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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.

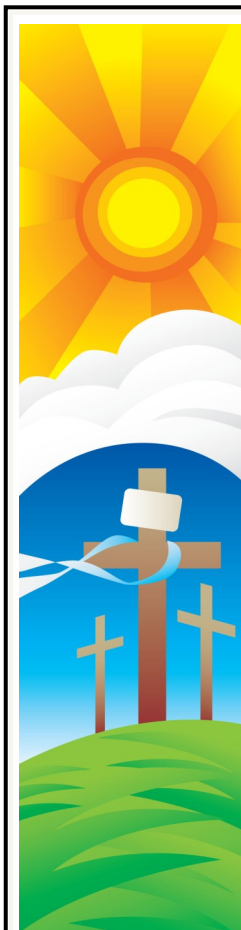
School Mission

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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From our Parish Nurse

We are fast approaching Easter. As Christians, we are well aware of the words spoken by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the cross when he cried out, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

When we think about forgiveness, we only think about our own forgiveness and what Jesus did for us on the cross. Shouldn't we also think about how we forgive others as we follow Jesus' lead? In Matthew 18, Jesus tells us to forgive seventy times seven. We don't forgive someone because it is the right thing to do. Forgiveness comes from the heart. It is an act of love. When we hesitate to forgive, it is helpful to remind ourselves of the sacrifice God made for us and how that powerful act of love took all our sins away. Jesus paid the price for all our sins no matter how great. Not forgiving someone leads to bitterness, emotional pain, and might lead us away from Jesus Christ, the only one who can save us and provide us with eternal life.

Please Lord, help us to always remember what you did for us so we will follow your example in our own lives. Amen.

God's Blessings,
Roberta Kuhr RN BSN FCN
Parish Nurse, ILC

Item List for Orphan Grain Train New England – A Future Shipment Potentially to Moldova (Aid for the Refugees)

- **Non-perishable food** (Please note that it will need to expire at least 18 months in the future. Recommend only collecting processed rice meals.)
- **Hygiene kits** (even incomplete kits)
- **Blankets/quilts**
- **Linens** – prefer twin size and pillowcases.
- **Clothing:** men's, women's, and children's – note that items for children under age 3 are PROHIBITED in Moldova. *Please make sure to pack infant/toddler clothing separately from the children's clothing.*
- **Shoes:** men's, women's, and children's
- **Diapers for adults and infants**
- **Sanitary napkins** and feminine hygiene kits
- **Towels**
- **Canes: crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs**
- **Bicycles**
- **School kits**
- **Sewing machines**
- **Sports equipment** – balls

The cost to ship a container to Moldova is around \$15,000. If your desire is to make a financial donation, make check payable to: Orphan Grain Train. On the memo line write: "For Refugees."

Mail to: Orphan Grain Train – New England
400 Wilbraham Road
Springfield, MA 01109
Attn: Brenda Bacon



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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

AM 990

&

FM 96.1

and online at

KoolOldiesRadio.net

From the Pastor's Desk

“The Final Word Isn’t Death!”

So, she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put Him!” John 20:2

“El Cid” is the 1,000-year-old story of Rodrigo Diaz, a Spanish knight who almost single-handedly saved the kingdom of Spain from the Moors. The movie itself is based on truth. It spoke the truth when it showed El Cid’s victories. It told the truth when it showed his death and how his generals tried to pretend he was still alive. The movie accurately showed how they dressed his body in armor, strapped him to his horse, and tied a sword into his hand. Then it showed the body of the dead leader, charging out of the gates of the city, leading his men against the enemy.

The movie is quite accurate ... up to that point. But then, in a desire for a happy ending, the movie begins to lie, showing the Spanish forces in the lead routing the frightened Moors. But it didn’t happen that way – the dead body fooled no one. The charge failed, and the defeated Spaniards ran away. They found out that a dead man is a poor leader.

In contrast, Christians follow a living Lord. Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus was crucified. Tens of thousands had been crucified before Him, but only Jesus – unexpectedly, unbelievably – came back to life. Because He did, the world is changed. Those who believe on Jesus as their living Lord are confident that death doesn’t have the final word in their lives. Those who put their hope and their futures into the nail-pierced

hands of the risen Savior, know they will never be alone, and that nothing in this world can separate them from the love of God that has come to them through Christ Jesus.

Christ is risen! Yes, we know that sort of thing doesn’t happen ... can’t happen. But because Jesus was the sinless Son of God, He didn’t have our limitations. Jesus did rise. In the days that followed, Jesus’ friends saw Him, ate with Him, talked with Him, touched Him. Not just once, but numerous times. This, the most wonderful event in the history of the world, cannot be denied. Jesus lives and, because He does, we know we follow a living Lord. This is the truth that has changed the world and, ... your life.

