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## Lutherans for Life - Regional Conference - Northeast Held at Immanuel on Saturday, September 14.

### 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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Immanuel's Central CT Lutherans for Life members with Pastor Karner and Pastor Joel Kotila.

*(More photos on Page 3)*

**A heartfelt THANK YOU** to all the amazing volunteers who carved out time from their busy schedules to serve at this year's German Fest! Your dedication made this event a tremendous success. We were blessed with food servers, order takers, kitchen preppers and workers in two very busy kitchens, grillers, cake bakers, pretzel bakers, bier pourers, runners, dishwashers, ticket sellers, setup and takedown crews, festival planners, Kinderland coordinators and workers, and many more who stepped up for whatever was needed. Your willingness to lend a hand, no matter the task, truly made a difference. We couldn't have done it without you! Now it's time to stay tuned for details on this year's volunteer thank you event that will be held in October. God's blessings and gratitude to each of you! ~ German Festival Committee



German Festival photos on Pages 7 and 9



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Newsletter Editors  
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**From the Pastor's Desk**

**“The Turtle”**

*He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.* Genesis 3:15b

Some of you may not think a story about a turtle is appropriate for an October / Reformation Day newsletter article. While what follows doesn't speak about Martin Luther, it *does* address the doctrine of salvation by grace alone that was so important to the famous Reformer.

Our story begins with an unnamed man who felt sorry for a turtle.

The man lives in Florida, and was on Interstate 75, when he saw a turtle trying to make his way across the road. Anybody who drives that highway knows the turtle's chance of success was minimal. Feeling sorry for the reptile the man picked it up and took it safely to the other side.

Does the story sound familiar? It ought to. The turtle's story has a lot in common with our own.

You see, the Lord, like the Florida man looking at the turtle, saw that we were going to fail in our attempt to get over to the other side. Like the man from Florida, the Lord graciously decided to do what we couldn't. The Lord's help came in the Person of Jesus who left the comforts and joys of heaven to come to earth where He fulfilled the Law for us, resisted temptation for us, and did everything necessary to deliver us safely.

But there's more to the story.

As the man from Florida delivered the turtle to the other side of Highway 75, he was struck by an Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake. Experts say it takes 70

milligrams of rattlesnake venom to affect the human body. The Eastern Diamondback can inject 800 milligrams of venom in a single bite. The turtle-helper was raced to the hospital where he was treated.

You see the comparison.

In Genesis 3:15, the Lord gave to our ancestors the first promise of a Savior. He let Adam and Eve know the day would come when Satan, sin and death would be destroyed, and they would be delivered. In His promise the Lord also shared the cost of salvation would come at a great price. To save us, Jesus – like our Florida man – would be struck down.

Of course, there's a major difference between these stories. Unlike the Florida man who never knew he was at risk, Jesus was fully aware that saving us meant He would suffer and die. The man from Florida might've done things differently if he had known that snake was in the grass. That's unlike our Savior who set His face to the cross and graciously laid down His life so we could be saved.

*Sola gratia.* Saved “*by grace alone*”. That's one of the foundations of the Reformation.

We aren't saved because of anything we could do ... but only because of what Jesus was willing to do. It's a message the world doesn't want you to hear; it's a message Satan tries to corrupt, but saved by grace alone remains the only way you, I, and humanity can be forgiven and saved.

Pastor Karner  
*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

**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)



*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** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**Immanuel welcomes  
through the rite of Holy Baptism**  
***Elizabeth Joan Beaudoin***  
Daughter of Ethan and Mary Beaudoin  
**Baptized on September 15, 2024**



**CALLED HOME TO HEAVEN**



Verna A. Koehn

November 26, 1929 — September 1, 2024



Robert Kirschner

December 23, 1925 — September 2, 2024



Vernon C. Koch

January 17, 1939 — September 9, 2024



**Youth Group**  
The youth of Immanuel will once again be collecting your returnable cans and bottles during the month of OCTOBER!  
**Please leave them in the kitchen near the gym. Thank you for your support!**

**October Bottle Return**

Lutherans for Life - Regional Conference

photos by Marilyn Stone



Judy Green registering at the conference



CCTLFL members Karen & Carl Cecil, Pastor Karner and Executive Director of National Lutherans for Life, Rev. Michael Salemink

**Women of Immanuel  
“Take Home” Bake Sale**

We generated \$532 at our bake sale. Thank you to everyone who baked those wonderful desserts. Remember, proceeds will go to help others.

