

Announcements May 10th, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church—Bristol, Connecticut

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STEWARDSHIP BIBLE VERSE FOR MAY 10th, 2026

James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed. Our faith is implanted and strengthened by the Word of God. As Luther said, “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly.” James’ epistle encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance when we are not living out our faith in sincerity.

SERVING YOU IN MAY

Ushers: <u>Team 5</u>	<u>Team 6</u>	<u>Team B (Wednesday)</u>
<i>Michael Krampitz</i>	<i>Bill Wentland, Jr.</i>	<i>Bill Wentland, Jr.</i>
<i>Jon Heidorn</i>	<i>David Hintz</i>	<i>Andrew Helming</i>
<i>Wayne Ruffino</i>	<i>Jason Krueger</i>	
<i>Dominick Ruffino</i>	<i>Cole Krueger</i>	
	<i>Jared Krueger</i>	

Altar Guild: **Cassandra Plaza** Peg Higgins

Truly, truly, I say to
you, whatever you ask of the
Father in my name, he will
give it to you.

John 16:23b

Thank you for attending Immanuel Lutheran Church! Have a
blessed and great rest of your week!

Last Week

WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE

10:45 No Divine Service

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

9:00 - 147 HC - 124

CONTRIBUTIONS

N/A

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY 5/10

9:00 Divine Service/Holy Communion/Live Streaming

10:15 Fellowship Coffee

10:30 Adult Bible Study

10:30 Youth Sunday School - OSB/Parish Center

MONDAY 5/11

1:00 Immanuel Card Players - Parish Center

7:00 Proverbs 31 Women's Bible Study - Parish Center

TUESDAY 5/12

9:30 Walk & Talk - Parish Center

12:30 Lunch at BARC - BARC

7:00 Joint Board of Christian Stewardship & Board of Evangelism - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY 5/13

9:00 ILS K-8 Chapel - Chapel

7:00 Board of Finance - Teachers' Lounge

THURSDAY 5/14

10:45 Ascension Day/Holy Communion

1:00 Quilting Group - Parish Center

7:00 Ascension Day/Holy Communion

FRIDAY 5/15

6:15 Set up Quilt Guild - OSB/Kitchen

6:30 BBT Quilters - OSB/Kitchen

SATURDAY 5/16

10:00 Mid Valley Rally Women of Immanuel – OSB/Kitchen

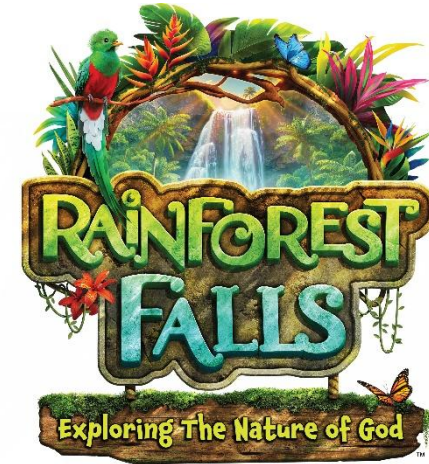
SUNDAY 5/17

9:00 Divine Service/Holy Communion/Live Streaming

10:15 Fellowship Coffee

10:30 Adult Bible Study

10:30 Youth Sunday School - OSB/Parish Center



🌸 Coming Your Way Soon! 🌸

Join us for Vacation Bible School (VBS)

📅 July 6th–10th, 2026

🌟 Completely FREE!

👶👶 Ages: Pre-K (potty trained) through 6th Grade

🙋 We welcome donations and are currently looking for volunteers!

Please keep VBS in your prayers as we help kids grow in a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus.

📌 Registration Contacts:

Beth Mazzaccaro & Michele Tavernier

🎵 Music: Dave Kisser & George Tavernier

🎨 Arts & Crafts: Christy Hislop & Laura B. with helper Mikaela Bennett

📖 Imagination Station: Lorene Berrien & Kylie Berrien

🏃 Games: Will Jabs & Ben Jabs

Treats: Pam Prindle (Tue, Wed, Thurs)

Cordie Behrendt (Mon, Tue, Fri)

🙋 Volunteer Openings:

- Treats
- Bible Adventures
- Crew Leaders

We can't wait to see you there

The next Joint Board of Christian Stewardship and Board of Evangelism meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. We look forward to having all board members there.