THE PRAYER: Risen Lord, open our eyes to all of your blessings today, so that our hearts may overflow with thanksgiving. Our hope and future rest safely in Your nail-pierced hands, and we rejoice in the knowledge that nothing in this world can separate us from the love of our living Lord. Amen.

Pastor Karner
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

2022 Confirmation
on **Palm Sunday**, April 10
at the 10:45 service
– **Eight Confirmands** –



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

It's finally time for our first **Lunch Event** of 2022! Our annual **PIZZA** Party will be held on Thursday, April 7, at 11:30 in the OSB (original school building). We always have lots of choices of pizza along with salad, desserts, and beverages for a \$5 donation at the door. Please consider this your personal invitation to join your church friends, over age 55, for food and Christian Fellowship. We usually hold at least six lunches with interesting programs a year, and that includes one lunch that is entirely FREE; if you donate food to share we ask for only \$2 at the door to cover expenses.

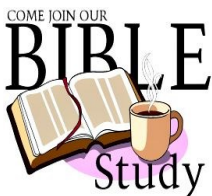
This month we are excited to have Eric Larson and Michael Krampitz put on a wonderful talk for us called "Birding Beyond Your Backdoor" with amazing photographs; you won't want to miss this informative program.

We really appreciate all of our wonderful volunteers: those who come early to set up for the lunch

and the ones who stay after to help clean up after our lunches. We also especially want to thank those who recently took on other responsibilities for us involving supplies, programs, and food.

Did you know that the glass-enclosed bulletin boards by the gym entrance are there for all of us Young-at-Heart members? There you can find activities, photos, and daytrip flyers from area Senior Centers: take a look at what activities you might enjoy. Our Bristol Senior Center on Stafford Avenue is having a special Bingo on April 8, a Senior Prom on April 21, a Tag Sale on April 23, and a Health Fair on April 27, just to mention a few activities.

Invite a friend to join you on Thursday, April 7 for lunch and an interesting program; we love to welcome new people! We want to send Easter Blessings to all our shut-in members who are unable to join us, and all our Young-at-Heart friends!!



Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, April 19 at noon.
Bring a lunch, coffee provided.
Bibles available if needed and join us
in the Parish Center.

Women of Immanuel

The next meeting of our Women of Immanuel group will be on Saturday, April 23 in the Original School Basement (OSB), at our new time: 11:30 am.

At this meeting we will be planning the 95th anniversary celebration of our group.

We welcome all women of Immanuel to join us. Light refreshments will be provided.



Please join us weekly at the Parish Center on Tuesdays at 9:30am for **Walk and Talk**. All are welcomed. We are a fun group – we even laugh! Snacks and coffee provided. Weather permitting, we might even consider walking. Please join us, we'd love to see you.

If anyone in the church would like a visit from the Parish Nurse, please contact me. If someone is being admitted to the hospital or having surgery, please let me know.

God's Blessings,
Roberta Kuhr RN BSN FCN

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Church News ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2022



There is a new flower chart for 2022 in the hallway across from the coat racks. If you would like to have flowers put on the altar for a celebration or in memory of a loved one, write your name and phone on the date you have chosen and you will receive a call about the specifics. There are quite a few openings in the coming weeks. Any questions, please call Pat Wollenberg, at 860-584-0587.

Thank you, Pat Wollenberg



Altar Guild Meeting Sunday, April 24

in the Parish Center following the 8 am service.
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION! See you there!

~ Youth News ~

- ◆ We host coffee hour every 3rd Sunday. Next youth coffee hour is 4/17. Easter ?!
- ◆ All registrations are in for Houston. We are now working on airfare cost.

Can and Bottle Return

Youth Group can and bottle drive continues. Please leave your donations in the New School Kitchen.



Thank You, Nate Poole,
you will be missed.
Wishing you all the best at your new job.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
New England District
2022 Convention April 29-30

Clarion Hotel, 700 Myles Standish Blvd. Taunton, MA

Begins on Friday at 1 pm and will end on Saturday at 3 pm.

Registration must be received by April 3.

For more information please contact
Linda Wall at 860-582-2318

THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION Call for Grant and Scholarship Applications

Thanks to a generous gift, the Immanuel Lutheran Foundation has been serving diverse needs of the Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1997. This “General Fund” has provided financial support through a Grant Application Process to do those important “non-budgeted” things “for which we never seemed to have the money.”



