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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.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church and School**  
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Bristol, CT 06010  
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www.ilcs.org

Thank you to ALL our Sauerkraut Supper volunteers!  
Here are few of them at work...



— Photos by Vern Koch —

(See more Supper pictures on Page 7)

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Evangelism committee will be holding a public **drive-thru food drop-off** on Saturday, **November 12th from 9AM to Noon**. Donations will be collected in the West Street parking lot behind the church. Volunteers will retrieve donations from the back seat or trunk of your car. Non-perishable food items are requested. **Monetary donations** will be appreciated as well and may be dropped off that morning or given via the **on-line e-giving** portal on the church's website – **ILCS.org**.

Members of Immanuel may also bring donations to church on Sunday morning the 13th.

### Requested Items

**\*\* Frozen Turkeys\*\***

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Canned Tuna/Chicken
- Mac and Cheese
- Juice Bottles
- Cleaning Supplies
- Pasta / Sauce
- Single Serve Snacks
- Personal Care Items
- Coffee/ Tea/ Powdered Creamer

**THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

*“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” — Proverbs 22:9*



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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**

**AM 990**

**&**

**FM 96.1**

and online at

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



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

# “Summer in November?”

Luke 21:29-31 — *And He (Jesus) told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.”*

Some people have a really strong negative reaction with anything to do with the end of the world. They can't stand the Book of Revelation, and the Gospel passages that usually get read right before Advent make them squirm (**Advent, 2022, begins on November 27<sup>th</sup>**). Some might have a good reason, especially if they grew up in a family or church where the emphasis was on the scary stuff: the persecution, the disasters, the final judgment.

What about you? Whenever you think of the last days of this world, do you have a similar reaction? There have been too many movies, too many popular books, too many radio and TV preachers who focus on terror. But that isn't the whole story. It's not even the *main* story. If we focus on the scary bits, we're missing the point.

Consider the story Jesus uses to make His point. He says, “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.”

Wait a minute. Fig trees? Fresh green leaves? Summer coming? None of that sounds particularly terrifying. In fact, it sounds pretty good! As we prepare to

head into the depths of winter (bare trees, gray skies, colder temps), who doesn't look for signs of spring and the warmer weather returning? Flowers, fruit, outside living – even the heat makes a nice change from the cold of winter.

From this viewpoint, the last days are something to look forward to – something to hope for – because of what is coming next. And what is that? The kingdom of God in all its glory! A universe where there is no more evil or sin or guilt or shame. A world where human beings live at peace with one another and with God's healed creation. A place where God is always with us, showering us with His love, and protecting us from every evil.

As John writes in Revelation 7:15-17, “Therefore they (God's people) are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Now *THAT'S* something to look forward to!

**PRAYER:** Dear Lord, help us look forward to Your coming and to rejoice in You. **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**

# Young at Heart

We are celebrating this month as it is over 25 years since Immanuel’s members and pastors started this lunch program in 1994. Last month over 30 of us enjoyed a wonderful German lunch followed by a fun ukulele sing-a-long thanks to the Bristol Senior Center group.

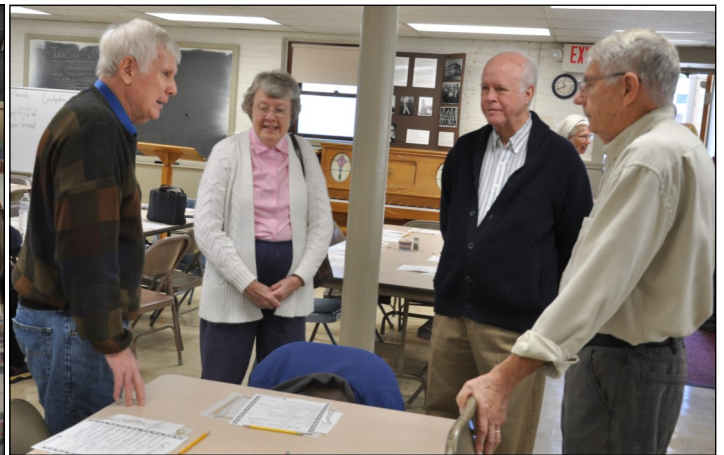
On Thursday, November 3, in the original school building basement at 11:30, we will enjoy our annual traditional “Soup and Sandwich” Lunch – all homemade, of course. Dessert will be a special anniversary cake from Harvest Bakery. Join us for the last lunch of the year in the OSB for only \$5, or \$2 if you bring homemade food to share. Call Lynda H. if you have food questions at 860-585-7004.

