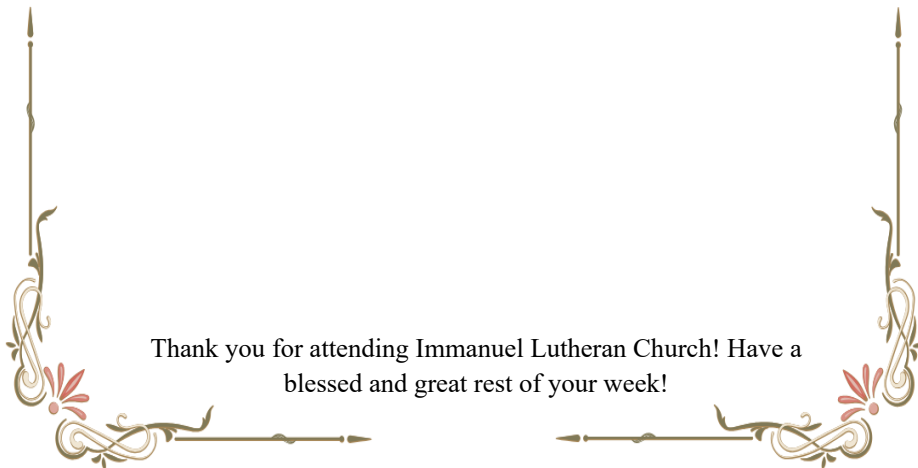




For if you live according to the
flesh you will die, but if by the
Spirit you put to death the
deeds of the body, you will
live.

Romans 8:13



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

Announcements July 26th, 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Immanuel Lutheran Church—Bristol, Connecticut

Rev. Benjamin Akers, Pastor

Rev. Robert Beinke, Assoc. Pastor

Church Admin: Cassandra Plaza

Church: (860) 583-5649

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Principal: Deborah Krueger

School Admin: Maryellen Cherwinski

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School: (860) 583-5631

Parish Nurse: Roberta Kuhr, 860-621-0230

Altar Flowers: Sue Rich 860-833-5106

Messenger: Dee Krampitz Email: dkrampitz@ilcs.org

STEWARDSHIP BIBLE VERSE FOR JULY 26th, 2026

Jeremiah 23:17 – “They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own, with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes-difficult favor of telling us *what is actually true*. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins and calls us to repentance.

SERVING YOU IN JULY

Ushers: Team 1

David Follo

Bill Mazzaccaro

Eric Larson

Rollin Lee

Team 2

Don Smuda

David Peplau

Kevin Daly

Jonathan Plaza

Team D (Wednesday)

David Follo

Eric Larson

Altar Guild: Andrea Jabs

Gladys Lagace

Last Week

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

9:00 - 153 HC – 119

WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE

10:45 – 30 HC - 29

Weekly Contribution information for 7/19/2026

Budgeted Amount	Actual Contribution Amount	Weekly Difference
11,925.00	9,283.00	(2,642.00)

YTD Contribution information As Of 6/30/2026

YTD Budgeted Amount	YTD Contribution amount	YTD Budget Difference
493,692.00	458,782.69	(34,909.31)

Milestone Birthdays in our Congregation in

July

Leonard Maron	7/02	Marvin Heidorn	7/22
Dorothy Duessel	7/07	Doris Wegner	7/30

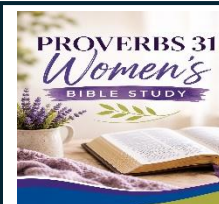
MEMORIALS and THANK OFFERINGS

No Memorials or Thank Offerings this week.

Kaffee und Kuchen Potluck Reception

Following the Installation Service for our new Director of Parish Music, Oyeniran Oyedeji, on Sunday, July 26, at 2:00 PM, everyone is invited to a Kaffee und Kuchen potluck reception as we welcome Oyeniran to the Immanuel family. *Kaffee und Kuchen* (German for “coffee and cake”) is a cherished German tradition of gathering in the afternoon for coffee, conversation, and homemade desserts - a wonderful expression of fellowship and hospitality.

The ask: This will be a potluck-style reception, so if you are able, please bring a favorite homemade dessert to share as we welcome Oyeniran and any visiting guests. Cakes, pies, tortes, cookies, bars, pastries, and other sweet treats will help us create a wonderful dessert table for all to enjoy. The church will provide coffee, tea, and other beverages. Thank you for helping us welcome Oyeniran while sharing a little of the German heritage and fellowship that are so much a part of Immanuel’s story. If you have any questions, please reach out to the church office.



JOIN US AUGUST 3, 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!



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



Record of Fellowship

As we gather for worship, please take a moment to fill out the Record of Fellowship located next to the *Lutheran Service Book*. These records assist us in monitoring attendance and caring for the members of our congregation.



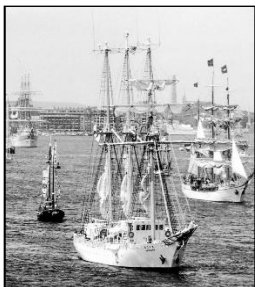
When returning hymnals to the pew racks, please place them with the binding down. When the books are placed binding up, it puts a strain on the binding and shortens the life of the book. Thank you



Please Take Note

There will be **no Wednesday Worship Services on July 29**. If you regularly attend our Wednesday service, please mark this date on your calendar. Thank you for your understanding

YOUNG-AT-HEART – COOL SUMMER LUNCH



We are planning a wonderful **COOL SUMMER LUNCH** for you on **Thursday, August 6 at 11:30** in the **Old School Basement**. Like last year, it will be a **COLD LUNCH** and everyone should bring a **COLD** item for our buffet tables and donate \$2 at the door. We will only be eating what **YOU** bring at 11:30, so this will be an interesting and exciting lunch for us all.

