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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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## 2021 German Festival



More Festival photos on Page 6



**Our Bristol Mum Festival Parade float.**

**A special thanks to all the volunteers that helped make it happen!**



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Ed & Dee Krampitz  
Newsletter Editors  
Deadline for submissions is the 20th 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**

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**&**

**FM 96.1**

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[KoolOldiesRadio.net](http://KoolOldiesRadio.net)

## From the Pastor's Desk

### “It Was Empty”

*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.* 1 Corinthians 15:17-20

Philip was born with Down syndrome.

He was likeable, lovable, but coordination kept him from doing everything his classmates did. It was two weeks before Resurrection Sunday, and Philip's teacher gave each of her students a plastic egg. You know, the kind of colored eggs pantyhose used to come in.

She told them to bring back their eggs with something that reminded them of Easter. It could be a real object or a drawing they had done. Anything would work just fine.

The following week the class came back and each of the students opened and explained the meaning of the symbol they had brought in their plastic egg.

One egg held a pretty flower; another held a photograph of a butterfly. It was an incredibly exciting time and the kids were squirming to see what each person had brought. The volume kept getting louder as every student felt the need to explain his or her egg or evaluate the eggs of others.

But then, second to last, an egg was open which contained nothing. That's right. Zero. Zip. Nada. Nothing. The kids were speechless. At least for a moment they were speechless. Then came

the critique. No, critique is not the right word. Criticism is the right word.

One of the students commented “That's stupid!” or “Someone didn't do his homework!” or “Did their symbol get dropped on the floor? Where did it go?”

After a minute, Philip confessed: “That egg belongs to me. It's empty, because Jesus' grave was empty.” It was, in the language of Martin Luther: a “Here I stand” moment.

Philip got it, just as some 500 years before, Luther got it. Jesus' grave is empty and because of that our sins are forgiven. Because of God's *grace alone*, found in *Scripture alone*, received by *faith alone*, heaven awaits.

Yes, Philip got it. That summer Philip got something else: an infection. Most children would have shaken off such a little thing. Philip's body couldn't.

At his funeral, nine eight-year-old children, accompanied by their teacher, brought a gift and placed it in his casket. I don't have to explain it was a plastic egg. But there was nothing inside that egg.

It was empty – just as empty as Jesus' tomb.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, we give thanks for the resurrection which shows that Your work is complete and we have been forgiven and saved. May the world see what You have done as clearly as did Philip. In the Savior's Name we ask it. 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*

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

*Save the date!*  
**Altar Guild Appreciation  
 Light Breakfast and Meeting**  
 Saturday, October 23, at 9am — Parish Center

**Voter's meeting Monday, October 25,**  
 at 7 pm in the church sanctuary.

~ ~ ~ **Thank You** ~ ~ ~

**Church Council meeting Thursday, October 21,**  
 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.



**German Heritage Cookbook Pre-sale!**



This cookbook has more German recipes than any other cookbook from Immanuel Lutheran in over 75 years! It brings together old German recipes handed down from members past and present, along with dozens of new German recipes (including ones from our festival). This is the **'most German'** collection of recipes ever offered by Immanuel Lutheran. **Price is only \$12!** Order a copy for yourself! Order more as gifts or stocking stuffers! Cookbooks will arrive by Thanksgiving. All sales will be handled through the Christian Mart, which is open every Sunday between services. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the Christian Mart display when it is not open... Or, you can email your order request to: [ILC.GermanHeritageCookbook@gmail.com](mailto:ILC.GermanHeritageCookbook@gmail.com) and we will contact you to finalize your order. A lot of work has gone into this new cookbook and we can thank Linda Wall, Christina Curry and Rhoda Lange for that effort ~ Danke Schšn!

Proceeds will benefit German Festival 2021  
 and  
 Immanuel Lutheran Church.

