

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.

**keep
marching**
for life!

#ctmarchforlife #whywemarch

join us,
connecticut!



*life: why we
march*

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

Immanuel Lutheran School invites you to walk the halls and enjoy the student's artwork and projects displayed throughout the building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deadline for Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday at noon.
Please send articles and updates to Lydia at LROjas@ilcs.org**

February 9, 2025

Fifth 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



We still have many opening for altar flowers if anyone would like to put flowers on the altar in memory of someone or to celebrate a special occasion. There is a chart on the wall by the library. Please put your name on the date you would like to reserve with your phone number. Please contact Sue Rich at 860-833-5106 for questions or to give flower details.

The contribution statements for 2024 were mailed last week. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Milano by dropping a note in the financial secretary's mailbox in the office or email her at DMilano@ilcs.org by February 21st. Thank you!

Proverbs 31 Women's Bible Study

We will have our next Study **Tuesday, February 18** in the Parish Center at 7pm. It will be our Valentines  study as we celebrate our Kinsman Redeemer's love  for us. Please bring your favorite Valentines treat!

Date to Remember: BARC will be meeting on Tues, Feb. 11 at 12:30pm

The PARISH CENTER will be unavailable again from Monday-Friday, February 10-14, due to continued maintenance. Please double check all locations and dates in the announcements as many events have been changed. Dates and locations differing from last week are underlined.

**Board of Christian Stewardship &
Board of Evangelism Joint Board Meeting**
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7 PM in the Library

Join our "Young-at-Heart" Volunteers on Friday, February 21 at 10am in the Parish Center as we plan our year ahead. Everyone is welcome to bring their ideas, opinions and suggestions to make our monthly lunch program more enjoyable for all our "over age 55" members. New and seasoned volunteers need to plan the food, programs and activities for our 1st Thursday Lunches.

German Festival 2025

Meeting Announcement & Official Festival Dates

We're excited to announce that the official dates for German Festival 2025 are set for September 19-20! We also invite YOU to join our fun and dedicated planning committee! Our first meeting of the year will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 7 PM. If you're interested in joining the team, contact Christina Curry, Rhoda Lange, or email us at il.german.festival@gmail.com with your contact info by March 1st. We'll fill you in on everything you need to know, including meetings, meetups/activities, and more. We can't wait to welcome new ideas and make this year's festival an unforgettable success!

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LUTHERANS for
LIFE

"We may not be trained healers, but we have been trained through our own experiences and God's Word to bring comfort. Be brave, reach out, and know the Lord is by your side. Pray for His guidance in what you say and do so you will bring needed comfort. We have a message of hope!" -Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

• lutheransforlife.org

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,

I want to extend heartfelt gratitude for all those who have prayerfully and generously supported the steeple fund. *We have collected \$204,000 so far, bringing us almost one-third to our goal.*

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.

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*

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.

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Now, we have the opportunity to continue Maggie's efforts by offering these beautiful handcrafted jewelry pieces from Kenya. This jewelry will be available for purchase throughout the month of February. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to Points of Grace Academy. The academy is dedicated to educating children who are unable to afford schooling, equipping widows and extended families to care for orphans, and protecting vulnerable children in need. Visit the Christian Mart this February to select a gift that expresses love and helps support a ministry that is changing lives. Let's come together to carry forward Maggie's legacy and share Christ's love with those in need.



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