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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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Bristol, CT 06010
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www.ilcs.org

Congratulations to ALL of our Immanuel Lutheran Graduates



8th Grade Graduates

Left to Right: Kody Dragon, Gianna Fabrizio, Alice Denoncourt, and Ryley Reid



Kindergarten Graduates



PK4 Graduates



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June – July – August

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE

with Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.

— (Live Streaming) —

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FELLOWSHIP COFFEE
10:15 A.M.

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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

“For He Is Good”

Psalm 107:1— *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!*

Only 25 days after the Declaration of Independence had been signed by the last delegate, General George Washington's army found itself trapped on the edge of Brooklyn, New York's, East River. The British had 20,000 seasoned soldiers ready to attack the 8,000 inexperienced, raw Colonials.

The end, as everyone could plainly see, was imminent.

It would have been imminent, but for some reason -- some illogical, inexplicable reason -- the British forces drew up short. They hesitated. Some have suggested the British commander was waiting for his fleet to sail up the river. The fleet didn't come, at least not when they were expected. A northwest wind blew, rains came, and the British ships couldn't set sail.

If the British hesitated, Washington didn't.

Under the cover of darkness, using small boats, Washington led his men in retreat. With haste, carrying a few men at a time, the boats crisscrossed the river. The goal was to save as much of the army as was possible. The night passed before the job was completed. The approach of dawn would make the ferrying boats target practice for the skilled artillerymen of the British.

That's the way history might've written the end of the Rebel Army, but it didn't happen that way.

Just as the sun came up, so did a fog. It wasn't so thick you couldn't see your hand in front of your face, but it was thick enough so visibility was reduced to less than 20 feet. The fog hung on until the last Colonial boat, the one with Washington, was launched.

The best the British could do was lob some shells at Washington's boat, which was out of range.

Sitting, as you are in your comfortable house, far removed from that time, you may be thinking quite a coincidence or some luck or a great throw of the dice. It would be foolish to think that God sent the rains, that God directed the winds, that God brought up the fog.

Every modern, sophisticated thinker knows Washington's escape was pure fate.

That's what some today would say, but almost every one of the American soldiers who recorded the events of that night gave credit for these “coincidental happenings” to the Triune God. And there were many British troops who wondered if they shouldn't go home since the Lord was obviously fighting for the Colonies.

No doubt, many of the American men, having been delivered by this miracle, thought of Psalm 107:1: *“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!”*

Of course, all this was over two-and-a-quarter centuries ago. Much of America has become too sophisticated to rely on God, to think of Him, or thank Him. And that, my friends, is a big mistake. You see, God's mercy endures forever, but His patience does not.

Far better for those in America to give thanks to the Lord for not only giving us forgiveness and salvation through His Son, but also for His blessings and freedoms, which are far more dependable than are our thanks.

THE PRAYER: At this time of picnics and fireworks and family, may Your people also give thanks for Your hand of protection, which has guided us in the past even as it does today. This we ask in the Savior's Name.

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



Michael L. Theriault
August 7, 1953 — May 20, 2024



S. Anne Gudegast
November 25, 1931 — June 12, 2024



**God's Living Water
VBS July 8 – 12**

Registration — available on
line at ILCS.org or pick up the
form in the office.

- Bible Lesson:** Alyssa Kirschner
- Crafts:** Christy Hislop, Andrea Jabs & Beth Deloge
- Music:** Dave Kisser, George Tavernier & Cole Kruger
- Snack:** Cordie Behrendt, Laurie Grekula & Alice Helming
- Games:** Will & Ben Jabs
- Science:** Jill Dolan
- Grade Leaders:** Janet Reimer, Maggie Theriault, Abby Deloge, Lorrin Jackson, Gabriella Buonafede and Logan Jackson
- Registration:** Beth Mazzaccaro & Michelle Tavernier

We are still in need of Junior and Senior High School students to volunteer. We need leaders to take the different grades to their classes.

—Brenda Buonafede

Please join us weekly at the Parish Center in **JULY**.



