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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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Meatball Grinders

As the Fundraiser Chairperson of the Super Bowl Sunday Meatball Grinder Sale, I want to thank everyone who participated in our fundraiser, from selling the tickets to working in the kitchen and making the grinders, and to Beth Schroeder for her Thrivent Action Team support. It was a huge success and we hope to have this as an annual event. We raised over \$1,060 and sold 186 meatball grinders.

Thank you very much,
Michelle Matthews

ILS Sports/Booster Club



Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank the members for electing me President of the Congregation. It is an honor to follow the many faithful members who have filled the office in the past. I would especially like to thank Past President Jason Kreuger for the past 4 years of service to our congregation. If any member has a particular concern or suggestion regarding the business of the Congregation, feel free to contact me at 860-584-0587 (home), 860-877-3031 (cell) or rwollenberg@snet.net. I'm looking forward to a productive term.

In His service,

Bob Wollenberg



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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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From the Pastor's Desk

“Love”

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Here's a story of true love for Valentine's Day.

Consider this: 78-year-old Aleida Huissen of Rotterdam has been smoking for 50 years. For almost 50 years Huissen has been trying to give up the habit.

Like so many, Huissen had failed time and again. She kept failing, that is, until recently.

I'm pleased to report that Huissen has given up her cigarettes, her cigars, and her pipes.

Would you like to know the secret of her success? I'll share it, although it probably won't be of help to anyone else. Her secret weapon against smoking is Leo Jansen.

That's right, Leo Jansen, age 79.

Jansen asked Huissen to marry him, but he refused to tie the knot until his true love stopped smoking.

Huissen says, "Willpower never was enough to get me off the tobacco habit. Love did it."

Chalk up another victory for love. Love has seen many other such victories over the centuries. Love has ended wars. Love has made life bearable for millions. Love can transform our days from something bearable to something wonderful.

And – lest we forget – the power of love is active every day and not just on the day named after the Christian martyr, Valentine.

Of course, when we talk of love, we'd be terribly remiss if we didn't point to the greatest love this sinful, sorry old world has ever seen – the love humanity has received from the Triune God.

The Lord's love is incredibly unique.

God's love gives when people don't want it. God's love gives when people feel they don't need it. God's love is self-starting, self-maintaining, and self-sufficient. God's love reaches out to those who are unwanted, uncared for, and physically unattractive. God's love isn't stopped by political boundaries, by the clock's ticking, or even by the grave.

God's love is personified in Jesus, and it comes to us by the Holy Spirit's power.

And when God's love finds a place in sinful hearts, it forgives, transforms, and restores.

Dear Heavenly Father, there is no love that's even close to Yours. Thank You for a love that's eternal, a love that's personal, and a love that has proven itself victorious over death. And now we pray: Lord, grant us the grace to love others as You have loved us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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 next meeting of Women of Immanuel will be held April 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Old School Basement.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



Jesus gives the same command today, to feed the hungry that He gave His disciples. Mercy Meals of Siouxland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa, began packaging fortified rice/soy

meals in 2012. Mercy Meals donates all packaged meals to Orphan Grain Train for transportation and delivery to Christian organizations in many countries, including India, Haiti, Romania, and Ecuador, as well as to Navajo reservations in the Southwest and Ysleta Mission in El Paso, Texas. Children and families receive food and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. An LWML grant will feed from 50,000 to 75,000 hungry children.

THE LWML-NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION WILL BE HELD APRIL 13-14, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Enfield, CT. Linda Wall and Gail Smuda have been chosen as delegates. Look for more information in the March newsletter.

Young at Heart

Winter Greetings and Blessings to all our "over age 50" members and friends!

Our group does not hold any regular monthly lunches during the winter months due to the weather and driving concerns. We will be holding our annual Planning Meeting for 2018 on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:30 am in the library or office area. If it's stormy out and there is No School, then the date will be Thursday, February 22, same time. This is the meeting when we plan our schedule and programs, so anyone who has ideas or suggestions is urged to join us. As you know Lorraine Sonstrom stepped down from her active position in our kitchen, so we need a couple or two people to step up to help us out this year. Are you perhaps a dependable, newly-retired volunteer that could join us in volunteering; we need many helping hands so we all can enjoy our time together.

