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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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## Sauerkraut Supper



7th and 8th Graders



5th and 6th Graders



— Photos by Vern Koch —

(See Supper on Page 5)



## TAG SALE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated to the tag sale. The youth of Immanuel will benefit tremendously — we made \$2,098.



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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.**



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

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## **From the Pastor's Desk**

# “Thanks Always”

*Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Ephesians 5:20

So, what's your “Thanksgiving Quotient” this year?

With wars, suicide bombers, economic difficulties, political strife, and an uncertain future, it might not be at its highest.

So, how do you feel about St. Paul who wrote we should give “thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”?

Some might say the apostle needed a “reality check.” In fact, there have been times when I might've agreed with that opinion. But not any more. What follows is an article that might change your opinion, too.

In this November / Thanksgiving issue of *The Messenger* I'll share it with you in hopes it may help.

“I am thankful for all of the following things:

- The taxes I pay because it means the Lord has given me an income.
- I am thankful for snug clothes that show the Lord has put plenty on my table.
- For weeds and clogged gutters because it shows the Lord has given me a home.
- For high gas prices, because it shows I have a car and the ability to drive.
- For my candidate who was or was not elected because I have been blessed to live in a land of freedom.

- For piles of laundry which is God's way of saying I have more than ‘two robes.’
- For an alarm clock that goes off early every day. The Lord wants me to know I'm needed.
- For duplicate emails from my friends because it means I have friends and they are thinking about me.”

That list could go on. And it should go on. It should be modified and personalized and thought about by every one of us. Truly, we complain about hard times, but the world knows differently. The Lord has blessed us.

Now, in response to His generosity, we can thank and praise, serve and share Him. We can thank Him for unnoticed and unappreciated gifts; we can share His Son's sacrifice, and how it has saved us. In Jesus' Name we can give thanks.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, for earthly gifts neither earned nor deserved, I give thanks. Now, I pray that my life may be filled with thanksgiving for the Son and the salvation His sacrifice provides. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

*I've  
So much to be  
THANKFUL  
for*

*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 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



Our Ladies Aid was formed by 44 ladies who met on November 4, 1927, under the leadership of the pastor and his wife, Mrs. Lillian Meyer, the first president. The old minutes of their meeting were in German until 1938 when minutes were in English. They met twice a month and very active over the years. They set up and ran the kitchen, putting on the annual Sauerkraut suppers, visited the sick, had bake sales, fundraisers, and took care of the altar. During the 1950s and '60s there were 80-90 members donating their time, talents, and treasures in the Lord's service.

Although our name has changed due to the merging of the Ladies Aid and the LWML, our service to the Lord is still the same. We still gather together to learn new things, enjoy each other's company, and make plans to help others. During the past years, we have donated thousands directly back to Immanuel, and other Lutheran agencies and concerns. We would love to have all ladies join us to grow in faith and service to our Lord.

These ladies have been members of our group over twenty years:

- 57 years – **Arlene Tonn**
- 39 years – **Rose Marie Pavlik**
- 38 years – **Lorraine Sonstrom**
- 37 years – **Claudia Bishop**, President for 23 years
- 31 years – **Carol Maron**, Secretary
- 31 years – **Gail Smuda**, Vice President
- 28 years – **Joyce Lassy**
- 28 years – **Jackie Tessman**
- 25 years – **MaryAnn Kalwat**
- 24 years – **Pat Wollenberg**, Hospitality Treasurer
- 22 years – **Ruth Meusel**

***PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR ALL THE WOMEN  
WHO SERVED THE LORD THESE 90 YEARS!***



## Young at Heart

We are celebrating this month – it's the 23rd Anniversary of our group's beginning back in 1994. Some of Immanuel's members and pastors formed the Senior Saints and started this lunch program. Although our name is changed, some of our original charter members still attend, volunteer, and contribute wonderful food for our buffets.

On November 2, it is our annual traditional "Soup and Sandwich" lunch, all homemade of course, in the Old School Basement at 11:30 am. Dessert will be a special Anniversary Cake we get from Harvest Bakery. Join us for our last lunch of this year for only \$5 or \$2, if you bring food to share; need a ride call Carol 860-582-9608. This month, after lunch, we welcome Elder Law Attorney Daniel Tully, of Kilbourne & Tully Attorneys, with offices a block away.

