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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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WORTHY
is the LAMB

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday!

On February 14th we celebrated our volunteers – the amazing people of our church and school who dedicate their time and talents to Immanuel Lutheran over and over again. Each and every volunteer received a small gift of a “faith” face mask as a token of love and appreciation for all they do. The five top nominees also received a gift certificate for our new Christian Mart (opening soon). While there are many others who may not have been officially nominated, we know you’re out there and appreciate all that you do too, so, please do drop by the church office to pick up your face mask gift. Volunteers that were recognized by their fellow members as amazing, dedicated volunteers in the past year, and, sometimes over several years, are listed below. Even groups and past groups serving Immanuel Lutheran were nominated. Following is full listing of all nominees (past and present) listed in alphabetical order... Thank you all!!!!

(See Volunteers on Page 7)

FOOD DRIVE TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PANTRIES



The Evangelism committee will be holding a public **drive-thru food drop off** on Sat., **March 27th from 9AM to Noon**. Donations will be collected in the West St. parking lot behind the church. Volunteers will retrieve donations from the back seat or trunk of your car. Non perishable food items are requested. **Monetary donations** will be appreciated as well and may be dropped off that morning or given via the **on-line e-giving** portal on the church’s web-

site – ILCS.org.

Members of Immanuel may also bring donations to church on Sunday morning the 28th.



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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.

— (Live Streaming) —
Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday of the month.

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10:45 a.m.

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

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m.

— (Live Streaming) —



WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

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

WNTY Radio

AM 990

&

FM 96.1

and online at KoolOldiesRadio.net

From the Pastor's Desk

“One Move...Is All We Need”

As our Lenten journey “marches” on this month, the following story – from San Diego, CA – reminds us of what our true focus needs to be during this time of spiritual reflection.

A ten-year-old boy was in a devastating car accident in which he lost his left arm. He was determined to continue doing everything his friends did. He learned to shoot a basket and pitch a ball with one arm. When his friends decided to study martial arts, he resolved to do the same.

The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. Every day, after school, he would head over to the studio. And every day, the sensei would show him only one move. Day after day, week after week, over three months of training, the master had taught him only this one move. “Sensei,” the boy finally said, “shouldn’t I be learning more moves, some blocks and kicks?”

“This is the only move you know,” the sensei replied, “but this is the only move you need to know.”

Not quite understanding, but believing his teacher, the boy kept training. Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged. The boy deftly used his one move to win the match. Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals.

This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the young boy appeared to be

overmatched. Concerned that this newcomer might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened.

“No,” the sensei insisted, “let him continue.” Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy won the match and the tournament. He was the champion.

On the way home, the boy and his sensei reviewed each move in every match. The boy finally summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind. “Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?”

“You won for two reasons,” the sensei answered. “First, because you studied nothing else, you have mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm.”

The event that draws our attention throughout the Lenten Season – the death of our Lord Jesus Christ – isn’t just one Bible story among many; one mighty move of God along with many others. It is *the* act of God, the *one*, the whole story. Every page of Scripture, every Lesson we hear read all year, everything God does for us every day, is about and because of Jesus extending His two arms on the cross to defeat our every enemy and bring us back together with *God*.

And that one move is all we need.

Pastor Karner

1 Thessalonians 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

Young at Heart

Here it is March already and you made it through this snowy winter and are looking forward to Spring. Did you know Daylight Saving Time begins on March 14, so remember to change your clocks an hour ahead. The first day of Spring is March 20 so we hope for no more snow!

Warm greetings to our "over age 50" members who are missing our senior lunch programs this past year and hoping for the time we can meet this year. When we all have gotten our Covid vaccine shots, and all the area Senior Centers are back to being active and

welcoming, then we will start planning here. Phone Jason K. at the Bristol Senior Center if you need help getting a vaccine appointment.

Remember to greet one another in church, if it feels safe, on Sundays and on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at our Lenten worship services. It would be enjoyable to phone a friend or two to visit as we miss seeing each other so much. Stay safe, wear your mask, and keep your distance for now. May God bless you!



Parish Nurse Corner

Roberta Kuhr, RN BSN FCN

I'd like to thank Immanuel Lutheran Church for the Gift Certificate which I was presented for volunteering in the church. I appreciate being noted for my work and I thank the Lord for giving me the strength to be able to do His work. Please note there are many in the church who deserve recognition, especially my husband, who is very supportive of me. God's Blessings to all of you and thank you again for caring.