German Festival Committee Meeting

Our next German Fest Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. If you're not currently on the committee, or just want to learn more, this is a great opportunity to get involved. We're always glad to welcome new ideas and helping hands as we plan this year's festival.

Help Our School Community Grow!

We are so excited to begin preparing for the upcoming school year! If you live on a **busy street** or in a high-traffic area, we would love your help in spreading the word about our school enrollment.

Yard signs are now available for you to pick up and display at your home. You can find them conveniently located in the **Church lobby**. Taking a sign home is a simple yet wonderful way to support our students and welcome new families into our community. Thank you for your continued kindness and for helping us grow!



Our performances of Immanuel Lutheran School's production of Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. will be held on May 29th at 6pm, with Beau Bergeron in the role of Tom, and May 30th at 2pm, with Paul Tessier in the role of Tom. Tickets are \$6.50 each and can be purchased via Cur8.com. To find our event, go to <https://cur8.com/>, click on the "Buy Tickets" button in the top right-hand corner, and type in Immanuel Lutheran. Tickets can also be purchased via the following Cur8.com link: <https://cur8.com/41057/project/139442>. Concessions and StarGrams will be available for purchase, and Silent Auction baskets will be available for bid. All proceeds will go to the Drama Club to support future productions. We thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Remember in Prayer:



The Sick:

Susan Revoir
Ana & Holly Warner
Kim Wilson
Lorayne Beinke
Joyce Marion
Sheila
Friend of Lorayne Beinke
Oskar Fernandez
Friend of Foley's
Judith Dojan
Danny Grekula
Nephew of Rod Grekula
Kelsey
Dianna
Bev Zahnke
John Carrara
Brother of Mary Syliva
Marcia Massaro
Mary O'Brien
Friend of Leslie Foley
Carloine Jankowski

Roanne Buden
Marc Bowen
Deanna Lau
Friend of Cordelia
Erica Stone
Daught of Norman & Marilyn Stone
Marilyn Miller
Don Kalwat
Elizabeth & Ethan Hill
Ron Helming
Catherine Schilling
Maureen Finaldi
Friend of Gladys Lagace
Charissa Jankowski
Cousin of Mackenzie Jankowski
Roberta Kuhr
Susan Strobel
Bruce Johnston
Brother-in-law of Becky Runk
the Lange Family

Please let the office know if we can remove an individual's name from the prayer list.

✠ WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ✠

Today's 9:00 am Service will be live on Facebook.

Our Sunday service is broadcast each Sunday at 1:00 P.M. on WNTY AM 990, FM 96.1, and online at KoolOldiesRadio.net

Our 9 am Services are on TV Sundays 3:30 am, 3:30 pm, and Wednesdays 8 am
XFINITY Customers Channel 5 on 1070, 95 on 1090, or 96 on 1084.....Frontier Customers Channel 6060, 6061, or 6062

Online at - www.nutmegtv.comPlease note these services are recorded and are from the previous week.



Announcement's Deadline for Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday at noon. Please send articles and updates to Cassandra at cplaza@ilcs.org.

MEMORIALS and THANK OFFERINGS

No Memorials or Thank Offerings this week.

Milestone Birthdays in our Congregation in

May

Hedwig Maretzki	5/03	Carol Young	5/17
Sue Lutz	5/04	Roberta Kuhr	5/19
Thomas Huntley	5/09	Nancy Mitchell	5/20
Rudy Finger	5/10	John Bohn	5/21
Elaine Blank	5/13	Oscar Jobs	5/31



Please join us *after the service* for Coffee, Tea, Juice, Cake and Fellowship in the (OSB) Original School
Today's coffee hour donations will be given to our Women of Immanuel group.



When returning hymnals to the pew racks, please place them with the binding down. When the books are placed binding up, it puts a strain on the binding and shortens the life of the book. Thank you.



For the Lange Family and loved ones of **Evelyn Palmisano**, called home by our Lord on May 4th.



Today's altar flowers were donated by the Altar Guild in honor of Mothers' Day.



