

Rev. Kevin A. Karner  
Pastor

Dr. Anne Stuhlman  
School Principal

# Messenger

July 2022

Vol. 22 No. 7

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT



## 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.

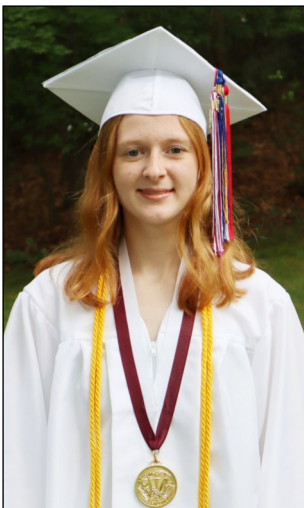
## School Mission

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.

Immanuel Lutheran  
Church and School  
154 Meadow Street  
Bristol, CT 06010

860-583-5649

[www.ilcs.org](http://www.ilcs.org)



Hannah Krueger  
Bristol Central High School  
School  
Valedictorian

## Congratulations to ALL of our Immanuel Lutheran Graduates



8TH GRADE



KINDERGARTEN



PRE-K 4





Messenger is published monthly by Immanuel Lutheran Church and School for her members and friends.

Immanuel is a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Ed & Dee Krampitz  
Newsletter Editors  
Deadline for submissions is the 19th of the month.

### ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

June – July – August

#### **SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE**

with Holy Communion  
9:00 A.M.

— (Live Streaming) —

~ ~ ~

**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE**  
10:00 A.M.

~ ~ ~

**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](http://KoolOldiesRadio.net)**



## **From the Pastor's Desk**

# **“Freedom’s Price Has Been Paid”**

The word, “FREE”, is one of the most popular words in the English language; and along with it, “FREEDOM”. This month we’ll be celebrating the freedoms that we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. It’s appropriate for all, but especially for Christians, to give thanks to God for all His blessings, which includes freedom from political oppression and tyranny.

That being said, our nation’s political and cultural landscapes are changing before our very eyes, and it has less to do with who’s occupying the White House, and more to do with a political correctness or “wokeness” that is antagonistic to Christianity. Our “one nation, under God” is slowly drifting away from our Judeo-Christian heritage and, in the words of one author, “slouching toward Gomorrah” (a reference to the biblical town at the southern end of the Dead Sea violently destroyed for its wickedness). And with this political/cultural change we’re beginning to see an erosion of basic liberties that our forefathers fought to the death to secure.

The “Bill of Rights” is the collective name for the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. Proposed to assuage the fears of Anti-Federalists who had opposed Constitutional ratification, these amendments guarantee a number of personal freedoms, limit the government’s power in judicial and other proceedings, and reserve some powers to the states and the public. The Bill of Rights enumerates freedoms not explicitly indicated in the main body of the Constitution, such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, a free press, and free assembly; the right to keep and bear arms; freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, and others. The *First Amendment* prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion, abridging the freedom of speech, infringing on the freedom of the press, interfering with the right to peaceably assemble, or prohibiting the petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances.

So what does this American history and civics lesson have to do with you and Immanuel Lutheran Church? Well, as members of the Body of Christ, we have a responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus as we care for the welfare of our neighbors. And that’s why the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has an education and awareness campaign called “Religious Liberty: Free to Be Faithful.” It’s designed to protect American citizens’ freedom of religion, to maintain the rights afforded in the Constitution for future generations, and to respond to increasing intrusions by government in the realm of the church. It’s main goal is to educate and move LCMS rostered members and laity to take informed action to protect religious freedom and all the cultural issues that pertain to it: the definition of marriage, the work of social service organizations, confessing the faith in the public square, aspects of the Health and Human Services mandate and the like. You can find more information at <http://www.lcms.org/freetobeforthful>.

Another organization that is doing excellent work in this area is the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). ADF is a servant ministry building an alliance to keep the door open for the spread of the Gospel by transforming the legal system and advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family. More information is available at <http://www.alliancedefendingfreedom.org/about>.