# Young at Heart

## Photos from our Oktoberfest on Thursday, October 3 lunch for our "over age 50" crowd.



Also this month in our school gym, on Friday, October 18 there will be the Annual Sauerkraut Supper, so remember to buy your tickets to support our school.

Next month on Thursday, November 7 we will celebrate our group's Anniversary with the traditional Soup & Sandwich Lunch. It's over 25 years that we have been having these Senior Lunches for you to enjoy. Our program "Oh, My Aching Back" will welcome back our friends from Select Physical Therapy to help us.

In December be sure to save the date on your calendar for our annual Christmas Party at Max 4 Restaurant on Middle St. on Thursday, December 5. We are looking for your help in presenting some entertainment for our party - perhaps many talented people can tell jokes, or be singers or magicians or musicians. Let Julie Follo know what hidden talent you have to add to the our noontime Christmas party.



From your



Many of us today face challenging situations. What a comfort to know we can turn to our Lord anytime, day or night. The Holy Bible reassures us that all things are possible if we believe. God shows us daily with His Grace and Mercy, none of which we deserve.

Jesus died on that cross and forgave all our sins and rose again on the third day. So we can live with him eternally. What a blessing!! What more do we need.

Anyone requesting a visit please call my cell phone and leave a message at 860-877-0022.

**CARDS** – Every Monday at 1:00 pm. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us for an afternoon of laughs.

**WALK AND TALK** – Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. in the Parish Center. Open to all adults. Please join us.

**LUNCHEON** – Tuesday, October 8, at 12:30 at BARC. Bring a Friend. All are welcome.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Tuesday, October 15, and 29 at noon in the Parish Center. Please join us and bring your lunch.

God's Blessings,  
 Roberta Kuhr,  
 Parish Nurse

## The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

# RoadTrip - *Fall Foliage in New England* *Take Time to Savor HIS Creation*

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“The days get shorter and the New England fall foliage begins its change from green to crimson, orange, and gold. Hot coffee takes on new meaning when crisp mornings herald the approaching autumn. A morning walk by nearby ponds and lakes takes on a mysterious feeling with wisps of fog rising from the water.” *J. Foliage*



**Join us!** *On the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.*



Immanuel Lutheran Church Messenger  
In Remembrance of Vern Koch  
Grateful, Thankful, and Blessed



*Funeral reception on Saturday, September 28*



My thanks to all who helped with the funeral reception of our dear friend Vern Koch. Thanks to those who came on Friday to set up the tables and chairs and to Joan and Warren Kirschner who brought beautiful flower arrangements from their gardens. How beautiful the gym looked!! Thanks to the wonderful cooks and bakers for the delicious variety of food we shared. Thanks to the kitchen crew for setting up and cleaning up. Thanks to the fellows who shared memories of Vern and to all who shared memories with each other. Thanks to the take down crew. The Immanuel Family is an amazing group that always comes together when needed. God bless all of you. Thank you! Claudia Bishop



**German Festival**  
*photos by Eric Larson*



# ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ School News ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

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

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

We have had a smooth start to our school year, and students are well into their routines and working hard.

We have had some changes to our staff this year, and we recently welcomed Mary Henderson as our new physical education teacher, Christina Richardson as our new infant teacher, and Michael Valentino as our new general laborer.

Our enrollment continues to grow as well. We have been giving tours and accepting more children into our toddler and infant programs, and we also welcomed new students in 1st and 3rd grade.

