

Rev. Kevin A. Karner  
Pastor



# Messenger

July 2023

Vol. 23 No. 7

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



## Congratulations to ALL of our Immanuel Lutheran Graduates

### 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  
154 Meadow Street  
Bristol, CT 06010  
860-583-5649  
www.ilcs.org

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members,*

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve in the school ministry at Immanuel. I have been so very blessed by the experience. I will miss seeing so many of you on a regular basis, and hope to see you each October at the Sauerkraut Supper.*

*Blessings!  
Anne Stuhlman*



### 8th Grade Graduates

Left to Right: Ethan Dubois, Addyson Benkert, Emily Correa, and Lindsey Donahue



### Kindergarten Graduates



### PK4 Graduates



Messenger is published monthly by Immanuel Lutheran Church and School for its members and friends.

Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

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

### ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

June – July – August

#### **SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE**

with Holy Communion  
9:00 A.M.  
— (Live Streaming) —  
~ ~ ~

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE**  
10:00 A.M.  
~ ~ ~

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
10:30 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**

# **“Let Freedom Ring!”**

The word, “FREE”, is one of the most popular words in the English language; and along with it, “FREEDOM”. This month we’ll be celebrating the freedoms that we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. It’s appropriate for all, but especially for Christians, to give thanks to God for all His blessings, which includes freedom from political oppression and tyranny.

That being said, our nation’s political landscape is changing before our very eyes, and it has less to do with who’s occupying the White House, and more to do with a Marxist “wokeness ideology” that is antagonistic to Christianity. Our “one nation, under God” is slowly drifting away from our Judeo-Christian heritage and, in the words of one author, “slouching toward Gomorrah” (a reference to the biblical town at the southern end of the Dead Sea violently destroyed for its wickedness). And with this political change we’re beginning to see an erosion of basic liberties that our fore-fathers fought to the death to secure.

The “Bill of Rights” is the collective name for the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. Proposed to assuage the fears of Anti-Federalists who had opposed Constitutional ratification, these amendments guarantee a number of personal freedoms, limit the government’s power in judicial and other proceedings, and reserve some powers to the states and the public. The Bill of Rights enumerates freedoms not explicitly indicated in the main body of the Constitution, such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, a free press, and free assembly; the right to keep and bear arms; freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, and others. The First Amendment prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, abridging the freedom of speech, infringing on the freedom of the press, interfering with the right to peaceably assemble or prohibiting the petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances.

So what does this American history and civics lesson have to do with you and Immanuel Lutheran Church? Well, as members of the Body of Christ, we have a responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus as we care for the welfare of our neighbors. And that’s why nine years ago the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod launched an education and awareness campaign called “Religious Liberty: Free to Be Faithful.” It’s designed to protect American citizens’ freedom of religion, to maintain the rights afforded in the Constitution for future generations, and to respond to increasing intrusions by government in the realm of the church. The campaign’s main goal is to educate and move LCMS rostered members and laity to take informed action to protect religious freedom and all the cultural issues that pertain to it: the definition of marriage, the work of social service organizations, confessing the faith in the public square, aspects of the Health and Human Services mandate and the like. You can find more information at <http://www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful>.

Another organization that is doing excellent work in this area is the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). ADF is a servant ministry building an alliance to keep the door open for the spread of the Gospel by transforming the legal system and advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family. More information is available at <http://www.alliancedefendingfreedom.org/about>.

These United States are still a great nation (as all the patriotic music and fireworks displays will remind us), but Christians must remain diligent in their faithfulness to God. The Scriptures are clear: “We must obey God rather than men.” Our obedience to Him is the result of the spiritual freedom we have in Christ – free from the eternal consequences of sin, and death, and the power of the devil. And THAT’S the most important freedom of all!

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

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*

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



**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**



Robert "Bob" L. Bergeron  
June 22, 1935 — June 20, 2023



**New Dates For German Festival 2023!**

Friday  
August 25, 2023  
6-9PM  
&  
Saturday  
August 26, 2023  
12-9PM



**Sign Up To Volunteer At The Christian Mart!**

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**German Festival Committee**

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, July 11th  
7:00 PM  
In the  
Parish Center

All committee members are  
requested to attend!



**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

## Young at Heart

Summertime greetings to all of our "over age 50" members and friends!

