

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL NEWSLETTER 2018

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HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER! ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!



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STAND UP FOR GOD



Thank you to all those who contributed to our Easter Appeal and who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to plan our services and settings to honor and praise our LOVING GOD! Many folks don't want to be acknowledged for the gifts and time they share here at Immanuel & in the community doing ministry but at the same time I hope and pray that no one takes it for granted that someone else will "do it" . We are all busy and challenged with life in general, let's help each other do the ministry God asks of us.

This is our God – our church, our work & ministry!

NWPA Green Team



At last year's Synod Assembly it was voted by the assembly to authorize the formation of a new **NWPA Synod Green Team**. I share this information as we approach April 22nd -- the day chosen nationally to celebrate Earth Day and on our church calendar as Creation Sunday. In being good stewards of God's creation, for us every day should be Earth Day! This year Earth Day is on Sunday a GREAT reason to take a little extra time to be thankful for this beautiful God-infused world we share with all other members of creation. Check out "Greener by the Minute" on the next page – from the NWPA Synod newsletter – an article by one of the new Green Team members and see what you can do to be a better steward of God's creation.

Greener By the Minute—NWP Green Team

Recycling is only one way to be green. After you read these few suggestions, we bet you'll think of a hundred more ways to be GREENER BY THE MINUTE on your own! Now apply this to your workplace and worship space.

Going GREEN saves GREEN!

- Reuse: Containers in the kitchen and for storage. Shop at thrift stores. You'll be surprised at what you find.
- Reduce: Use of paper throw-aways — use cloth napkins, glass dishes (not paper plates), less wrapping paper. IF you do use paper... recycle. Use less detergents, less pesticides, less cleaning products, etc.
- Buy less. Repair instead of just throwing something away.
- Choose local meat from local farmers, not from factory farms. Try more vegetarian meals.
- Garden; grow your own herbs or vegetables. Container gardens work on the patio. Buy local produce at farmer's markets or directly from growers. Less manicured mown lawn, it doesn't have to be messy and unattractive - garden by planting native plants that attract pollinators.
- When buying appliances and computers, look for eco-options and Energy Star.
- Buy in bulk and be aware of excess packaging. . . recycle as much packaging as you can.
- Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load. Use cold water to wash dress clothes.
- Bring your own bottle or drink container...reduce use of plastic bottles, recycle.
- Bring your own bags when shopping. Don't take the plastic bags, not just at the grocery store. Don't use that plastic bags in the produce section.



- Line dry your clothes, reduce the use of your dryer. Clean out the lint filter in the dryer after every load. This will reduce the amount of energy used.

- Use green chemical free cleaning products i.e. Norwex and others. Use low-phosphate cleaners.
- When replacing or in new construction, use low flow toilets.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater. Take shorter and cooler showers.
- Carpool, bicycle, or walk when possible. Buy a hybrid vehicle. Drive slower, keep the tires properly inflated, and don't accelerate and brake rapidly.
- Compost. You can compost in an apartment or in the city. Learn about worm compost bins.
- Set the thermostat a little cooler in the winter and a little warmer in the summer. Can you do without air conditioning? If you have a smart meter, pay attention to when the low-energy times are. Is your home insulated?
- Unplug everything; if you're not using an appliance, unplug it. This reduces energy use. Turn off the lights. Use automatic motion sensor switches.
- Go solar. You'll recoup the cost. Have you seen the new solar shingles?

If you would like to be on our email list or would like more information about the NWP Synod's Green Team, contact Chair, Rev. Ken Laber (klaber@velocity.net), or member, Dennis Groce (d_mgroce@labs.net), with your name and email address. Please email your pictures and description of your Earth Day Sunday activities so we can share.

Here at Immanuel...one of our sanctuary lights has already been converted to LED lights by one of our talented Property Committee members – thank you to Stan Holsopple for leading this effort!!

Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER * APRIL 2018 *



April is a fairly quiet month for Sunday School EXCEPT, Easter Sunday on April 1st. Our celebration will have egg hunts, bagels, and grapes, and a pinata to smash.

Come join us and enjoy from 9:30-10:30 AM downstairs in Leubin-McCray Hall.



I encourage you to stay and enjoy the joyous Easter church service from 10:45-11:45 AM.

How wonderful for your children to experience it all – flowers, music, singing, scripture, sermon and communion.