These United States are still a great nation (as all the patriotic music and fireworks displays will remind us), but Christians must remain diligent in their faithfulness to God. The Scriptures are clear: “We must obey God rather than men.” Our obedience to Him is the result of the spiritual freedom we have in Christ – free from the eternal consequences of sin, and death, and the power of the devil. And THAT’S the most important freedom of all!

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

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**



**Robert A. Schroeder**  
October 27, 1927 — June 21, 2022





**Immanuel Welcomes our newest members!**

**Carol Stevens and Paula Bunce**  
Rite of Adult Confirmation

**Michael & Sandra Hamelin**  
Reaffirmation of Faith

**A Special Thank You Message...**

Thank you to every person that stepped up to help make the Immanuel Lutheran Church & School potluck picnic a great success. We are thankful for every person who attended, to God for the good weather, and, for all those who helped to feed and entertain the crowd. A special thank you to those who do the “heavy lifting” for events like this... you know who you are, we appreciate you! ~ Rhoda Lange, Chair, Board of Christian Stewardship

### New England District Convention

By Brenda Bacon, Business Manager

Rev. Robert Beinke was elected District President at our New England District Convention on Friday, June 10, 2022.

Although Rev. Beinke has been elected District President, he will not take office as full-time District President until September 1, 2022 as there is a transition time that needs to take place. He will continue to be part-time until September 1, 2022.

Rev. Beinke will continue to be the Full-time pastor at St. Peter’s Lutheran in Norwalk, CT and shepherd his congregation through this transition.

An installation is being planned for Rev. Beinke and will probably happen in September after he takes office full-time. More details to follow at a later date.

Please join the district office in Congratulating him on his position of District President and the following Board of Director members:

1st Vice President	Rev. Scott Schuett
2nd Vice President	Rev. Peter Gregory
3rd Vice President	Rev. Joel Kotila
Treasurer	Mr. Kevin McCarthy
Secretary	Rev. David Riley
Pastor-at-Large	Rev. Kevin Karner
Pastor-at-Large	Rev. Timothy Sandeno
Commissioned Minister	Deaconess Sharon Conover
Lay Member	Dr. Paul Gierke
Lay Member	Mr. William Schneeloch
Lay Member	Mr. Al Macke
Lay Member	Mr. Joseph Zeneski



**Save the date! German Festival 2022**  
Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
& Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

# Young at Heart

Summer Blessings to our "over age 50" members and friends!

Although we usually do not hold a monthly lunch in the summer months, this year we will hold an August 4, Thursday **COLD LUNCH** in the OSB at 11:30. Our speaker will be the enjoyable Nutritionist and Diabetic Counselor, Miles Everett, whom we all enjoy hearing from concerning what we should be eating and also perhaps about Yoga.

We will not be supplying foods this time and will only be eating whatever COLD item you contribute.

**Everyone** brings a Cold item and donates \$2 at the door, so bring anything cool like: Sandwiches, salads of all kinds, Jello, fruits, vegetables, cheeses, beverages, etc. We will eat what YOU bring and everyone

brings something cool, so this will be an exciting and interesting lunch for us all.

Another summertime Monthly Lunch will be on September 1, Thursday before Labor Day at 11:30 in the OSB. We ask that everyone bring something for our International Lunch Menu that you enjoy. Let's fill our buffet tables with interesting foods from Italy, Spain, Germany, Mexico, China, Sweden, etc. Except for beverages, we won't be adding to the menu so please everyone plan to bring a dish to share on September 1.

Mark your calendar now so you do not miss out on these summer lunches. Greet one another at our 9 am Church service, Coffee Hour and Bible study on Sundays this summer.

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



The annual potluck luncheon was held on Saturday, June 18 in the OSB. President Claudia Bishop welcomed all in attendance to our wonderful buffet lunch.

During the meeting portion of our luncheon we distributed \$400 from our treasury. Gifts were made to Orphan Grain Train \$200, repair of the Chrismons, in memory of Gail Smuda \$100, Zion Meals for Neighbors \$50, and Salvation Army \$50.

