

# Jesus is the reason for the season

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
TO US A SON IS GIVEN;  
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE  
UPON HIS SHOULDER,  
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED  
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,  
MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER,  
PRINCE OF PEACE.  
ISAIAH 9:6

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday at noon.  
Please send articles and updates to Lydia at [L.Rojas@ilcs.org](mailto:L.Rojas@ilcs.org)

*December 22, 2024*  
Fourth Sunday in Advent



Please join us *after the first service* for Coffee, Tea, Juice, Cakes and Fellowship in the (OSB) Original School Basement.

**Today's coffee hour donations will be for the Board of Evangelism.**



**Volunteers are needed to make meals for homebound friends**

Please contact our Parish Nurse, Roberta Kuhr for more information at 860-877-0022

## CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH

### Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 pm

11:00 pm with Holy Communion

### Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am with Holy Communion

### New Year's Eve Services

Tuesday, December 31

7:00 pm with Holy Communion

## We're Hiring!

Our Little Lamb toddler and infant programs are growing and we're hiring! We are seeking **early childhood educators** to work with children 6 weeks to 3 years old. Some childcare experience is preferred but training is available. We are also hiring **substitute teachers** for Immanuel Lutheran School. Please inquire with our Early Childhood Director, Susan Schneider at [sschneider@ilcs.org](mailto:sschneider@ilcs.org) or Principal Kreuger at [dkreuger@ilcs.org](mailto:dkreuger@ilcs.org). You may also call the main office at 860-583-5631 to find out more.

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**LIFE**



Central CT Lutherans for Life asks once again for your support this Christmas season to help buy cribs and essential infant supplies for local Life Centers. Your donation will help these centers provide support for women and families experiencing a difficult or unexpected pregnancy, premature birth, or birth of an unhealthy child, and counsel those who are grieving the loss of a child.

For your convenience, we have included a special "Crib for Christmas" envelope in today's bulletin. Please use this envelope for your donation (either cash or check payable to "Lutherans for Life") and submit it in the collection at any service this month or drop it off in the church office.

*Your gift will be much appreciated! Truly, every bit will help!*

*Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.*

*We wish you a blessed Christmas!*

There is a new series of "What about...Tracts" outside the church office if anyone is interested in seeing what is new! Please take a moment to see if there are any tracts that might interest you or someone you know.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

There is a new flower chart for 2025 next to the library door. If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory of someone or to celebrate a special occasion, please put your name on that date with your phone number. Jayne Eugene Florists is our new florist for altar flowers and has been doing a wonderful job! We hope you have been enjoying them. Please contact Sue Rich at 860-833-5106 for questions or to give flower details.

**Any groups which have anything stored under the stairwell in the old school basement must please remove all items as soon as possible to help us comply with the current fire safety regulations. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.**

Dear Members, Alumni & Friends,

For generations, the steeple of Immanuel Lutheran Church has been a symbol of faith and hope, standing tall as a reminder of God's presence in our lives and in our community. It has inspired countless hearts, welcomed worshippers near and far, and connected us to the rich history of our congregation and school.

Now, this cherished part of our church needs your help. Years of weather and time have taken their toll, and significant repairs are needed to ensure the steeple remains strong for future generations. To meet this challenge, we have formed a Steeple Committee and established a new Steeple Fund, dedicated to this important restoration project.

We ask you to consider joining us in preserving this beautiful symbol of our faith. Every contribution, no matter the size, will bring us closer to our goal of \$300,000. Together, we can ensure that the steeple continues to inspire all who worship here and all who see it as a beacon of hope in our community.

### How to Donate:

•**By Mail:** Immanuel Lutheran Church – Steeple Fund  
154 Meadow Street,  
Bristol, CT 06010

•**Online:** <https://members.myeoffering.com>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the church office at (860) 583-5649. With your support, we can uphold the legacy of Immanuel Lutheran Church and keep the steeple standing strong as a testament to our shared faith and commitment. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity.

– *Howard Schmelder, Chairman of The Steeple Committee*



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