CARDS Every Monday at 1:00 pm. Open to all adults. Please join us for an afternoon of laughs.

Walking every Tuesday at 9:00 weather permitting, and **Walk and Talk** at 9:30 am. All are welcomed. We are a fun group – we even laugh! Snacks and coffee provided. Please join us, we'd love to see you.



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, **July 2 and 16** at noon.
Bring a lunch, and join us for a Bible Study in the Parish Center.

LADIES LUNCH

We will be having a **Ladies Lunch** on Tuesday, **July 9**, at BARC - 12:30 pm. Join us and bring a friend.

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
860-621-0230



The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to join in the preparing of the Lord's altar for church services. You would be assigned for one month a year with other volunteers. I pray that you will find it in your heart to join us. Please contact me if you are interested.

God's blessings,
Roberta Kuhr
860-621-0230

Young at Heart

Summertime greetings to all our “over age 50” members and friends also from Holy Trinity, Terryville!

We never hold a summer lunch in July especially this year as the first Thursday is July 4! We are planning a wonderful COOL lunch for you on Thursday, August 1 at 11:30 in the Old School Basement. Like last year, it will be a COLD LUNCH and everyone should bring a COLD item for our buffet tables and donate \$2 at the door. We will only be eating what YOU bring at 11:30, so this will be an interesting and exciting lunch for us all. Suggestions are: Fruits, Sandwiches, Salads of all kinds, Jello, Vegetables, Tuna, Cheeses, Bread, and cool beverages (nothing hot).

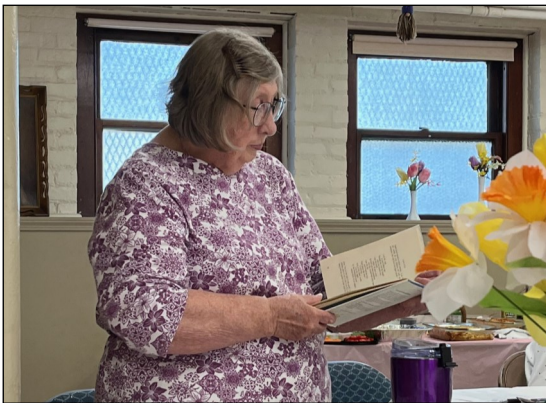
We are excited to have the directors of **KINDCARE** Assisted Living come to talk about their new facility right here on the North Main St. corner. They will talk about the differences between assisted living and nursing home care and talk about their new facility

right in our church neighborhood. Come on August 1 and get informed about the levels of care you or a loved one may need in the future.

We would like you to also mark your calendar for Thursday, September 5 when we will at 11:30AM hold an INTERNATIONAL LUNCH. Let's fill our buffet tables with interesting foods from around the world, perhaps from Italy, Spain, Mexico, China, Sweden, Germany, etc. We'll supply the beverages and expect everyone who comes to add a dish to our buffet tables. What a fun lunch this will be on September 5. Jason Krueger, Director of our Bristol Senior Center, will do a presentation on resources and activities we have access to right here in Bristol through the Senior Center.

Greet one another at our 9 am Worship Service this summer then, go to the Coffee reception and Bible Study!

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Women of Immanuel ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



A wonderful spring potluck was held on Saturday, June 16. Claudia Bishop, our president, opened with an inspiring devotion and everyone enjoyed good food and Christian fellowship.

Through the wonderful donations people make during our monthly coffee hour (*the second Sunday of each month*) we were able to donate \$300 to Orphan Grain Train, \$100 to Vacation Bible School and \$100 to the Radio Ministry.



Please watch the Sunday bulletin as we get closer to the German Festival in September. Women of Immanuel will once again have our Bake Sale on Friday night and Saturday of the German Festival. We ask people to donate to our bake sale. Money made from the bake sale goes to Immanuel and local groups.

The bake sale is separate from the German cakes we need for the dessert tables.

Register your child today!

It's time to register for 2024 Vacation Bible School!

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
JULY 8-12, 2024
9:00 AM-12:30 PM

This is a **FREE**, fun week-long event filled with music, activities, crafts and more!