JOIN US MAY 11, 2026, FOR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY. WE WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PARISH CENTER. BIBLE STUDY WILL START AT 7PM. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Our Infant program is growing! We are seeking an Infant lead teacher. Please inquire with: Early Childhood Director Susan Schneider at sschneider@ilcs.org or Principal, Debbie Krueger at dkrueger@ilcs.org



Worship Schedule: May 2026

Please take note of the upcoming changes to our mid-week schedule. There will be no Wednesday Divine Services held on:

- **Wednesday, May 13.**



The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 14, 2026, in observance of **Ascension Day**, we will gather for Divine Service on Thursday instead of our usual Wednesday time. Please join us at either of the following times:

- **Morning Service: 10:45 AM**
- **Evening Service: 7:00 PM**



The Visual Arts department will be having an Art Show on June 4th, 2026, at 6pm. Student work created by students in kindergarten through eighth grade will be displayed. Students in third through eighth grade participating in Art Society will have their own portfolio displays available to view. Concessions will be available for purchase to support the Visual Arts department. We thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Immanuel Lutheran Scholarship Applications

- **Eligibility:** ILC members or ILS graduates.
- **Where:** Available in the Church Office.
- **Deadline: Sunday, June 7th — Must be in before Sunday service.**
- **Awarded:** August.

A Message from Retiring President Schmelder

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is with mixed emotions that I share this final message as President of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. It has been a true honor and blessing to serve the Lord and this congregation over the years. Together, we have walked through seasons of joy and times of challenge, and through it all, our faith has grown stronger.

I step down from this role with deep gratitude, proud of where we have been and even more encouraged by where we are today. By God's grace, we continue to grow as we share the Gospel of our Savior.

We are especially blessed that God has called Pastor Akers to serve as our shepherd. I am confident that Immanuel's leadership is strong, faithful, and well-prepared as we move forward in faith.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

In His service,
Howard

This **Mother's Day**, we invite you to join us in a special mission of care. Starting today, baby bottles are available for you to take home as a simple way to make a big difference. Whether it's loose change, dollar bills, or a check, every gift helps provide hope and support to families in need.

Please bring your filled bottles back on **Father's Day**. Our **Lutherans for Life** group is honored to donate the proceeds to the **ABC Women's Center**. To wrap even more families in support, the group will also provide a full match of your donations to both **Hope Pregnancy Center** and **Caring Families**.

Thank you for sharing your heart and your blessings with our community!

THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION Call for Grant and Scholarship Applications

The Immanuel Lutheran Foundation has been serving diverse needs of the Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1997. The Demske "General Fund investment earnings provide financial support through a Grant Application Process with awards given to those important "non-budgeted" things "for which we never seemed to have the money".

Investment earnings allocated to the Westfall I and Westfall II Funds, Handbells, Kissler, Behrendt, Gudergast, and the ILF Endowment Fund distributions to Immanuel are predefined in the terms of the bequest or gift. They include support for Trustees, the School, Evangelism, the Broadcast Ministry, and "Unrestricted" to Immanuel.



The distributions of Westfall I and II Endowment Funds contain provisions to award five scholarships each year. One scholarship is offered to an Immanuel member entering "Preaching and Teaching" ministries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Four scholarships are offered 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.

2026 Grant Applications for the Demske General Fund are being accepted now. Application Forms are available in the Church Office and returned there when complete.

2026 Westfall Scholarship Applications are also available in the office and must be completed and returned to the Church Office no later than Sunday, June 15, 2026.

The Directors begin the Grant Review Process in March and continue throughout the year as funding remains available. Scholarship Applications are reviewed at the June 16 Foundation Directors meeting.

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

MID-VALLEY ZONE RALLY

May 16, 2026
1:00PM



THEME: "HERE I AM LORD" | GIFTS FROM THE HEART:
IMMANUEL SCHOOL

SPEAKER: PASTOR
JEFFREY WINDOLOSKI

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:
WALMART, AMAZON, TARGET
GIFT CARDS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
154 MEADOW ST, BRISTOL, CT

Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 pm in the OSB.

Hope you can make it! Bring a friend! Please let us know if you can: rjallynd@gmail.com or call 860-283-4806 Please call me with any questions. This is a catered event

God's Blessings,

Jan Krampitz, Secretary, Mid-Valley LWML Zone

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

to all the wonderful mothers of
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Your love is a testament to God's
love. We pray you feel **honored,**
loved, and **blessed** today.

*Strength and honor are
her clothing;
she shall rejoice
in time to come.*



PROVERBS 31:25

FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY,
With Gratitude and Prayer