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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.

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## Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast!

On Easter Sunday, April 9th, Immanuel is having a traditional pancake breakfast in the gymnasium. Just come on down anytime from 6:30 AM (following the Sunrise Service) until 11 AM. The men will be flipping pancakes, grilling sausage, etc. Some of our ladies will be helping to serve it all up. There will also be an Easter activity area for young people, so don't hesitate to bring your whole family, your extended family and your neighbors! This is a free event, thanks to a grant received from the LCMS New England District Lutheran Extension Fund.



## HOLY WEEK

*Worship Services*

### April 2: PALM SUNDAY

8 am – *Divine Service with Holy Communion live-streaming*

10:45 am – *Divine Service with Holy Communion*

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

### April 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:45 am and 7 pm – *with Holy Communion (7 pm with live-streaming)*

### April 7: GOOD FRIDAY

7 pm – *Tenebrae live-streaming*

### April 8: HOLY SATURDAY

7 pm – *Vigil of Easter / Service of Light live-streaming*

### 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 live-streaming*

10:45 am – *Divine Service with Holy Communion*



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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**

**“A Resurrection Reality”**

. . . *Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said.*

Matthew 28:5b-6a

Many of you are aware of my love for Renaissance art, especially Northern Renaissance Painting (if you weren't aware you probably haven't been to my office lately, where you'll find some artwork and numerous books on the subject).

But you don't have to be an art lover like me to know the name, Michelangelo.

One of the greatest artists of all time, apparently Mike could also be a pretty good public speaker. One day, at least according to one story, he got his dander up and addressed some of his fellow artists.

With some disappointment in his voice, he asked them, “Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures on the one theme of Christ in weakness, Christ on the cross and, most of all, Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate on that passing episode as if . . . the curtain dropped down there on disaster and defeat? That dreadful scene lasted only a few hours. But through unending eternity Christ is alive; Christ rules and reigns and triumphs!”

Now I believe that Jesus' death on the cross was far more representative of His power and commitment than it was of any weakness. Even so, the artists had a point: Jesus' life, suffering, and death are important, unbelievably important. Without them, we have no salvation.

But it needs to be remembered that Jesus' life didn't permanently end with

His death upon the cross of Calvary.

There is a resurrection and it's that event which shouts the triumphant message that Jesus' sufferings and His sacrifices have been accepted!

No longer is death in control. No longer is the grave the ultimate end for humanity. Because Jesus has risen, we, too, will rise. On April 9th, all of Christianity will shout the ancient greeting of the Church: “Christ is risen!” And from heaven comes this reply, “He is risen, indeed!”

May the risen Christ always live within your heart. AMEN.

Pastor Karner

*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*



2023 Confirmation on **Palm Sunday**, April 2 at the 10:45 service

**Abigail Elizabeth Deloge**

*Daughter of Dennis & Beth Deloge*

**Lindsey Ryan Donahue**

*Daughter of Robert & Lynn Donahue*

**Ethan Andrew Dubois**

*Son of Andrew & Michele Dubois*

*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

It's finally time for our first **Lunch Event** of 2023! Our Young-at-Heart group invites you to our annual Pizza Lunch at 11:30 or after our Maundy Thursday Church service in the old school basement on April 6. We always have loads of choices of pizza along with salad, desserts, and beverages for a \$5 donation at the door. Please consider this your personal invitation to join your church friends, over age 55, for food, a great program, and Christian fellowship. We hold seven lunches a year and one lunch is Free and if you donate food to share at later lunches we ask for only \$2 at the door to cover expenses.

Some older adults feel they aren't able to exercise due to physical limitations or medical problems. On April 6 our friends from Select Physical Therapy, Megan and Allison, will demonstrate a **Seated Exercise Program** that everyone can participate in. You will be able to join in and exercise with them

as they demonstrate stretches, or you can just observe and take home a handout to do the exercises on your own at home. Come and learn how you can improve your overall health!