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,*  
 Thank you very much for giving me the ILC Scholarship Award. The scholarship is greatly appreciated and certainly helps me with my college expenses.  
 Thank you again for the scholarship.  
 Sincerely,  
 Seth Foley

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,*  
 Thank you for awarding me with the Immanuel Lutheran Church Scholarship. It will help me to afford the tuition for my mechanical engineering degree. Thank you again for your generosity.  
 Sincerely,  
 Jared Krueger

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,*  
 I am writing to thank you for your generosity in awarding me the Immanuel Lutheran Church Scholarship. I am enjoying my nutrition studies and can continue focusing on academics thanks to your kind consideration. Once again I would like to thank you for this opportunity.  
 Sincerely,  
 Michelle Helming





*We are reaching out to all our mature members of our congregation to join our lunch group, even if you never came before!*

For our September Pizza Lunch we enjoyed Dave Hintz's photos of his Cross Country Camping Trip. On October 7 we had our German Oktoberfest Lunch. A nice group of 30 folks enjoyed good food and fellowship. A special thank you to everyone who cooked and baked for this event.

Looking ahead to Thursday, November 4, we will have our Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. A special guest from Webster Bank will present a program on Protecting Ourselves From Scammers.

Please contact Carol 860-582-9608 if you can make a soup or sandwich. If you donate food, we ask for only a \$2 donation, rather than \$5.

Why stay home alone??

From your  **Parish Nurse**

WALK AND TALK – Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us, and think of names we could consider and bring your thoughts with you.

We also will be meeting for lunch once a month (depending on COVID).

For those interested, Blood Pressures will be taken in the office every second Sunday after the 8am service.

DEC. 28 – A luncheon will be provided for policemen on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at noon to thank them for keep-

ing us and our community safe.

Another luncheon will also be provided for firemen/ EMTs to thank them for protecting us in emergency situations. Date not finalized yet.

Anyone wishing to help, your hands will be appreciated. Please text me or leave a message on my home phone.

Anyone wishing to make visits to our homebound please see me. Also, looking for occasional meals prepared for the homebound.

Roberta Kuhr  
Parish Nurse

**LWML**

**will have a loose change collection on Sunday, October 17, following both services.**

***Your donations will help us fund our Mission Projects and reach our Mission Goal.***

***Thank you,  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League***



**Immanuel welcomes through the rite of Holy Baptism  
Rowan Hunter Morel  
Baptized on September 19, 2021  
Son of Nate and Staci Poole**

## **Rev. Dr. Timothy C.J. Quill was guest preacher on October 3 at both services and at the 9:30 Bible Study.**

Rev. Dr. Timothy C.J. Quill is a longtime professor of Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, Indiana), having joined the faculty there in 1998. From 2002 onwards, he also served as Dean of International Studies. He further served for more than 20 years as director of the seminary's Russian Project, working with Lutherans throughout Russia and other Eastern Europe nations, as well as helping to establish the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia. Dr. Quill also served The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Office of International Mission as director of Theological Education. On October 15, 2019, Dr. Quill was appointed as the General Secretary of the International Lutheran Council (ILC) following a unanimous vote of the ILC Board of Directors.

Dr. Quill graduated from Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, Missouri) in 1980 and served parishes in Connecticut (New Hartford) and Missouri before pursuing graduate work, ultimately earning his Ph. D. from Drew University in New Jersey. Since completing his work with Concordia Theological Seminary, he has served as a visitation pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dr. Quill is married to Annette, nee Ziebell, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their daughter Kathryn Ann is married to Rev. Paul Gaschler who serves Concordia Lutheran Church in Greenwood, Indiana.

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**The International Lutheran Council** is a growing worldwide association of established confessional Lutheran church bodies which proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of an unconditional commitment to the Holy Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and to the Lutheran Confessions contained in the Book of Concord as the true and faithful exposition of the Word of God.

The ILC is not a church body nor does it carry out churchly functions. It does not intend to prescribe any course of action for its members, but rather seeks to assist and strengthen them in their confessional witness and mission. It exists to encourage, strengthen, and promote confessional Lutheran theology and practice centering in Jesus Christ, both among member churches and throughout the world:

- By providing opportunities for the joint study of contemporary theological issues.
- By giving mutual support and encouragement to the heads of member church bodies.
- By encouraging and assisting member church in planning for mission outreach.
- By strengthening theological education through conferences of theologians and seminary teachers, mission staffs and those involved with human care.
- By facilitating communication between confessional Lutheran churches of the world through the publication of ILC News.
- By stimulating and facilitating the preparation and publication of confessional Lutheran literature.