This month we welcome Bob Niebold (the Stroke Awareness Guy) as he shares his own personal experiences, recovery and warning signs; don’t miss this important program.

Invitations for our annual Christmas Party will be distributed at this lunch or mailed out to you. It will be on Thursday, December 8, at 11:30 at Max IV Restaurant on Middle Street on the second floor (elevator) where there is easy parking and we will be the only group there. If you didn’t get an invitation, contact the church office so you can join us on December 8.

Remember to mark your calendar so you don’t miss our special events. Why stay home alone – enjoy the Christian fellowship we have offered over 25 years.

Oktoberfest German Lunch and The Bristol Senior Center Ukulele group, photos by Vern Koch.



Women of Immanuel  
Celebrating our 95th Anniversary  
on October 13

Photos by Vern Koch



### The Women of Immanuel

will hold their annual Christmas potluck on Saturday, December 3 at noon in the OSB. Bring your favorite dish and a friend; desserts will be provided. All women are welcome. Mark your calendar to celebrate the Advent of the coming of our Lord with your sisters in Christ.

Don't forget to bring your Mite Box offering for LWML.



### LWML

Thank you for your donations to the loose change collection. We collected \$245.

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

*Thank you,  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

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



**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**



Eugene "Gene" A. Zahnke  
November 28, 1935 — October 6, 2022



Doreen A. Checovetes  
July 27, 1935 — October 17, 2022




*Mid-Week Worship this month:*  
**Thanksgiving Eve**  
**Nov. 23**  
**7 pm**  
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*Mid-Week Worship in December:*  
**Advent**  
**Nov. 30**  
**Dec. 7**  
**Dec. 14**  
**Dec. 21**  
**10:45 am and 7 pm**

*Daylight Saving Time ends **Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Don't forget to set your clocks **back 1 hour** the night before!*



**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](mailto:dkrampitz@ilcs.org).**  
**REMINDER:** the deadline for submitting items for the December *Messenger* is November 19.

From your  **Parish Nurse**  
**WALK AND TALK** – Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us.  
**LADIES LUNCHEON** – Tuesday, November 15, at 12:30 at BARC. Bring a Friend.  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Tuesday, November 22, at noon in the Parish Center. Please join us and bring your lunch.  
Per request, for those interested, Blood Pressures will be taken in the office every second Sunday after the 8am service.

DEC. 29 – A luncheon will be provided for policemen, firemen and EMTs at noon to thank them for keeping us and our community safe.  
Anyone wishing to help, your hands will be appreciated. Please text me or leave a message on my home phone.  
I'm putting together a list of people who can help by taking people to appointments and those available to help with light housekeeping... Please contact me if you can help.  
Roberta Kuhr,  
Parish Nurse  
home #860-621-0230

