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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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Church and School**  
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Thanksgiving Eve  
Nov. 22 at 7 pm  
District President  
Beinke will be the  
guest pastor.

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Advent begins on  
Sunday, Dec. 3.



Thank you to ALL our Sauerkraut Supper volunteers!



(See more **Supper** pictures on Page 4)

## SYMBOLS IN THE SANCTUARY

### IHS

stands for "In the Name of Jesus". All we do and say in worship revolves around our Savior and his death on the cross, often from his words directly, or from those to whom he has given the authority to bring that good news to all mankind.





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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**

**“Thanksgiving Quotient”**

*Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Ephesians 5:20.

So, what's your “Thanksgiving Quotient” this year?

With wars, economic difficulties, political strife, and an uncertain future, it might not be at its highest.

So, how do you feel about St. Paul who wrote we should give “thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”?

Some might say the apostle needed a “reality check.” In fact, there have been times when I might've agreed with that opinion. But not any more. What follows is an article that might change your opinion, too.

In this November / Thanksgiving issue of *The Messenger* I'll share it with you in hopes it may help.

“I am thankful for all of the following things:

The taxes I pay because it means the Lord has given me an income.

I am thankful for snug clothes that show the Lord has put plenty on my table.

For weeds and clogged gutters because it shows the Lord has given me a home.

For high gas prices, because it shows I have a car and the ability to drive.

For my candidate who was or was not elected because I have been blessed to live in “the Land of the Free.”

For piles of laundry which is God's way of saying I have more than ‘two robes.’

For an alarm clock that goes off every day. The Lord wants me to know I'm needed.

For duplicate emails from my friends because it means I have friends and they are thinking about me.”

That list could go on. And it should go on. It should be modified and personalized and thought about by every one of us. Truly, we complain about hard times, but the world knows differently. The Lord has blessed us.

Now, in response to His generosity, we can thank and praise, serve and share Him. We can thank Him for unnoticed and unappreciated gifts; we can share His Son's sacrifice, and how it has saved us. In Jesus' Name we can give thanks.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, for earthly gifts neither earned nor deserved, I give thanks. Now, I pray that my life may be filled with thanksgiving for the Son and the salvation His sacrifice provides. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Pastor Karner

*1 Thessalonians 5:23*

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



**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**



Michael Cassala


November 11, 1928 — October 3, 2023



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.

*Mid-Week Worship this month:*  
**Thanksgiving Eve**  
**Nov. 22**  
**7 pm**  
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*Mid-Week Worship in December:*  
**Advent**  
**Dec. 6**  
**Dec. 13**  
**Dec. 20**  
**10:45 am and 7 pm**

  
**THANK YOU !**  
You are invited to Immanuel Lutheran School's Annual Veterans Day Celebration Friday, November 10, at 9:00 AM  
**All Veterans will be recognized and thanked for their service.**  
**We look forward to seeing you!**

From your   
**WALK AND TALK** – Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us.  
**LADIES LUNCHEON** – Tuesday, November 14, at 12:30 at BARC. Bring a Friend, men are welcomed.  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Tuesday, November 21, 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.  
Roberta Kuhr,  
Parish Nurse  
home #860-621-0230




Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Roberta and Walter Kuhr

# Supper (Continued from Page 1)



**The Women of Immanuel** will hold their annual Christmas potluck on Saturday, December 16 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 \$457.49.

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

Thank you from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League



## Young at Heart

We are celebrating this month as it is almost 30 years since Immanuel's members and Pastors started this Lunch Program in 1994. Last month 35 of us enjoyed a wonderful German Lunch followed by a fun Oktoberfest Bingo as we viewed photos from our August German Fest.

On Thursday, November 2 at 11:30 in the original school building, 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 only \$2, if you bring food to share. Questions? Call Lynda H. 860-585-7004.

We will be welcoming an authority on "Hearing Loss in Older Adults" from Beltone. Invitations for our annual Christmas Party will be distributed at this lunch or mailed to you. Join us on Thursday, December 7 at 11:30 at Max IV Restaurant on Middle St on the second floor (elevator) where there is easy parking and we're the only group there. If you didn't get an invitation, please call the church office and one will be mailed out to you so you can join us.

Remember to mark your calendar for Nov.2, Nov. 26 (deadline) and Dec. 7 so you don't miss our special events. Why stay home alone - enjoy the Christian fellowship we have offered over 25 years.

## ~ From the New England District ~

Good afternoon,

Are you interested in serving the Lord by being a Pastor or Deaconess?

On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran Church in Boston, MA, Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt will be preaching at the 8AM and 11AM services. Rev. Wietfeldt is the Assistant Vice President of Admissions of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

In between the services, he'll be presenting about the seminary and will have a special Q and A time following the late service. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocations of being a pastor or deaconess.