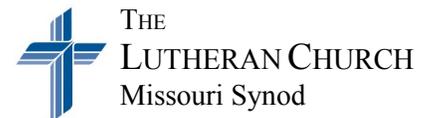
Over 50 of us loved our German Oktoberfest Lunch last month; hope you didn't miss the toe tapping music of the Old Tyme Fiddlers.



Invitations for our annual Christmas Party at Nuchie's in Forestville will be distributed at our lunch or mailed out to you. It will be on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 11:30 am and includes a sit-down served lunch, with three entrée choices, similar to last year.

Vernon Koch will again lead our musical program so plan to join us again this year. If you didn't get an invitation, contact the church office so you can join us; remember to get your reservation in before Nov. 26.

Have time to visit a homebound member before the snow flies? Call the church office for ideas of those who are waiting for your visit. You could stop in the Parish Center on Mondays at 1 pm to join the Card Playing Adult Fellowship group. Remember to mark you calendar for Nov. 2, Nov. 26 deadline, and Dec. 5 for our Christmas Party. Why stay home – enjoy the Christian fellowship and fun that we offer!



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October 3, 2017

Immanuel Lutheran Church

My dear fellow redeemed:

I have been blessed to know people who experience profound, life-changing JOY when they tell others about Jesus through their sacrificial giving. I pray you are one of them. There is something intensely personal and full of meaning in a gift like the one you have joyfully given. Thank you.

St. Paul said it best: *"I thank God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that we who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."* (Philippians 1:3-6, ESV)

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to serve you better.

In service to our Lord, Jesus Christ,

Pastor Matthew C. Harrison

President, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

We thank God for you and your gifts to The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod totaling: **\$1,208.00** They will be used in support of: **HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF & DIASTER RELIEF**

**Supper** (Continued from Page 1)

**A special note of thanks -**

*Dear ILC,*

*Thank you so much for all of your help and attendance at our Annual Sauerkraut Supper. From our delicious Tonn's apples, to those fabulous pies to our Thursday night grill crew to Saturday's day and night kitchen crew, it was a wonderful night.*

*Thanks again and hope to see you all next year.*

*Robbie Redman and Mary Aszklar*





# Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We as a congregation have a tremendous challenge ahead of us. As many of you know we have been running a deficit budget for the past several years. Our congregation has always stepped up to the challenge in the past to support our greatest mission: our School. The challenge this year is by far our greatest. For the last 125 years the good Lord has blessed our congregation, our ministry, and our school. With the \$110,000.00 that we now have borrowed from our line of credit and the deficit budget that we just passed as a congregation, our faith will truly be tested yet again. But here's the silver lining; Our school is growing behind the leadership of Dr. Stuhlman. In all of the conversations that I have had with many of the members of Immanuel it is understood that the growth of the school is essential to the overall growth and health of the church. So what's the plan? The voter's assembly has tasked the council to appoint a subcommittee to get a plan together for the repayment of our current debt, and our current budget. This will be a "Down with the Debt" program. The council members will be looking for members of our congregation to serve on this subcommittee and provide us with a course of action. We need your help. We need every member of our congregation to give what they can to get us through this fiscal year. It is only when we all stand up together and embrace this challenge that we will be back on fiscally sound ground. Please keep Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in your thoughts and prayers as we meet this challenge together.

The subcommittee will be assembled within the next couple of weeks with a plan in place by early December.

Thank you for your support and may God be with you.