Suggestions are: Fruits, Sandwiches, Salads of all kinds, Jello, Vegetables, Tuna, Cheeses, Bread, and cool beverages (nothing hot).

Eric Larson and Bill Wentland will share photos of their trip to the Tall Ships in Boston, part of America 2026 celebration.



PRESENTED BY:



SUNDAY 7/26

9:00 Divine Service/Holy Communion/Live Streaming
10:15 Fellowship Coffee Hour – OSB
10:30 Adult Bible Study – OSB
2:00 Director of Parish Music Installation – Sanctuary

MONDAY 7/27

1:00 Immanuel Card Players - Parish Center
7:00 Voter's Meeting – Sanctuary

TUESDAY 7/28

9:30 Walk and Talk – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY 7/29

No Church Activities

THURSDAY 7/30

1:00 Quilting Group - Parish Center

FRIDAY 7/31

No Church Activities

SATURDAY 8/1

No Church Activities

SUNDAY 8/2

9:00 Divine Service/Holy Communion/Live Streaming
10:15 Fellowship Coffee - OSB
10:30 Adult Bible Study – OSB



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 for the Board of Evangelism.



Today's altar flowers were donated by the Altar Guild through generous donations to the flower fund.



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



VOTER'S MEETING, SCHEDULED JULY 27TH, AT 7PM, IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY.

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
John Dell'Aera
Barbara Keyes
Mother of Trina Theriault
Rodney Grekula

Melanie Ellsworth
Marc Bowen
Deanna Lau
Friend of Cordelia
Erica Stone
Daughter of Norman & Marilyn Stone
Marilyn Miller
Don Kalwat
Elizabeth & Ethan Hill
Ron Helming
Catherine Schilling
Maureen Finaldi
Friend of Gladys Lagace
Roberta Kuhr
Bruce Johnston
Brother-in-law of Becky Runk
Mary O'Brien
Friend of Leslie Foley
Howard Schmelder
Sue Lutz

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.



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



Please join us for the Installation of our new Director of Parish Music, Oyeniran Oyedeji, on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

Following the service, all are invited to a light reception as we warmly welcome Oyeniran to the Immanuel

Lutheran Church family.

Appalachia School Supply Drive: June & July

This summer, we are collecting school supplies to support students in Appalachia. As the school year wraps up, it's the perfect time to clear out the old and clear a path for another student's future!

Items Needed:

- 1-subject notebooks
- Pencils & pens
- Erasers
- Boxes of 24-count Crayola crayons
- New or gently used backpacks (*consider donating your child's backpack at the end of the school year!*)

Smart Shopping Tip: Many of these items can be purchased in bulk on Amazon for great prices. Thank you for your generosity!

Youth Group



The youth of Immanuel will once again be collecting your returnable cans and bottles in the month of July.

Please leave them in the kitchen near the gym.

Thank you for your support!



Portals of Prayer

Now available for July – September

Thank you to all who donated to the Baby Bottle fundraiser to benefit the ABC Women's Center. The total amount donated by Immanuel was \$1109.00.

Help Fund This Year's German Festival! — September 18-19, 2026

With our annual German Festival just around the corner, our entire Immanuel Lutheran community is coming together to bring this wonderful event to life. If you are willing and able, we would love for you to join us in supporting this year's festivities. Here's how you can help...

Pitch In for Specific Festival Needs: Next week, we will share a specific list of needed items alongside their approximate costs. The list ranges from small dollar amounts to our larger expenses, so you can pick a practical item to cover directly. You can also simply offer a general donation toward the event. To give you an idea of what it takes to run the festival, our needs include large-scale expenses like the tent installation (which is over \$2,000), festival insurance, bier trailer rental and performers, alongside essential supplies such as food ingredients, paper products, and decor. Oh, and of course there's the imported German bier!

Ticket sales help offset these costs, but any income and donations from you, our sponsors, and our vendors contribute to our festival profits. Ultimately, the more we can take in before and during the festival, the more we can give back to the church and to the school tuition assistance each year!

Turn \$20 into \$250 with a Thrivent Action Team!: Maybe you don't have a large amount to spare right now, but you can afford \$20. You can turn a \$19.95 associate membership at Thrivent Financial into a \$250 Action Team card. That card can then be given to our festival planners to buy essential supplies like food ingredients, plates, and utensils, etc.

If you want to go the Thrivent route, it is best to jump on it right away so you can get your Thrivent Action Team Card in advance of the festival. After joining Thrivent online at thrivent.com/about-us/membership, you can apply for a card for a specific "Action Team" project, which we will help you define. The process is very quick.

Keep in mind that becoming a member of Thrivent can benefit our church and school community long after the festival is over, as these Thrivent Action Team cards can be used throughout the year to support other church and school initiatives. And, if you are an existing Thrivent product holder or account owner, you already qualify for 1 to 2 free Action Team cards per year! Please reach out to Rhoda Lange or Jason Krueger and they will walk you through the process and answer any questions you may regarding Thrivent or any donation you opt to make.

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