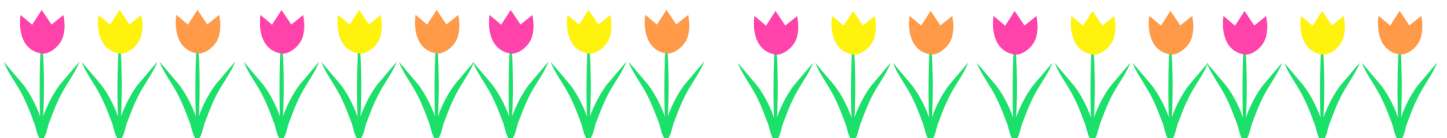
**Thank You!**  
for supporting our monthly coffee hour; your donations are used to help others.

Our group will be celebrating the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Ladies Aid Society group by holding a Luncheon on a Thursday, in October at Max Pizza on Stafford Avenue. More information to come.

LWML: Linda Wall, our delegate to the April District Convention, reported on the event held in Taunton, Mass.; she also mentioned the Fall two-day Retreat Nov. 4 and 5 near Bradley Airport. Watch for more information about the fall retreat.

Our next meeting will be on September 16 at 2 pm in the OSB to prepare for the German Festival as we handle the dessert area.

Carol Maron, Secretary



~~~~~ Youth News ~~~~~

**We made \$467 at the car wash!!**

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Youth Group!!



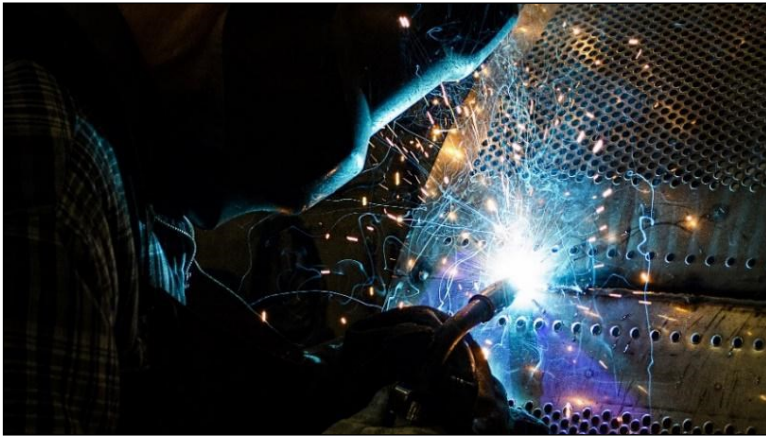
~~~~~ Pictures from the Church and School Picnic ~~~~~



# The Immanuel Lutheran Church Digital Photography Club

## The Magic of Shadows

There can be magic when light and shadow work together. Shadows can transform an image. It is shadows that shape and draw attention to the light.



**Show Contrast**



**Strengthen Composition**

Shadows can help to direct attention to a specific point in the composition. They can reveal form or hide features that may be better left muted or unseen. They can also be used to add a hint of drama, emotion, interest, or mystery to a photo.

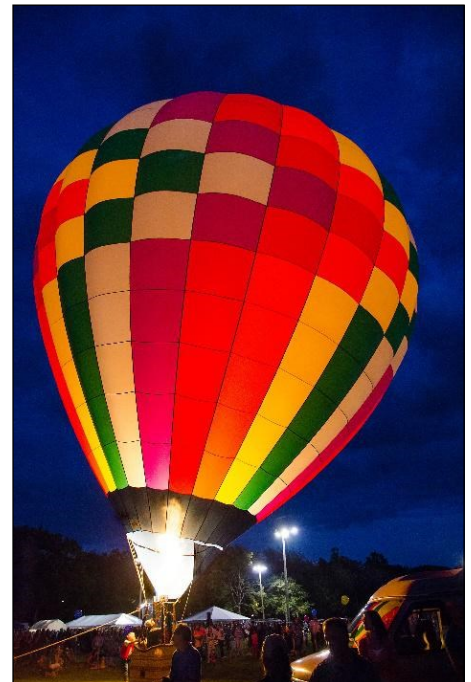
An object and its shadow can strengthen each other. Sometimes shadows can be so interesting they can become the subject.