REGISTER TODAY!*

*VBS is for children entering Pre-K4 through 6th grade.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL | WWW.ILCS.ORG | 154 Meadow Street, Bristol, CT



SCAN TO REGISTER



IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER!

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL DATES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

&

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO VOLUNTEER!

#1 - Provide your information on the volunteer signup sheet located on the glass display at the Christian Mart .

#2 - Visit <https://app.getzelos.com/i/HqhJMmgj> **OR** scan the QR code to the right to select specific tasks and time slots that you would like to volunteer for. Just click on "Join Team" enter your email address, etc. and you'll be able to choose your time slots. It's super easy to do!



Scan me

**Freiwillige
sorgen für
Spaß!**

Volunteers bring
the fun!

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

Roadtrip- *A Generous Slice of Life.* Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park

There are 63 national parks in the U.S. but only one in the Northeast. With dramatic seaside cliffs, 150 miles of Hiking Trails, and 45 miles of Carriage Roads, it's one of the most popular national parks-3.87 million visitors last year. The 46,000 acres of Acadia attracts so many visitors that each summer, timed-entry reservations are required for Cadillac Summit Road and the famous Carriage Rides. The town of Bar Harbor, a vibrant piece of Downeast Maine, abuts Acadia along Frenchman Bay on Mount Desert Island. It serves as a delightful gateway to the mountains and cliffs of Acadia, and ... *It's a great place to take your camera!*



Join us! *Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.*



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ School News ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

After spending a short time in school during the month of June, we are now out for the summer! Teachers and students will have some time off to rejuvenate before we begin again at the end of August.

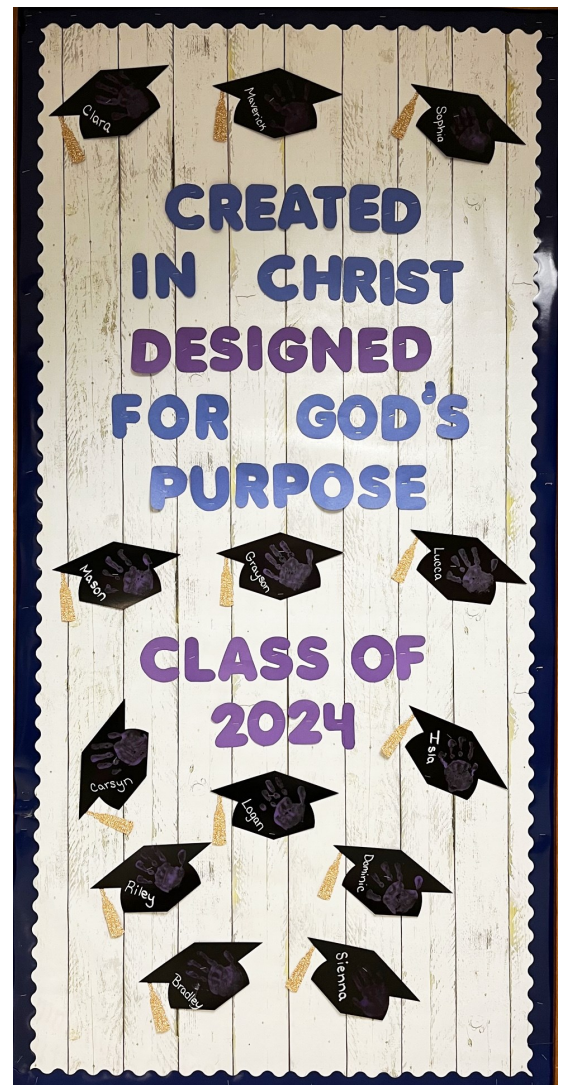
Our toddler and infant programs will continue throughout the summer, along with our day camp for students in preschool up to grade 3. Each week focuses on a special theme that connects to a Bible story as we continue to share the love of Jesus all summer long!