Jason Krueger,  
Congregation President

## *From The Immanuel Helping Ministry Warm-A-Child*



*Once again, we are sponsoring our annual Warm-A-Child "giving tree" project. The church and school families really come together to help local children get warm clothing to comfort them in the winter. The tree is located near the library.*

*Please take a paper mitten from the tree, purchase the item(s) indicated, and attach the mitten to your wrapped gift which can be placed under the tree. **We will be gathering clothing until December 10th, to enable distribution to local schools and agencies.***

*Also, we are collecting clothing and infant related items to benefit the newborns at the Crisis Pregnancy Center. These things need not be wrapped, just placed in the collection box by the tree.*

*As always... thank you so much for your support and generous donations!*

*Sincerely,  
MaryAnn Kalwat*

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

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church and Foundation,*  
*Thank you very much for awarding me with the Church and the Foundation scholarships. The will aid me greatly this year while I continue my education at Central Connecticut State University in pursuit of a degree in Biomolecular Science. I am enjoying my time at CCSU this fall which is thanks in great part to my family and your generous awards for which I am truly thankful.*

*Thanks again and God Bless,*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Stephen Helming*

**The ILC Adult Fellowship** group has made a donation to the Debt Reduction Fund. We would like to remind everyone that this is a fun group that meets year round every Monday at 1:00 pm at the Parish Center. We play cards until 4:00 pm and have a wonderful coffee break mid-afternoon.

**Reservations not required!**

*Mid-Week Worship this month:*  
**Thanksgiving Eve**  
**Nov. 22**  
**10:45 am and 7 pm**

*Sponsored by the Helping Ministry*  
**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

## FOOD DRIVE

7:30 a.m. — NOON  
 Drop off at Immanuel Lutheran Gymnasium  
 154 Meadow Street, Bristol, CT 06010  
 Telephone: 860-583-5649

*The Helping Ministry would like to THANK those who have generously donated to past food drives. Immanuel has been an enormous help to many local food pantries.*

**Note:**  
 The November Mite Box Offering will go toward the food drive.

*Some suggested items:*

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| • Baby food       | • Coffee                    | • Jelly                | • Toothpaste                                   |
| • Canned food     | • Fresh fruits & vegetables | • 33 gallon trash bags | • Shampoo                                      |
| • Cereal          | • Frozen turkeys            | • Paper towels         | • Meals in a can (SpaghettiOs®, ravioli, etc.) |
| • Pasta           | • Peanut Butter             | • Toilet paper         | • Canned Milk                                  |
| • Spaghetti sauce |                             | • Soap                 |  |

**Dear Immanuel Friends,**  
 In addition to our MITE BOX offerings through November 19th, we will once again be collecting food on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th** for the benefit of Zion Meals for the Needy and St. Vincent DePaul. These organizations are in desperate need of our help, and we know you will respond as generously as you have in the past. At this time we also take fresh and frozen turkeys, and fresh fruit and vegetables. Checks or cash may be placed in the MITE BOX, given to Trina Theriault, or left in the church office. Finally, we know those frozen turkeys and bags can be heavy! This year our Scout troops will be waiting at curbside before each service to help you carry them.

**THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

*“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor” Proverbs 22:9*

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

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

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

At the October 30<sup>th</sup> Voters' Meeting it was clear that the school is a strongly supported mission of the church. We do a very nice job at Immanuel of educating the children and prepare them for higher education. But more importantly, we teach Christian values and guide each child as they build a personal relationship with Jesus. Through our religious education, every one of our students knows what Jesus did for them. In their time with us they begin to see their purpose in spreading that good news. We don't know how far the seeds that we plant today will spread in the future. But, Mark 4:26 tells us that this is what we are on the right track. Our students are tomorrow's adult Christians who can make a difference for many more. Thank you for recognizing the valuable work that we do at Immanuel Lutheran School. It is truly a wonderful mission.

Our middle school Cross Country team members had a wonderful showing at the Wamogo/Gilbert meet on October 31. They ran at White Memorial in Litchfield. We brought 7 of the 27 runners and had 4 place in the top 10! This is a sport that will continue at Immanuel. Charlie Radcliff coached the group, which consisted of students as young as second grade. They practiced running at Rockwell Park throughout October. We have been impressed with the effort that all of our participants have given this season. Next year we plan to participate in more meets and even host one if possible.

Other sports are gearing up at the school as well. Mr. Carlson has been working with the Golf Team and is now winding down the fall season. We have many parents interested in coaching basketball in the coming months. We are scheduling girls and boys practice times for teams in grades 1-2, 3-4, and 5-8. We also have plans for PK-K soccer and track! Immanuel sports are back!