While the Foundation’s General Fund earnings are directed to the support of *non-budgeted items*, the earnings of the Westfall Endowment Funds established some years later are directed to specific needs. These include; local expenses, school expenses, and the maintenance and upkeep of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Provisions have also been made to award five scholarships each year. One is offered to an Immanuel member entering “Preaching and Teaching” ministries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Four are available to members of Immanuel and/or graduates of the Immanuel Lutheran School enrolled in an accredited College or University with a preference given to applicants aspiring to enter the ministry, or a career in medicine, law, or engineering.

It’s Time!

All this for one reason.
To provide continuing support for the Ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the Immanuel Lutheran Church here in Bristol.

2022 Grant Applications are being accepted now for review beginning in April and throughout the year as funds are available.

Westfall Scholarship Applications are also available in the office and must be completed and returned to the office no later than Sunday, June 19, 2022. Forms are available thru the Church Office and returned there when complete.

Questions? Pick up a Foundation Brochure in the Church/School Lobby or contact one of the Directors; Bill Wentland, Andy Helming, Bob Wollenberg, Diane Read, Mike Killian.

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 Sunday, June 19, 2022 in the church office.

These scholarships
will be awarded in August.

“Given
for
you.”



HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch

IMMANUEL GETS A NEW STEEPLE

The steeple that adorned our church when it was built was supported by large wooden beams. These were the state of the art and all believed they would last forever.

However, water and age took their toll and concerns were voiced that we might some day find the steeple in the middle of West Street during a particularly strong wind storm.

In 1981 research was done and a builder from down south was selected to design and build a steeple that looked as close to the original one as possible.

A concrete base was poured at the top of the rectangular tower under the steeple with a series of very large bolts embedded.

The pictures, taken on a slushy January day in 1981 from the steps of St. Ann's Church, show the steeple arriving and being hoisted into place. It was secured with very large nuts.



The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in
The Parish Center at 7:00 PM - **Join Us!**



*This is ...
For the
Birds*

Shooting Birds

Photographing Birds that is, can become a passion. It takes talent to be sure, but there's more. The list includes; patience, knowing each species by name, a good camera, endurance, luck, sifting through hundreds of photos to find the right one, post processing skills, traveling long distances to be at the right place at the right time, maybe a 600mm lens, and a big hard drive to save all those bird pictures.

We don't all have the inclination or the talent to be a *Birder*, but it's great that some in the Photo Club do and they share it with us.



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

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

We love March at Immanuel Lutheran School! We have had four full uninterrupted weeks of academic and spiritual growth! The month included Dr. Seuss Day. Staff and students dressed Seussically to celebrate the well-loved Lutheran children's author.



Every day at Immanuel Lutheran School starts with a morning opening for grades 1-8. We say the pledges, share a verse, make announcements, and pray. Students are reminded daily to keep the people of Ukraine in their prayers. The students are giving \$1,000 of their chapel offerings to the LCMS humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Spring field trips are as follows: PK3 - Flamig Farm, PK4 - KidsPlay (Torrington), Kindergarten - Indian Rock, Grades 1-3 - CT Science Center, and Grades 4 through 8 - Old Sturbridge Village. Most of these trips are in late May. PTO is paying for the buses and all entry fees.

Our PK children have been excited to participate in Soccer Shots after school in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The four-week program teaches children basic skills with trained instructors. A Soccer Shots program for Kindergarten and 1st graders begins after Easter.

Our Little Lamb's program is full once again. We have filled three classrooms and have started a waitlist. A 4th classroom will open soon, the current music room, which will make the entire middle floor the Little Lambs Learning Center.

Susan Schneider will be starting Monday, April 4, as the Director of Preschool and Camps. Susan comes to us from a center in Avon, where she has been for fifteen years. She served there as the director, and also directed the center's two satellite locations in Canton and Bloomfield. If you get the chance to meet Susan, you will be very impressed. She has a child-centered approach and gentle manner that will benefit our program.

Pictured are some of our Kindergarten and 1st grade boys waiting for the bus at the end of the school day. These boys will be young men before we know it, with Christian values to model for their own families. Seeds of love and hope are planted everyday at Immanuel Lutheran School!

Thank you for supporting our school!

Anne Stuhlman, Principal



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Stewardship** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Don't forget to visit The Christian Mart this month!

New inventory is arriving and we'll have some special treats for the little ones as we inch toward Easter. And, while you're there, check in with Mary Sylvia, this year's German Fest volunteer coordinator, to submit an early volunteer sign-up commitment! Did you know that each year the German Festival requires over 80 volunteers? 2022 will be no different. We love our volunteers and we need YOU to make this year's event bigger and better than ever... Prost!

Forward In Faith

Please consider a gift to the Forward In Faith Fund today!

