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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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Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Potluck Picnic

Sunday, June 12, 2022 - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Indian Rock Nature Preserve, 501 Wolcott Road, Bristol, CT 06010

Please plan to join the fun at this year's potluck picnic event – celebrating all things Immanuel Lutheran Church AND School! All church and school families are encouraged to attend. The Indian Rock Nature Preserve has enhanced their facilities and grounds recently, offering us plenty of space indoor and outdoor to enjoy a beautiful day filled with activities, a little entertainment, food, fellowship and fun. Handicapped parking and easy level access to the facilities is a bonus!

Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages will be provided. **However, this is a good old-fashioned potluck picnic so we are asking everyone bring a food item based on the following:**

Last name begins with A–G Bring a Salad (These are typically cold items. Some ideas: fresh green salad, antipasto platter, potato salad, gelatin salad, veggie salad, tomato salad, fruit salad, coleslaw, cold pasta salad, etc.)

Last name begins with H–M Bring a Side Dish/Casserole (These are typically warm/hot items. Some ideas: hot potato salad, tomato pie, quiche, macaroni and cheese, mexican casserole, enchiladas, baked beans,



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Confirmation Class of 2022

Gabriella Rose Badenhop
Alexandra Michele Dubois
Nicholas Joseph Dunn-
Milkowski
Cole Donald Krueger
Dylan Michael Lee
Charles William Pankenier
Gretchen Elizabeth Radcliff
Gabriel James Scarpati



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Newsletter Editors

Deadline for submissions is the 19th 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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Worship Services are broadcast each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on

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&

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From the Pastor's Desk

“Pocket Protection”

Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Ephesians 6:13

Doc Long of Greensboro, North Carolina, is a 97-year-old veteran of World War II.

Long enlisted in the service at the age of 19 and, before he left home, his aunt gave him a pocket Bible with his name stamped in gold on the cover. Her gift came with these instructions: “I want you to read it daily and carry it with you wherever you go in the pocket over your heart.”

Long made it through boot camp and was eventually sent to the European theater of operations. That’s where he was when, on November 13, 1944, the French tank he was following was hit by a German bazooka shell. Long was struck in the arm and fell to the ground. A second shell lifted him in the air and deposited him some distance from where he had originally fallen.

While he waited for help, Long prayed and asked the Lord for assistance. Then he remembered the words of Psalm 23: “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.”

The next day a French soldier found him and took him to the infirmary. They patched him up ... except for his arm ... which was paralyzed. Doc Long was eventually discharged and with his release from military service, came the return of all his personal effects, including the Bible from his aunt.

I can’t tell you if Long had read the Bible every day as she had instructed. I can tell you he always carried that Bible in

the pocket over his heart. In his pocket, that’s where Long’s Bible was when those bazooka shells exploded. Inspection of his Bible showed it had saved his life. Deeply imbedded in the pages of the Holy Book, Long found a piece of shrapnel, which had been headed for his heart.

For a long time Long has been telling people his story. He wants them to hear how a Bible over his heart had saved his life. His is an unusual story.

Long’s story is unique because most people are eternally saved by the Word of God, which is not *over*, but *in* their hearts.

They are saved because, by the Holy Spirit’s leading, they have been brought to faith in God’s Son who came into this world to be the designated Sacrifice for the sins of humankind. Jesus’ perfect life, His complete commitment to the Father’s plan to save us, His carrying of our sins, as well as His death and glorious resurrection, are the only way we can be forgiven: the only protection from sin, death and Satan.

Heartfelt faith in Jesus, as told in God’s inspired Word, that’s what protects us from sinful shrapnel; it’s what moves us from condemnation to salvation and saves us for eternity.

THE PRAYER: *Dear Lord, may the Holy Spirit motivate me to carry and use the Word. May that Word in my heart lead me to give thanks for the Savior who gave His life so I might be forgiven and shielded from Satan’s accusations. This I ask in the Name of my Savior, Jesus.*
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 the flowers and green foliage wherever you go!

It's time for our annual Picnic Lunch for our "over age 50" group in the Original School Building (OSB) on Thursday, June 2 at 11:30 am. We welcome first time guests warmly and we did see some new faces last month at our Greer's Chicken Lunch when two physical therapists put on balance program for us. Both of the April and May lunch events brought in over 40 folks who enjoyed food and fellowship.

For our Picnic Lunch, we supply all the picnic meats and rolls and cool desserts and ask you to bring other items to fill our buffet tables. Call Lynda at 860-585-7004 to find out what items we need, and then we ask for a \$2 donation at the door, rather \$5 for our lunch event.

On June 2 we welcome well-known elder care Attorney Daniel Tully of the Kilbourne & Tully Law Firm on nearby Laurel Street. There are many Connecticut laws involving estate planning, probate and much more we need to know about as we age.

Although we usually have not held lunches during the summer months, we are planning an August 4 Cool Summer Lunch in the OSB at 11:30 on Thursday. More information will follow but put it on your calendar now.

