



You are cordially invited to join the Lutheran Women in Mission for their Spring Gathering on Saturday afternoon, April 26th at 1:00pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 8 Maple St, Terryville, CT.

We'll continue to celebrate Easter with scripture, hymns and remembrances of Happy Easter's past and present.

- Bring your favorite Easter jewelry or cross to Show & Tell.
  - Bring gifts to support Hands of Grace and/or Immanuel Lutheran School
  - Bring a freewill offering for the Orphan Grain Train Mission Project.
  - Bring a friend!
  - A light supper following Program, which ends with Orphan Grain Train Tours
- COLLECTING FOR "HANDS OF GRACE": shampoo/conditioner, feminine care products  
 "IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL": 2 pocket folders, chisel tip and black fine tip white board markers, white board cleaner, construction paper, copy paper, tissues, band-aids, masking tape, Walmart and Amazon gift cards. (These can be brought directly to the Church Office instead of the event at any time!)

Thank you for your support!

LWML / Lutheran Women in Mission is for all LCMS girls and ladies!

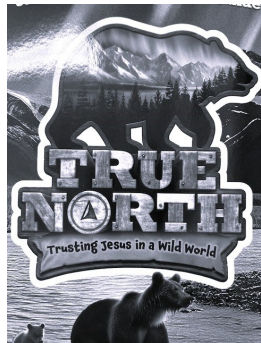
Let us know you are attending and/or questions:

Send an email to Jan Krampitz, [rjallynd@gmail.com](mailto:rjallynd@gmail.com)

### VBS Planning Meeting

We are in our planning stages.  
 Our theme is "True North"  
 Our planning meeting will be Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm in the Parish Center. Come and see how you can help! We already have a list of items needed:

- Paper salad bowls
- 5 bags of cotton balls
- 75 sheets of white cardstock paper
- 15 foil casserole pans



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**LUTHERANS** for  
**LIFE**

**Our Gracious God**  
**never gives up on a human life -**  
*no matter what...*

Chronic condition...terminal diagnosis...surprise pregnancy...  
*Nothing can steal our hope in His Divine promise!*

***LIFE...it's God's gift for us to be treasured -***  
***no matter what.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deadline for Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday at noon.**  
**Please send articles and updates to Lydia at [LROjas@ilcs.org](mailto:LROjas@ilcs.org).**  
**March 30, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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

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

Our next Proverbs 31 will be Thursday, April 10 at 7pm in the Parish Center.  
 We continue putting our armor on!



**Board of Christian Stewardship & Board of Evangelism**  
**Joint Board Meeting will be**  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7 PM in the Parish Center**

Please note that the next Altar Guild meeting has been moved to April 27, 2025 at 9:15am in the Sanctuary.

### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

In the foyer, you will find the Congregation Self Study that we are asking our members to complete.


**This documents will be available for pickup at the Church in the foyer and the deadline to return it to the Church Office has been extended to the end of March.**

I want to encourage all of our members to become actively involved in this important task. If you should have any questions please contact any member of the Call Committee.

## PIZZA LUNCH IS COMING ON APRIL 3

Our Young-at-Heart group is having their annual Pizza Lunch on Thursday, April 3 at 11:30 in the original school basement. Many kinds of West End Pizzas plus salad, dessert and beverages will be available for a \$5 donation. Invite your friends to join you; everyone is welcome to come for fellowship, food and our programs.

This month talented photographer David Hintz will share his multi-media presentation of "ALASKA ADVENTURES". It will seem like you were on David and Lynda's recent trip to Alaska. Did you know you can just come for the program around 12:40 for free? Hope you put it on your calendar now - Thursday, April 3 at 11:30.



### Alaska Adventure

(A Multi - Media Presentation)  
Based On A Recent Land And Sea  
Alaska Vacation That Included  
Everything From Panning For Gold  
To Cruising In Glacier Bay.  
To Be Shown At "Young At Heart"  
Photography Provided By  
David C. Hintz

## Immanuel Lutheran School System Update

Immanuel Lutheran School is now using FACTS for student enrollment, housing student information, and tuition management. FACTS is designed to save staff time as it offers a convenient and connected experience for families to enroll online and tailor their tuition payments to meet their needs. Future plans with FACTS include utilizing their academic systems, updating our website and creating a customized app for families to use.

