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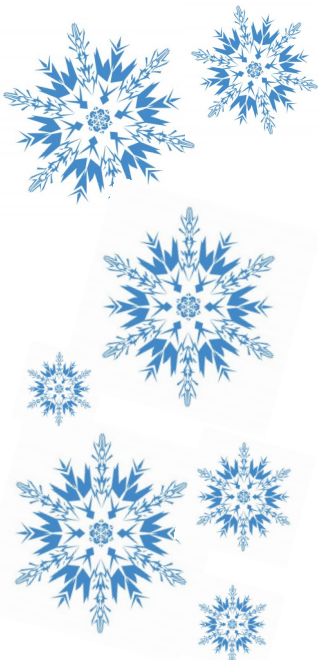
OUR MISSION

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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Church and School**
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“The Genealogy of Jesus”

Wednesday, November 30, 10:45 am and 7 pm
Sunday, December 4, 8 am (HC) & 10:45 am
Wednesday, December 7, 10:45 am and 7 pm
Sunday, December 11, 8 am & 10:45 am (HC)
Wednesday, December 14, 10:45 am and 7 pm
Sunday, December 18, 8 am (HC) & 10:45 am
Wednesday, December 21, 10:45 am and 7 pm

Christmas Services and New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 24, 7 pm & 11 pm (HC)
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25, 9 am (HC)
Christmas Day Service

Saturday, December 31, 7 pm (HC)
New Year's Eve Service

Sunday, January 1, 9 am (HC)
New Year's Day Service

*All special services will be Live-Streamed,
along with our 8am Sunday services.*



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.





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Ed & Dee Krampitz
Newsletter Editors

Deadline for submissions is the 19th of the month.

**SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICES**

8:00 a.m.

Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday of the month.

— (Live Streaming) —

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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**

AND

FM 96.1

and online at
KoolOldiesRadio.net

From the Pastor's Desk

“STArTling”

Luke 2:8-9 – *And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

It was probably a quiet night. Not much excitement unless something startled the sheep. The biggest problem was likely to be staying awake.

And then the glorious wake-up call, with an angel surrounded by the glory of God, and the shepherds are on their feet, blinking, shaking.

Something to startle the sheep? Oh, yes indeed. Something to startle God's sheep, to wake them up and bring them to their feet, rubbing their eyes. A newborn baby, lying in a manger. A Savior. God Himself, come down to earth, come to save us.

Because it is startling, isn't it? People

going about their everyday lives, working or sleeping, sitting, walking, eating and then God. God in the middle of us all, sleeping and crying and nursing. God in a manger, the center of a humble family in a little village in a conquered country. God-with-us, **Immanuel**.

But sheep don't stay startled. Soon enough they calm down and go back to their grazing. And we, God's sheep, also calm down and go back – to our everyday lives. But not alone, this time. Now we have Jesus. The God who was born for us, who lived and served and suffered and died for us, the Lord who rose from the dead for us – He has become our Shepherd. He keeps us in His care forever.

THE PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to live and to die and to rise again as our Good Shepherd who loves us. 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

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CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Marie Corinne Freimuth

November 14, 1931 — November 12, 2022




Advent Light Lunches

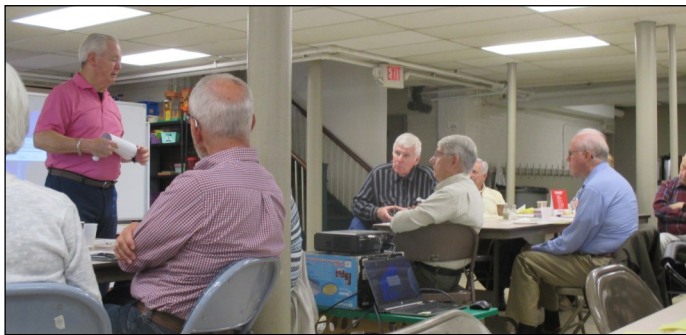
Following the Advent morning worship services, a self-serve light lunch will be available in the Parish Center.

Lunch will consist of a choice of 2 soups, bread & butter, and juice. Come and enjoy each Wednesday morning in Advent, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

Young at Heart

Wishing everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas season in 2022!! Hope you are planning to join us on Thursday, December 8 at 11:30 at the Middle Street, Max IV Restaurant for our Christmas Lunch event. We needed your reservation and check last month, but want to let you know that we can make slight changes, if necessary, by calling Carol Maron at 860-

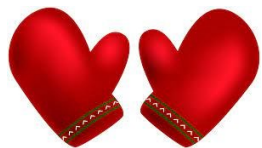
582-9608 by Dec. 6. We don't want you to miss out on the singing, Door Prizes, Fellowship and Buffet meal, as we will not hold any senior lunches until next spring 2023.