Starting in April, after Easter, I will be considering starting up Walk and Talk and Women's Bible Study. If interested, please text me on my cell phone or leave a message on my home phone. I will contact you. Cell: 860-877-0022 Home phone: 860-621-0230. Thank you.

We will continue to wear our masks and keep 6-foot distancing.

Blessings, Roberta



Altar Guild Meeting

Sunday, April 11
in the sanctuary,
following the 8am service.

I thank all of you for the efforts made in setting up for communion services. I know it has been a challenge for some and I appreciate all you do. Hope to see all of you at the meeting. Please wear masks.

Thank you,
Roberta



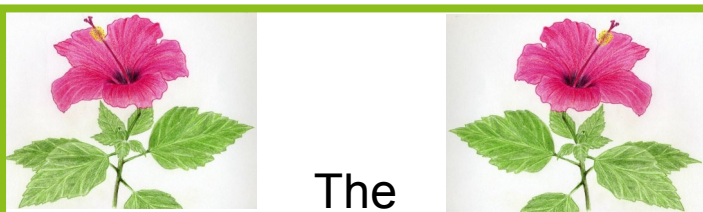
Daylight-Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14th

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before!

Reminder about Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice dollars from 2020 must be directed by March 31.

If you need assistance, go to www.thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836.



The
First Day of Spring
March 20

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2021 Lenten Mid-Week Services:

March 10 – Lent 4 – 7 pm
March 17 – Lent 5 – 7 pm
March 24 – Lent 6 – 7 pm



HOLY WEEK
Worship Services

March 28: **PALM SUNDAY**

8 am – **Divine Service**

10:45 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion**

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

April 1: **MAUNDY THURSDAY**, 7 pm
– **with Holy Communion** –

April 2: **GOOD FRIDAY**
7 pm – **Tenebrae**

April 3: **HOLY SATURDAY**
7 pm – **Vigil of Easter / Service of Light**

April 4: **EASTER SUNDAY**

6:00 am SONrise Service on Chippens Hill
Hill Street (Water Dept. property), Bristol

8:00 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion**

10:45 am – **Divine Service with Holy Communion**



Please note: Watch the Sunday bulletin and announcements by Pastor for any schedule changes for the SONrise Service.



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Anita E. Klepps

December 12, 1924 — January 23, 2021



Ella M. Woike

February 6, 1928 — February 19, 2021



Easter Flowers — The Altar Guild will **not** be taking orders for lilies this Easter. We do continue to put flowers on the altar each Sunday. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar on a Sunday, there is a flower chart across from the coat rack. All the Sundays through the year are listed there, you could write your name and phone number next to date you chose to remember a loved one or to celebrate an event. If you are not physically attending church but would like to reserve a date, please call Pat Wollenberg, 860-584-0587 to make arrangements.



Another way to assure flowers will be on our altar, is to make a donation to the Altar Guild's flower fund.

The Altar Guild does very much appreciate Immanuel's members that so faithfully support the flower fund. Thank you all.

Pat Wollenberg



~ Youth News ~

Senior Youth Group News BBQ and SAVERS

With Covid-19 still looming, we have canceled the BBQ. Anyone wishing to be reimbursed for their ticket can call Brenda at 860-584-0364. However, in lieu of the BBQ we are having a Savers fundraiser.

We are asking for soft items. Clothing, blankets, curtains, bedding and shoes. They will also take small appliances like radios, but must be in running condition. We need over 100 garbage bags full for this fundraiser. Even if you have a small amount it will help. Leave bags under the lower level stairs in the lobby.

Help to divert costs. We are gearing up for the 2022 Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, on July 9 -13.

Thank you for supporting our youth!



~ German Festival ~

German Heritage Cookbook



Attention all cooks and bakers!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is creating a new German Heritage Cookbook as a part of this year's German Festival fundraising effort. And, we want all of you to be a part of it. Do you have a favorite German recipe? Or, maybe you're not of German heritage, but have a favorite recipe you'd like to share in this year's cookbook?

