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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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Our **Women of Immanuel** group is continuing the project of collecting items for the Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach during May and until June 15. The following nonperishable items may be dropped off in the Brian's Angels box in the church lobby, or brought to the Women of Immanuel Potluck on June 15:

- ◆ Bottled water
- ◆ Powdered drink mixes
- ◆ Individual snack bags of potato chips or other snacks
- ◆ Fruit cups
- ◆ Pudding cups that do not need refrigeration
- ◆ Pop tarts
- ◆ Tuna pouches
- ◆ Peanut butter crackers
- ◆ Individual packets of cookies
- ◆ Clothing items for summer such as shorts, sneakers or sandals - men's or women's, all sizes, new or gently used
- ◆ Men's boxer briefs (new)
- ◆ \$10 gift cards to MacDonald's, Burger King or Subway.

Thank you for your generous donations to support those in town who are homeless and in need of a "hand up, not a handout".



**with Holy Communion**  
**Thursday, May 9 at**  
**10:45 am and 7 pm**

## The Ascension of Our Lord

On *Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>*, Immanuel Lutheran Church and School will celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord as we gather for the Divine Service at 10:45am and 7:00pm. The services, with Holy Communion, commemorate one of the most important events in the Christian Church year (surpassed only by Good Friday/Easter and Christmas).

The Ascension is the closing chapter of Easter. After 40 days of appearing to His disciples and comforting them that He was truly risen from the dead, Jesus ascended into heaven not only as God, but as man.

Jesus died for our sins. He rose from the dead for our salvation, He ascended into heaven, and rules the whole universe as both God and man as we confess in the Apostles' Creed: Jesus "sits at the right hand of God."

Pastor Karner



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Ed & Dee Krampitz  
Newsletter Editors

Deadline for submissions is the 19th 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**

and online at

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

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

### **“Thanks”**

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered. Ps 105:1-5*

We live in an age where best-selling authors can make a lot of money.

One of the first writers who was well paid for this work was India-born Rudyard Kipling. Mastering the ability to write poetry, short stories, and novels, Kipling was immensely popular. Indeed, at one time someone calculated he was receiving the unheard-of sum of ten shillings per word.

Naturally that kind of news was intriguing to folks, especially aspiring writers who were attending college. Some of those students gathered together and summoned up the courage to send a semi-serious letter to the author. Since he was getting paid so much, they wondered if Kipling would be so kind as to “send us your best word.”

It took some time, but eventually they did receive a reply letter with Kipling’s name on the return address. Eagerly they opened the envelope, unfolded the paper, and read what the author considered to be his “best” word.

The word was “thanks.”

Others would agree. Back when I was fresh out of seminary, one of my experienced and esteemed colleagues took me aside and said, “Kevin, I don’t know what your future is going to be, but I can give you this piece of advice, which will be of help in every congregation and every situ-

ation.” I leaned forward so as not to miss what was coming. He said, “It doesn’t cost you anything to say “thanks.”

Unfortunately, there are many people who forget to thank each other and, even worse, they forget to thank the Lord. All too often they act as if God was obligated to them, and the only time they needed to address their Creator was when they were angry with Him, because they were carrying a cross or dealing with some kind of problem.

That’s amazing to me.

Consider what our eternity would be like if God hadn’t sent His Son into this world to take our place, win forgiveness for us, and save our souls. Think about the many daily blessings God gives, the problems He helps us carry, the strength He shares.

An honest person would find himself giving thanks to the Lord 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

As the Palmist said -- if we remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, we wouldn’t be able to stop ourselves from giving thanks to the Lord; calling upon His Name and making known His deeds among the peoples.

Yes, we would give our *thanks* because the Lord has given us His best Word: **Savior**.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, keep us from callous ingratitude. Instead of taking You for granted, let our appreciation for Jesus our Savior grow stronger every day. This we ask in His 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*

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

Please join us weekly at the Parish Center.


**Parish Nurse**  **CARDS** Every Monday at 1:00 pm. Open to all adults. Please join us for an afternoon of laughs.

**Walking** every Tuesday at 9:00 weather permitting, and **Walk and Talk** at 9:30 am. All are welcomed. We are a fun group – we even laugh! Snacks and coffee provided. Please join us, we'd love to see you.