Preparations are currently underway for the coming school year. Maintenance and cleaning will be done along with updating our policies and procedures. Tours will be given to new families and we will continue to enroll students over the coming months. We pray that God will bless our school and lead new families to us, so we can advance our mission of providing academic excellence to our students, and help them and their families develop a lasting relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Debbie Krueger



Pre K4 class having lunch.



INFANT CARE
6 weeks to 14 months

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE SUMMER!
CALL FOR A TOUR
(860) 583-5631

TODDLER PROGRAM
14 months to 3 years

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

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THE PERFECT PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD TO GROW, PLAY, DISCOVER & LEARN!



Flat Stanley Goes to Bristol, Connecticut

by Autum Koch, (March 2005)

This is the story of little Flat Stanley. One day he had a bad accident. A bulletin board fell on him. Luckily he wasn't hurt, only make flat. After a lot of work, he needed to have a vacation. His friend, Autum, sent him to enjoy some time with Grandma and Grandpa in Bristol, Connecticut. Here is his story.



Flat Stanley goes to school at Immanuel Lutheran School.

As I was going into the school I wanted to get a better look at the name. As I got closer I got stuck behind the pipe, Finally got free and went into the office



Flat Stanley meets Mrs. B and Mrs. Neagley.

Mrs. B is the school secretary. It was fun watching her fingers type and then see words come up on the screen right away. It is called a computer. I have never seen anything like it before! Mrs. Neagley is the principal. She was very friendly to me.



Flat Stanley visits the Chapel Ringers playing chimes.

The fourth graders at Immanuel play hand chimes. They learn to play songs that can be used in Chapel services on Wednesday. When they get good enough on chimes they get to use handbells. Handbells are a little harder to play.



Flat Stanley watches the Alleluia Ringers.

The fifth grade handbell choir is known as the Alleluia Ringers. They are the first grade allowed to play handbells. They ring the bells, hit the bells with mallets and sometimes strike the bell on the padded table. They really enjoy playing handbells.



Flat Stanley visits with Grandpa and Pastor Schumacher on St. Patrick's Day.

On March 17 Flat Stanley had lunch with Grandpa and Pastor Schumacher in the teachers' room at Immanuel. Grandpa was wearing his St. Patrick's Day tie, suspenders and special pins.

Flat Stanley helps with the Easter Lilies.

This is Marsha. She sings in the choir and is also in charge of arranging the lilies around the altar for Easter. Marsha and I put 50 lilies around the altar, by the cross, and by the altar rail. She and I are good buddies.



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Flat Stanley goes to the Sunrise Service on the hill.
 At 5:30 Easter morning we gathered on a hill by Marsha's house to worship in a Sunrise Service. It was cold but the sun came up behind the cross during the service. It was so beautiful. A man dressed as Pontius Pilate came to the service and told us about how Jesus was crucified and died. But then He rose again on Easter to forgive our sins and take us to Heaven with Him.

Flat Stanley sees the special cross for Lent.
 This is another one of my good friends, Pastor Bridges. During Lent her talked about important objects of Lent: ashes, nails, a crown of thorns, a spear, a whip, a chalice, 30 pieces of silver, and a sign that read INRI (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). During most of Lent a purple cloth was on the cross. But for Easter a white cloth was used to tell us that Jesus had risen. I sure did learn a lot about the savior.