We want to hear from you! Please submit your recipes to Linda Wall by dropping them in the LWML mailbox in the church office by Sunday, April 4, 2021. Or, if you prefer, you can email your recipe to: ILC.GermanHeritageCookbook@gmail.com. (Please include your name and contact information on any recipes you submit, just in case we need to clarify any details.)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

LCMS Life Conference

LCMS Life Ministry will host its first-ever virtual life conference March 19–20, under the theme “Making Disciples: Valuing Life.” Registration is open now at www.lcms-life.org.

Join us!

- Be equipped to speak up for the sanctity of life within your community and our society
- Gain ideas on how to care for all human life
- Interact with fellow Lutherans on Life Ministry topics
- Be a part of the LCMS Life Ministry community

Dozens of experts in Life Ministry will present throughout the conference with multiple video presentations available for immediate on-demand viewing as soon as you login. Engage in live Question and Answer sessions with experts in Life Ministry.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The 8:00 am Service and the 9:30 am Bible Study will be live on Facebook and later can be watched and listened to on...

Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram

Our Sunday service is broadcast each Sunday at 1:00 pm on **WNTY AM 990, FM 96.1**, and online at KoolOldiesRadio.net

**Our 8 am Services are on TV
Sundays at 10:00 am, Thursdays at 11 am,
and Fridays at 6 am**

Channel 5 - for Comcast Customers
Channel 6060 - for Frontier Customers

*Please note these services are recorded
and are from the previous week.*

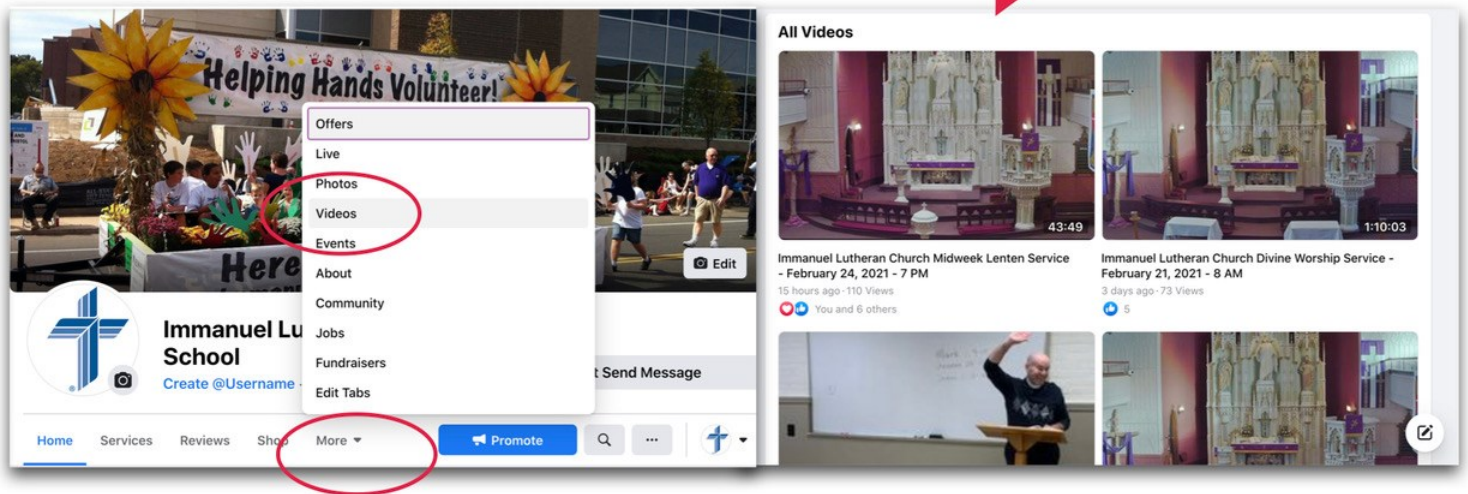
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How to find all Immanuel Lutheran Church service and bible study videos on Facebook

Step #1: Log into your Facebook account. Navigate to Immanuel Lutheran Church & School Page on Facebook. You should see a shortcut link on the left side of your main Facebook page when you login.

Step #2: Once on the page, click on the More option (circled in red); a menu will pop up as shown. Select the Videos option (circled in red).

Step #3: All videos will appear on this page. Just scroll through them to choose and view.



