Service, we survey the empty pews which could be, and should be, occupied, but are not. And a sense of sorrow envelopes as we realize the missed opportunities for the spiritual feeding we all need, and which we, the present, are privileged to experience.

Our faith and trust in Jesus our Savior remains intact despite Satan's constant onslaught, but we become vul-

nerable when our spiritual diet is ignored. You and we need to be spiritually fed with Word and Sacrament frequently – daily with this faith strengthening diet which reassures us that God's love for us will never fail. We are painfully aware, that left to our own devices, evil wins hands down. By ourselves, we are helpless and easy prey for the prince of darkness. Then, what to do?

We really need Word and Sacrament to stay spiritually alive. Without it ... we really do not want to think about it!

Daily, we should remember with joy and thanksgiving the day of our baptism when God snatched us from the

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### **Divine Service** (Continued from Page 4)

clutches of Satan and adopted us into His family. We were born as children of darkness, but we have been rescued by God. With water and the Word we received the gift of faith and became heirs to life forever, reconciled with God for Jesus' sake. Awesome! Simply awesome! We no longer need to dwell on the fate which by grace we have escaped.

God indeed planted the gift of saving faith in Jesus our Lord on the day of our baptism. But there is a problem – Satan wants us back. He does not accept defeat graciously. The battle wages within us. If there is no longer a battle, has Satan won? A frightening thought.

Again – we need Word and Sacrament, and when opportunity presents – corporately. On many Sundays – if not all – we drag ourselves into church – world weary. Life can be tough, and sometimes unbearably tough, and we can be ready to throw in the towel. But we wend our way to our pew and seat ourselves. After announcements the service begins with an opening hymn to set the stage for God to continue to serve us.

And then God gets right down to business – the confession of our sins.

The Pastor opens “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” And the congregation responds with a resounding “Amen.” (Yes! Yes!)

Pastor then reminds us: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”

To which we respond with confidence by faith: “But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

And then we pause, reflecting on our own unworthiness and on the promises of God we have just spoken.

Pastor then continues: “Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.”

And we do, with repentant hearts: “Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your

will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.”

And now come those beautiful, healing words of absolution which lift the burdens of guilt which our sins impose. Pastor assures us and speaks on behalf of God: “Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

To which we reply: “Amen.” (Yes!)

Awesome – amazing – incredible – God loves me – anyway – in spite of who I am – for Jesus’ sake. God loves me in spite of the evil I so often think and do – in spite of my neglect to do what should be done. God the Father sees me through the blood of Jesus and declares me forgiven and sees me as perfect, righteous – free from sin.

How does this not bring us to tears of gratitude and relief, tears of thankfulness and joy and tears of resolve to fight the good fight?

And why is God so patient with us? Because – just because he loves us – for Jesus’ sake – in whom, by grace, we trust.

Just how can this ever get old?

I am okay with God! How great is that! He is with me every day, and when I close my eyes in death, I know and believe and trust that I will wake in the arms of my precious Savior Jesus. How great is that?

Just how can this ever get old?

— *The Board of Elders*



**Immanuel: “God With Us”  
The Journey Continues  
1892 – 2017**

**The book is on sale in the office during the week for \$10.00.**

**A special thank you to all who contributed articles and photos.**



## Church and School News

### SAVE THE DATE:

The 5th - 8th grade students and alumni will be your servers. Our delicious menu will include brats, pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, hot dogs, bread, butter, green beans, beets, and, of course, don't forget to save room for our apple pie! So come on down and enjoy a wonderful meal and some fabulous fellowship.



**SAUERKRAUT SUPPER  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Tickets are now available in the church office or between church services.

Price: \$20 (Age 65 & older: \$17)

Seating times are 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, & 6:45

Takeout will also be available.

*Once again we need our wonderful volunteers for baking those delicious apple pies.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Mary & Robbie*



Immanuel Lutheran Church & School is having a:

**5K RUN FOR REFORMATION**

A Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

Sunday, OCTOBER 29, 2017 at 1:00 pm

The race begins and ends of Meadow Street.

Early Registration sign up is available in the

Office 860-583-5631.

**Entry Fees: \$25-Adults, \$20-Student**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BY OCT. 20, 2017**

**Entry Fees: Age 12 & Under \$15, Adult 13 & over \$20.00**

***All profits go to the school.***

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to everyone who made our *potato pancake booth* at this year's *German Festival* such a great success! The prayers, the planners, the buyers, the setup people, the kitchen staff, the grillers, the booth staff, the runners and the clean-up crew—YOU ARE THE BEST!!! You all worked so hard and so well!!!

God bless you all!!!

Sincerely,

Trina Theriault, Chair

Board of Evangelism

Immanuel Lutheran Church

**THANK  
YOU!**

### WINTER ICE MELT SALE

More information in the Sunday Bulletin.



Box Tops for Education continues to be a year long effort. The first submission for the year is at the end of October.

#### Price Choppers - Tools For Schools

which will send a gift card at the end of the program. The program runs through December 30, 2017. Anyone that had previously enrolled is still enrolled - Any new parents can enroll online at

[www.PriceChopper.com](http://www.PriceChopper.com) School Code - 38636

**Shoprite - Shoprite for education** - This program allows the school to order equipment and supplies based on the credits we have earned. Everyone must re-register their cards every year. They can enroll at: [www.shopriteforeducation.com](http://www.shopriteforeducation.com) using School Code - 18313. This program will run from October 1, 2017 until April 26, 2018.

