

A Message from the Board of Christian Stewardship

January is our annual pledge month, culminating in **Pledge Sunday**, when we gather as a congregation to present our pledge cards at the altar in faith and commitment to the mission of our church. As stewards of God's blessings, this is a time to prayerfully consider how we will use our **time, treasure, and talents** in the year ahead to honor Him and further His kingdom. Starting today, and for the remaining Sundays of January, ushers will distribute pledge cards as you enter the church. If you have not yet received one, please take a moment to collect a card and reflect on your role in supporting the work of our church.

As you consider your pledge, remember that tithing and service are acts of faith and trust in God's provision. Whether through financial gifts, volunteering your time, or sharing your talents, you are participating in something far greater than yourself—God's mission in our community and beyond. Join us in prayer over your commitment, asking God to guide your heart and renew your dedication to worship, service, and stewardship. Together, let us embrace this opportunity to grow in faith and deepen our impact as a congregation united in Christ's love.

Additionally, plan to join us on **Sunday, January 26th**, for a special coffee hour in the OSB featuring warm breakfast items and sweet treats – and coffee of course! It's a time to celebrate our shared commitment, enjoy fellowship, and strengthen our bonds as a church family!

You are invited by President Beinke to join the Connecticut March for Life, which will take place in Hartford on Wed., March 19. The schedule of events is below. A Service for District attendees will be held that morning; the details for that have not yet been set.

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

March 19, 2025

12:00 p.m. - Rally

1:00 p.m. - March for Life

scan the code!



210 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

FIND OUT MORE AT:
CT.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday at noon.
Please send articles and updates to Lydia at L.Rojas@ilsc.org

January 12, 2025

First Sunday after the Epiphany



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 given to our Women of Immanuel group.

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.

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!

**JANUARY
Bottle Return**



The next **Proverbs 31 Women's Bible Study** will be on **Thursday, January 16** at 7pm at in the Parish Center Celebrating our Redeemer who became flesh and dwelt among us.



Volunteers are needed to make meals for homebound friends
Please contact our Parish Nurse, Roberta Kuhr for more information at 860-877-0022

New Adult Membership Class

Are you thinking about becoming a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church? Do you have a spouse, or a friend, who might be interested? Are you a life-long Lutheran who would like to wipe away the cobwebs from your Luther's Small Catechism? If so, then we have the class for you!

On Sunday, January 12, Pastor Karner will begin a new 12-session adult membership class entitled, "God For Us: An Introduction to Lutheran Teaching." The 75-minute class will meet every Sunday night, from 6:45 – 8:00, in the basement of the Immanuel Lutheran Old School building. If you're interested in attending, please contact the church office. Child care (ages 2-12) can be provided.



The Lutheran Witness subscription for 2025 is \$20.60.
Please have your subscription in by Saturday, February 1.

The contribution statements for 2024 will be in the mail the 3rd week in January 2025.

Upcoming dates to put in your calendar:

Thursday, January 23 at 6:30pm- Church Council in the Parish Center

Monday, January 27 at 7:00pm- Voter's Meeting in the Sanctuary

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 or Principal Krueger at dkrueger@ilcs.org. You may also call the main office at 860-583-5631 to find out more.

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*