The Main Street Foundation - Immanuel Lutheran Alumni Tuition Assistance Fund

As of December 2015, there has been a Tuition Assistance fund established at the Main Street Community Foundation. This fund is set up as a "Legacy Fund" meaning that the principal is never touched and at the first of every year, the interest is given to Immanuel Lutheran School, to be used towards the next year's tuition assistance program. This fund was established by an anonymous donor and as of 1/1/21 has in excess of \$120,000 in it. Although this is a great start towards helping to fund children that may not otherwise be able to afford an opportunity to go to Immanuel Lutheran School, this fund still is in need of contributions, as that is the only way the principal will ever grow. As the school continues to operate in a small but growing capacity the larger the tuition assistance program is, the better it is for drawing new students that are interested in smaller classes with personalized learning.

Although no one likes to think negatively, as many people are working very hard to grow the enrollment and the ex-

perience at the school, in the unfortunate event that Immanuel Lutheran School should cease to exist, an annual grant will be awarded to St. Paul Catholic High School (SPCHS) located in Bristol, CT. This will support tuition assistance for students with financial need who are parishioners of Immanuel Lutheran Church. If there are no students from Immanuel Lutheran Church attending SPCHS, then tuition assistance will support students enrolled at SPCHS who previously attended a parochial elementary school.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Immanuel Lutheran Alumni Tuition Assistance Fund may do so at any time by sending donations to Main Street Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2702, Bristol, CT 06010. Donations can also be made online at www.mainstreetfoundation.org. Main Street Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you for your consideration
The Alumni Committee

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Volunteers *(Continued from Page 1)*

Adult Fellowship of the 80s & 90s

All Altar Guild Members

All Sunday Morning Counters

Brenda Buonafede

Dorothy Duessel

Bill Fabrizio

Laurie Grekula

Marv Heidorn

Andy Helming

David Hintz

Christy Hislop

Tom Hislop

Joyce Jacy

Pastor Karner

Dee Krampitz

Ed Krampitz

Mike Krampitz

Jason Krueger

Roberta Kuhr

Walter Kuhr

Gladys Lagasse

Rhoda Lange

Dawn Milano

Barbara Radcliff

Charlie Radcliff

The Radcliff Family

Rob Redman

George Rindfleish

The Ruffino Family

Howard Schmelder

Beth Schroeder

Bob Wollenberg

Pat Wollenberg



CONGRATULATIONS



2020-2022 LWML-NED MISSION GRANTS

Mission Goal of \$71,000 allocated as follows:

\$46,150 for LWML-New England District Mission Projects; \$17,750 for national LWML Mission Projects; and \$7,100 for Lutheran Women’s Missionary League -New England District Administration.

Current Mite project

Lydia Comfort Dog

(Received as of 1/31/21 \$855.22) Goal is \$5,000

Other Mission Grants still needing funding: CT Seminary CO-OP,

Support to Missionaries in Ghana, and others

Remember the LWML

Our Mission Grants enable us to share the love of Christ locally, nationally, and internationally and continues even during the COVID-19.

Send to :

Immanuel Lutheran Church
154 Meadow St.
Bristol, CT 06010
Attn. Linda Wall, LWML

Checks should be made out to LWML

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Immanuel Lutheran School currently has enrollment of 109 students. As of March 1, there were 71 students pre-enrolled for the fall. We project 125 for next year. With the COVID-19 situation still unknown for the fall, we will cap classes and start waitlists when they reach room capacity for COVID-19 spacing and social distancing in seating arrangements. A typical classroom can hold 12 desks spaced 6 feet apart in all directions. The Kindergarten and PK classrooms can hold up to 16. PK3 through grade 4 are already nearing those limits.

We are in the process of hiring another Little Lambs teacher for our growing toddler program. After posting on Indeed, we have had 12 interviews with several qualified and experienced candidates. Our confidence is high in finding the right person to help Mrs. Evans grow and develop the program to its potential.

Our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th & 8th graders were recently named Connecticut State Champions for the 2021 READBowl. The competition requires each individual in the class to track their minutes reading and log them in each week. The competition went on for one month leading up to the Superbowl. We are delighted for our students and happy that they have been recognized for their love of reading.

Immanuel Lutheran School has reached its goal of \$1,000 for the Iron Giraffe Challenge. This is a clean water project for South Sudan. Money was raised through on-line giving combined with chapel offerings. The students are very proud of their accomplishment of helping others with such a basic need, such as clean water to drink. A new mission will be determined this month at chapel.