Earlier in the month we held a middle school night, where families came to find out how middle is different from elementary school. We also discussed the Washington D.C. trip that will take place in May of 2025, and the upcoming sauerkraut supper, where students will be serving to raise money for the trip.

The sauerkraut supper will be held on October 18th, and we are looking for volunteers to bake apple pies. If you are able and willing to help with this, please let me know.

Our art teacher, Katie Stevens is also organizing a paint night fundraiser on October 24th from 6-7:30pm to raise money for an after-school drama program. All church and school families are welcome to attend.

The Lord continues to bless our school with great staff and wonderful students and families. We have much to be thankful for here at Immanuel!

Yours In Christ,  
Deborah Krueger

The ILS PTO will be doing two fundraisers starting October 2. We will have **Lyman Orchard pies** and cookie dough as well as **Charleston Wrap** (wrapping paper and household goods). These fundraisers will run through **October 13th**. Pies/cookie dough will be delivered to school a week before Thanksgiving and the other gets delivered directly to purchasers. Order forms will be available in the office.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Our annual Sauerkraut Supper will be held on Friday, October 18**

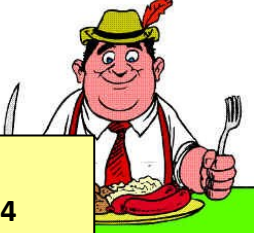
Join us for this delicious, traditional meal and fellowship. Roasted pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, bratwurst, hotdogs, beans, beets, bread, and home-made apple pie!

Seating times are at **4:30 PM, 5:15 PM, 6:00 PM, and 6:45 PM**. Tickets are available in the Church & School office (Monday-Friday) and between services on Sundays.

**Ticket Prices:**

- \$25 – Adult
- \$20 – Senior (65+)
- \$12 – Student

The proceeds from this special event will benefit the ILS trip to Washington, D.C. in May, 2025. Come out, enjoy a great meal, and support a wonderful, educational experience for our ILS students!



**SAUERKRAUT SUPPER**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024**

## **Calling All Pie Bakers for Sauerkraut Supper!**

Homemade apple pies always end our delicious Sauerkraut Supper on a sweet note, and we rely on our church members and school families to help bake them. If you're willing to contribute, please take home a **FREE** bag(s) of apples provided in the lobby today—grab one bag for each pie you plan to make. Don't forget to add your name to the signup list on the Christian Mart display so we know who will be helping out. You can use your favorite recipe or the one provided with each bag of apples.

Please return your pies to the gym kitchen by **4 PM on Friday, October 18**. Your support makes this annual supper event even more special ~ Thank you!



German Festival photos by Eric Larson



## OCTOBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Annie Karner Rosemary Ryskowski	<b>2</b> Kathryn Provencal	<b>3</b> Judy Green	<b>4</b> Michael Harrington Rachel Savage	<b>5</b> Benjamin Bourgoin
<b>6</b> Crystal Fitzgerald David Kuharski Tracy Mitchell	<b>7</b> Andrea Jabs Mike Pankenier	<b>8</b> Lindsey Schaffrick	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Aiden Berrian Nancy Martone	<b>11</b> Vincent Bartucca Lana Dupee Bob Wollenberg	<b>12</b> Sarah Bugryn
<b>13</b> Barbara Emmert Hannah Richards	<b>14</b> Louise Chromy Cynthia Grossmann	<b>15</b> Michael Hamelin Jay Thaxter	<b>16</b> Nicholas Dunn- Milkowski Douglas Fitz, Jr. Norm Winters	<b>17</b> Samantha Shamson	<b>18</b> C. Lindsey Bradshaw Kayle Burt Paul Tessier Rebecca Wolfe	<b>19</b> Myah Croze Susan Ginter
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Sandra Hamelin	<b>24</b> Tara Hogan Thomas Madigan -Scheidel Jackson Stringer	<b>25</b> Janet Bailey Renee Karner	<b>26</b> Enola Kahle Richard Rindfleisch
<b>27</b> Susan Killian Cynthia Krueger	<b>28</b> John Hebert	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Jillian Kuharski	<b>31</b>		



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