Thanks for reading.
Happy Easter – He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed.

Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent



Did you know?

The Liturgical color for

EASTER VIGIL & EASTER
is
~White or Gold~

White = PURITY, LIGHT & JOY
Gold = JOY IN THE
RESURRECTION
+ This Is The Day – the
“Queen Of Feasts”
in the entire church year

April 2018 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
4/1/18 Easter 8:15	Pastor Karen Lundwall	Bob Dorler	n/a	Cindy Eckman
10:45	Pastor Karen Lundwall	Cindy Geddes	n/a	Lorraine Hornaman
4/8/18 8:15	David Olson	Stan Holsopple	Rick Kuntz	Rick Kuntz
10:45 Baptism	Pastor Beth Siefert	Gretchen Andrews	n/a	Debbie Madurski
4/15/18 8:15	Jacque Holmberg	Jen Kuntz	Stan Holsopple	Barb Coughlin
10:45	Jacque Holmberg	Anita Byrne	Stan Holsopple	Joe Byrne
4/22/18 Earth Sunday 8:15	David Pryber	Debbie Redditt	Hannah Mays	Bill Redditt
10:45	David Pryber	Bob Dorler	Debbie Redditt	Bob Dorler
4/29/18 8:15	Greg Zimmerman	Char Feiler	Rick Kuntz	Rick Kuntz
10:45	Greg Zimmerman	Bob Dorler	Char Feiler	Claudia Skerlong

Acolyte:

Altar Guild: D. Dorler/J. Stewart

Counters: Char Feiler/Debbie Madurski

Ushers: Early: Bob Dorler/Jack Botwright Late: T.Stewart/R.Hetrick

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Little Snack Cakes

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

If you are unable to fulfill your commitment – please find an alternate & notify the church office.

***A new class is forming for Assistants & Lay Distributors to be scheduled after Easter – please sign up now if this is your calling here at Immanuel.**

A special thank you:

...to Janice Kreger who has been scheduling Worship Assts., Lay Distributors, and Lectors for many years – she was semi-retired a few years ago and then responded to a plea for help with 2nd service scheduling -- she is now completely retiring from this support ministry.

Our sincere appreciation for her efforts.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
APRIL 22ND



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Esther Bax, Brock Michael & his Mom-Karla, Jeremy Cool, Pat Dehner, Dominic, Jim Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Phyllis Lindahl, Marie McKinney, Michael, Howard McGranor, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Crystal S., Maria S., Debbie Sitter, Sophie Rene, Kim Wingard, Wyatt, and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or ill at home. We pray for those in the military: Scott Case– Navy, (C. Geddes nephew) & Christopher Peterson – Navy (Grandson of the late Agnes & Chuck Peterson).

PRAYER UPDATE: Maria Siefert shared an update for Brock Michael and his Mom, Karla, for whom we have been praying – Karla’s cancer has responded to treatment and Brock Michael who is just a baby is doing well, so prayers of thanksgiving and continued good reports.

Please also remember the members of Immanuel who are "shut in," and cannot make it to service, you may want to offer them a ride, give them a friendly call, send them a card. The current Shut-In Mailing List is available in the office.

Current Shut-in list: Audree Adams, Esther Bax, Judi Casler, Patricia Dehner, Sally & “Shel” Fager, & Doris Roesch.

A big thank you to Hannah Mays & Gretchen Andrews who are providing home communion visits to our shut-in members. Please contact the office (814-833-4062) or one of these folks to plan a future visit.

(And a special congratulations to Gretchen as she begins her recent work retirement!!)

FAITH

IN

ACTION

CALL COMMITTEE

Bob Dorler is leading this effort on behalf of the Church Council – please see Bob if you are willing to serve.

Church Council

We would like to thank Cindy Geddes for serving and joining the Council team to fill the recent vacancy. The congregation can rest assured that we have a full complement again on Council.

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

In late February, Fellowship, Outreach, and Growth hosted the fourth annual "Soup Off". We had eight fantastic soup entries. The winning soup was "Yam Soup" made by Stan Holsopple and Mary Masters. This was their second win in a row! We had about 30 of our church members in attendance for this fun event. We collected a free-will offering to help with expenses for any upcoming FOG events. We thank all those who supported this event and hope to have another "Soup Off" in 2019.