Dr. Seuss has received some bad press lately, which we do not subscribe to. We love Dr. Seuss! And, he was Lutheran! So each year, we happily celebrate Dr. Seuss Day on March 2. This year, Bill Fabrizio, one of our dedicated parent volunteers, dressed as the Cat in the Hat to read to the children in the library. Bill also volunteers at least one day a week to serve hot lunch to the students.

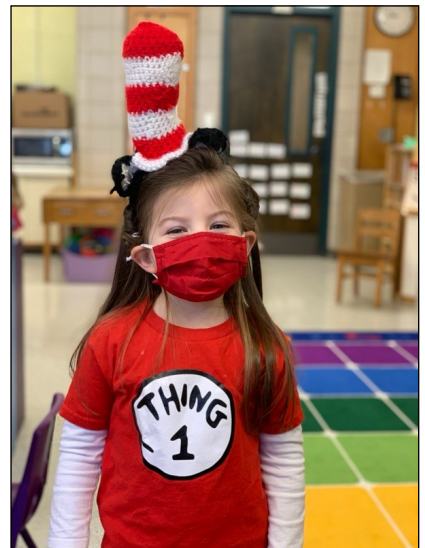
Our volunteer opportunities have been limited with the current pandemic situation. However, we still have a few key volunteer positions. Our lunch volunteers are Priscilla Bloom, Marty Boettner, Julie Peckrul, Sarah Williams, and Bill Fabrizio. These volunteers shop for the goods to prepare lunch, prepare the food, serve or plate the food, and clean the tables between lunches with a kind smile (behind the mask) and a willing heart. It is a lot of work, and we very much appreciate their hard work. Barbara Radcliff volunteers in our library two days a week and has recently added stencils and "cut books" to spruce up the décor. Barbara receives classes in the library two days a week for library time and has arranged our Spring Book Fair.

The Book Fair will be held March 7th through March 12th. The 7th, which is Sunday, the fair will be open for our church members following both services.

There is good news on the vaccination front! All of our staff and volunteers are able to get the first round of vaccine on Tuesday, March 9 through the health department. This is very exciting news!

Blessings!

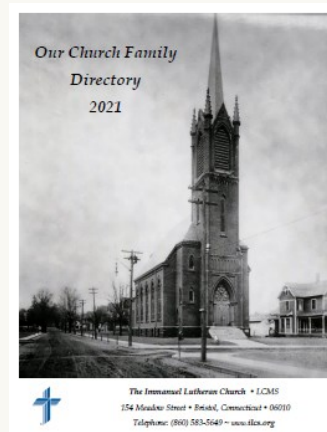
Dr. Anne Stuhlman, Principal



ILS SKIERS ON THE TOP OF MOUNT SOUTHTON



Left to right Ethan Dubois, Alexandra Dubois, Brielle Ryng and Bryce Ryng



**2021 Church Family Directory
now available**
(please contact the office with any corrections)

Thank you!
Howard Schmelder,
Business Manager

MARCH 2021 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 David Hintz William Jabs Sue Simons	2 Michele Dubois Andrew Massaro Julie Stringer Jonathan Wegner	3 Zachary Schab			6 Justin Behrendt Nate DeAngelo Aaron Gorneault Marilyn Stone
7 Jay Pickhardt	8 Angelina Croce Tammy Croce Sheilah Newcity	9 Amanda Doncet Justin Kirschner Chris Schab	10 Myles Matthews	11 Diane Ruffino Samantha Ruffino	12 Nathan Bentivengo Rob Redman, Jr.	13
14 Christina Curry Jackson Mitchell Kevin Reich	15 Donna Bell	16 Nathan Desjardins	17 Jordan Boucher Scott DeAngelo	18 David Werner	19 Ruth Pickhardt Alexandria Segal	20 Deborah Martin Dominick Ruffino
21 John Helming Emil Jabs Michael Krampitz	22 Stephen Helming	23 Andrea DeAngelo Gregory Newcity	24 Craig Lejeune	25 Zachary Bodick	26	27 Katie Boucher Vernon Stockman Philip Wells
28 Emilee Mowatt	29	30 Ryan Bodley Hannah Mora Terri Pesce	31 Gordon Sonstroem			



*God proves his
love for us in
that while we
still were sinners
Christ died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV

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