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*-Matthew 9:37-38

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. David Jacoby, NED Recruitment Chair

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James L. Markus, Pastor

October 13, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was blessed to serve as a vicar at Immanuel for the 1984-85 school year under Pastors Mulder and Schult. However, most of my time, that year, was spent serving the St. John's congregation in Waterbury where I also later served as Pastor from 1986-89.

I'm writing to inform you of my retirement. In the event that there might still be a few people there who remember me, I would like to invite them to join my retirement service on January 14th at 3pm our time via zoom meeting #501 2885254 Passcode 675675. I would also welcome any cards of remembrance of my time with you.

Thank you for sharing the word.

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Jim Markus

## The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

# **Roadtrip - A Guaranteed Success Story**

### ***Shoot the Hill-Stead Museum***



A special lady and  
a special house!  
Read more about  
Theodate Pope and  
the Hill-Stead

It's time to exercise your photography skills! Try the *Hill-Stead Museum and Gardens*, 35 Mountain Road off Main Street at Miss Porter's School in Farmington. The Hill-Stead, a 1901 Colonial Revival-style house built was designed by the **famous pioneering female architect Theodate Pope Riddle** for her parents. For her first architectural project, Theodate designed elegant rooms their frequent entertaining and created a canvas for her father's extensive collection of paintings and decorative arts. In the surrounding grounds, Theodate created a unified landscape that included a working farm, vegetable gardens, greenhouses and ornamental gardens. The grounds are open to the public. A fee is charged to tour the museum.



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

# HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch



Mark Jabs

Nancy  
Burkhardt

Warren  
Kirschner

Joan  
Herman

Mark  
Simonides

Debby  
Kristofick

Mr. Koch



Mark Barnes

Laura Spiess

Bruce  
Helming

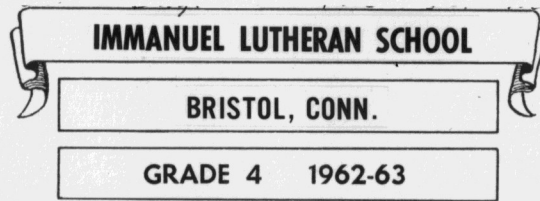
Ingrid  
Strunk

Thomas  
Selnau

Marsha Jabs

Bobby  
Palmisano

Donna  
Woike



Eleanor  
Wiegert

Brooke  
Mitchel

Linda Zurell

Alan  
Spadjinski



Keith Dubay

Karen  
Meusel

Jeff Hartman

Claudia  
Smith

Warren  
Zurell

Susan  
Kapchinski

Wayne  
Dubnanski

Allison  
Frank



Robby  
Lehmert

Arthur Barry

Eddy  
Poglitsch

Greg Erling

Roger  
Malsheke

John Tanasi

Richard  
Bohn

Alan Riedel

Not pictured: Paulette Beland, Joseph Petke and Lynn Wentland

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

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

The month of October has been filled with many activities and acts of service, and it began with learning about fire safety from our local fire department, conditioning and practicing for our upcoming basketball games, conferencing with parents about student progress, visiting with seniors to carve pumpkins, and serving up good food at the sauerkraut supper!

We are currently preparing for our annual veterans day program on November 10th at 9am in the sanctuary, and you are encouraged to invite all of the veterans you know to attend. The students have been preparing songs, poems, and prayers to share with the veterans and we look forward to the opportunity to thank them for their service.

Please continue to pray for our school to grow so we may have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with more families in our community!

Yours in Christ,  
Debbie Krueger, Principal



Children enjoying Sunday School with Teachers Diane Ruffino and George Tavernier.



### 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** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

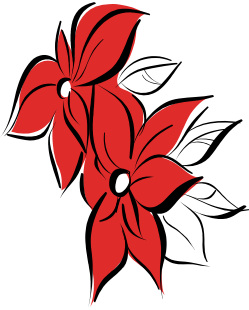
\_\_\_\_\_ **1 for me, 1 for church @ \$35.00** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 2023 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11</b></p>					
<p><b>5</b></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>	<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><b>7</b> Janet Riemer Suzanne Wentland</p> <p><b>14</b> Holly Fitz 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 Delaney Parenteau Chelsea Schaffrick</p>	<p><b>3</b> Sandra Fabrizio 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> Duane Reich</p>	<p><b>4</b> Albert Emmert</p> <p><b>11</b> Shirley Bartucca Rowan Morel-Poole Jacob Turley</p> <p><b>18</b> Rudolph Jabs Paul Newport Robert Theriault</p> <p><b>25</b> Warren Kirschner Michael Lauretti, Sr.</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 26.**

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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