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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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Mid-Week Lenten Services

Our 2023 Lenten theme is: "Our Lenten Exodus." These services will combine the story of God's rescue of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt with Jesus' rescue of us from our slavery to sin and death, and how that great rescue is presented to us in the liturgy of the Divine Service.

The schedule includes:

March 1 - The Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy!

March 8 - The Gloria: A Hymn of Praise

March 15 - The Creed: Who God Is

March 22 - The Sanctus: In the Presence of God

March 29 - The Agnus Dei: The Passover Lamb

Make plans to join us!

Immanuel's Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast Is Back!

See page 4 for more information.



WORTHY
is the LAMB

Save the Date



Church and school families are invited to our
Welcome to Spring Potluck Luncheon!

March 19th at 12:00 PM following the 10:45 service
Bring your favorite dish whether it be an entree,
casserole, salad or more.

We will be providing a cake for dessert so no desserts needed.

Join us for food and the fellowship that we've
been missing since covid started.

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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.

— (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

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Really Precious”

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:6-7

We all have various trials.

My trials aren’t yours and most of us, fortunately, haven’t had the particular trial that befell Allison Berry.

A few years back, Allison flushed the toilet at the Black Bear Diner. When she did, her engagement ring dropped in and was whisked away.

That’s \$78,000 worth of engagement ring!

City workers opened a pipe outside the restaurant and tried to flush the ring through. When that didn’t work, they called Mr. Rooter, a plumbing company in Waco, Texas.

Mike Roberts, the general manager of Mr. Rooter used a tiny video camera to spot the ring – three feet down and five feet over from where it had last seen the light of day.

After an hour and a half of jack hammering and pipe removal, the ring was recovered. Ms. Berry gave the men a kiss and a hug; her fiancé gave them a generous tip. I can understand why. That ring was valuable!

When I read that story, I wondered if would I spend the time and money fish-

ing for my \$78,000 diamond ring? (If I had one, that is.) I knew the answer: of course, I would! Then I wondered, would I do the same for other valuable things in my life?

How about my faith? What is that worth? Most people would say their faith is worth a lot. Still, more than half the members of any church don’t go to Sunday worship, even less attend mid-week Lenten services. How about our children, what are they worth? Their value is great, but I’m aware of families that don’t “force” their kids to go to church because the kids think church is “boring.”

What’s important to you? I don’t know your answer, but I do know we should cherish important things. A genuine faith demands it; our Lord and Savior who gave Himself for our salvation would welcome our praising, glorifying, and honoring Him.

It’s not a hard thing to do – if something is valuable to you.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, You are valuable to us. The salvation You have given through Your sacrifice is a joy we don’t deserve. May we, in the things we do, show to the world You are a priority of great worth. In Your Name. 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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LIMITED TIME INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MEMBERS

Immanuel Lutheran cordially invites its members to participate in a unique Stewardship opportunity to assist the Church in reducing its borrowing costs while earning an attractive 4.00% annual return, a highly competitive rate! By investing in a promissory note with Immanuel Lutheran, you can make a positive impact on our financial health while enjoying a solid financial investment for yourself. As you consider this investment opportunity, here are some details you may find helpful.

- Your investment will help Immanuel Lutheran reduce its borrowing costs; allowing the Church to reduce interest costs paid to our bank lender on our Line of Credit.
- The promissory note is a safe and secure investment, backed by the full Faith and credit of Immanuel Lutheran Church & School.
- You can choose the amount you'd like to invest, starting from as little as \$500.

I hope these details will help you to make an informed decision. If you have an interest in participating in the new Stewardship investment program, please contact Howard T. Schmelder either by phone 860.583.5649 or email ilcshts@gmail.com.

In HIS Service

Howard T. Schmelder
 Congregational President




Daylight-Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12th

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before!

Reminder about Thrivent Choice Dollars
 Thrivent Choice dollars from 2022 must be directed by March 31.
 If you need assistance, go to www.thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836.

Help wanted for Pastor's Secretary position.
 This is a part time position in the church office. Computer knowledge of Microsoft Word and Publisher is helpful. Please contact Pastor Karner for more information 860-583-5649.



Parish Nurse Corner
 Roberta Kuhr, RN BSN FCN

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

March 7 — Ladies Luncheon at BARC at 12:30.
March 14 & 28 — The Women's Bible Study will meet in the Parish Center at noon. Bring a lunch and join us.

Please contact me if you or someone you know would like a visit. Please let me know, my cell number is 860-877-0022

Blessings,
Roberta Kuhr,
Parish Nurse

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HOLY WEEK
Worship Services

April 2: PALM SUNDAY

8 am – Divine Service

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

(Please note that the 10:45 am service includes the Confirmation of our 8th Grade students.)

April 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:45 am and 7 pm – with Holy Communion

April 7: GOOD FRIDAY

7 pm – Tenebrae

April 8: HOLY SATURDAY

7 pm – Vigil of Easter / Service of Light

April 9: EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 am SONrise Service on Chippens Hill

Hill Street (Water Dept. property), Bristol

8:00 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast!

