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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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THANK YOU to everyone who supported the **2022 German Festival!** This annual festival does not happen without each and every volunteer **AND** those who attended to enjoy the biergarten and share in our German heritage. From the delicious food and desserts to the tasty brews and exciting stein-holding competition, the festival was fast-paced, fun and an overall success! Thank you all for being an important part of that. Now, on to German Festival 2023! Prost!

Rhoda Lange,
Festival Chair

Tapping the Keg "First Pour"
with Mayor Jeff Caggiano



More Festival photos on Pages 6, 7 & 9

Willkommen!
Immanuel Lutheran Church
German Fest
Bristol, Connecticut USA

2022 Festival Dedication

In honor of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church's 130th Anniversary, this year's German Festival is dedicated to the hardworking pastoral church workers, teachers, school staff, and countless volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep Immanuel Lutheran strong in faith and christian education since 1892. We are thankful for each of you - past and present! May we all continue to move forward in faith to be a blessing in Immanuel Lutheran's bright and faithful future. Prost!

THANK YOU TO THE GENEROUS SPONSORS OF GERMAN FEST 2022!

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Mayor Caggiano kicking off this year's German Festival with a presentation to Immanuel Lutheran's 130th anniversary, established in 1892!



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Ed & Dee Krampitz
Newsletter Editors
Deadline for submissions is the 19th of the month.

From the Pastor's Desk

“Going Back”

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

Years ago, the starter raised his pistol to begin the 100-yard race.

People in the packed bleachers leaned forward anxiously so they might not miss any detail of the contest. The microphone amplified the announcer's words: "On your mark, get set ...". The word "go" was overshadowed by the crack of the starter's gun.

The runners came out of the starting blocks, each one of them giving it their all.

Anyone who saw the contestants taking their strides soon realized that this race was special, indeed. This race had been sponsored by the Special Olympics. At this race, all of the contestants were physically and developmentally challenged.

The concentration and commitment that registered on the runners' faces showed none of these youngsters were challenged in intent and purpose.

Look at them. Almost evenly matched, they ran the race. First, one was in the lead, then another. Never more than a step separated the leader from the remainder of the pack. The entire race should've continued that way. But it didn't. It didn't because, about half way through, one of the young lady runners wiped out.

She was okay, but the tough track surface had managed to scrape both her knees and her dignity.

Her fellow runners continued on, but they did so only for a few yards. Then, without any instruction, without any coach's di-

rective, every runner stopped. Yes, all of them stopped, and all of them turned around and went back.

They helped up the girl who tripped, brushed her off and, arm in arm, they all finished the race together.

That story is a description of what happens when Christians share the salvation story of Jesus with others. Because of sin, we're all challenged, but because of Christ we're running our life's race with a very special purpose. No longer are we concerned only for ourselves or if we will finish the race in first place.

Somewhere along the way we've been introduced to the Savior. By God's grace we met God's Son and were given faith in Him who left heaven and came to earth to save us from sin, the devil, and death. We learned how Jesus came back to rescue us and gave His life to save us.

And ... we also learned that we had the privilege to go back and try to help others.

Like St. Paul, we as individuals, our churches, our Synods – willingly go back and gladly provide the assistance others need so they may also, with us, cross the final finish line successfully.

That's letting our Easter light "so shine before men"; that's why we give our time, treasure, and talent; that's why Immanuel Lutheran Church exists – to WITNESS and share the love of Jesus to all, to show MERCY to all in need, and to LIVE TOGETHER in such a way that others will see Christ in us and give praise to our Father in heaven!

Pastor Karner
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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)* —



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&
FM 96.1
and online at
KoolOldiesRadio.net



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** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Save the date!
**Altar Guild Appreciation
 Light Breakfast and Meeting**
 Saturday, October 29, at 9am — Parish Center

Women of Immanuel

We will be celebrating our 95th Anniversary. The Ladies Aid Society and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League came together to form Women of Immanuel. The first formal meeting of the Ladies Aid Society was in November 1927.

