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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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Rev. Dr. Timothy Yeadon

June 27, 1959 – January 16, 2022

“...Jesus, knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.” John 13:1



## Lutheran Schools Week

Lutheran Schools Week was a success at Immanuel Lutheran School. Students participated in special dress days and daily activities to celebrate Lutheran education. The theme this year was “Christ, In All Things,” a reference to Colossians 1:15-20, the Supremacy of Christ. Pictures below show some of the activities, which included a Scavenger Hunt, a Rock/Paper/Scissors Tournament, Relays, Human Battleship, and Beach Ball Volleyball. There is valuable fellowship promoted by these school-wide events. Our PTO provided T-shirts for everyone in the school.



Lifeboat Relay teams (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>)



Crab Relay, Grade 2 teamwork!



Learning still happened! (Kindergarten)



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Newsletter Editors  
Deadline for submissions  
is the 20th of the month.

### **SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICES**

**8:00 a.m.**

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

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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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AND

**FM 96.1**

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

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

# **“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”**

*“And as he (Jesus) was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.”*

Luke 9:29

On Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Church will celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. It brings an end to the Epiphany season and serves as a bridge to the coming season of Lent.

“Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven’s voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, Turning from the summit’s rise, Downward toward the shadowed valley, Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.

“Lord, transfigure our perceptions, With the purest light that shines, And recast our life’s intentions, To the shape of Your designs, Till we seek no other glory, Than what lies past Calv’ry’s hill, And our living and our dying, And our rising by Your will.”

“Glory” can be difficult to define, but sometimes we wouldn’t mind having a bit of it for ourselves. Jesus’ disciples, James and John, wanted a share in the glory of Jesus’ coming kingdom (see Mark 10:35-45). They did not yet understand that suffering would come first. Before the King would be crowned with glory, He would be crowned with thorns.

James and John may have requested a share in glory because they had recently seen their Lord transfigured in divine majesty. With Peter, these two disciples saw Jesus’ face shine like the sun as His clothing became white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared to speak with Him. When the Father’s voice called from aloud, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him,” the terrified disciples fell face down to the ground. But then, the glory, the voice, and

Moses and Elijah vanished. The frightened disciples looked up and “saw no one but Jesus only.”

Peter had offered to build three tents to contain the glorious vision. The disciples wanted to share that glory; James and John certainly did. But they couldn’t stay on the mountain. They had to turn toward “the shadowed valley where their Lord had fixed His eyes.” There would be glory, for all eternity, but squarely in the road to that future glory stood a cross. As they left the mountain, Jesus spoke of His death and resurrection and told His disciples not to speak of the vision “until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” Puzzled by this talk of rising from the dead, the disciples followed Jesus as He turned toward the cross.

As we follow in Jesus’ steps, we too may endure suffering. Yes, there will be glory – the glory of Jesus’ resurrection and our own! – but the cross comes first. We pray that the Lord would “transfigure our perceptions” so that we seek only the glory that lies beyond the cross. It’s the glory that’s found in dying to self and rising, through Baptism, to new life in Christ Jesus. The week before He was transfigured, Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” That’s the only glory we seek, the glory of living, dying, and rising in Jesus.

THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, strengthen us by Your Spirit to take up our cross and follow You until the day we share Your glory. In Your 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*

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### Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Residential Households in the U.S. can order from the U.S. Postal Service one set of 4 free at-home tests (limit of one order per residential address). Go to <https://special.usps.com/testkits> for more information and to place an order. One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests and will *ship free!*



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

Our group does not hold any regular monthly lunches during these winter months due to the weather and driving concerns for your safety. Thinking ahead for the year's activities, we will need more people to step into leadership roles so we can continue to hold our monthly lunches that we all enjoy. Think about how you could more actively help with your time and talents, perhaps providing a monthly program or being part of a program or menu committee. Being newly retired, you could help our group prosper by becoming an active volunteer. In a month or so, we will

meet to bring up ideas and plans for our group and everyone is encouraged to help by participating. Remember, many hands make for lighter work, so we can meet and enjoy our lunch fellowship.

Our glass-enclosed bulletin boards by the back gym entrance show photos from our Christmas Party and available trips and activities through our area Senior Centers. On Mondays at 1pm in the Parish Center you can join our group of Card Players, if that interests you, or join the Walk and Talk group on Tuesday mornings. Remember to stay safe this winter and also wear your masks so we can meet together soon.