We will be holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 9 following the SONrise Service until 11 AM. The men will be flipping pancakes, grilling sausage, etc. for this event. Some of our ladies will be helping to serve it all up. If you are interested in helping in any way at this event, please let us know by signing up at the Christian Mart or in the church office starting today.



Please note: Watch the Sunday bulletin and announcements by Pastor for any schedule changes for the SONrise Service.



CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN



Edith Frechette

January 6, 1942 — February 3, 2023



Silva Voisine

April 12, 1942 — February 9, 2023



Felix Vasilaitis

June 15, 1933 — February 9, 2023



Judith Eichorn

January 9, 1934 — February 15, 2023



Beverly Werner

January 31, 1927 — February 20, 2023



Forward In Faith

Please consider a gift to the Forward In Faith Fund today!

We always move forward in faith even through the difficult times.

We can move forward in faith knowing God is guiding our steps.

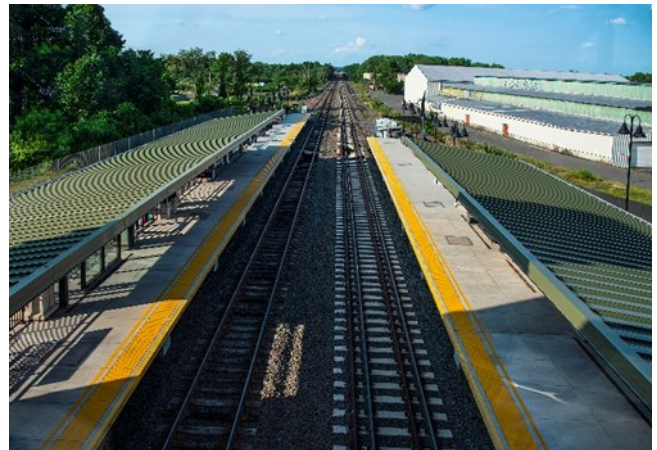
We must move forward in faith to fulfill our mission.

We know moving forward in faith works!

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

A Different Point of View

It's been said that 80% of the photos created are taken standing up at eye-level height. When we move our bodies and the camera with it, or we angle the camera up or down, right or left, shoot through something, or fill the frame, we change the Perspective which changes the way the elements in the photo relate to each other. The photo becomes more 3-dimensional. That's important! We see things in a whole new way. Remember, the moment we press the shutter, we collapse the 3-dimensional world we see into a 2-dimensional photo.



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

“Finding Mr. Koch”

Can you find him? This photo was taken at Immanuel Lutheran School in St. Louis, MO on April 3, 1950, 5th grade class. The answer will be in the April Messenger.

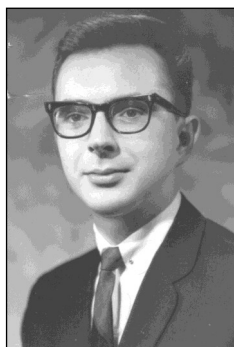


HISTORY REMEMBERED IMMANUEL SCHOOL TEACHERS

Some of the teachers who have served Jesus' Little Lambs at Immanuel



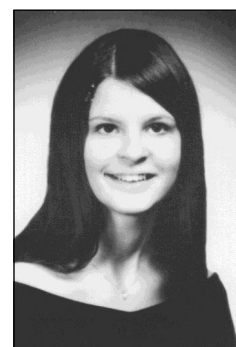
Luanne Hildebrandt
1968 – 70



Roger Borchin
1965 – 68



Doris Eastman



Linda Winner
1973

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***Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.
Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.
Proverbs 31:8-9***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to inform you of a March For Life that will take place in Hartford, CT on March 22 and to encourage you to march with me, with your fellow Lutherans from the District, and with many other people who seek to promote a culture that values and supports, from conception to natural death, the life of all people in CT.

Sadly, CT is promoting a culture of death in many ways. First, the ability to choose to abort a baby and right up to the point of birth, is lauded by our governor and legislators. They have even supported using our tax dollars to bring women here from states where abortion is less accessible and to pay for their abortions. Then there is the end of life. Thanks be to God, there currently is no right to physician assisted suicide in CT, but right to die legislation is brought up every year. Supporters of such legislation are fervent, and will not give up.

In such a culture it may seem futile to march and speak out. Will it change anything? Well, hearts and minds must first be changed; and this is something that only God can do. And so, He calls us to speak out for Him. And, we have so much to say! He who is life eternal eternally became flesh for us. In His flesh He has redeemed our lives and prepared us to bring forth holy works to the honor of His name. This message has transformed the lives of many who once supported and promoted our culture of death – as you will probably hear at the rally in Hartford.

Marla Zeneski, our District's Life Coordinator, and I have been working with others on the CT State March Committee to prepare for the Rally and March on 3/22. The Rally begins at noon at the capital, and then the march begins at 1:00. I invite you to gather with your fellow Lutherans from the NED at Our Savior Lutheran in South Windsor. We will begin with a Service at 10:00 am and then leave (hopefully, by bus) for the rally in Hartford.