Our glass-enclosed bulletin boards by the back gym entrance show photos and available events and trips through other area Senior Centers. During the year you can look at this bulletin board for updates on all Young-at-Heart activities. Remember, it would be nice if you could visit one or two of our homebound members, just call before visiting. If you need suggestions, ask the church office or our parish nurse, Roberta Kuhr, who knows those who would love a winter visit from you.

On Mondays, our Adult Fellowship group meets at 1 pm in the Parish Center to play cards and welcomes any newcomers.

Be sure to watch our weekly church bulletin for updates on events. Did you know Lent starts February 14, Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday; hope to greet you in church during Lenten services. Stay happy and healthy in 2018!!





2018 Lenten and Easter Service Schedule:

***ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14, 10:45 am & 7 pm
both services with Holy Communion***

Mid-Week Lenten Services:

February 21 – Lent 2 – 10:45 am & 7 pm

February 28 – Lent 3 – 10:45 am & 7 pm

March 7 – Lent 4 – 10:45 am & 7 pm

March 14 – Lent 5 – 10:45 am & 7 pm

March 21 – Lent 6 – 10:45 am & 7 pm

PALM SUNDAY, March 25

8 am – Divine Service

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

(Please note that the 10:45 service includes the
Confirmation of our 8th grade students)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

7 pm – Divine Service with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30

10:45 am – German Divine Service with Holy Communion

7 pm – Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31

7 pm – Vigil of Easter / Service of Light

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

6:00 am SONrise service on Chippens Hill

Hill Street (Water Dept. property), Bristol

Easter Breakfast 6:30 to 10:30 am in our gym

8:00 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

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

Orphan Grain Train Hygiene Kits

Our Thrivent Action Team has assembled 224 hygiene kits, so we have exceeded our goal of 200 kits. Thank you to all who contributed to our project. Please continue to support Orphan Grain Train, as we help those in need around the world throughout the year.

COATS FOR KIDS

Throughout the months of January and February a box will be in the hallway by the library to collect NEW coats for kids. A Thrivent Action Team is in the works to collect these coats.

Thank you to Anne Gudegast for your Thrivent Action Team support.

(Remember, good sales happen in January and February.)

The 2017 Contribution statements have been mailed.

Linda Beaudoin is looking for help to coordinate Meals For The Needy. She is in need of someone to take over this project or to work with her. If interested, please contact her at 860-589-6431.

We will cook and serve on the following dates in 2018:

- March 8 May 10 July 12 September 13**
November 8

If you can't cook or serve but would like to help, goodies are needed for dessert. Sign-up sheet is in the office or call Linda. Cooking will start at 3 pm. Immediate needs are spices, drink mixes, such as lemonade, iced tea, etc.



“MEALS FOR THE NEEDY”

Located at Zion Lutheran Church

27 Judd Street • Bristol, CT 06010
(860) 589-7744



Paint Night

Friday, February 23 at 6:30 pm
Immanuel Lutheran School

Watch for information in the Sunday bulletins.



Help support our kids!

Join us at Moe's on Farmington Ave. in Bristol for a fundraiser for our **DC Trip this spring.**

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 5 to 9 pm

Please mention that you are from ILS.

Thank you very much! Hope to see you there!

It's that time of year again — Lent. Due to popular demand, we would like to continue to offer **Lenten Soup Lunches** on Wednesdays during Lent after the 10:45 am Mid-Week Lenten Service. *If any group or individual would like to volunteer to prepare a crockpot full of soup for one Wednesday during Lent, there is a sign-up sheet in the office for the following dates:*

February 21st: Girl Scouts _____

February 28th: _____

March 7th: _____

March 14th: _____

March 21st: _____

Our lunches are self-serve and include 2 crockpots of soup, bread, butter, coffee, tea and water.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 860-583-5631.

***This is another wonderful opportunity for great fellowship.
Thank you for volunteering!***



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Brian Michael Theriault

March 12, 1986 — January 9, 2018



Adele Kaufman

June 21, 1924 — January 23, 2018



A gentle reminder . . .

. . . that we stand during the last verse of some hymns when we sing the “Trinity verse” (indicated by the Δ next to the verse in the hymnal) out of reverence to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to whom the verse is referring.

Reminder: **FREE money for Immanuel!**

Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars today.