**Draw Focus to the Subject**



**Add Another Graphic Element**



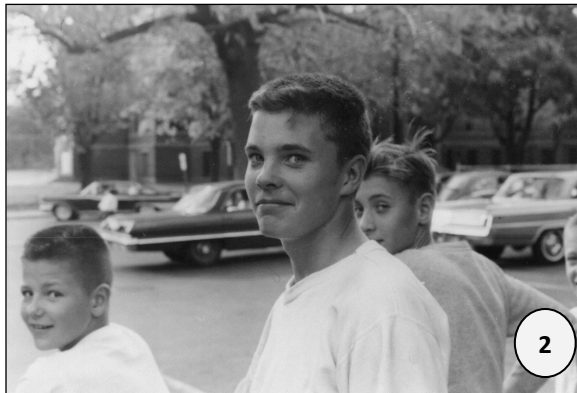
**Emphasize Dimension & Distance**

# HISTORY REMEMBERED

by Vern Koch



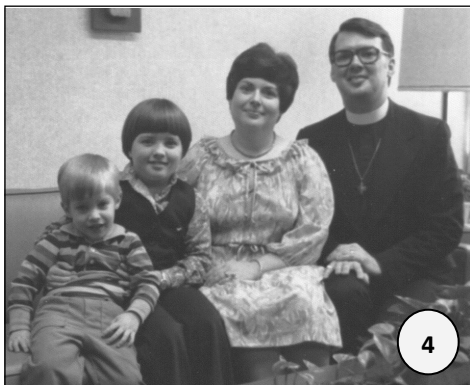
1



2



3



4



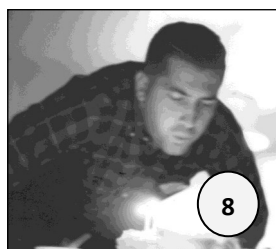
5



6



7



8



9

## STAFF AND STUDENTS YOU MIGHT REMEMBER

1. Sharon Fortunato, our Health Aide in 1980.
2. Mike Werner with that boyish grin.
3. Sue (Werner) Ginter cheers for the basketball team.
4. Pastor William Thompson, Pat, Michelle and John.
5. Erin Casa and Ben Cutter getting the feel of some ocean life.
6. Ken Roth on his way to the Pocono Conference.
7. Master Chef Thompson teaching the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys to make Southern Fried Chicken, Cream Gravy and mashed potatoes.
8. Mel Hollar celebrating a birthday at Bob and Louise Petke's after choir.
9. Eddie Werner, Danny Wall, Kevin Yanke, and Ted Kraus getting ready to go home.

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

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

The Immanuel Lutheran School Class of 2022 was celebrated on Friday evening, June 10th. The entire class of eight graduated with honors from Immanuel Lutheran School. All eight were members of the Herbert Kern Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Gretchen Radcliff was the Valedictorian and Zola Cudjoe was our Salutatorian. Cole Krueger was announced as the winner of the Alumni Award, selected by the faculty and alumni. Each graduate recited verses, gave a speech, or read a heart-felt prayer. The Middle School Bell Choir performed and four students sang in a quartet that included solos. It was a wonderful service to celebrate eight wonderful young Christians who are well prepared for high school. Congratulations to Gabby Badenhop, Zola Cudjoe, Alex Dubois, Cole Krueger, Charlie Pankenier, Gretchen Radcliff, Saniya Robinson, and Gabe Scarpati. We are sure you will continue to grow in your faith, excel in your academics, and maintain high expectations for yourself and those around you. You will be missed at Immanuel.

The End of Year Picnic was a nice way to end the year! All of the prayers for a rain-free day paid off and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Rhoda Lange and all of the volunteers who made this idea a reality.

And, thanks to all of the families who attended and made the day so special. We enjoyed gigantic hotdogs, wonderful desserts, lots of sides, and great fellowship. Thanks to Bob Wollenberg for fixing and transporting the bridge. And, thanks to the Little Lambs staff for organizing the Little Lambs' Bridging to PK3. We will make this an annual event!