#### Parish Nurse Corner

Please join us every **Tuesday** morning at Walk and Talk.

Starts at 9:30am in the Parish Center. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**February 15,** Women's Bible study Tuesday at noon  
Bring a lunch and join us in the Parish Center.

Blessings,  
Roberta

#### A Special Valentine Message From The Christian Mart

Valentine's Day will be here before you know it! ... are you ready? Don't worry, we've got you covered. Stop in at the Christian Mart between 8:30-11:00AM on Sunday, February 6th and Sunday, February 13th to shop for that little something special for your special person. We will be offering a new candle and soap line-up (perfect for Valentine's Day) with scents for both men and women – along with a variety of other new Christian gift items. As always, your purchase is tax-free and proceeds benefit Immanuel Lutheran! Gift bags and wrapping available. Thank you all for your continued support of The Christian Mart.

#### Official 2022 Event Dates... Mark Your Calendars!

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School Picnic  
Saturday, June 11th  
German Festival 2022  
Friday and Saturday, September 16 & 17



## ~ Church News ~

### New Forward In Faith Fund Established

The church council has established a new perpetual fund named "Forward In Faith" that will serve to meet the long-term needs of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School – with the goal of eliminating the need for individual capital campaign drives to solve urgent needs when they arise.

Forward In Faith will serve to create a “rainy day” fund – 25% of every dollar given will be set aside and fully restricted for our future. The remaining 75% will also be restricted, however, accessible and managed by the church council as needed to address non-budgeted needs and projects and to maintain or update/upgrade our facilities. At times there may be no needs or projects, other times, there may be several simultaneously. Some small, others of great size. Regardless of the need, Forward In Faith will insure that we are better prepared for the needs of this congregation, our school, and all our facilities when they happen moving forward.

*We always move forward in faith even through the difficult times.*

*We can move forward in faith knowing God is guiding our steps.*

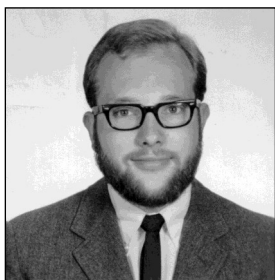
*We must move forward in faith to fulfill our mission.*

*We know moving forward in faith works!*

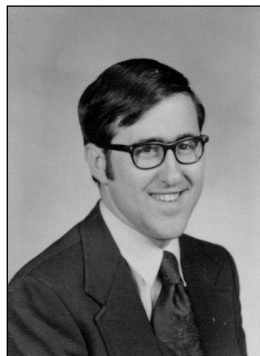
You will be hearing more about Forward In Faith in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, please consider contributions to this fund in addition to your regular giving. Thank you! – **The Board of Christian Stewardship**

## HISTORY REMEMBERED IMMANUEL SCHOOL TEACHERS

*Some of the teachers who have served Jesus' Little Lambs at Immanuel*



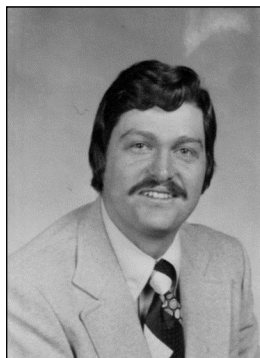
Bryon Pfeiffer  
1970 – 72



Wayne Berkesh  
1974 – 77



Doris Simonides  
1970 – 78



Karl Bernstein  
1970 – 75

## Lenten Worship

### Lent begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday Services at 10:45 and 7:00 pm.

(with Holy Communion and 7 pm Live-Streaming)



### Mark your calendars for Lenten Mid-Week services

March 9

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 6

Services are at 10:45 am and 7 pm each Wednesday. The 7 pm service will be Live-Streamed.

*During Lent we prepare our hearts to receive our crucified and risen Lord by...*

Decorating the church using violet. Violet, the color of royalty and repentance, is the color for Lent. In biblical times, violet dye was very expensive and could only be purchased by royalty or the very rich. The people of God our His royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:8-9). We decorate the church in the royal color of violet for our times of repentance – turning away from our sins and turning toward Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.

No longer singing Alleluia. Alleluia is a Hebrew word that means “Praise the Lord.” It appears often in the Psalms and is a joyous expression of faith in God. During Lent, we do not use this joyous response in order to focus on our need for repentance and faith.