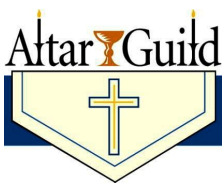
We really appreciate all of our wonderful volunteers: those who come early to set up for our lunches and those who stay after to help with clean up. Also, leaders who handle programs, finances, supplies and food. Would you like to put on a program for us, perhaps showcase your hobby, talent or special interest? We hope to welcome you as one of our new volunteers.

Invite a friend to join you on Maundy Thursday, for lunch after our morning church service or come at 11:30 to the Old School Basement to enjoy food, information, fun and fellowship. We want to send Easter Blessings to all our homebound members who are unable to join us at our lunch events. Happy Easter!!

### Upcoming events

On **May 4**, it's Greer's Chicken plus donations, with learning about the **Life Star** program.

On **June 1**, we have our Picnic with hotdogs and donations, with **Pastor's program on End of Life Decisions**. Mark your calendar now for these Springtime lunches so you don't miss out on our fellowship.



To the Altar Guild members, I'd like to thank the Altar Guild members for their caring and dedication to our Lord and Savior. Preparing the altar for communion is a big responsibility and is not to be taken lightly.

We would like to invite others from the congregation to join the Altar Guild. Our April meeting will be on the 23rd after the 8am service. Hopefully this is a convenient time for everyone.

God's blessings to all and I pray you will join us.

*Roberta Kuhr, Director*



If you would like your blood pressure taken, I will be available on the second Sunday after the 8 am service. If this is not a convenient time please leave me a message at 860-877-0022. Please join us weekly at the Parish Center on Tuesdays at 9:30am for **Walk and Talk**. All are welcomed. We are a fun group – we even laugh! Snacks and coffee provided. Weather permitting, we might even consider walking. Please join us, we'd love to see you.

If anyone in the church would like a visit from the Parish Nurse, please contact me. If someone is being admitted to the hospital or having surgery, please let me know.

God's Blessings,  
Roberta Kuhr RN BSN FCN



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

**ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2023**



There is a new flower chart for 2023 in the hallway near the library. If you would like to have flowers put on the altar for a celebration or in memory of a loved one, write your name and phone on the date you have chosen and you will receive a call about the specifics. There are quite a few openings in the coming weeks. Any questions, please call Pat Wollenberg, at 860-584-0587.

*Thank you, Pat Wollenberg*



We welcome to our Immanuel Family **Maverick Paul Tonn**, through the Rite of Holy Baptism. Son of Jordon and Aubri Tonn.

**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.



We will be having a **Ladies Lunch** on Tuesday, April 4, at BARC - 12:30 pm. Join us and bring a friend.



**Women's Bible Study**  
Tuesday, April 11 and 25 at noon.  
Bring a lunch, and join us for a Bible Study in the Parish Center.

**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](mailto:ilcshts@gmail.com).

In HIS Service,  
Howard T. Schmelder  
Congregational President

## THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOUNDATION Call for Grant and Scholarship Applications



Thanks to a generous gift, the Immanuel Lutheran Foundation has been serving diverse needs of the Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1997. This “General Fund” has provided financial support through a Grant Application Process to do those important “non-budgeted” things “for which we never seemed to have the money.”

While the Foundation’s General Fund earnings are directed to the support of *non-budgeted items*, the earnings of the Westfall Endowment Funds established some years later are directed to specific needs. These include; local expenses, school expenses, and the maintenance and upkeep of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Provisions have also been made to award five scholarships each year. One is offered to an Immanuel member entering “Preaching and Teaching” ministries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Four are available to members of Immanuel and/or graduates of the Immanuel Lutheran School enrolled in an accredited College or University with a preference given to applicants aspiring to enter the ministry, or a career in medicine, law, or engineering.

### *It’s Time!*

All this for one reason.  
*To provide continuing support for the Ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the Immanuel Lutheran Church here in Bristol.*

2023 Grant Applications are being accepted now for review beginning in April. Forms are available thru the Church Office and returned there when complete. Westfall Scholarship Applications are also available in the office and must be completed and returned to the office no later than Sunday, June 18, 2023.

The Directors begin the Grant Review Process in April and continue throughout the year as funding remains available.