We never hold a summer lunch in July, but we are again holding an August 3 Lunch for your enjoyment. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget about this opportunity for food and fellowship on Thursday, August 3 in the old school basement (OSB). Like last year, it will be a COLD LUNCH and we are asking everyone who comes to bring a COLD item for our buffet tables, and donate \$2 at the door. Suggestions are: fruits, sandwiches, salads of all kinds, jello, vegetables, tuna, cheeses, beverages (nothing hot). We will only be eating what YOU bring at 11:30, so this will be an interesting and exciting lunch for all of us.

For our August program, we'll have Tom Dickau, an expert on Bristol history, with us to present, "Bristol and Forestville 'Recycled' Then and Now". It will be a look into the past at the old buildings in town

prior to redevelopment, and how they are being re-purposed and used today. Tom has done many presentations of Bristol's history for the Historical Society over the years and we are excited to welcome him on August 3 to the OSB.

Mark your calendar also for Thursday, September 7, when we will hold an International Lunch at 11:30. Let's fill our buffet tables with interesting foods, from Italy, Spain, Germany, Mexico, China, Sweden, etc. We'll supply the beverages and we'll expect everyone who comes to add a dish to our buffet tables. What a fun lunch this will be on September 7.

Did you know that our annual German Fest will be August 25 & 26 this year, not September? We will need you to bake all those German Cakes we need in our Dessert area, so plan now to sign up to volunteer and help out.

Greet one another at our 9 am. Church service, Coffee Hour and Bible Study on Sundays this summer!

### BAKERS! BAKERS! GERMAN CAKE BAKERS NEEDED!!



At our German Festival on August 25-26, we will need about 50 Cakes in our Dessert area in the old school basement. We slice and package the cakes, hopefully made from authentic German recipes, that we will sell on Friday evening and Saturday. Actually many different apple cakes and chocolate cakes come in for a wonderful assortment from Black Forest cakes to Apple strudel. Please **sign up** on Sundays near the Christian Mart or at Coffee Hour or during the week in the church office. Some recipes will be available. Thanking you in advance for helping!

### Women of Immanuel

The annual potluck luncheon was held on Saturday, June 10 in the OSB. President Claudia Bishop welcomed all in attendance to our wonderful buffet lunch.



### Bakers needed for our Bake Sale!

At our German Festival on Saturday, August 26, we need baked goods to be sold in the old school basement. These baked goods are sold to be taken home. Examples are pies, breads, packaged cookies and other goodies. Proceeds from our bake sale go to help others.

**Thank You!** For supporting our monthly coffee hour, your donations are used to help others.

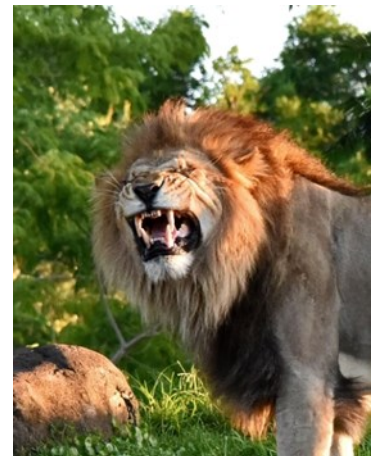
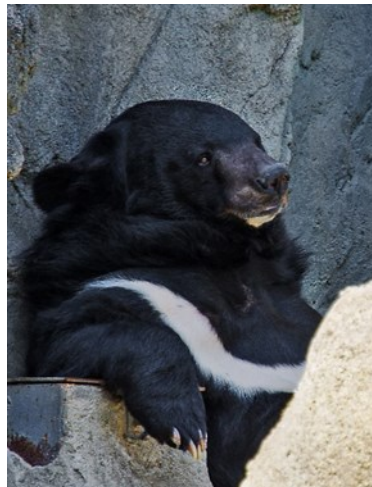
# 2023 Vacation Bible School in Pictures



## The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

# ***BackYard Wildlife Photography***

You may not have considered photographing wildlife from your own backyard so it's very likely that you're missing out on some fantastic photographs. With a good camera perhaps equipped with a telephoto lens, you're able to capture images you may never have thought possible before. Don't get too close or you'll frighten the animals away ... or vice-versa! *As evidenced below, NOT ALL BACKYARDS ARE EQUAL AND SOME WILL PROVIDE FAR MORE OPPORTUNITIES THAN OTHERS.*