For further information, check our District website (ned-lcms.org) or the website for the CT March for Life, marchforlife.org/Connecticut.

In Christ,

Robert D. Beinke

Robert D. Beinke
President, NED

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Immanuel Lutheran School is still undergoing the NLSA Accreditation process. Our visit has now been scheduled for April 18-20. The team is coming from New Hampshire, Illinois, Massachusetts as well as Connecticut. Rev. Dr. David Rowold, from Cheshire Lutheran Church will be on the team as the pastor. Cheshire Lutheran Church has supported our school with frequent donations since Concordia Bronxville closed.

The school held the second annual Daughter Dance February 11. Girls were able to bring their dad or other favorite grown up man to the dance. There were some very sweet moments as the girls danced the night away. Pictured here are new member, Bill Fabrizio with daughter Gianna, one of our 7th grade students.



Our "son" event, Nerf Night, is scheduled for March 11. This is a mother/son event. There are no girls or sisters allowed. Boys and their moms, or favorite grown up woman, will get to participate in a nerf war in the gym. There will also be hotdogs and boy-friendly food. There will be mom-friendly food as well. Face shields will be handed out at the door.



Our basketball season ended with a bang. Our teams improved so very much over the course of the season. We give a special thanks to Jeremy Fedorchick (Tyler and Nathan - grades 3 and 4) and Orsen Durham (Madison - grade 4). Both coaches have asked to coach again next year to pick up where they left off. Off-season clinics will also be offered. Pictured is the scoreboard at the end of the boys' last game. It was a very exciting game. Rob Redman was at the score table with me. I believe we had five three-pointers in that game!



February 3rd was our 100th day of school. The whole school celebrates by dressing like 100. Students and teachers join in the 100th day celebration. Shown are teachers Victoria Guerrero - Grade 2, and Jill Lepage (Tonn) - Grade 3 in their 100 year old garb.

Lutheran Schools Week included a Penny War. The winning class was grade 2 for the "least negative" and PK for the "most in the jar." Proceeds of the penny war have gone toward our Welcome Basket Mission at Bristol Hospital. The students put together welcome baskets for the new parents in the maternity ward, which includes the Gospel message and information about our church, school, and baptism. Show is grade 2 enjoying their reward, ice cream sundaes!

We celebrate famous Lutherans every chance we get. Dr. Seuss was Lutheran, so Dr. Seuss Day will be celebrated March 2. Students will be able to dress Seussically and there is Green Eggs and Ham on the lunch menu.



Please keep the school in your prayers as it continues to grow. We have tour requests weekly and plan to continue to bring the message of God's love to more and more children and their families in the coming years.

Anne Stuhlman, Principal

Easter Flowers

Quantity			Totals
# _____	6" Lily	@ \$14.00	
Make checks out to:	Immanuel Altar Guild	Total Amount	\$



In Memory of: _____

Given by (please print) _____

___ I will pick up after the 2nd service. ___ I will help deliver this flower to a shut-in.

If you would like to order an Easter Lily for the altar for Easter, please fill out the order form and attach cash or check (made out to Altar Guild) and leave it in the Altar Guild mailbox in the office. **Last day to order is Monday, March 20.**

Altar Guild Flower Fund

I prefer not to order a lily but would like to contribute to the Altar Guild flower fund. This fund will guarantee that flowers are provided for the altar on Sundays when no one has specially ordered arrangements.

Name _____ Donations \$ _____

MARCH 2023 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 David Hintz William Jabs Sue Simons	2 Michele Dubois Andrew Massaro Julie Stringer Jonathan Wegner	3 Zachary Schab	4 Linda Beaudoin
5 Elaine Larson	6 Justin Behrendt Nate DeAngelo Aaron Gorneault Marilyn Stone	7 Jay Pickhardt	8 Angelina Croce Tammy Croce Sheilah Newcity	9 Amanda Doncet Justin Kirschner Chris Schab	10 Linda Beck Myles Matthews William Niemand-Evans	11 Diane Ruffino Samantha Ruffino
12 Nathan Bentivengo Rob Redman, Jr.	13	14 Christina Curry Jackson Mitchell Kevin Reich	15 Donna Bell Sienna Galindo	16 Nathan Desjardins	17 Jordan Boucher Scott DeAngelo	18 David Werner
19 Alexandria Segal	20 Deborah Martin Dominick Ruffino	21 John Helming Michael Krampitz	22 Stephen Helming	23 Andreia DeAngelo Gregory Newcity	24 Craig Lejeune	25 Zachary Bodick
26	27 Katie Boucher Philip Wells	28 Emilee Mowatt	29	30 Ryan Bodley Hannah Mora Terri Pesce	31 Gordon Sonstroem	



*God proves his
love for us in
that while we
still were sinners
Christ died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV

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