Member church bodies contribute, on an annual basis, financial support (based on their baptized membership and the GNP of the country in which it exists) for the costs of operating ILC. Meetings of the ILC take place on the basis of a three year cycle – in year one, regional meetings takes place, in year two the entire Council meets in conference, and in year three, a conference of representatives from each of the ILC seminaries is held.

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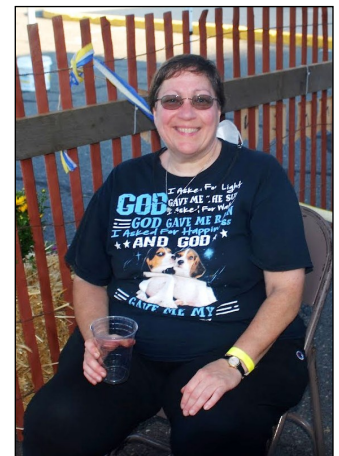
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**Festival Dedication**



**Roxanne Tonn 1959 - 2021**

This year's festival is dedicated in memory of our good friend, Roxanne Tonn, who we lost to Covid-19 this year. Roxanne was a dedicated volunteer at Immanuel Lutheran for many years and the kitchen leader every year at this festival. Roxanne was deeply loved and we miss her every day.



# FELLOWSHIP REMEMBERED – Chapter 6

by Vern Koch

On January 16 of 1982 **Pastor David Mulder** opened the meeting with prayer and a hymn sing.

*Officers for the coming year were:*

*President: **Wil Kisser***

*Vice President: **Henry Hummel***

*Treasurer: **Marion Schroeder***

*Secretary: **Lois Koch***

*A motion was passed to donate \$5000 to the Building Fund.*

*Introduction of guests included:*

Vicar Brian and wife Lori Friedrich (Brian would later be elected President of Concordia College – Seward, Nebraska)

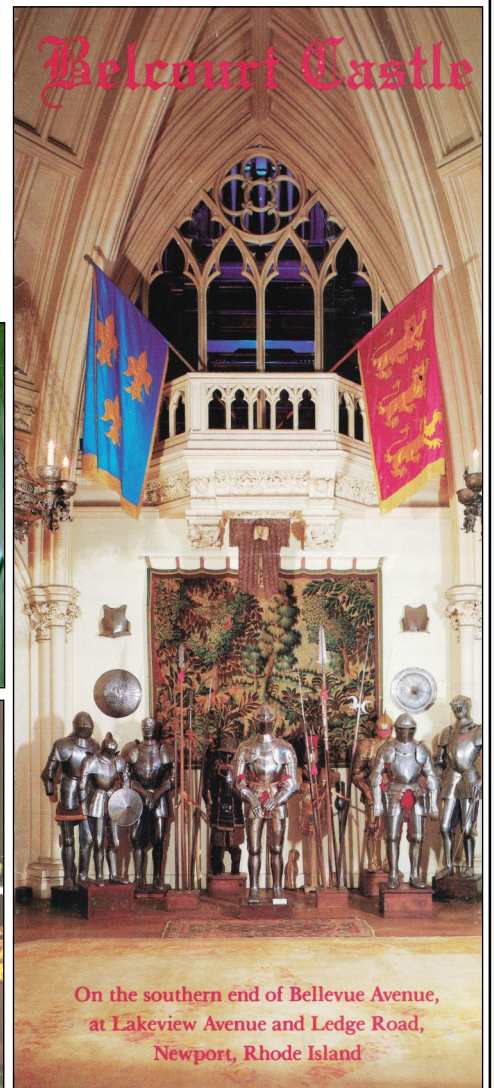
Pastor and Lynette Schulz

Denwood Collins III. Denwood attends Concordia College in Bronxville and will serve as a student teacher for 12 weeks in Sixth Grade.