Please save the date. All Women of Immanuel are welcome to help us celebrate on

**Thursday, October 13,
 at Max Pizza, 108 Stafford Ave.,
 at 12 Noon.
 \$20.00 per person.**

Reservations need to be in by Monday, October 3.
 Contact Claudia Bishop at 860-583-8266.

Buffet Menu Includes:

Mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes, fresh salad mix with dressing, bread roll/butter, coffee/tea and dessert.

Italian Chicken sautéed onions, peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, black olives, garlic in olive oil and tomato sauce. *Then baked.*

Scrod Bella Vista baked with onions, peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, celery in wine butter sauce.

Italian Meatballs in a marinara sauce.

Stuffed Shells tomato sauce, topped with mozzarella cheese.



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Bruce W. Wondrovski
 December 12, 1951 — September 2, 2022



Wilfred “Will” F. Kissler
 September 28, 1928 — September 21, 2022



**A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO MEMBERS
 AND ALUMNI**

Forward In Faith serves to grow a “rainy day” fund that addresses the unplanned needs of the church and school long-term. 25% of every dollar given is set aside and fully restricted for Immanuel Lutheran Church & School’s future. The remaining 75% is also restricted, however, accessible and managed by the church council as needed to address non-budgeted needs and projects and to maintain or update/upgrade church and school facilities. At times there may be no needs or projects, other times, there may be several simultaneously. Some small, others of great size. Regardless of the need, Forward In Faith insures that Immanuel Lutheran is better prepared for the needs of the congregation, our school, and all our facilities when they happen moving forward.

Consider making a gift to the Forward In Faith fund today!

*From
 The Board of Christian Stewardship*



Here it is October already and our Immanuel German Festival is over, but we Seniors have to enjoy our **Oktoberfest German Lunch** on Thursday, October 6 at 11:30 in the OSB.

We hope you can join us and bring a German dish for our buffet tables, and only donate \$2, rather than \$5 to enjoy a great German meal. Call Lynda Hintz 860-585-7004 to see what dishes are needed to make our German lunch delicious.

The Bristol Senior Center Ukulele group is coming to entertain us for a wonderful treat.

This is your personal invitation to join us or call a

friend to join you.

Just a reminder that the Church's Sauerkraut Supper tickets for October 21 will be available for purchase soon.

Next month on Thursday, November 3, we will celebrate the 28th Anniversary since our lunch group began with our traditional Soup & Sandwich Lunch we all enjoy. A special speaker is coming to do a program on "Strokes" for us.

Hope to see you on Thursday, October 6 for German Food and fellowship at 11:30.

From your



WALK AND TALK – Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, October 4, at noon in the Parish Center. Please join us and bring your lunch.

LADIES LUNCHEON – Tuesday, October 11, at 12:30 at BARC. Bring a Friend.

For those interested, Blood Pressures will be taken in the office every second Sunday after the 8am service.

DEC. 28 – A luncheon will be provided for police-

men on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at noon to thank them for keeping us and our community safe.

Another luncheon will also be provided for firemen/EMTs to thank them for protecting us in emergency situations. Date not finalized yet.

Anyone wishing to help, your hands will be appreciated. Please text me or leave a message on my home phone.

Anyone wishing to make visits to our homebound please see me. Also, looking for occasional meals prepared for the homebound.

Roberta Kuhr,
Parish Nurse

LWML

will have a loose change collection on Sunday, October 9, following both services.

Your donations will help us fund our Mission Projects and reach our Mission Goal.

***Thank you,
Lutheran Women's Missionary League***

You can help cut the cost of printing and postage by getting your *Messenger* via email instead of through the Post Office. Contact Dee Krampitz at dkrampitz@ilcs.org.

REMINDER: the deadline for submitting items for the November *Messenger* is October 19.

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

LOW LIGHT - IT'S ALL IN HOW YOU SEE IT.