Questions? Pick up a Foundation Brochure in the Church/School Lobby or contact one of the Directors; Bill Wentland, Andy Helming, Bob Wollenberg, Diane Read, Mike Killian.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Applications are available in the church office:

We are accepting applications for Immanuel Lutheran Church Scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church or graduates of Immanuel Lutheran School.

Applications are due on Sunday, June 18, 2023 in the church office.

These scholarships  
will be awarded in August.

“Given  
for  
you.”



# HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch

## I.L.O. (IMMANUEL LUTHERAN OPEN) RAISES FUNDS FOR CHURCH AND SCHOOL AT PINE VALLEY GOLF COURSE

In the late nineteen hundreds Immanuel embarked on a fund raiser/golf tournament held at Pine Valley Golf Course for several years.

The committee would meet early and often to arrange details of the outing; securing the course, arranging sponsors, lining up the appropriate insurance, doing publicity, setting up refreshments during the event, contacting vendors to arrange prizes for the course and the raffle during the dinner afterwards.

On one of the par 3 holes, we offered a prize of \$10,000 for a hole in one. This required the purchase of a special insurance policy to cover the expense. (We never had to award the prize.)

We were blessed with great weather, enthusiastic participants, generous prizes and gifts and a delicious meal during which awards were given out and the auction winners were announced. (A false rumor was circulated that Vern had an inside track on the raffle and walked away with some very special gifts.) (Later it was learned that he didn't have the math skills to figure out the odds, so it was purely luck!)



Gary Dresser and Vern Koch



Dave or Mike Hamelin? and Anne Gudegast



Nancy Denehy



Wes Zahnke on the right with golf partner



Vern Koch, Nancy Denehy, David Koch and Anne Gudegast

# The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

## *A Commercial Message*

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Photography can be much more than just having a camera and taking pictures. The Photo Club provides an excellent opportunity to improve photographic skills and provides a setting to challenge those skills by understanding what makes a good photograph from composition to artistic expression. It's also a time to share that understanding with others. We don't judge photos for "points" but constructive criticism over the years has made us all better photographers. *"We have fun!"*

**Monthly Assignments** or themes give us a reason to try new things and push the limits of our knowledge. Over 350 photographs were shown at the Club meetings since September. The photos shown below are examples but they may not be the best. *It is impossible to pick the best.*

**The Photo Club meets on the First Tuesday of Each Month except July and August at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. *Join Us!***



January - Red



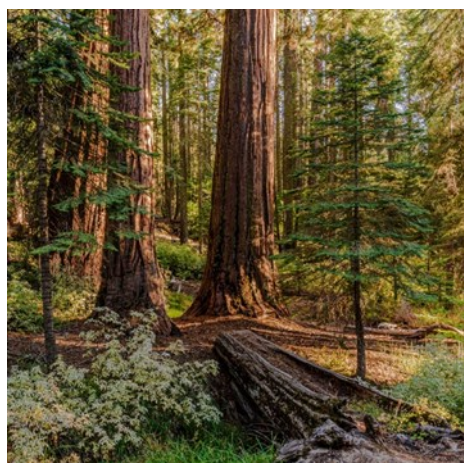
October - More Than One



November - Doors & Porches



December - Black & White



September - My All-Time Best



February - Close-Up

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

**From the Principal's Desk**

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Saturday, March 18, the school held the first mother-son Nerf Night. Boys were invited to bring their mothers or chosen adults to spend the evening in a nerf war. The guests were treated to pizza and hotdogs during the event. The boys had tremendous fun. Next year we will require goggles for all guests.

Spring Break will take place April 10-14. The PK through 8th grade classes will be on recess. An April Camp will be available for parents who need childcare. Little Lambs will remain open.

The teachers, staff and Board of Christian Education are preparing for the upcoming NLSA accreditation visit, April 18-20. The team of visitors is coming from as far away as Illinois. The three-day visit will culminate in a report which outlines the school's strengths and areas that could improve. The congregation will be updated in the April Voter's Meeting.

