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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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Mrs. Alice Helming is helping the first graders beautify the church and school grounds. She has done this for at least twenty years. Thank you Mrs. Helming for teaching our little ones the beauty of God's world.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rainforest Explorers - Jesus Leads the Way!



July 26 thru 30

9 am to 12:30

PK-4 to 6th grade.

Looking for volunteers to help.

Please contact Brenda at 860-584-0364



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Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June – July – August

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE

with Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.

— (Live Streaming) —
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FELLOWSHIP COFFEE
10:00 A.M.

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:30 A.M.

— (Live Streaming) —



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From the Pastor's Desk

“Confusing Times”

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15

Most of us have times when we get confused.

When I see Hawaii has an Interstate road system, I get confused. I get confused when I think there is such a thing as a “jumbo shrimp” and a “small crowd.” I get confused to hear someone is pretty ugly, and I see Braille dots on the outside of the bank’s drive-up ATM.

Maybe you can think of things that confuse you, too.

I’m confused by announcements like the one made by the Girl Scouts of America, a U.S. of A. organization which exists for our girls who want to be part of the Scout’s program.

That I can understand. I get confused when the Scouts say they’re accepting boys who identify as girls. Andrea Archibald, a Scout’s spokesperson, didn’t help when she said the Girl Scouts exists to serve “all girls” no matter what they look like *or their biological gender*.

You can see how I’m confused. I thought biological gender decided if we were boys or girls. I’m glad, after my children were born, and I asked the doctor, “Is it a boy or a girl?” he didn’t reply, “How should I know? You’ll just have to wait to find out.”

Now this devotion isn’t about young people who have a gender identification problem.

This devotion is about the fact that a very large organization in our country,

an organization which was designed to shape the minds and the outlook of young girls, feels it has an obligation to redefine girlness. Assuming that obligation will be reflected in all they do, I think I’d have a difficult time joining that group, ... if I were a girl, which I’m not ... I think.

You see why the Girls Scouts of America have confused me.

There’s no such confusion in Scripture. The Lord made male and female. To each He gave unique biological and spiritual duties and responsibilities. History has shown the closer people live to God’s plan, the happier and more fulfilled they will ultimately be. Similarly, the further they wander from God’s plans, the more incomplete and lost they will be.

That’s simple to understand, but God’s plans are almost always simple. For example, if you wish to be saved, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Redeemer. Do you wish to glorify the Lord whose Son was sacrificed for your forgiveness? Then love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.

It’s simple: God calls us from what we once were to be recycled and saved. That’s why I say, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, the world has become a very confusing place. If it’s confusing for experienced Christians, what must it be for the young? Grant that we may teach them – no matter what the world may say – to follow You and Your blood-bought plan of salvation. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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 June already; don't you just love seeing all the colors of flowers and the green foliage wherever you go! We hope you had your vaccines and are keeping safe and well. We don't have an definite plans yet to get together for our lunches, so we can

visit together and enjoy an interesting program together. We are waiting until the city Senior Center lets everyone come in for lunch there, then we can plan our event. We really miss seeing everyone and hope we can be together soon. God bless you!

Women of Immanuel

We truly miss getting together for a meeting in over a year and hope everyone has had their vaccine shots so we can meet.

Save the date of Thursday, June 24 for a 2 pm meeting in the OSB to discuss our group's past and future activities.

Come and enjoy cool treats and fellowship as we plan the future of our group.



From your



Walk and Talk to continue during the summer months on Tuesday mornings at 9:30. Walk at your own pace during the first half hour and then meet in the parish center for coffee and...

Both men and women are welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Anyone wishing to have their blood pressure taken can meet in the church office with me every 2nd Sunday of the month after the service, beginning in June. No sign-up needed.

*Blessings,
Roberta Kuhr, RN*



The Next German Festival Planning Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9th at 7 pm in the Parish Center.



Save the Date – German Fest 2021!

**Official festival dates/times... Friday, September 17th - 6 PM - 9 PM
Saturday, September 18th - 12 NOON - 9 PM**

We need your support! Absolutely plan to attend the festival. However, if you would like to also volunteer, join in the fun as we all work together to bring this year's festival to reality for our community. Volunteer for a couple hours or work all day in varying areas... it's your choice. You can sign up anytime over the next couple of months on the clipboard that is located in the church office near the mailboxes. Or, you can email us at il.german.festival@gmail.com to let us know if you would like to help out and we can discuss the area you'd like to volunteer in.

- Grillers for bratwurst and potato pancakes
- Cooks in the main kitchen and in the potato pancake kitchen
- Order takers and servers
- Biergarten monitors
- Kinderland support
- Setup/Breakdown/Cleanup crews in the biergarten
- Signage support
- Ticket sales
- Vendor support & More!



Stay tuned for more updates from the German Festival Committee in the coming months. *Prost!*

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**Welcome
to Our
Church
Family**

Immanuel welcomes its
four newest members thru
The Rite of Adult
Confirmation
Nate & Staci Poole
Andrew Skinner
and
Dean Buden III



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Gail Susan (Zurell) Smuda

June 3, 1951 — May 25, 2021



Arlene “Bunny” Tonn

January 7, 1930 — May 26, 2021



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship Applications are available in the church office:

We are accepting applications for Immanuel Lutheran Church Scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church or graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School.