We really appreciate all of our wonderful volunteers, but still need others to help us out after our lunches and also others to look ahead and plan our Christmas event. Hope to see you and a friend on Thursday, June 2 for our Picnic Lunch and Atty. Tully's program. Why stay home when you can enjoy food and Christian fellowship!

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roasted potatoes, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice, scalloped potatoes, etc.)

Last name begins with N-Z Bring a Dessert (Any dessert is fine. However, please name the dessert and note on the label if the dessert contains peanuts/peanut butter/any other nuts OR if gluten-free. This will help those with allergies to select safe foods when choosing their treats.)

IMPORTANT NOTE

While this is a free event for our members and school student families, you MUST officially sign up yourself or your family for the picnic so we know how many people are attending. You can do this on the signup sheet located on top of the Christian Mart glass display case or by emailing Rhoda Lange at rhoda.lange231@gmail.com or calling her at: (860) 543-5992 by Monday, June 6th. And, if you know what dish you are going to make/bring, please note that as well, as it would be helpful for our picnic planners to know that in advance. See you all there!

Women of Immanuel

Annual Potluck luncheon will be held on **Saturday, June 18 at 11:00 am** in the OSB (original school basement). We invite all women of Immanuel to attend. Bring a friend and your favorite dish.



Prayer Shawl Ministry (posted on Bristol Talks)

Hello, If you belong to or know someone who belongs to Immanuel Lutheran Prayer Shawl Ministry, please pass on a thank you from me. I had open heart surgery (triple bypass) March 15th and it was a struggle and still is though I am on the road to recovery. Yesterday I was gifted a home made prayer shawl from the above mentioned group by a neighbor who is a member of the church... she had put me on the prayer list there. It was a very comforting gesture and I would like to thank the group for the work they do to help those going through rough times.

Catherine Schilling

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Immanuel welcomes through the rite of Holy Baptism

Grady Thomas Savage

Baptized on May 1, 2022
Son of Thomas and Rachel Savage

Lukas Joseph Tessier

Baptized on May 1, 2022
Son of Paul Tessier and Christina Curry



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Magda Jabs

April 29, 1934 — May 1, 2022



George H. Gamache

September 25, 1931 — May 6, 2022



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, in the church office.

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

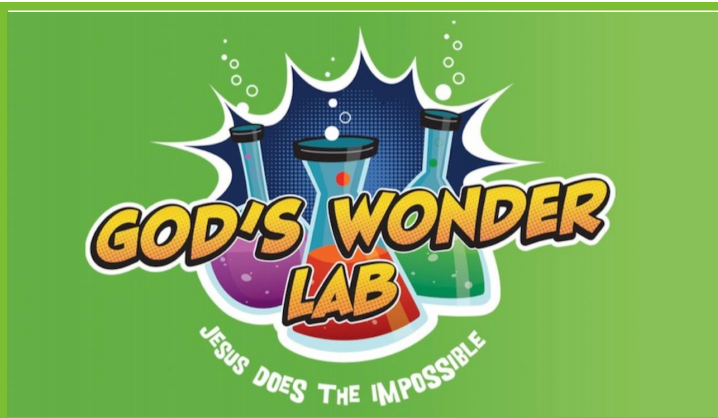
Provisions have also been made to award five scholarships each year. One is offered to an Immanuel member entering “Preaching and Teaching” ministries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Four are available to members of Immanuel and/or graduates of the Immanuel Lutheran School enrolled in an accredited College or University with a preference given to applicants aspiring to enter the ministry, or a career in medicine, law, or engineering.

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.

These scholarships will be awarded in August.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God's Wonder Lab - Jesus Does the Impossible

June 27 -- July 1

9 am to 12:30

Register today at: ILCS.org



Please watch the Sunday bulletin for upcoming events.

*Blessings,
Roberta Kuhr, RN*

Bring Us Your Buttons!

Do you have buttons you're not using or are willing to donate? If you're like most of us, you have a jar full of spare buttons somewhere in your house. If you're willing to part with them, please drop them at the Christian Mart ~ Thank you!

Christmas "Christkindlemarkt" Festival Meeting

A meeting will be held on June 1st at 6 PM in the Parish Center. This is an in-person meeting only! If you would like to be a part of creating this new special event, please attend.



The next **German Festival meeting** will be held on June 1st at 7 PM in the Parish Center. This is an in-person meeting only! If you are on the committee, please make your best effort to attend. If you are not currently on the committee and would like to be, please join us!

Youth group hike to Castle Craig in Meriden



The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

The Moment

The difference between a mediocre photograph and a great one is often in the choice between moments sometimes so close together we'd miss them if we blinked. Photographers wait for the great moments knowing that in those moments, the light, the weather, or the action will make the shot in ways it couldn't have only *moments* ago.



HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch

THE MODERN DAY EMMAUS WALKERS

In 1991, Pastor Rockemann sent a note to the men of the congregation, inviting them to participate in a mens' Bible study under the name of the Emmaus Walkers, after the two men whom Jesus met while walking down the road toward Jerusalem.