# The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

## PHOTOGRAPHY HAS ITS OWN LANGUAGE

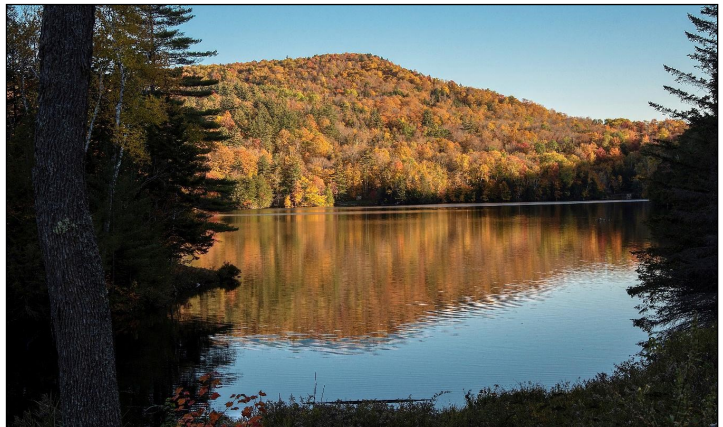
We make photographs for different audiences, and for different reasons but we're all pointing at something. Some are trying to communicate information; others want to elicit a raw emotional response. Most want both. With the camera we're all trying to say "Look at This" in the most authentic and powerful way possible. It's like telling a good story.

Just as the author uses carefully crafted words, so, the photographer uses a carefully crafted photograph – using Visual Language. Like a novel, the photograph is defined by:

**The Subject** - the message or theme of the photograph. It differs from the Subject Matter in the same way in which the moral of a story is not the story itself.

**Subject Matter** - the elements or vocabulary through which the story is told – in this case, fall color in the hills of Vermont.

**Composition** – the decisions that are made in assembling elements to best express and communicate the



*“And God saw everything that He had made and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” KJV Gen 1:31*

story .. the use of framing, perspective, balance, focus, and exposure.

All three combine to give the photograph meaning ... to tell its Story.

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

## HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch



Remembering Immanuel Veterans in 2008.

## Bristol Brass & Wind Ensemble

featuring

### Bristol Chorale

Presents

## A Salute to our Veterans

Under the Direction of Richard Theriault

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022

@ 3:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Prospect United Methodist Church

99 Summer St., Bristol

**Supper** (Continued from Page 1)



## ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ School News ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

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

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

We have had a packed fall at Immanuel Lutheran School. Most recently, we resumed the Annual Sauerkraut Supper. This fundraiser for the Washington, DC trip had taken a pause during covid. Only one of our current students had even been a “helper” in the past as he tagged along with older siblings at past Sauerkraut Suppers. We have so many new families that the middle schoolers and their parents were seeing the event for the first time. Despite their inexperience, they all did a wonderful job of serving and working the dinner. We now have experienced servers for many years to come. We were fortunate to have eight alumni come back to help, and we have parents who work in the service industry, who gave incredible guidance to the students. Thank you to all of our members and friends who supported the Sauerkraut Supper!



If all tickets are sold out for the Sauerkraut Supper, we need between 80 and 85 homemade apple pies. This year, to ensure we had enough, we had Pie Day at school. The students peeled, cored and cut 10 cases of apples and each middle school student made a pie under the supervision of our parent volunteers. Pie Day resulted in 46 pies. We appreciate all of the pies made by church members and parents as well. We had enough pies and sold a few extras between services on Sunday.



Our Cross Country Team will have their last meet of the season this Friday, October 28, at Black Rock State Park in Thomaston. It has been a short season, but the runners were able to get a taste for the sport.

Immanuel Lutheran School's response to the Bristol Police tragedy was immediate and heartfelt. The first question students asked was, “were they Christians?” We have prayed daily for the families and friends of the fallen officers. Our students made cards the morning after the incident. Our large envelope of “Prayers and Cards for our Officers” was among the first of the memorial items to arrive at the station that next morning. Many of our 1st-8th grade students' cards are displayed in the windows for everyone to see as part of the memorial. Our Kindergarten card, “Praying for You,” was a book with each student creating a page, is shown as the centerpiece at the 2:00 mark on this October 16th news video:

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/funeral-arrangements-set-for-fallen-bristol-officers/2894219/>

Veterans and spouses, please join us for the Annual Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 11, at 9:00 AM. The students are eager to thank you for your service!

