

Announcements May 3rd, 2026

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church—Bristol, Connecticut

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STEWARDSHIP BIBLE VERSE FOR MAY 3rd, 2026

James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” There are a great many passages in Scripture which echo this theme: everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again, and He desires that we reflect His love and openhanded kindness.

SERVING YOU IN MAY

Ushers: Team 5

*Michael Krampitz
Jon Heidorn
Wayne Ruffino
Dominick Ruffino*

Team 6

*Bill Wentland, Jr.
David Hintz
Jason Krueger
Cole Krueger
Jared Krueger*

Team B (Wednesday)

*Bill Wentland, Jr.
Andrew Helming*

Altar Guild: **Cassandra Plaza**

Peg Higgins

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James 1:17

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

Last Week

WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE

10:45 - 15 HC - 13

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

9:00 - 140 HC - 123

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$6,549.75

SUNDAY 5/3

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 5/4

1:00 Immanuel Card Players - Parish Center

6:30 ILS PTO - OSB

TUESDAY 5/5

9:30 Walk & Talk - Parish Center

12:00 Women's Bible Study - Parish Center

7:00 Immanuel Digital Photo Club - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY 5/6

9:00 ILS K-8 Chapel - Chapel

THURSDAY 5/7

11:30 Young at Heart - Kitchen OSB

1:00 Quilting Group - Parish Center

6:30 Junior Honor Society - Sanctuary

FRIDAY 5/8

6:15 Set up Quilt Guild - OSB/Kitchen

6:30 BBT Quilters - OSB/Kitchen

SATURDAY 5/9

8:45 Setup Quilt Guild - OSB

9:00 BBT Quilt Guild - OSB/ Kitchen

SUNDAY 5/10

9:00 Divine Service/Holy Communion/Live Streaming

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🌸 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.

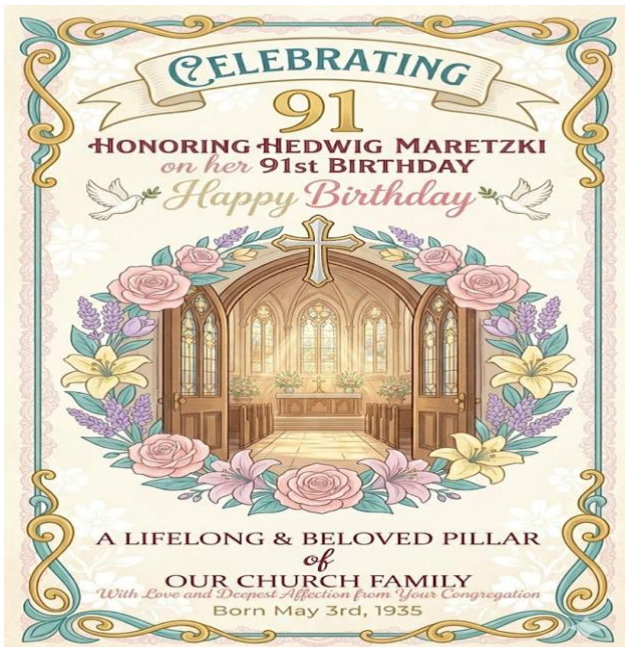
German Festival Committee Meeting

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!



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
Carol Moge
Bruce Johnston
Brother-in-law of Becky Runk

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

Given in loving memory of Jeanette Eschner
From The Milano Family
For Immanuel Lutheran Church

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 Immanuel Lutheran School's PTO.



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.



To all the special **Care Givers** who work tirelessly each and every day.



Today's altar flowers are given in honor of Bill and Sue Wentland's wedding anniversary.

YOUNG-AT-HEART – ANNUAL CHICKEN LUNCH

This Thursday for our May 7 luncheon with Pastor Akers, "Get to Know Your Pastor". Everyone can submit a question or two, written on an index card which will be provided. This will be a great way to "Get to Know Your Pastor".

This is also our annual CHICKEN LUNCH. All age 50+ members and guests are welcome to join us at 11:30 in the OSB!
It's a \$5 donation or only \$2, if you bring food to share: call Lynda Hintz at 860-585-7004 with any questions



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



Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 at noon.
Bring a lunch, and join us for a Bible Study in the Parish Center.

Shoreline Ringers in Concert

Join us for an evening of exceptional handbell music

- **Date:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Prospect United Methodist Church
- **Address:** 99 Summer Street, Bristol, CT 06010

Free-will offering



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:

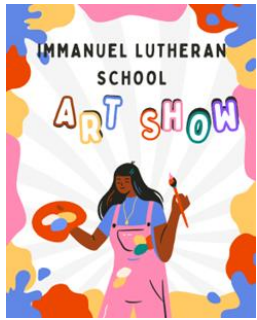
- **Wednesday, May 6 & Wednesday, May 13.**



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!



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!

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

Immanuel Lutheran School Track and Field



Immanuel Lutheran School Spring Fling