No longer singing the Gloria in Excelsis. Just as in Advent, so in Lent we give up singing the joyous Hymn of Praise. We do this to focus our worship on repentance.

Lent is a season that has a number of interesting customs: Ash Wednesday and the Imposition of Ashes. Lent always begins 40 weekdays before Easter on Ash Wednesday. The name comes from the ancient custom of the imposition of ashes. The pastor dips his thumb into some ashes (traditionally made from the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and



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marks an ashy cross on each person’s forehead while saying, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” This custom uses the biblical image of ashes (Job 42:6) to remind us that we, too, shall die and therefore need forgiveness from Jesus.

Fasting. Fasting is giving up eating at a particular meal or time in order to devote that time to prayer and meditation on the Word of God. Jesus directed that His disciples would fast (Matthew 6:16-18), and the Small Catechism says that fasting is “fine outward training” before taking the Lord’s Supper. Many Christians use Lent as a special time of fasting – especially on Fridays in remembrance of Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross.

Giving something up for Lent. It’s similar to fasting, except instead of a meal a person might “give up” any favorite item: a toy, television, desserts, etc. The idea behind giving something up for Lent is to be reminded to pray, to study God’s Word, and to think of Jesus’ sacrifice when you miss the thing that you have given up.

Midweek services. Many churches observe Lent with special midweek services. These extra times of worship during the week help us to hear God’s Word and prepare us to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter.

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

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

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

#### **NAEP Testing**

Our 8th grade class participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing battery on February 3. NAEP is often referred to as the Nation's Report Card as it measures our country's academic growth and compares data from various groups. The two hour session was conducted in one of our classrooms by NAEP staff. Their staff are fully vaccinated and masked. Our 8th grade class will certainly improve the standing of parochial schools across the country. It is a very sharp class.

#### **Daughter Dance!**

Typically a Father-Daughter Dance, Immanuel Lutheran School will hold a "Daughter Dance" on Saturday, February 12, from 6:30-8:00 in the gym. Girls may bring an adult of their choice, Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or even Mom. They can choose whomever they want to dance with for the evening. Attendees should dress their best and be prepared to dance the night away! A photo background will be available for picture opportunities. Volunteers will take the photo for you with your phone. Corsages and boutonnieres are customary. We will also have carnations for sale at the dance for the girls. Rather than tickets in advance, the cost is \$10 at the door per family.

#### **Basketball**

Our JV Girls and JV boys had their first games last week. Both teams lost but played their best and we are very proud of their efforts. Future home games are:

- February 14, Girls at 6 PM, Boys at 7 PM
- February 19, Girls at 11 AM, Boys at 12:00
- March 3 (replacing February 25), Girls at 6 PM, Boys at 7 PM

More games will be added as we hear back from more schools.

#### **2022-2023 School Registration**

School re-enrollment forms went out two weeks ago, and many have been submitted. I want to encourage families with children entering PK3, PK4, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade to submit their forms early. These classes could easily reach the cap of 16.

Christ is in all things at our school. We start each day in the gym with the pledges, a verse to think about for the day, and the Doxology, the Lord's Prayer, or Luther's Morning Prayer. The students all have at least 45 minutes of religion instruction daily, chapel every week, and prayer throughout the day. Christ is certainly in all things at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Our current enrollment is 153. We thank God for this opportunity to teach more children about God's love. Thank you for supporting our school.

Blessings,  
Anne Stuhlman



## The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

For some 10 or 12 years now, members of the Photo Club have been sharing a common interest in photography and getting better at it. We meet monthly except July and August. A “theme” is assigned for each month. At meetings, photos illustrating the theme or topic of the month are shown and discussed. There’s no judging. It’s a casual evening.

It’s always interesting how diverse photos can be for the same theme. Each of us see things differently and photograph things in different ways. We all learn from that. Changing topics keeps it all new and interesting.

So then, we enjoy the photography, we enjoy the opportunity to learn, and we enjoy each other. We have fun!

Here is a list of the upcoming photo topics:

**March is ...** *“Gates and Fences”* – It’s a great chance to photograph beautiful fence lines and gates. Check out some of the local farms.