A New Family Dinner is planned for Thursday, November 16. Families who were new to Immanuel this year and last year are invited to participate in a family-style devotion, a nice meal, and discussion forums on first impressions of our school. We hope the forums

produce valuable feedback on how to best welcome new families in the future.

Our PTO is hosting a Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 9, from 2:00-5:00 in the gym. The event will include making ornaments and Christmas crafts. Making homemade gingerbread houses will be a featured activity. The cost is \$25 per gingerbread house. The walls and roof parts for the gingerbread houses will be cut and baked prior to the event. Families or groups will assemble their houses from scratch, then add candies, cookies and confectioneries. Pre-assembled houses are available upon request. All you do is decorate! This is a good choice for those with less time or small children. Tickets must be bought in advance so the correct amounts of gingerbread parts can be baked.

Immanuel Lutheran School's Christmas Pageant will take place Friday, December 15, at 6:30 in the gym. This is different than the program that has been done in the past at an Advent service. In this pageant, as the children tell the story of Christmas, the audience will be able to participate. Creating memorable events for the children today will insure they remember us fondly in the future and remember the message they delivered. Everyone is welcome!

A school/church beautification project will begin very soon. The class of 2017 donated \$80 for bulbs to beautify the school. The area around the flag pole is being prepared to receive those bulbs and other plantings. We are thankful to Diane Erling and Alice Helming who are guiding the students in their efforts and planning the project. We know it will be beautiful.

Yours in Christ,  
Dr. Anne Stuhlman, Principal



**School News**

**ILS Golf Team**



**Cross Country meet at White Memorial**



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Alena Hauer Morgan Hebert-Dubois	<b>2</b> Bobby Boucher Sara Triplett	<b>3</b> Taylor Milano	<b>4</b> Albert Emmert
<b>5</b> Diane Erling Caryn Hill	<b>6</b> Amanda Duval Donna Kuharski Janet Voisine	<b>7</b> Janet Riemer Suzanne Wentland	<b>8</b> Raymond Ryskowski, Jr.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Lindsey Donahue Peter Malsheske Candace Michelson Mary Reckert	<b>11</b> Michael Cassala John Sonnenberg
<b>12</b> Breanna Hoyt Norman Kirschner Michelle Matthews Eric Starzyk	<b>13</b> Jill Casey Nathan Kirschner	<b>14</b> Holly Fitz Corinne Freimuth Wayne Ruffino	<b>15</b> Stephen Mockler	<b>16</b> Rick Gurgigno	<b>17</b> Nancy Malsheske Kelley McIntyre William Palmisano, III	<b>18</b> Rudolph Jabs Robert Theriault
<b>19</b> Ashley Bielert Alice Helming Martha Pond Holly Simard	<b>20</b> Gracie Marcantonio Diane Read	<b>21</b> Patricia Bohn	<b>22</b> Julie Burt Beth Houle Ida May Ingrid Triplett	<b>23</b> Dawn Santilli	<b>24</b> Ruth Meusel Duane Reich	<b>25</b> Warren Kirschner Michael Lauretti, Sr.
<b>26</b> Lori Fitzherbert Joan Heidorn Verna Koehn	<b>27</b> Evelyn Phillips	<b>28</b> Jared Scoville Marie Vorwerk Eugene Zahnke	<b>29</b> Kashif Nazir	<b>30</b> Andrew Follo Chelsea Schaffrick		





# Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia for the altar for Christmas, please fill out the order blank and attach cash or check (made out to Altar Guild) and leave it in the church office. **Last day to order is December 4th.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

	Red	White	Total \$
7.5" @ \$12.00			
10" @ \$28.00			

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up after \_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver  
2<sup>nd</sup> service \_\_\_\_\_ to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

### Altar Guild Flower Fund

If you choose not to buy a poinsettia, you may want to make a monetary donation to the Altar Guild Flower Fund. This fund will guarantee that flowers will be on the altar during services when no one has specially ordered them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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