Applications are due on Monday, June 14th, in the church office.

These scholarships will be awarded in August.

Notice from Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation – It’s Time!

Westfall Scholarship Applications are available in the office.

There are five individual scholarships that are available to graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School or members of Immanuel Lutheran Church that are seeking an undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university.

Westfall I scholarship is a single scholarship awarded with preference given to a student pursuing a career as a church worker.

Westfall II awards scholarships to four individuals.

Applications are due on Sunday, June 13th, in the church office.

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~ ~ Youth Group ~ ~



Immanuel welcomes through the rite of Holy Baptism Naomi and Samuel Skinner Baptized on May 8, 2021 Children of Andrew and Hannah Skinner

Looking for Christian Mart volunteers!

The Christian Mart will be opening very soon and we are looking for 2-3 more volunteers to help with managing inventory and sales on Sundays. Donate as little or as much of your time as you can. All hands are welcome!

If you are interested in learning more about becoming involved, you can contact Rhoda Lange at (860) 543-5992.



As we glide into vacation season and our Summer worship schedule for June-August, just a quick reminder that you can automate your weekly offering. To do this, visit the home page of our church & school website www.ilcs.org and click on Donate Now - myEoffering. Then follow the instructions to register. If you need help setting us your automated offering, contact the church office anytime for assistance.

Have a wonderful Summer everyone! The Board of Christian Stewardship

Savers Fundraiser

We did it! We made our goal of \$500. We had 2,350 lbs. of soft items and 236 lbs. of small house hold items. Thank you to everyone who donated. Special thanks to Rob Redman of Redman Trailers for helping us with a truck!



FELLOWSHIP REMEMBERED – Chapter 3

by Vern Koch

Does anyone remember the Hu-Ke-Lau Restaurant and Lounge in Rocky Hill? The AF went there on June 16, 1977 to enjoy a South Seas dinner and Polynesian entertainment. The minutes reflect that several members of our group found themselves on stage as part of the entertainment.

On August 27, 1977, 54 members of the AF descended on the home of Walt and Ruth Meusel to enjoy fresh vegetables and fruit, delicious corn-on-the-cob, (picked that morning from Larson's Farm on Farmington Ave.) and, with the exception of 2 hostile hamburger holdouts, scrumptious grilled chicken prepared by "our nattily attired chef, Vern Koch."

During the business portion of the outing the following decisions were made:

- Dues will be \$1.00 @ month @ person.
- The AF might pay for renting a bus to transport school teams to games
- The AF will join the International Lutheran Laymen's League.
- *"PRESIDENT HERB JABS EMPHASIZED THE AF IS NOT A COUPLES CLUB, BUT IS AN ORGANIZATION OPEN TO ANYONE AT IMMANUEL BEYOND YOUTH GROUP AGE WHO MIGHT WANT TO JOIN."*

The evening closed with a touching farewell for our friends Vicar Dave and Mary Jo Mulder and daughters Audra and Tara.

This tradition continued for many years at the homes of George and Erna Stumpp and Henry and Elsie Hummel.

For several years the AF traveled to Bushnell on the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend to hear delightful barbershop harmony presented by SPEBSQA (the **S**ociety for the **P**reservation and **E**ncouragement of **B**arbershop **Q**uartet **S**inging in **A**merica).

Somehow the sounds on the bus trip home sounded nothing like the harmony at the Bushnell.

Other annual trips and activities included:

- The Coachlight Dinner Theater in East Windsor, CT for pre-Broadway productions of musicals including "Gigi", "George M", "Camelot", "Annie", "Ain't Misbehavin'", "Student Prince", and "Showboat" along with delicious buffet dinners.
- The German Fest at Hunter Mountain, New York.
- German themed gatherings at the lake home of Dick and Elaine Prindle.
- Annual Christmas parties at Mount Southington Ski Lodge, Nuchie's, Marinelli's, The Trinity in Terryville, Jillian's Restaurant at the Quality Inn in Bristol, and the Radisson Inn.

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

As the year comes to a close, we are so blessed as a school to have completed the entire school year in our beautiful school building. We have had a handful of class quarantines throughout the school year, but our school has stayed open!

Our 8th Grade Graduation is Friday, June 11, at 6:30, and the PK and Kindergarten Graduations will be combined on Tuesday, June 15, at 10:00 AM. Our last day of school is Tuesday, June 15 and is a 12:30 dismissal. June 14, our last full day of school, is now Monday Funday! There are activities planned throughout the day. These include time with Bristol Blues players, crafts, games, and Italian ice. The day will be very sweet and hopefully full of sunshine and cool breezes.

Our enrollment continues to climb! To end the year, we have 111 students enrolled, and 83 families. There are currently 105 students pre-registered for the 2021-2022 school year.