**April is ...** *“Backyard Visitors”* – You don’t need to go far. Get some shots of those critters that visit your backyard. Bird feeders always provide nice pictures.

**May is ...** *“Planes, Trains, Automobiles”* – Here is your chance to get creative. Get some close-ups of cars or trains or planes.

**June is ...** *“Sunrise/Sunset”* – Who doesn’t like a nice sunrise or sunset? Get up early or stay out late ... Get that perfect shot of the sun coming up or going down!

Please remember that if you don’t have any theme photos, then bring some of your favorite photos to share with the group.

I sincerely hope to see you there. Please feel free to encourage any of your friends to join us. All they need is a camera and a desire to have fun! If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [eml08@att.net](mailto:eml08@att.net).

God Bless,  
Eric Larson

**The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club meets on the  
First Tuesday of the month  
7:00 PM in the Parish Center.**



## HISTORY REMEMBERED

### IMMANUEL GETS A NEW PIPE ORGAN IN 1975

When I arrived at Immanuel in August of 1961, our pipe organ was already old. It had been designed by the Marr and Colton organ company. They mainly built organs for theaters because it was common for organ music to accompany the early silent films.

As the years went on, parts of the organ began to break down and soon some of the stops no longer worked. It was time for a change.

An Organ Committee was formed to bring a proposal to the congregation for a new instrument. The Allen Organ Company was a large manufacturer of church organs. Their instruments had no pipes and relied on electronic reproduction of sounds that had been recorded from pipes. These sounds were then put through an amplifier and speaker system into the church.

As the committee did its research there were two opinions that became clear. Two of the committee wanted a pipe organ, two wanted an electronic organ, with one still on the fence. After a trip to Staten Island, New York, to hear a large Allen installation I was convinced that the only way to go was pipes. However, it had to be a committee proposal. The 'swing' vote told me confidentially that we should go with a pipe organ. The vote was cast at our final meeting and we began to look for a pipe organ company.

After hearing 4 pipe organ installations, we finally voted to accept the proposal presented to us by the Austin Organ Company based in Hartford.

The organ chests contain 1,796 pipes; there are 33 ranks of pipes played from 4 separate keyboards; the final cost of the organ was \$68,816.

A former teacher at Immanuel, Roland Kuring, played the dedicatory recital in the winter of 1976. The first service in which it was used was Thanksgiving Day, 1976.



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## FEBRUARY 2022 BIRTHDAYS

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                           |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------|
|   |  | <b>1</b><br>Nicole Tessman  | <b>2</b><br>Genevieve Casagni<br>Nancy Pease<br>Logan Williams       | <b>3</b><br>Kristin Laforge<br>Edward Phillips<br>Kurt Radcliff<br>Benjamin Scarpati | <b>4</b><br>Dorothy Johnson<br>Aiza Nazir<br>Ayan Nazir          | <b>5</b>                      |
| <b>6</b><br>Jared Jankowski<br>Tamara Lindstrom<br>Robert Neumann<br>Jessica Triplett | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>Michael Phillips<br>Kevin Read<br>Tammy Thormahlen                    | <b>9</b><br>Luke Doncet<br>Rollin Lee<br>Ava Werner<br>Brooke Werner | <b>10</b><br>David Peplau  | <b>11</b><br>Celine Kisser<br>Joshua Mitchell<br>Sydney Therrien | <b>12</b><br>Susan Rich       |
| <b>13</b><br>Karin Hauer  | <b>14</b><br>Ashley Romaniello<br>Haley Romaniello | <b>15</b><br>Caroline Bayer<br>Julie Follo<br>Randy Neumann<br>Jessica Romaniello | <b>16</b><br>Cynthia Dell'Aera<br>Jill Therrien                      | <b>17</b><br>Brooke Savage   | <b>18</b><br>Jon Heidorn<br>Amanda Wolfe                         | <b>19</b><br>Kurt McCorriston |
| <b>20</b><br>Jeffrey Bergeron<br>Linda Neumann<br>Evelyn Palmisano                    | <b>21</b><br>Linda Hogan                           | <b>22</b><br>Jan Blaschke<br>Mary Sylvia  | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>Lorri Jackson<br>Catherine Kane                     | <b>26</b>                     |
| <b>27</b><br>Samuel Skinner   | <b>28</b><br>Joan Hermann<br>Mia Knight            |   |  |  |  |                               |



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