Last month about 35 of us enjoyed celebrating that we have been having these senior lunches for over 25 years with a traditional menu and then heard Bob tell us all about Strokes and survival. Thanks to so many who brought wonderful soups and sandwiches for us to enjoy with our special cake.

Remember, Advent church services have begun on Wednesday at 10:45 and 7 pm. A light lunch in the Parish Center follows the morning services.

Be sure to greet one another in church on Sundays also. Share your Christmas Joy!



Thank you all so much for the very generous donations for Warm a Child. We were able to provide many children with warm coats and clothing for this cold season. Your donations were very much appreciated!
 May God bless you all,
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Parish Nurse Corner

Please join us every **Tuesday** morning at Walk and Talk. Starts at 9:30am in the Parish Center. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday, December 13 — ladies lunch at BARC at 12:30.

December 29 — Heroes Luncheon, in the school gym at noon for our Bristol heroes. Looking for volunteers to set up the day before, and to help with clean-up after the event. Please contact me.

Anyone wishing to make visits to the home bound or if you know someone who would like a visit, you may also leave me a message.

God’s blessings and Merry Christmas to all for a happy and healthy New Year.

Blessings,
Roberta
860-877-0022

Proverbs 31 Women

The next Bible Study will be on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm at the home of Rhoda Lange, 85 East Road, Bristol.

Please bring your Bible and a blue and red pen or colored pencil.

We are studying the book of Ephesians.

Please bring a \$10 gift to exchange.

Brenda Buonafede

Immanuel Lutheran is bringing back its annual Community Carol Sing on Saturday, December 10th at 6:30 PM.

This is a festive way to usher in the holidays! Spread the word, bring your family, friends, and neighbors, or, come on your own to enjoy the outdoor tree lighting, fires and luminaries. Join in singing your favorite Christmas carols while sipping warm cider, hot cocoa and nibbling on cookies and candy canes. It’s fun for everyone and a great kickoff to the holiday season!

Food Drive



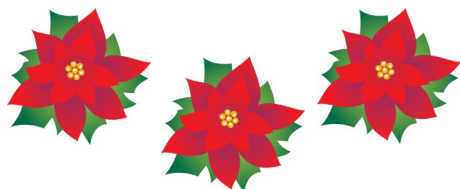
THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made the food drive a success by donating and volunteering.

Board of Evangelism

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 January *Messenger* is December 19.



You're invited to join us for a Holiday

Community Carol Sing

ALL ARE WELCOME!


DATE: Saturday, Dec. 10th

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

(Outside on the corner of West & Meadow Streets, across from Boys & Girls Club)

Christmas Tree Lighting
Sing your favorite Christmas Carols
Outdoor Fires & Luminaries
Refreshments & Warm Beverages

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The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

FROM ORDINARY TO *EXTRAORDINARY!*

Still Life photography is a form of photography that depicts inanimate objects or subject matters. One thing that makes it special is that often the subjects alone aren't very interesting. That means to be successful at Still Life photography, you'll need to invent your own interesting composition to make your photos appealing – that's called "Created Still Life", or photograph it when you see it – that's called "Found Still Life". Successful Still Life photos take the form of art and create a reaction in the viewer.

Classic composition techniques for successful Still Life photos include the "Rule of Thirds," "Leading Lines", artfully arrange objects, creative lighting, and **IMAGINATION**.



Join us! 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

MR. KOCH'S FIRST CLASS.

Grade 4, 1961-1962 in the original school, upper right room. (Notice the dividing wall in picture 1, making that half of the upstairs into 2 rooms.)

Picture 1. Can you spot Ronny Rice, David Olsen, Bruce Boyko?

Picture 2. In the front row is Janice Barnes, daughter of “Hap” and Betty Barnes; second row Ben Horton, Brian Tassanari, and the grand piano on the platform in the back of the room.

Because of the location, we were able to watch the construction of the “New School” from the breaking of the ground through the facade work. In April of 1963 we carried all we could into the new school and never looked back.



My heartfelt thank you to Immanuel for allowing me to “restore” baby Jesus. I’m very grateful.

Dee Krampitz



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,
We enjoyed seeing so many church members at our Veterans' Day Celebration on November 11. Thank you, Veterans!

Basketball season has begun at Immanuel! We enjoyed our first scrimmage against St. Joe on November 28. The girls and boys are learning court-sense and are eager for the real games to begin. Shown below is the boys team at halftime. They are coached by Jeremy Fedorchick. Orsen Durham coaches the girls team.