Little Lamb, Riley Newsome "bridges" across to PK3 at the End of Year Church and School Picnic. We have 23 Little Lambs moving up to PK3.

### PK4 & Kindergarten Graduation

The Preschool and Kindergarten graduates were celebrated on June 14, at 10:00 AM in the gym in a combined graduation ceremony. Nearly 200 were in attendance. Thanks to Diego Pulla for lending the school his sound system for the program. The PK and Kindergarten graduates demonstrated their knowledge through songs and readings. What a sharp group of learners!

Fifteen Kindergarteners graduated and are now ready for 1st Grade!  
Twenty-six PK4 children graduated and are ready for Kindergarten!

Thank you for supporting our school!

Anne Stuhlman, Principal





**We still want your buttons! And, any other crafting supplies you don't need.** If you have crafting supplies and equipment in good condition that you no longer need/use, please consider donating it to the newly formed crafter's group. This is a new and evolving group that is working to create craft items that can be sold at the Christmas Festival event in early December. If you like to craft (or want to learn) and are interested in becoming part of this new crafting group, please pop in at the Christian Mart on Sundays or you can contact Linda Wall or Christina Curry for more info. If you have crafting items to donate, drop them behind the display at the Christian Mart. Thank you!

**Forward In Faith**

Please consider a gift to the Forward In Faith Fund today!  
*We always move forward in faith even through the difficult times.*  
*We can move forward in faith knowing God is guiding our steps.*  
*We must move forward in faith to fulfill our mission.*  
*We know moving forward in faith works!*

**German Festival Meeting  
 Mark your calendars!**

Our next German festival meeting will be on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Center. This is our main Summer meeting and we are asking that all our core committee members attend in person. See you there!

**Christmas "Christkindlemarkt" Festival Meeting**

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Parish Center. This is an in-person meeting only! If you would like to be a part of creating this new special event, please attend.

**German Festival Volunteer Signups Have Begun!**

Volunteer signups for the 2022 German Festival are underway. This event doesn't happen without our volunteers and we need you! The volunteer signup sheet is located on the Christian Mart glass display. Or, if you'd like to learn more about volunteer options, reach out to Mary Sylvia, Christina Curry, or, Rhoda Lange at anytime. Thank you!

# JULY 2022 BIRTHDAYS

**Sun**

**3**  
 Alyssa Kirschner  
 Robert Pease

**10**  
 Melanie Moliengo  
 Rocco Pesce

**17**  
 Chandler Boutin  
 Linda White

**24**  
 Marilyn Triplett

**31**

**Mon**

**4**  


**11**  
 Greyson Fortier

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

**25**  
 Richard Armington  
 Jennifer DeAngelo  
 Katja  
 Niemand-Evans  
 Jacqueline Phillips

**Tue**

**5**  
 Sienna Tonn

**12**  
 Meghan Carder  
 Jessica Lundquist

**19**  
 Edward Miller  
 Donald Smuda  
 Jared Tessman

**26**  
 Lorene Berrian  
 Adam Houle  
 Elizabeth Houle  
 Sarah Williams

**Wed**

**6**  
 Donna Hiscock  
 Paul Stewart

**13**  
 Jennifer McIntyre  
 Eric Therrien

**20**  
 Kevin Daly  
 Debbie Krueger  
 Rhoda Lange

**27**  
 Doreen Checoves  
 Kevin Karner  
 Nicholas Madigan

**Thu**

**7**  
 Dorothy Duessel  
 Janice Eschner  
 Elizabeth Helming  
 Cameron Perry

**14**  
 Elizabeth Fitz  
 Lynn Kissler  
 Beth Schroeder

**21**  
 Gregory Croze  
 Amelia Schuler

**28**  
 Susan Bodick  
 Rebecca Turley

**Fri**

**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

**Sat**

**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



**Messenger** 

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN HURCH  
 154 MEADOW STREET  
 BRISTOL, CT 06010  
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT  
 ORGANIZATION  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 BRISTOL, CT 06010  
 PERMIT NO. 382