Below are some pictures of early participants in the group which met at the former Raddison Hotel at which Doug Fitz was a chef.

It's so good that none of us has aged a bit since these photos were taken.

The picture of Marv Heidorn and Vern was taken in the Parish Center, the new home of the group since Doug no longer works at the hotel.

Before COVID 19 raised its ugly head, the Emmaus Walkers donated up to \$2,000 a year to the "Adopt a Student" program at the St. Louis Seminary. These funds provided extra income for a chosen student and his family.

The treasurer of the group also served as the SEPP (Senior Executive Pineapple Procurer), using a system of pineapple classification that is sealed in a bottle on Funk and Wagnals' front porch. (Only fans of the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson will understand the importance of that fact.) Ask your older friends who might know.

Our present leader, Pastor Joel Kotila from Holy Trinity in Terryville, is going through the Approcrapha with us; those books written in the time between the Old and New Testaments, not included in our Scriptures but thought to have some good information and advice for readers.



Gene Zahnke and Pastor Rockemann



Rudy Finger and Mike Werner



Vern Koch and Marion Mall



Doug Fitz and Mike Krampitz



Vern Koch and Marv Heidorn in the Parish Center



Jason and Gary Krueger

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

We were so happy that six of our 8th graders were confirmed on April 24. Congratulations to members and new confirmands Gabby Badenhop, Alexandra Dubois, Cole Krueger, Charlie Pankenier, Gretchen Radcliff, and Gabe Scarpati. We have a wonderful 8th grade class, which is full of strong academic students and leaders. It is an impressive group of young Christian role models.



Our youngest students in Little Lambs, PK3 and PK4 are eager to celebrate Mother's Day with their moms and other special women in their lives. Moms and Muffins event was held on Friday and was very well attended. The moms were treated to a special time with their children and received tokens of appreciation, like the beautiful pictures you see here.



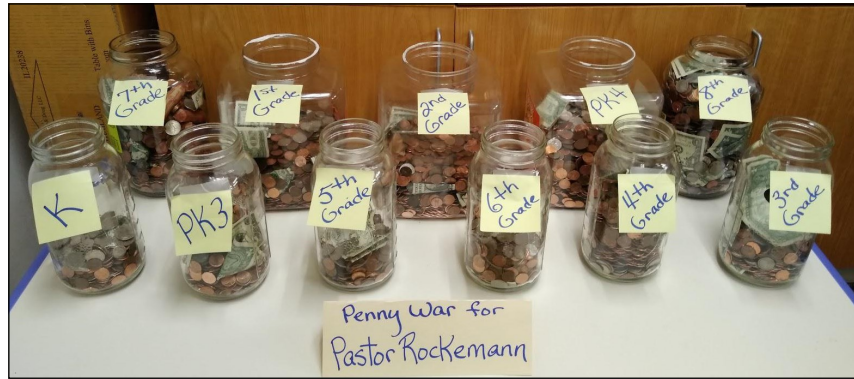
Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, was full of good deeds and gifts for teachers. Our teachers are wonderful. They work hard every day to teach the students their academic subjects and about Jesus. Our parents and students recognized the teachers this week. The teachers enjoyed a lunch from Greer's Chicken on Friday as well.

Immanuel Lutheran School students have given over \$1,000 to humanitarian efforts for the people of Ukraine through their chapel offerings. They are reminded to pray for the Ukrainian people every morning at the opening. When the news came about Pastor Rockemann's home being destroyed in the Tennessee wildfires, the students wanted to help, but chapel offerings were low. A Penny War

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that lasted one week brought in \$850. This more than doubled any previous Penny War total in a decade or more. Pastor Rockemann will be reminded of his service at Immanuel when he receives this donation from Immanuel Lutheran School’s students. We are keeping the Rockemanns in our prayers and hope the donation helps!



Our fourth Little Lambs classroom is open and nearly full. Twenty-four of our Little Lambs will move up to PK3 in the fall. A moving up bridging ceremony will take place at the church and school picnic at 11:30 AM, on Sunday, June 12. We hope there are many church members present to witness this memorable event.

Thank you for supporting our school,
Anne Stuhlman, Principal

JUNE 2022 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 Bethany Swicklas | 7 Lois Koch | 8 Ruth Stewart | 9 Claudia Bishop Abigail Bourgoin | 10 Andrew Dubois Haylee Kissler | 11 |
| 12 Aubrey Bennett Alexa Bugryn Rickard Darm Jacqueline Holcomb Peter Koch Pamela Mockler Gabriel Scarpati | 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. | 24 | 25 Marcus Lopisi Doreen Tessier |
| 26 Benjamin Jabs | 27 | 28 Lisa Bugryn | 29 Lisa Catanzaro Sandra Cleveland Shawn Dennis Connie Glidden Laura Hamelin Karen Hebert | 30 Tami Benvenuto Carrie Palmisano Kacie Therrien | | HAPPY FATHER'S Day! JUNE 19 |



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