**LADIES LUNCH**


We will be having a **Ladies Lunch** on Tuesday, **May 14**, at BARC - 12:30 pm. Join us and bring a friend.

**Women's Bible Study**  
Tuesday, **May 21** at noon.  
Bring a lunch, and join us for a Bible Study in the Parish Center.

COME JOIN OUR  
**BIBLE**  
  
Study


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  
860-621-0230

**Altar Guild** 

The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to join in the preparing of the Lords altar for church services. You would be assigned for one month a year with other volunteers. I pray that you will find it in your heart to join us. Please contact me if you are interested.


God's blessings,  
Roberta Kuhr  
860-621-0230

 **Holy Baptism**

We welcome to our Immanuel Family

**Sienna and Sage Galindo** through the Rite of Holy Baptism.

Children of Dominic Galindo and Susan Schneider.

 **God's Living Water**

VBS planning and info meeting on Wednesday, May 15 in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm

We are very blessed for these volunteers that have stepped forward to help:

**Bible Lesson:** Alyssa Kirschner  
**Crafts:** Christy Hislop, Andrea Jabs & Jill Dolan  
**Music:** Dave Kisser, George Tavernier & Cole Kruger  
**Snack:** Cordie Behrendt & Alice Helming  
**Games:** Will & Ben Jabs  
**Science:** Beth Deloge  
**Grade Leaders:** Janet Reimer & Katie Provencal

We are still in need of Jr. and Senior High school students to volunteer.

*Brenda Buonafede*

**Bottle and Can Collection**

Youth Group will be collection your returnable cans and bottles during the month of **June!**

Please leave them in the kitchen near the gym, thank you for your support!





# Young at Heart

Happy Spring Everyone! Don't you just love seeing all the colorful flowers and trees as you ride through town. On Thursday, May 2 we had our annual **GREER'S CHICKEN LUNCH**. We had **Julia Weston** of Thrivent present "Legacy Living: Financial Planning for Later Life."

Our next lunch is on Thursday, June 6, and will be our Picnic Buffet where we supply the meat and ask for your contributions to fill our buffet tables which include beverages and desserts. Join us if you are "over age 55" for

a delicious \$5 lunch, and if you bring food to help fill our buffet tables we ask for only a \$2 donation.

We will have **Jessica Dorner**, Registered Dietitian, for an informative presentation about vitamins and supplements! Jessica will clarify which vitamins and supplements are important, how to choose those right for you and bring handouts as a reference for you.

We are sending our Mother's Day blessings to all our mothers on May 12.



Photos from our **GREER'S CHICKEN LUNCH** (more photos on next page)







Julia Weston of Thrivent.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Brian's Angels.

### Orphan Grain Train

Greetings,

I obviously know that most of you are quite far away from Terryville, but could you get the word out to your members that we have need for volunteers to help at our OGT warehouse for sorting and packing efforts and wherever some help is needed? Perhaps a few might be interested in this opportunity. The warehouse is open every Monday and Thursday from 9:00am til Noon. It is not only a blessed time for labor in Christ but also joyful fellowship! The invitation stands as: "Come, if you can! Come, when you can!" This is an invite to all as anyone may desire to be involved. They could come also when we do a shipment. So, if anyone would like to be on a contact list for shipments, please let me know.

Right now, we are very much in need of help at the warehouse.

Thanks so much!