**Stop & Shop - A+ School rewards** sends a check for the school at the end of the school year. Program runs from Oct 6, 2017 until March 15, 2018. New supporters can big to enroll their cards on Sept 11th. To complete this they must create an online account using their Stop & Shop card and then register it in the program to support our school. Or they can call 1-877-366-2668 Option # 1. [www.StopandSop.com](http://www.StopandSop.com) School Code - 07106

Please remember to save your **BOX TOPS for Education**

## ~ School News ~

### **From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Immanuel Members and Friends,

Immanuel Lutheran School's enrollment is up 38% over this time last year. We are excited about this growth and plan for it to continue throughout the school year.

We have a couple of sports that have taken off at Immanuel! Golf is now a team sport and is coached by Rich Carlson, our middle school math teacher. The team has started with putting and chipping at the school, and will progress to irons very soon. Cross Country has also begun and is coached by Charlie Radcliff. Ten students are on the team that practices and trains both at the school and at Rockwell Park. Meets are at the end of October for students in grades 6-8.

The school is hosting the New England District's Teachers Conference October 6th and 7th. Both days will be filled with sessions and presenters focused on Christian education. There is no school October 6th as we are hosting the NED conference. Monday, October 9 is Columbus Day, and there is no school. And, Tuesday there is no school as the staff is engaging in professional development associated with NLSA accreditation preparation and parent/teacher conferences. Therefore, our students have a nice five-day fall break while the staff has an opportunity to prepare, collaborate, and plan.

Our Sauerkraut Supper is Friday, October 13th. Tickets are available in the office for all four seatings.

Our NLSA visit will take place October 18-20. We are prepared for this visit and welcome any feedback that may make us stronger as a Lutheran school.

October 29, the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the students will have their first All School Sing at the 8:00 service. At 1:00 that afternoon the school will host the Run for Reformation 5K Run/Walk in celebration of the event that was 500 years in the making. The 5K route goes through the West End and Federal Hill areas and passes by ten Christian churches! Amazingly, the route is in the shape of a cross when you see it on a map! This was not planned. Registration for the run/walk is available in the office, and can be done by phone as well.

Our students are in session on Friday, November 10, the recognized Veterans' Day. Our Veterans' Day Celebration is the best in the area, and will be even bigger this year. The program begins at 9:00, and everyone is welcome to attend as we thank our veterans for their service.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

Yours in Christ,  
Anne Stuhlman, Principal

*As part of our 125th Year celebration  
Immanuel Lutheran invites you to ...*

## *A Taste of Fall*

Wine Tasting 🍷 Silent Auction 🎰 Food Stations by Emily's 🍽 Beer Tasting 🍺 DJ

**Saturday, November 4, 2017 • 6-10 p.m.**

**Immanuel Lutheran School Gymnasium**

All church members, parents of past or present ILS students and past alumni are invited.  
**Special alumni highlights for classes of:**

**1937, 1947, 1957, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997, 2007.**

\$25.00 per person (*must be at least 21 years old*)

For tickets call **860-583-5631** or email [dkrampitz@ilcs.org](mailto:dkrampitz@ilcs.org)

Visit [www.ilcs.org](http://www.ilcs.org) or "Immanuel Lutheran School Alumni & Friends" on Facebook.

*All proceeds to benefit the I.L.S. Tuition Assistance program.*





# A Taste of Fall



Wine Tasting • Silent Auction • Food Station by Emily's • Beer Tasting • DJ

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 per person (*must be at least 21 years old*) "A Taste of Fall" November 4, 2017

\_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending

Checks should be made out to "Immanuel Lutheran Church"

Mail to: Immanuel Lutheran Church  
154 Meadow Street  
Bristol, CT 06010

*All proceeds to benefit the I.L.S. Tuition Assistance program*



*A Taste of Fall*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Anne Karner Rosemary Ryskowski Ruth Wondrovski	<b>2</b> Kathryn Wollenberg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Michael Harrington Rachel Kirschner	<b>5</b> Benjamin Bourgoin Nora Lundski	<b>6</b> Crystal Fitzgerald David Kuharski Tracy Mitchell	<b>7</b> Andrea Jabs Alma Lusis Mike Pankenier
<b>8</b> Holli Pacitto Lindsey Schaffrick	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Nancy Martone	<b>11</b> Lana Wentland Bob Wollenberg	<b>12</b> Sarah Bugrym	<b>13</b> Barbara Emmert Hannah Richards	<b>14</b> Louise Chromy Cynthia Grossmann
<b>15</b> Jay Thaxter	<b>16</b> Nicholas Dunn-Milkowski Douglas Fitz, Jr. Norm Winters	<b>17</b> Samantha Shamson	<b>18</b> C. Lindsey Bradshaw Kayle Burt Rebecca Wolfe	<b>19</b> Myah Croze Susan Ginter	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Kay Miller	<b>24</b> Tara Hogan Thomas Madigan-Scheidel Gretchen Radcliff Jackson Stringer	<b>25</b> Janet Bailey David Koch	<b>26</b> Enola Kahle Richard Rindfleisch	<b>27</b> Susan Killian Cynthia Krueger Robert Schroeder	<b>28</b> John Hebert
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Jillian Kuharski	<b>31</b>				



Take  
*delight*  
in the LORD,  
and he will  
give you the  
*desires*  
of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

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