We are currently preparing for our Christmas Pageant, which is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Monday, December 19. The boys are shepherds, girls are angels, and PK children are sheep. The church will be standing room only for the event with so many families in attendance.

Our accreditation visit will be February 13-15. We are very focused on collecting evidence to show the team when they arrive. Please keep the school and the staff in your prayers as we prepare for this very important event.

Blessings!
Anne Stuhlman, Principal



A SPECIAL YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

At this time of year we often get questions from our members and alumni regarding year-end giving and estate planning. This is for good reason... there are many ways for people to amplify their gifts to Immanuel Lutheran beyond the offering plate, and, we would like to take this opportunity to share information about a few of these options with you.

Required Minimum Distributions (Contributing using an Individual Retirement Account/IRA)

Under federal law, individuals age 70½ or 72 (depending on your date of birth) or older who own traditional Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are required to take an annual, minimum distribution. Are you aware that you may redirect some or all of that required minimum distribution (RMD), up to \$100,000 annually, and possibly enhance your standard deduction while preserving more liquid assets for other, equally important uses? More specifically, this would direct the IRA distribution directly to Immanuel Lutheran so the distribution is not included in your income, however, you would also then not be able to deduct the contribution as a charitable donation. This is a popular option for many, however, please do work directly with your tax advisor in choosing options that are right for you.

Immanuel Lutheran Church joyfully receives IRA gifts that can carry out our Lord's mission. To learn more about making an IRA charitable distribution to support Immanuel Lutheran Church, contact us today.

Planned Giving

Planned giving benefits are numerous when creating your gift plan. Above all is the opportunity to practice true generosity and Christian stewardship. This is done in joyful response to what the Lord has done for you. Also, it allows you to make the very best gifts to family and ministry. You can rest assured knowing that your wishes will be honored and that your earthly assets will be passed on in a way that makes sense and is helpful to those people and organizations you hold most dear.

Through a planned gift to the Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation, you may:

- Eliminate capital gains tax on assets
- Gift the most appropriate/favorable assets to heirs and to the ministry you love
- Receive a significant tax deduction
- Lower your potential estate tax
- Assure the transfer of your fullest possible estate value to heirs
- Increase possible gifts to heirs and grandchildren

Designating Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation as a beneficiary

Perhaps the easiest way to share the Gospel and leave your legacy is by including the Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation as a designated beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of your:

- Life insurance policy
- IRA, TSA or other deferred plan
- LCEF Certificate
- Certificate of Deposit (CD)
- Other equity asset

Bequests

A bequest is also an easy way to make planned gifts and is usually a component of your will.

A simple will using a statement like the following is almost always sufficient:

*I bequeath (dollar amount) (percentage of my estate) to The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bristol Foundation, Inc.
OR Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Inc.*

If you would like to speak with someone at Immanuel Lutheran to discuss giving options available to you, please contact the church office today at (860) 583-5649 – May the Good Lord bless you all as we enter the final months, weeks and days of 2022! – The Board of Christian Stewardship

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.



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).

DECEMBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Joy Mora	2 Peggy Campbell Ethan Debaise Walter Kuhr	3 Cameron Reed Luke Sonstroem
4 Lori Eschner Robert Helming	5 Lawrence Beaudoin Donovan Jusino Hannah Krueger	6 Samantha Frohn Joy Grekula Elizabeth Wilde	7	8	9 Anthony Lopisi Erin Madigan-Scheidel Oskar Tolmoff	10 James Bishop James Bugryn Scott Dennis Glorie Romaniello
11 James Thaxter	12 Dean Buden III Beth Deloge Alison Eschner Diane Finger Robert Wilde	13 Marion Schroeder	14 Nathaniel Tessman Bobby Triplett	15 Valya Rindfleisch Andrew Tonn	16 Luke Foley Stephanie Parenteau Jamie Simard	17
18 Kyleigh Boney Cole Krueger Carol Moge Andrew Skinner	19 Marcia Lopisi	20 Hans Bayer Cheyenne Blaschke James Raspanti	21 Rebecca Croce Jonathan Follo Maria Santilli	22	23 Myrna Gamache Robert Kirschner Jason Krueger	24 Ingebor Harrington Caroline Scarpati Janice Sonstroem
25 Merry Christmas	26 Kristen Hill Maggie Moliengo Erika Santilli	27 Rosie Fernandez David Follo	28 Brenda Buonafede Edwin Gillette	29	30 Sheri Lejeune Jacob Stringer Madison Tessier Edward Young	31 Sal Buonafede Victoria Casa



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