## Women of Immanuel

The next meeting of our Women of Immanuel group will be on Saturday, April 5 in the OSB at 11:00 am.

We welcome all women of Immanuel to join us.  
A light lunch will follow our meeting.



## SOUP'S ON



We will have **Lenten Soup Lunches** on Wednesdays during Lent after the 10:45 am Mid-Week Lenten Service. Thank you to all who have volunteered! We only need bread for April 2, but all other slots have been filled.

*This is another wonderful opportunity for fellowship.*

## Steeple Fund Update

Thank you for those who continue to generously support the Steeple Fund. We are currently at \$220,258 as seen in the foyer display. Don't forget that directing your RMD from your retired account is a wonderful way to support this project while reducing your taxable income. Contact your financial advisor or the church office for more information.

## Immanuel Lutheran PTO Easter Chocolate Fundraiser

The ILS PTO is once again partnering with Fascia's Chocolates for an Easter Chocolate fundraiser. There is an order form in the Office along with a list of all that is for sale. Orders are due by March 28 and will be available for pickup the week of April 7.

## Jewelry Fundraiser for Maggie's Legacy & Gift Card Outreach

Due to snow cancellations in February, we will be extending the sale of the beautiful handcrafted jewelry pieces from Kenya until Easter. 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 during Lent and Easter season to select a gift and help support a ministry that is changing lives.

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We are continuing to collect **\$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20 gift cards** for places like **Dunkin', McDonald's, and Burger King** to provide a warm meal or drink for our homeless community. These gift cards will be distributed to **Agape House** and **Brian's Angels** to help fill the gap during this difficult season.

If you can help, please drop your gift card donations in the collection box in the lobby—just look for the **big red heart!** Be sure to clearly mark the card's value for effective distribution.

Thank you for showing love and kindness in the season that we are remembering what Jesus did for us!

As part of our annual Easter preparation, the Christian Church participates in a season of repentance and renewal – the season of Lent. This year, Lent begins on March 5 (Ash Wednesday). Immanuel Lutheran Church will offer two worship opportunities each Wednesday at 10:45am and 7:00pm. Our 2025 Lenten theme is: “40 Days for Life.” The number 40 is a significant number in the Scriptures. 40 is a “journeying” number, a passage number, from death to life. That’s why the Church chose 40 days for this Lenten season, this season of the death of Jesus to the life of Easter! Make plans to join us!

-Pastor Karner

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

**2025 Lenten and Easter Service Schedule:  
Lenten theme is: “40 Days for Life”**

***Mid-Week Lenten Services:***

**Jonah, Repentance for Life**  
*April 2 – Lent 5 – 10:45 am & 7 pm*  
**Elijah, Food for Life**  
*April 9 – Lent 6 – 10:45 am & 7 pm*

***April 13: PALM SUNDAY***

8 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion  
 10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

***April 17: MAUNDY THURSDAY***

10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion  
 7 pm – Divine Service with Holy Communion

***April 18: GOOD FRIDAY***

7 pm – Tenebrae

***April 19: HOLY SATURDAY***

7 pm – Vigil of Easter / Service of Light

***April 20: EASTER SUNDAY***

6:00 am SONrise Service on Chippens Hill  
 Hill Street (Water Dept. Property), Bristol  
 8:00 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion  
 10:45 am – Divine Service with Holy Communion

**Easter Flowers**

Quantity		Totals
# _____	6” Lily	@ \$14.00
Make checks out to:	Immanuel Altar Guild	Total Amount
		\$ _____



In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (*print name*) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. \_\_\_\_\_ I will help deliver this flower to a shut-in.

If your would like to order an Easter Lily for the altar for Easter please fill out the order form and attach cash or check ( made out to Altar Guild) and leave it in the Altar Guild mailbox in the office. **Last day to order is Sunday, April 6.**

**Altar Guild Flower Fund**

I prefer not to order a lily but would like to contribute to the Altar Guild flower fund. This fund will guarantee that flowers are provided for the altar on Sundays when no one has specially ordered arrangements.