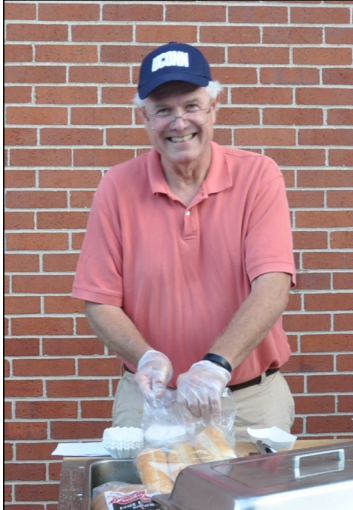
The make-up of our eyes causes them to see very differently than the camera in low light conditions. In the darkness, our eyes tend to see muted colors but the camera has the ability to capture the color regardless of the level of the ambient light. The resulting images pop! Color, Light, and dark combine to produce a dramatic effect. Subjects that might be considered ordinary in the daylight become striking.



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



German Festival
Friday Night
photos by Vern Koch





German Festival
Saturday
photos by
Michael Krampitz



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **School News** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,
 Our school year is off to a terrific start! It has been very busy and it is only mid-September.

Sauerkraut Supper is back! Please join us on Friday, October 21, for a traditional German meal served by our middle school students. Seatings are at 4:30, 5:15, 6:00 and 6:45. The price of tickets has gone up a bit this year due to the cost of food. The last time prices were raised was 2008. Adults are \$25, Seniors (65+) are \$20 and Students are \$12. Tickets will be sold between services starting Sunday, October 2. They will also be available in the office.

Our Cross Country Team is being coached by Brian Bartholomew, father of Raegan (5th). Brian is an avid runner and wonderful with the student runners. Meets start in October.

Our basketball coaches, Orsen Durham, father of Madison (4th), and Jeremy Fedorchick, father of Nathan (4th) and Tyler (3rd), have been running pre-season clinics. The season starts next week with regular practices. We look good this year! We would love to have church members attend some of our home games.

Our staff did a nice job with Kinderland again this year at the German Fest. We didn't have too many children in attendance, but the event was there and ready for any crowd that may have arrived.

Thanks to Jon Tessier, Christina Curry, and Jeff and Stephany Bennett for creating our Mum Parade float this year. They did a wonderful job of keeping Jesus in the forefront.

We have begun our process of accreditation through the National Lutheran Schools Association. Our visitation team will be led by Trip Rodgers from the Central Illinois District. We plan to conclude evidence collection before Christmas break and have the visit team in February.

Blessings,
 Anne Stuhlman, Principal



SAVE THE DATE:

Our annual Sauerkraut Supper will be held on Friday, October 21

Once again, the middle school students will be your servers. Our delicious menu will include brats, pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, hot dogs, bread, butter, green beans, beets, and, of course, don't forget to save room for our apple pie! So come on down and enjoy a wonderful meal and some fabulous fellowship.

Tickets are available for purchase in the office 7:30am to 3:30pm or Sunday between church services.

Prices are: Adults \$25, Students \$12, Seniors (over 65) \$20

Seating times are 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, & 6:45
 Takeout will also be available.
Once again we need our wonderful volunteers for baking those delicious apple pies.
Thank you for your support.

**SAUERKRAUT SUPPER
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022**



OCTOBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Anne Kamer Rosemary Ryskowski
2 Kathryn Provencal	3	4 Michael Harrington Rachel Savage	5 Benjamin Bourgoin	6 Crystal Fitzgerald David Kuharski Tracy Mitchell	7 Andrea Jabs Mike Pankenier	8 Lindsey Schaffrick
9	10 Aiden Berrian	11 Vincent Bartucca Lana Dupee Bob Wollenberg	12 Sarah Bugryn	13 Barbara Emmert Hannah Richards	14 Louise Chromy Cynthia Grossmann	15 Michael Hamelin Jay Thaxter
16 Nicholas Dunn- Milkowski Douglas Fitz, Jr. Norm Winters	17 Samantha Shamson	18 C. Lindsey Bradshaw Kayle Burt Paul Tessier Rebecca Wolfe	19 Myah Croze Susan Ginter	20	21	22
23 Sandra Hamelin	24 Tara Hogan Thomas Madigan-Scheidel Gretchen Radcliff Jackson Stringer	25 Janet Bailey	26 Enola Kahle Richard Rindfleisch	27 Susan Killian Cynthia Krueger	28 John Hebert	29
30 Jillian Kuharski	31					



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