JULY 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Sun

7
 Dorothy Duessel
 Janice Eschner
 Elizabeth Helming
 Cameron Perry

14
 Elizabeth Fitz
 Lynn Kisser
 Beth Schroeder

21
 Gregory Croze
 Amelia Schuler

28
 Susan Bodick
 Rebecca Turley

Mon

1
 Andrew Helming

8
 Darrin Bodley
 Matthew Croze
 Erika Raspanti
 Amelia Tessier

15
 John Fitzherbert, Jr.

22
 Marvin Heidorn
 Albert Houle, IV
 Nathaniel Milano
 Katie Tessman

29
 Makenzie Jankowski

Tue

2
 Leonard Maron

9
 Wanda Hubbard
 Dee Krampitz
 Carol Maron
 Wendy Palmisano

16
 Tyler Beaudet
 Brooke Wells

23
 Megan Swicklas

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

Wed

3
 Alyssa Kirschner
 Robert Pease

10
 Melanie Moliengo
 Rocco Pesce

17
 Chandler Boutin

24
 Marilyn Triplett

31

Thu

4 *Happy Fourth of July!*

11
 Greyson Fortier

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

25
 Jennifer DeAngelo
 Jacqueline Phillips

Fri

5
 Sienna Tonn

12
 Meghan Carder
 Jessica Lundquist

19
 Donald Smuda
 Jared Tessman

26
 Lorene Berrian
 Adam Houle
 Elizabeth Houle
 Sarah Williams

Sat

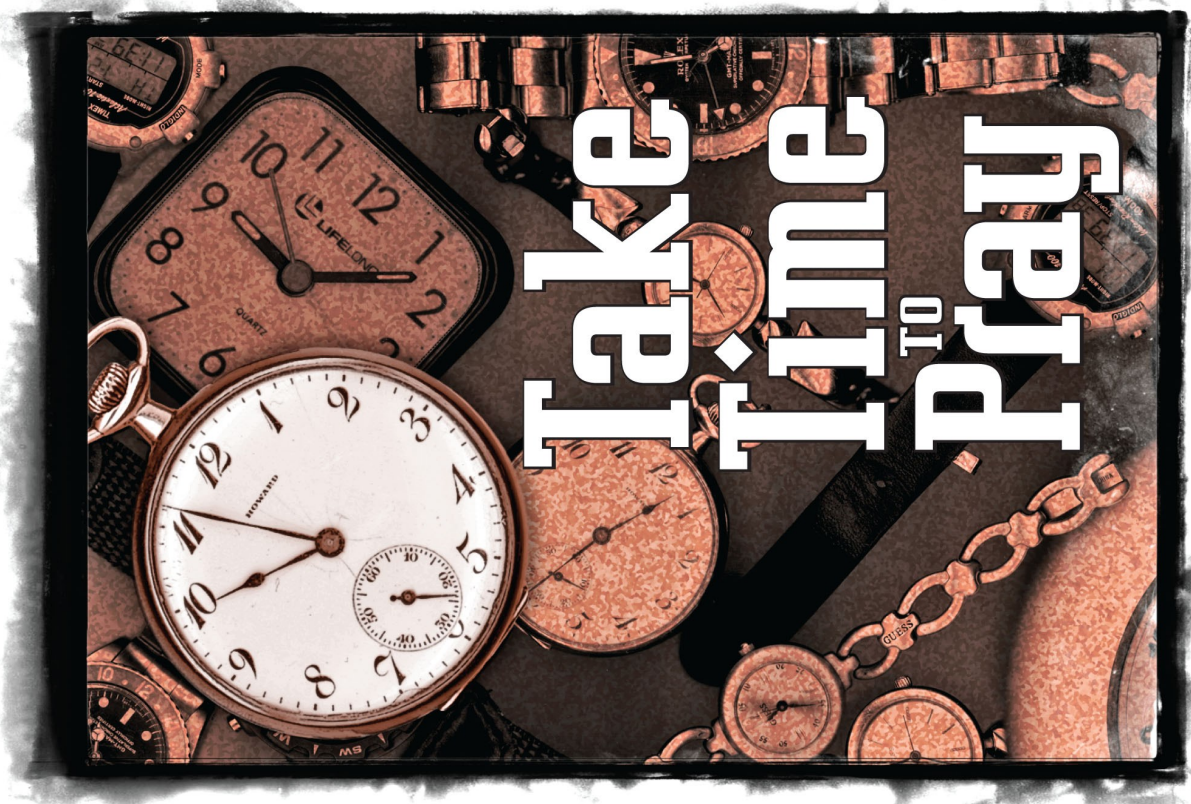
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 Donna Hiscock

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 Bill Fabrizio
 Jennifer McIntyre
 Eric Therrien

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 Kevin Daly
 Debbie Krueger
 Rhoda Lange

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 Nicholas Madigan





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