Thank you for supporting our school!  
Anne Stuhlman, Principal



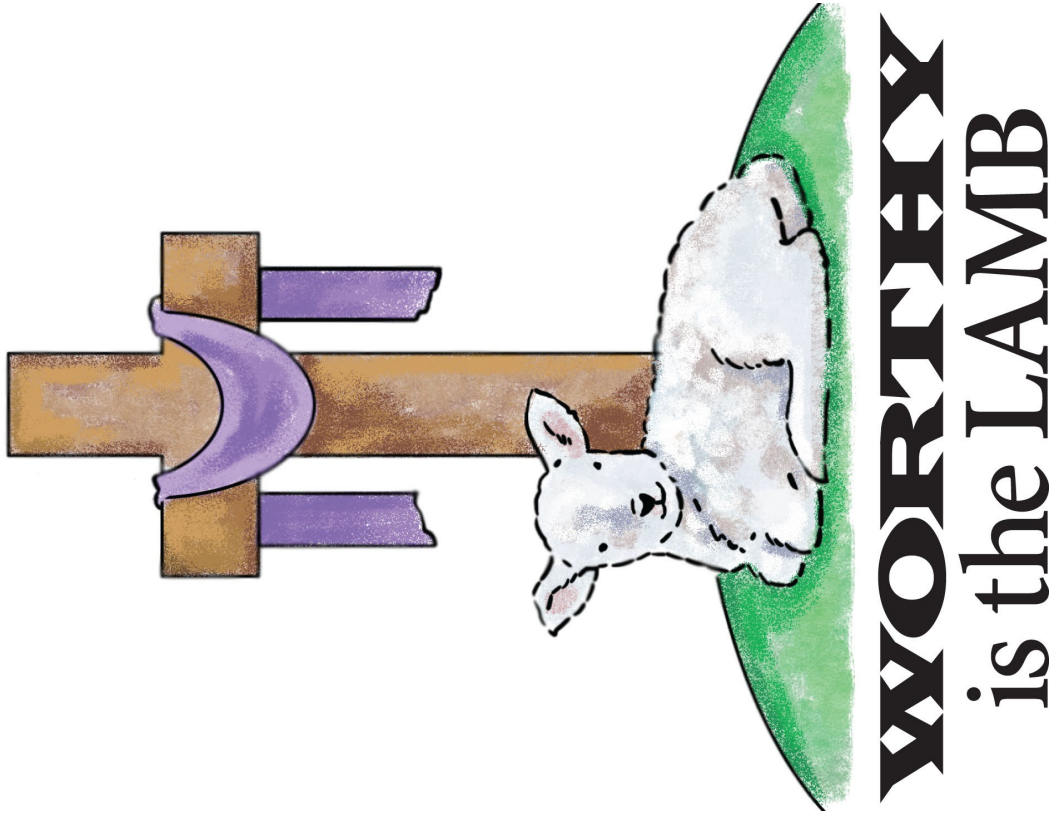



“Did you find Mr. Koch?”



APRIL 2023 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Margaret Cassala Noreen Kirschner
2 Timothy Sonstroem Kristy Wolfe	3 David Grossmann	4 Michael Triplett	5 Deanne Dejesus Albert May Jacob Wolfe	6 Judith Buonafede Mary Kuharski Kendall Raymond	7	8 Benjamin Schuler
9 Gabriella Buonafede	10 Morgan Bielert William Palmisano, Jr. Ann Winters	11 Maliki Matthews	12 Brandon Kohl Danish Nazir	13	14 William Emmert	15 Jennifer Phillips Dawn Raymond
16 Jared Harrington Barbara Nye	17 Janet Hackett	18 Jessica Divinere Anna Hamelin	19 Amelia Stevens	20 Dillon Kohl Aliza Redman Alyson Schaffrick Rick Simons	21 Preston Fitzgerald Charles McIntyre	22
23	24 Daniel Bielert, II	25	26 Jacob Holcomb Janice Monzillo RoseMarie Pavlik David Ryskowski	27 Julie Perry	28 Randolf Jabs Amanda Neumann Joanne Tanasi	29 Gladys Lagace
30 Ryan Hislop Becky Wells						



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