

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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The 2025 New England
March for Life
is Wednesday, March 19!

Come and join us for the day!

10:15AM Worship Service with District President Beinke

Bethany Lutheran Church, 1655 Boulevard Avenue, West Hartford

11:00AM Travel to the State Capitol Building

210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

12:00PM March for Life Rally

South side of Capitol Building, with Speakers:

Melissa Ohden (Abortion Survivors Network)

Jennie Bradley Lichter (March for Life)

Christopher Healy (CT Catholic Conference)

Peter Wolfgang (Family Intsitute of CT)

Kayeleigh Doyle (Homeshooling)

Jessica Power (Students for Life of America)

1:00PM - 2:00PM March around Bushnell Park

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

March 9, 2025

First 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 given to our Women of Immanuel group.

Immanuel Lutheran School PTO will be meeting Monday, March 10 at 6:30pm in the Old School Basement

The BBT Quilters will meet Friday, March 14 and the BBT Quilt Guild will meet Saturday, March 15 in the Old School Basement

Our next Proverbs 31 Bible study will be our St Patrick's Bible study on Tuesday March 18th at 7pm in the Parish Center. Wear your green and bring a green treat to share with all. Green reminds me of the Christmas tree which symbolizes eternal life. Only Jesus our Savior provides this for us. Let's talk about it!



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

In the foyer, you will find the Congregation Self Study that we are asking our members to complete and a form that members can also complete suggesting a particular pastor we should consider as part of our calling process.

These two documents will be available for pickup at the Church in the foyer and must be returned to the Church Office on or before next Sunday, March 16th.

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.

In HIS Service,

Howard J. Schmelder

Join us for a Church/School Potluck!

Lutheran Week Kick-Off Potluck
Following the All-School Sing
Sunday, March 16th, 2025- NEXT WEEK!
School Gymnasium



For the potluck, each school and church family brings one dish based on the first initial of their last name. For example: Pastor Karner, a **Salad**. Paul Tessier, a **Side Dish**.

A–M Salad (These are typically cold items. Some ideas: fresh green salad, antipasto platter, potato salad, gelatin salad, veggie salad, tomato salad, fruit salad, coleslaw, cold pasta salad, etc.)

M–Z Side Dish/Casserole (These are typically warm/hot items. Some ideas: hot potato salad, tomato pie, quiche, macaroni and cheese, Mexican casserole, enchiladas, baked beans, roasted potatoes, Spanish rice, scalloped potatoes, etc.)

We will finish up lunch with cake!

If you are not sure what dish to bring and need some ideas/recipes, or, if you have any other questions, you can email Christy Hislop at christyhslp@yahoo.com.

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.

SOUP'S ON



We will have **Lenten Soup Lunches** on Wednesdays during Lent after the 10:45 am Mid-Week Lenten Service. *If any group or individual would like to volunteer to prepare a crockpot full of soup for one Wednesday during Lent, there is a sign up sheet in the office for all the lent Wednesday dates listed above. This is another wonderful opportunity for fellowship.*
Thank you for volunteering!



The **NED WINTER 2025 NEWS**

is available today.

A copy in electronic form has been sent to all who receive Immanuel's Messenger newsletter electronically.

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.

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:

Noah, Cleansed for Life

March 12 – Lent 2 – 10:45 am & 7 pm

Moses, God’s Presence for Life

March 19 – Lent 3 – 10:45 am & 7 pm

Israel, God’s Discipline for Life

March 26 – Lent 4 – 10:45 am & 7 pm

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 2nd 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.