

### A Message from the Board of Christian Stewardship

January is our annual pledge month, culminating in **Pledge Sunday, on January 26th**, 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.

In addition to bringing your pledge cards on Sunday, January 26th to present at the altar, please plan to join us after the first service for a special coffee hour in the Old School basement—

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](http://CT.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**January 19, 2025**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**



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 for the Youth 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**



Upcoming important 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

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT  
**LUTHERANS** for  
**LIFE**

**TODAY is the FIRST DAY OF LIFE WEEK**

*"LIFE SHINES IN DARKNESS"*

Lutherans for Life's yearly celebration confirming

**GOD'S IMMEASURABLE GIFT OF LIFE**

**JOIN US** as we celebrate God's love – *and ours!* – **for ALL PEOPLE**

**including EVERYONE** who is **HALE** and **HEARTY**, or

**SICK, CHRONICALLY ILL, or DYING,**

**DEVELOPMENTALLY or PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED,**

**IMPOVERISHED, ALONE, or MENTALLY COMPROMISED, and**

**whether they are AGED, ADULT, YOUNG, or UNBORN!**

***Be sure to visit our table in the lobby today*** for brochures and information  
**about the Sanctity of Human Life and how we can honor it more fully**  
***...and have a BLESSED WEEK!***

*Lutherans for Life is a recognized Service Organization of LCMS  
purposed to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.*



**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.**

**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 Krueger at [dkrueger@ilcs.org](mailto:dkrueger@ilcs.org). You may also call the main office at 860-583-5631 to find out more.

Dear Members, Alumni & Friends,

I want to extend heartfelt gratitude for all those who have prayerfully and generously supported the steeple fund. Your support is upholding the legacy of Immanuel Lutheran Church by keeping the steeple standing strong and it is a testament to our shared faith and commitment.

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. 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.

***A Special Message From the Board of Christian Stewardship  
– Support Immanuel Through Your RMD –***

**Did you know you can direct your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement account to Immanuel Lutheran Church or the new Steeple Fund? This is a wonderful way to support our ministry and special projects, such as the critical steeple repair planned for 2025, while also receiving tax benefits by reducing your taxable income.**

**It's a simple and impactful way to contribute. We encourage you to consult your financial advisor or contact the church office to learn how to designate your RMD and make a meaningful difference in supporting Immanuel's mission.**

**Continued Donations May be Sent:**

•**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.

– **Howard Schmelder, Chairman of The Steeple Committee**