Pastor Joel Kotila  
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Terryville, CT



**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**JUNE – JULY – AUGUST**  
 9 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion  
 10:15 Coffee  
 10:30 Adult Bible Study



# The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

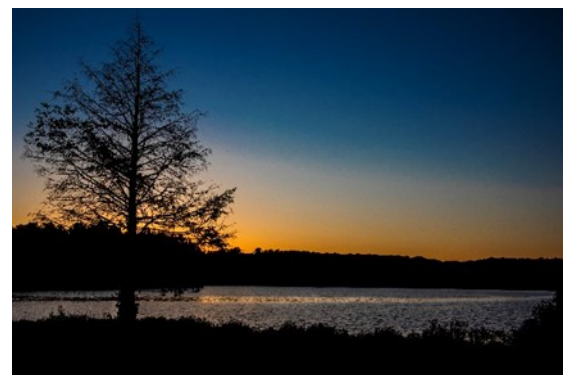
## **The Foreground... *Your best foot forward.***

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A Foreground Element introduces the viewer to the photograph and often serves as *the entry point from which the eye starts to explore the image.*

A strong foreground raises the photo's attraction to a viewer. It can be the focal point of an image pulling your viewer's eyes into the image, leading them through the image, or to your main subject.

The foreground isn't merely an incidental part of a photograph but a powerful tool that offers an image depth, context, and framing. By including elements closer to the viewer, you can invite a rich, three-dimensional experience, transforming a flat scene into one with layers and perspective.



**Join us!** *We meet on the First Tuesday of every month except July and August at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.*



# 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. The “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.

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.*

### *It’s Time!*

2024 Grant Applications are being accepted now for review beginning in April. Forms are available thru the Church Office and returned there when complete. Westfall Scholarship Applications are also available in the office and must be completed and returned to the office no later than **Sunday, June 16, 2024.**

The Directors begin the Grant Review Process in April and continue throughout the year as funding remains available.

Questions? Contact one of the Directors; Bill Wentland, Andy Helming, Bob Wollenberg, and Diane Read.

## 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 16, 2024 in the church office.

These scholarships will be awarded in August.

“Given for you.”





## ~ School News ~

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

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

The month of April began with celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We spread that good news all throughout our school, and praised his name when students sang "You Are My All In All" at one of our Sunday services.

The students all took a rest during our week long April vacation. Upon returning, our 3rd - 8th grade students spent some time taking the Iowa national standardized test that gives us good information about where our students rank compared to other students their age around the country.

Families had fun at our folk dance night, organized by our music teacher Jeremiah Regimbald. We are also preparing for some end of year performances by our after school chorus group and our 3rd and 4th grade recorder players.

We hope you can join us for our open house on Sunday, May 19th between services from 9:15-10:45 am. You are welcome to walk through all of our buildings and classrooms from infants to grade 8. If you know of anyone who is interested in registering for our school, please invite them to come.

Our classes are filling up with students for the 2024-2025 school year. We are giving tours and welcoming new families. It's nice to see God at work as he continues to bless us and draw others to us, keeping our mission strong.

Yours in Christ,  
Debbie Krueger








*Rev. Robert & Lorayne Beinke,  
and Michelle Kinosh*

Photos from the reception of our new members on Sunday, April 28.



## MAY 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Victoria Holcomb Kaitlyn Thormahlen	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Gregory Blaschke, Jr. Henry Darm Hedwig Maretzki	<b>4</b> Sue Lutz
<b>5</b> Aaron Boutin David Thormahlen	<b>6</b> Kenadee Boney	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Morgan Boucher Thomas Huntley	<b>10</b> Rudy Finger John Mora Matthew Raspanti Cassandra Scarpati	<b>11</b> Robert Boutin Marian Goodwin Morgan Moliengo
<b>12</b> James Christopher, III Kimberly Martin	<b>13</b> Elaine Blank Meadow Wells	<b>14</b> Amelie Hutton	<b>15</b> Kelly Lejeune Victoria Violet	<b>16</b> Casey McIntyre Nate Poole	<b>17</b> Carol Young	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Adam Beaudet Madison Bloom Roberta Kuhr	<b>20</b> Kevin Badenhop Nancy Mitchell	<b>21</b> John Bohn Seth Foley	<b>22</b> Nate Kissner Matthew Tonn	<b>23</b> Michael DeAngelo Annabelle Kirschner Lorraine Sonstrom	<b>24</b> Tyler Bodley Eva Zebrowski	<b>25</b> Mark Brasche Sophia Reid
<b>26</b> Savannah Duval	<b>27</b> Bryan Pavlik 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Christy Hislop	<b>30</b> Isla Kirschner	<b>31</b> Oscar Jobs	



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