**Join us!** *Our next meeting is, Tuesday, September 5, at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.*

# HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch



Ronald Rice

Kathy Zabel

Bobby Stange

Joan Buchanan

Tom Strecker

Carolyn Smith

Mr. Koch



Jon Laser

Lynnette Hurder

Brian Tassinari

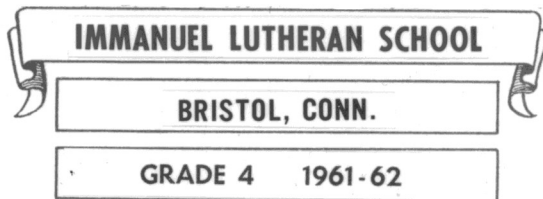
Linda Daveluy

David Oleson

Jean Buchanan

Ben Horton

Pam Prindle



Debbie Schultz

Peter Werner

Linda Semrow

Rick Gurgigno



John Schrader

Cindy Souney

John Macholz

Erma Hummel

Stephen Hein

Karen Miller

Bruce Boyko

Jacky Horton



Patty Stange

Ken Erling

Jennifer Norton

Kurt Zurell

Janis Barnes

Loretta Miller

Dorothy Embury

Janet Klepps

Not pictured: Jeff Damato, Nancy Helming, Diane Miller

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

More of the Washington, D.C. Field Trip May 21-26. On Thursday morning we left at 6:00 AM for Gettysburg. Our segway tour started at 8:30. We had a thorough 4-hour tour of the battlefield. It was very educational.





The Board of Trustees is asking our Members to make us aware of any maintenance issues you notice. Please fill out this form and leave it in the Board of Trustees mailbox in the office. Thank you.

**MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR REQUEST**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION & BRIEF DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

# JULY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**1**  
Andrew Helming

**2**  
Leonard Maron

**3**  
Alyssa Kirschner  
Robert Pease

**4**  
*happy Fourth of July!*

**5**  
Sienna Tonn

**6**  
Donna Hiscock

**7**  
Dorothy Duessel  
Janice Eschner  
Elizabeth Helming  
Cameron Perry

**8**  
Darrin Bodley  
Matthew Croze  
Erika Raspanti  
Amelia Tessier

**9**  
Wanda Hubbard  
Dee Krampitz  
Carol Maron  
Wendy Palmisano

**10**  
Melanie Moliengo  
Rocco Pesce

**11**  
Greyson Fortier

**12**  
Meghan Carder  
Jessica Lundquist

**13**  
Bill Fabrizio  
Jennifer McIntyre  
Eric Therrien

**14**  
Elizabeth Fitz  
Lynn Kisser  
Beth Schroeder

**15**  
John Fitzherbert, Jr.

**16**  
Tyler Beaudet  
Brooke Wells

**17**  
Chandler Boutin  
Linda White

**18** Mary Aszklar  
Todd Gorneault  
Elizabeth Moliengo  
Staci Morel-Poole  
Shannon Richards  
Rebecca Runk  
Grace Stevens

**19**  
Edward Miller  
Donald Smuda  
Jared Tessman

**20**  
Kevin Daly  
Debbie Krueger  
Rhoda Lange

**21**  
Gregory Croze  
Amelia Schuler

**22**  
Marvin Heidom  
Albert Houle, IV  
Nathaniel Milano  
Katie Tessman

**23**  
Megan Swicklas

**24**  
Marilyn Triplett

**25**  
Richard Armington  
Jennifer DeAngelo  
Kajia Niemand-Evan  
Jacqueline Phillips

**26**  
Lorene Berrian  
Adam Houle  
Elizabeth Houle  
Sarah Williams

**27**  
Kevin Karner  
Nicholas Madigan

**28**  
Susan Bodick  
Rebecca Turley

**29**  
Makenzie Jankowski

**30** Matthew Dennis  
Jack Gohsler  
Keith Hogan  
Whitney Massaro  
Joseph Reed  
Mason Roy  
Tyler Thormahlen  
Doris Wegner

**31**



**Messenger** 

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN HURCH  
 154 MEADOW STREET  
 BRISTOL, CT 06010  
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT  
 ORGANIZATION  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 BRISTOL, CT 06010  
 PERMIT NO. 382