Please take note, and go online to check your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent is no longer sending out emails to alert you that you have choice dollars available.

This is **FREE MONEY** you can direct to our church and/or school. If you haven't already, sign up TODAY for Thrivent Choice. Two hundred members of Immanuel are eligible. Please contact Linda Beaudoin at 860-589-6431 to sign up if you are not sure how.

MORE FREE MONEY for Immanuel.... Thrivent is sponsoring Action Teams in order to give back the money they would make as profit. Being a nonprofit organization, they need to give that money away. Action Teams are a way to involve more members in Thrivent's giving. Each team you participate in can get \$250.00 to support the cause you choose.

The **WINTER 2018** issue of ‘**NED NEWS**’ is available.

Please note that **Pastor Schumacher** has forwarded the **January 2018** issue of “**The Missionary’s Voice**” and it has been posted on the church bulletin board for anyone looking for an update on their ministry. Please call the church office if you would like a copy.

(Updated on 1-23-18)

Take a moment and check out the beautiful photos by the gym, taken by our Photo Cub. If you're interested, they meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Center.

Reminder: 2018 Contribution envelopes are available.



In Loving Memory of
Clifford William Hummel
January 27, 1947 - January 15, 2018

He was the son of Henry and Elsie (Litke) Hummel, and grew up in Bristol, graduated from Immanuel Lutheran School, Bristol Central High School and attended Concordia College (Bronxville and River Forest). He became a Lutheran Teacher and Principal.

From his loving sister Etta (Hummel) Robillard

Immanuel Lutheran School PTO



We received a check for \$109.60 from Moe's to go towards our DC Trip. Thank you to everyone who took part on Dec. 21.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Girl Scouts** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



Busy making an apple pie.



The cadets have been busy.
Shopping for fabrics and making quilts for people in need.



Bowling.



~ School News ~

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Teachers Linda Beaudoin and Sandy Butler attended the Future of Education Technology Conference in Orlando, Florida last month. They represented the entire school and the interest of each teacher in the sessions they attended. The information they gained will be shared with the entire staff. The staff plans to work as a team to incorporate the newly acquired technology skills and strategies to enhance instruction.

In another school-wide effort to continually improve instruction, and maintain consistency in our instructional delivery, teachers have been asked to develop lessons using a 5E format. The 5E lesson format makes for more enticing and relevant lessons. To date, most of the teachers have tried the new format and have found it to be successful. We should be confident when speaking with perspective families about *what* we teach and *how* we teach it.

1. **Engagement:** A hands on introduction open students minds for the learning process to begin. Engagement is an introduction to the lesson geared to excite and to draw students' curiosity.
2. **Exploration:** This opportunity allows students to explore the concept before it is taught. It gives them the opportunity to think for themselves without being fed information. Effective explorations allow for mistakes or trial and error. Students have the opportunity to explore a concept before it is "taught."
3. **Explanation:** In the Explanation part of the lesson the teacher can guide the instruction by posing guiding questions, checking for student understanding, and leading rich discourse about the topic. The lesson is reinforced by student input from their exploring experience and other sources.
4. **Elaboration:** Students participate in extension activities or practice opportunities that either re-teach an objective or teach more details about the concept being taught. This is an opportunity for the teacher to differentiate to meet the needs of all students.

5. **Evaluation:** Assessments do not have to be the traditional quiz or essay. They can be a reflection, a project, a demonstration, or a model. Using a rubric, the teacher can easily determine each student's proficiency level toward the concept. Everything is very transparent.

Immanuel was represented at the Northwest Regional Music Competition by Gabriella Buonafede, Hannah Krueger, and Autumn White. Gabby was selected for the third consecutive year. Immanuel Lutheran School students selected for the Connecticut Junior Honor Choir were Lizzy Hathaway, Alex DuBois, Gretchen Radcliff, and Madison Bloom.

Lutheran Schools Week was celebrated last week, in part. With weather delays and cancelations, and illnesses causing absences, there are events that need to be rescheduled.

We thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Yours in Christ,
Dr. Anne Stuhlman, Principal



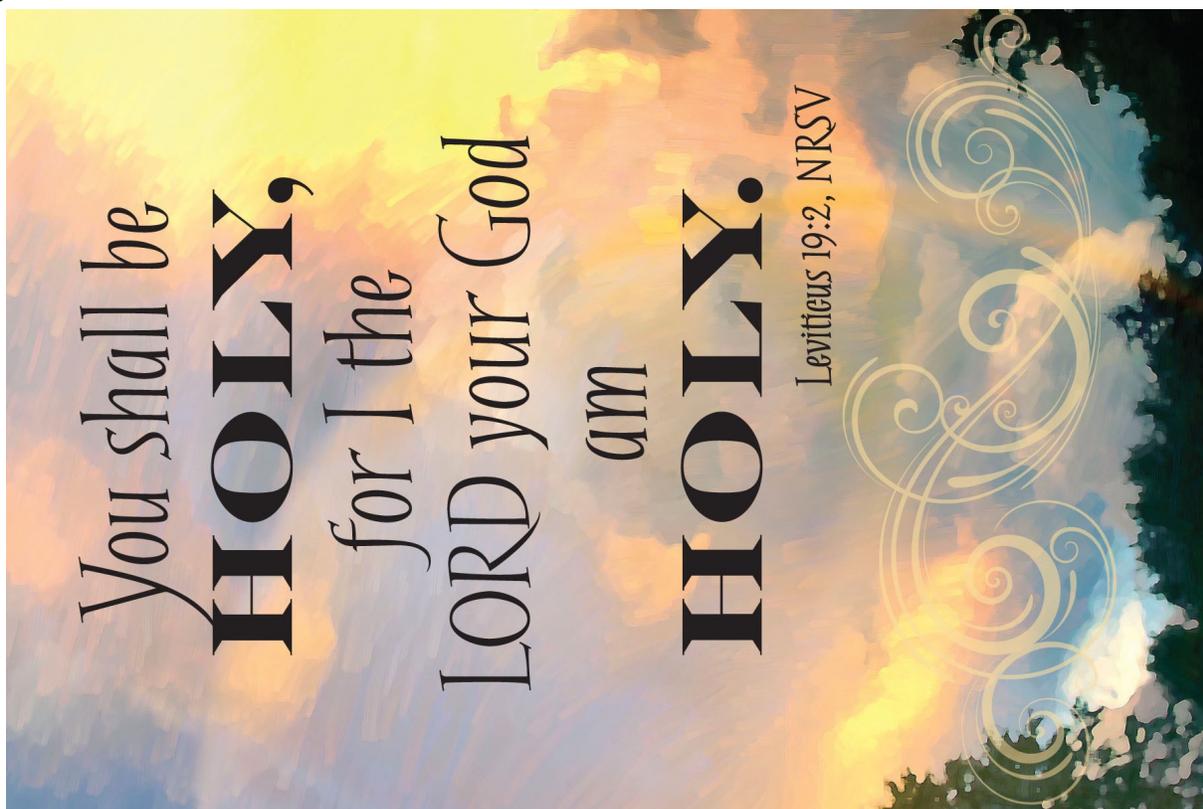
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 Holy Week
 Holy Thursday
 Good Friday
 Holy Saturday
 Easter
 Palm Sunday
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 Palm Branch
 Forty Days
 Jesus
 Passover
 Foot Washing
 Resurrection
 Love

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Dorothy Johnson Aiza Nazir Ayan Nazir	5	6 Jared Jankowski Tamara Lindstrom Robert Neumann Jessica Triplett Ella Woike	7 Kristen Boutin	8 Michael Phillips Kevin Read Tammy Thormahlen	9 Rollin Lee David Newman Ava Werner Brooke Werner	10 Gertrude Jensen David Peplau
11 Celine Kissler Ronald Kuharski Joshua Mitchell Sidney Therrien	12 Susan Rich Judith Rodgers Sandra Tonn	13 Karin Hauer	14 Paula Helming Ashley Romaniello Haley Romaniello	15 Caroline Bayer Julie Follo Randy Neumann Jessica Romaniello	16 Cynthia Dell'Aera Jill Therrien Kenneth Tonn	17
18 Jon Heidorn Amanda Wolfe	19 Kurt McCorriston	20 Jeffrey Bergeron Linda Neumann Evelyn Palmisano	21 Donna Hamelin Linda Hogan	22 Jan Blaschke Mary Sylvia	23 Michael Girard	24
25 Lorrin Jackson Catherine Kane	26	27	28 Joan Hermann			



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