*Vern announced the Handbell Choir and Children’s Choir would be performing at the Big E on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was encouraged to attend to hear the music and, perhaps, help hand out pamphlets and hand made crosses.*

In 1983 it was voted to contribute \$200.00 for start-up expenses for the newly reorganized Young Adults pending research by Walt Meusel.

Additional funds of \$400 was provided for funding of the Second Annual Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner.



On the southern end of Bellevue Avenue,  
at Lakeview Avenue and Ledge Road,  
Newport, Rhode Island

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

**From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Grades 1-8 start each school day outside on the blacktop for fresh air and time with friends. When the bell rings, students line up by grade level at the curb for our morning opening. We welcome everyone, say the pledges, recite a verse they should remember for all time, recognize birthdays, give announcements, and close with either Luther's Morning Prayer or the Lord's Prayer. This is a nice way to start each day.

The school staff was very involved in the GermanFest with the Kinderland activities. These included a life-size Candy Land Game, a pretzel craft, a scavenger hunt, an estimation game, and a jump feature. Many school families attended the festival and a good time was had by all. Immanuel Lutheran School teachers manned all of these events throughout the festival. A special thanks to Katja Evans, who created and shared the Candy Land Game, and planned the Kinderland event with Rhoda Lang and the festival committee.

We appreciate the families who attended the Mum Parade to ride on, or walk with our Mum Parade Float. We hope there are many more attending next year. There was a lot of competition for everyone's time this year, which was one week after GermanFest. We hope to make it more of a priority for school families in the future. Spanish instruction has been added for Immanuel Lutheran School students. The PK3 through 3rd grade students receive group instruction twice a week with Heather Correa. Mayra Singh teaches Spanish for grades 4-8. Grades 4-6 receive instruction three times a week. Middle School students in grades 7 and 8 receive Spanish instruction daily. There is an advanced Spanish class for students who already speak the language. These students are learning to read and write in Spanish.

The school still needs Extended Care workers in the afternoon. This is a perfect job for college age adults, or responsible high school seniors, or an adult wanting something part-time. We also need lunch volunteers. If you are interested please call the office.

Mr. Flower is teaching the Bells this year after co-teaching last year with Mr. Koch. The students in grades 5-8 are enjoying their time in the balcony learning all of the techniques of a successful Bell Choir. When they are ready, we will have them play on a Sunday morning service for everyone to hear.



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## From the Principal's Desk

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Our Cross Country Team is being coached by Charlie Radcliff and Samantha Frohn. Practices occur four days a week and usually include a run through Rockwell Park's Cross Country Course. We have exceptional runners who get exceptional times. Our first meet was on October 1, at Black Rock State Park with host Thomaston Middle School and Rochambeau Middle School. In a pool of 23 girls Gretchen Radcliff placed 4th with a time of 12:14 on the 1.7 mile course. Alexandra Dubois finished 11th with a time of 14:15. And Emily Correa placed 15th with a time of 15:18. These are all excellent times! Charlie Pankenier also ran for the boys. There are more meets coming in October and the coaches expect even higher placements and faster times as the season progresses.

We regret that we will not be able to hold the Sauerkraut Supper again this year. With covid rates fluctuating, the indoor seating may not be the safest option. It will resume as soon as it is unquestionably safe to do so.

Blessings,  
Anne Stuhlman, Principal



L to R: Gretchen Radcliff, Emily Correa and Alexandra Dubois

## OCTOBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Anne Karner Rosemary Ryskowski	<b>2</b> Kathryn Provencal
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Michael Harrington Rachel Savage	<b>5</b> Benjamin Bourgoin	<b>6</b> Crystal Fitzgerald David Kuharski Tracy Mitchell	<b>7</b> Andrea Jabs Mike Pankenier	<b>8</b> Lindsey Schaffrick	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Vincent Bartucca Lana Dupee Bob Wollenberg	<b>12</b> Sarah Bugryn	<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 Paul Tessier 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	<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
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