Blessings!

Anne Stuhlman, Principal



### WINTER ICE MELT AVAILABLE

In an effort to defray the cost of annual snow & ice removal, the Board of Trustees has Winter Ice Melt available. The ice melt is the Kissner's Co., Landscaper's Choice Ice Melt with CMA (Calcium Magnesium Acetate). It is easier on the concrete than traditional rock salt. This ice melt is environmentally friendly and pet safe. Board members have volunteered to deliver to church member homes if needed. Anyone can order, so tell your friends & neighbors. The order form should be returned to the Church office by **November 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**Cut & Return to Church Office**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **I need delivery** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **50 lb. bag/s @ \$17.50 for personal use** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ **50 lb. bag/s @ \$17.50 for church use** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

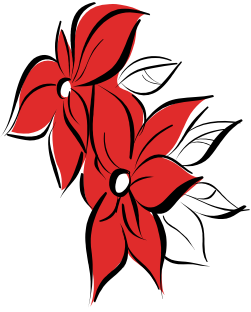
\_\_\_\_\_ **1 for me, 1 for church @ \$35.00** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church, with a notation regarding the Ice Melt sale. Call Bob Wollenberg with any questions, 860-584-0587 (hm) or 860-877-3031 (cell).

## NOVEMBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>6</b> Amanda Duval Levi Fortier Donna Kuharski Janet Voisine</p> <p><b>13</b> Jill Casey Nathan Kirschner</p> <p><b>20</b> Gracie Marcantonio Diane Read</p> <p><b>27</b> Evelyn Phillips</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11</b></p> <p><b>7</b> Janet Riemer Suzanne Wentland</p> <p><b>14</b> Holly Fitz Corinne Freimuth Wayne Ruffino</p> <p><b>21</b> Patricia Bohn</p> <p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Alena Hauer Morgan Hebert-Dubois</p> <p><b>8</b> Raymond Ryskowski, Jr.</p> <p><b>15</b> Stephen Mockler</p> <p><b>22</b> Julie Burt Beth Houle Ida May Ingrid Triplett</p> <p><b>29</b> Kashif Nazir</p>	<p><b>2</b> Bobby Boucher Julie Phillips Sara Triplett</p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>16</b> Rick Gurgigno</p> <p><b>23</b> Dawn Santilli</p> <p><b>30</b> Gabby Badenhop Andrew Follo Chelsea Schaffrick</p>	<p><b>3</b> Taylor Milano</p> <p><b>10</b> Lindsey Donahue Peter Malsheske Candace Michelson Christina Signore</p> <p><b>17</b> Nancy Malsheske Kelley McIntyre William Palmisano, III</p> <p><b>24</b> Ruth Meusel Duane Reich</p>	<p><b>4</b> Albert Emmert</p> <p><b>11</b> Shirley Bartucca Michael Cassala Rowan Morel-Poole Jacob Turley</p> <p><b>18</b> Rudolph Jabs Robert Theriault</p> <p><b>25</b> Warren Kirschner Michael Lauretti, Sr.</p> 	<p><b>5</b> Diane Erling</p> <p><b>12</b> Ryan Delaney Breanna Hoyt Norman Kirschner Michelle Matthews Eric Starzyk</p> <p><b>19</b> Ashley Bielert Alice Helming Holly Simard</p> <p><b>26</b> Lori Fitzherbert Joan Heidorn Verna Koehn</p>



# Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia for the altar for Christmas, please fill out the order blank and attach cash or check (made out to Altar Guild) and leave it in the church office. **Last day to order is November 27.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

	Red	White	Total \$
7½" @ \$12.00			

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up after Christmas I will deliver Day service \_\_\_\_\_ to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

### Altar Guild Flower Fund

If you choose not to buy a poinsettia, you may want to make a monetary donation to the Altar Guild Flower Fund. This fund will guarantee that flowers will be on the altar during services when no one has specially ordered them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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