*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!*

2022 EVENTS... SAVE THE DATES!

New Date Announcement!!!

The Church AND School Picnic will be on Sunday, June 12, 2022. This was originally planned for Saturday, however, circumstances warranted a one day shift. We're looking forward to sharing all the event details with you later in April. You won't want to miss this fun event ... please save the date!

German Festival 2022

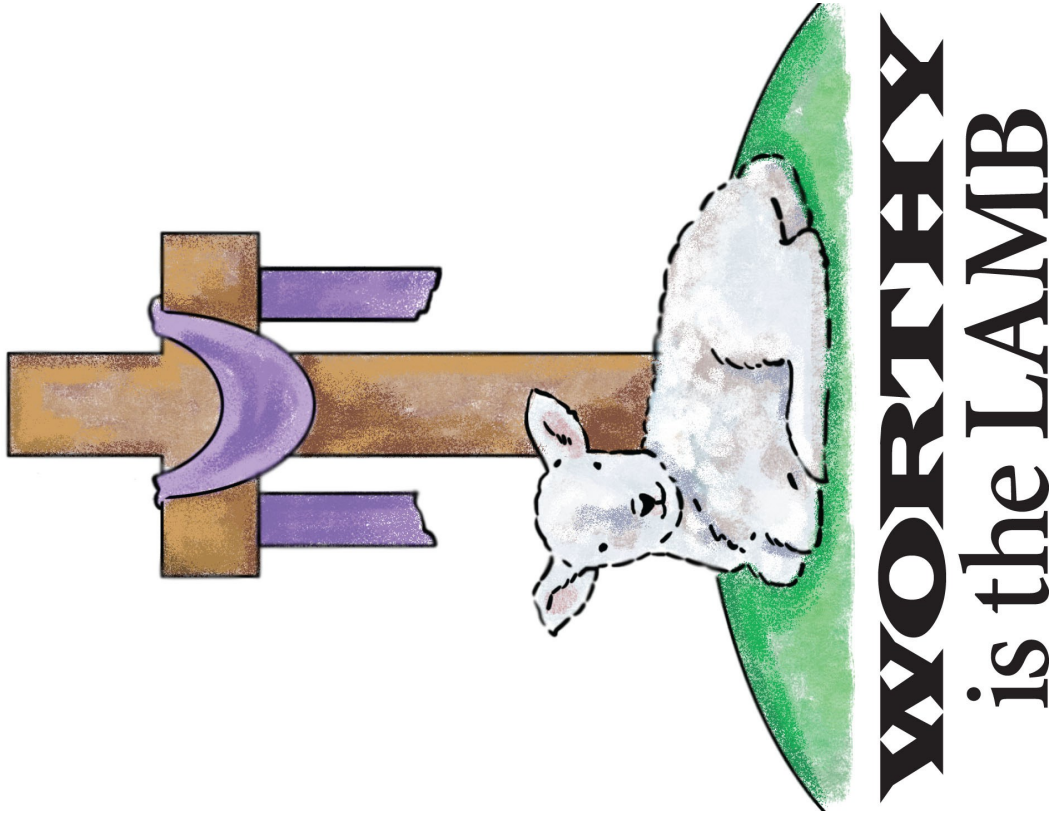
Friday, September 16th & Saturday, September 17th.


Christkindlmarkt Festival 2022

Friday, December 2nd through Sunday, December 4th. This is a new and exciting multi-day Christmas event we are planning to bring to membership and our community... a committee will be forming ... stay tuned!

APRIL 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Margaret Cassala Noreen Kirschner	2 Timothy Sonstroem Kristy Wolfe
3 David Grossmann	4 Michael Triplett	5 Deanne Dejesus Albert May Jacob Wolfe	6 Judith Buonafede Mary Kuharski Kendall Raymond	7	8 Benjamin Schuler	9 Gabriella Buonafede
10 Morgan Bielert William Palmisano, Jr. Ann Winters	11 Maliki Matthews	12 Brandon Kohl Danish Nazir Sylva Voisine	13	14 William Emmert	15 Jennifer Phillips Dawn Raymond	16 Jared Harrington Barbara Nye
17 Janet Hackett	18 Jessica Divinere	19	20 Dillon Kohl Aliza Redman Alyson Schaffrick Rick Simons	21 Preston Fitzgerald Charles McIntyre	22	23
24 Daniel Bielert, II	25	26 Jacob Holcomb Janice Monzillo RoseMarie Pavlik David Ryskowski	27 Julie Perry	28 Randolf Jabs Amanda Neumann Joanne Tanasi	29 Magda Jabs Gladys Lagace	30 Ryan Hislop Becky Wells



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