Camp Immanuel starts June 21 for children entering PK4, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. We have nice groups of children scheduled to attend. The camp will use the cafeteria, the extended care rooms, and outdoor spaces. Walking field trips to Rockwell Park and other local, walkable, attractions will be included in the camp activities.

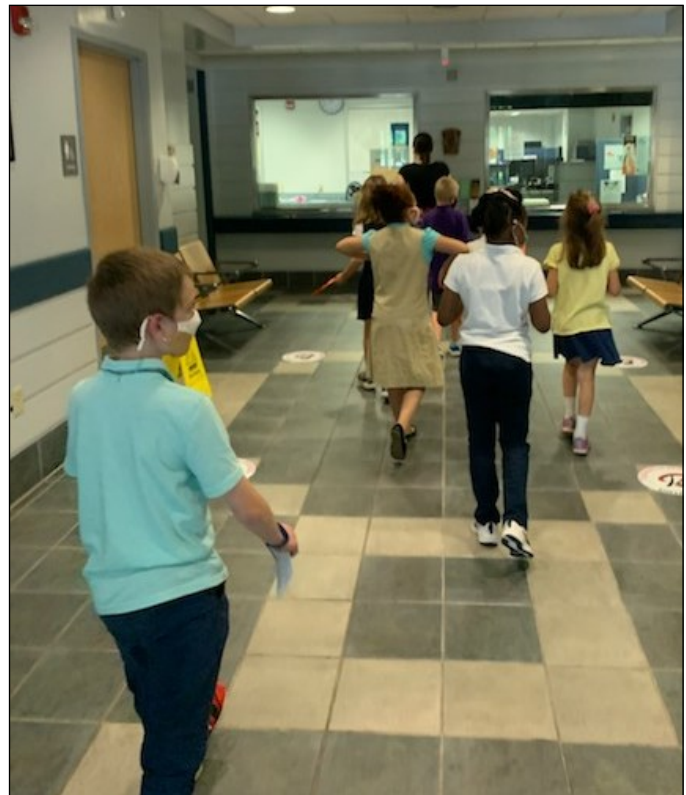
Our Little Lambs program is gaining momentum! There are now 16 Little Lambs and we have tours for new families every week. The Lambs have a new play area. The new fencing in front of the play scape is a dedicated space for our youngest children. It will soon have a sandbox, paint station, picnic tables, and a garden area. This will be a bright and cheery space to enjoy the outdoors.

The Lambs went on their first field trip to the Bristol Fire Station this week. The group walked with teachers and parents to see the firemen and their trucks. They also stopped at the post office to mail their first letter.

Mrs. Campbell's second grade class represented the school well as they delivered May flowers and cards to the police station and the fire station to thank them for all they do to make our community safe. We want them to know they are appreciated.

Immanuel Lutheran School is an important piece of God's plan for so many children, families, and staff members. Please pray for the school's continued growth and success in sharing the wonderful news of God's love and our salvation.

Blessings!
Anne Stuhlman



From the Pastor's Desk

PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS: AN UPDATE

As the threat from the pandemic has lessened, the Center for Disease Control, and the State of Connecticut, have updated their guidelines for businesses and houses of worship. In light of those updates, beginning *June 15, 2021*, Immanuel Lutheran Church will:

- 1) No longer require masks to be worn when entering the building;
- 2) Encourage, but not require, social distancing (i.e. – sitting in every other pew);
- 3) Restore Communion distribution to our normal practice;
- 4) Return hymnals and Bibles to pew racks.

And as a reminder we have already made the decision to resume our normal summer schedule, with one Divine Service Sunday at 9:00am, followed by coffee fellowship, and Adult Bible Study at 10:30am throughout the months of June, July, and August.

JUNE 2021 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Evan Foley Jack Lusic Paul Ryskowski Joel Sonstroem	2 Daniel Wall	3	4 Joanne Raspanti Jaime Ryskowski	5 Linda Kuharski
6 Lynn Donahue Richard Lutz David Rindfleisch Bethany Swicklas	7 Lois Koch	8 Ruth Stewart	9 Claudia Bishop Abigail Bourgoin	10 Andrew Dubois Haylee Kissar	11	12 Aubrey Bennett Alexa Bugryn Rickard Darm Jacqueline Holcomb Peter Koch Paris Machado Pamela Mockler
13 Mavis Charles-Durham Linda Sonstroem	14 Patricia Kahle	15	16 Christopher Pacitto	17	18 Mel Schab Bev Zahnke	19 Heidi Karner Pat Wollenberg
20 Walter Riemer	21 Liliana Delaney Carley Klemyk Julia Klemyk Barry Sonstroem Nancy Tower	22 Robert Bergeron Leslie Foley	23 Henry Kuharski, Jr. Joel Wulff	24	25 Marcus Lopisi Doreen Tessier	26 Benjamin Jabs
27	28 Lisa Bugryn	29 Sandra Cleveland Shawn Dennis Connie Glidden Laura Hamelin Karen Hebert	30 Tami Benvenuto Alice Bielert Carrie Palmisano Kacie Therrien			



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