Hannah & Dave Mays - our F.O. G. Committee



The Immanuel Quilting Group is looking for cotton or cotton blend flat sheets (no flannel or 100% polyester please).....If you have old, flat sheets, twin sized or larger, that you no longer need, please leave them in the designated box at the Donation Center.



Promising Futures

15487 State Hwy 86
Meadville, PA 16335
814.724.7510
bethesda1919.org

February 6, 2018

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Dear Pastor Saylor and Congregation,

As we continue into 2018, I wanted to take this time to thank you for your support and for your recent donation of hats, gloves, and scarves to our youth at Trinity Center. We are blessed to have such wonderful supporters and partners within the community. It is because of this generous donation that Bethesda Lutheran Services can continue to provide a safe place for children and youth to be while they overcome whatever obstacles are in their path. Together, we can provide promising futures for children, youth and families.

Sincerely,

George Trauner
Chief Executive Officer

As a 501c3 charity, tax laws require us to notify you that this letter is the official acknowledgement of your gift. Also, we are required to certify that you received no goods or services in consideration of this contribution; therefore, the full amount of your gift is tax deductible. Thank you.



Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flowers



Celebrations

of Life and

Love

Have a special birthday or anniversary coming up???
Why not "Feed two birds with one crumb" and honor your loved ones with flowers on the altar or by sponsoring the Sanctuary Candle ~~ you are in turn helping Immanuel at the same time.
Take the flowers with you or gift them to a shut-in.

The 2018 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle Charts are posted in the narthex and we invite you to consider sponsoring as you are able. Please sign your name on the chart, along with your commemoration next to the date(s) you select or call the church office at 833-4062, email us, or stop by and I will take your request.

Either is a great way to honor/memorialize that special occasion.

The cost of Altar Flowers from the florist is \$30; the sanctuary candles are \$5/wk and rosebuds are \$10 – due on the date of sponsorship.

April Birthdays

April	1	Travis Feiler
	10	Carole DelPorto
	11	Justin Appleton
	15	Jennifer Minski
	17	Kylie Husted
	18	Jason Kuntz/Bryan Timm
	19	Judi Casler/Doris Roesch (102!!)
	20	Tyler Minski
	23	Carol Ketchel
	24	Ron DelPorto/Lainey Bartlett
	25	Bob Dorler

Everyone enjoys receiving a card!

April Anniversaries

None on file this month

Congratulations to those celebrating!!!

Did I forget you? Please e-mail me or call me with your birthdays, anniversaries or a special day you would like us to share.

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The WELCA Conference 1 Gathering is April 7, 2018 at the Maennechor Club – please see Lori Nemenz if you are interested in car-pooling.

31th Annual Convention May 11, 12, 2018

Celebrate Abundance

John 10:10b, "I came that they may life, and have it abundantly.

Convention Information

Volunteer's Needed: We are looking for volunteers before, after and during convention. We are in need of several volunteers to sign up for one hour slots to be take money for purchases at Fair Trade Fair at convention.

We have other volunteer openings as well such as helping with rock sharing station, setting up, stuffing folders, taking down, helping with snack, greeting first timers and orienting them to Olmsted. Please call or text Jean Knapp at 716-790-9277 or email at jeanpknapp@gmail.com

Once again we will meet at Olmsted Manor in Ludlow on May 11th-12th for our NWPA Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Convention. We will explore and celebrate God's abundance. We will conduct the business of NWPA Women of the ELCA while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Olmsted Manor in Ludlow, PA. (registration form in this newsletter). You have the option of attending the whole convention, Saturday only, or Friday supper including evening programming. Those who haven't attended before are in for a treat. We are planning a time of fun, learning, fellowship, worship and self-care.

We are delighted Linda Post Bushkovsky, Women of the ELCA executive director, will participate in our convention! You may recognize her from the column she writes in the Gather magazine. She will facilitate an early bird workshop on leadership Friday afternoon at 4:30.

Bishop Jones will delight us again with his News from the Bishop after supper Friday evening. Then it's off to Hickman hall to Dance Abundantly, or keep the beat while you enjoy others dancing. You are welcome to bring rhythm instruments if you have them. Another option is duck pin bowling on the third floor of the mansion. Afterwards, we will have a time of worship before going to a meet and greet with our church wide representative and Linda Post Bushkovsky. A light snack will be provided

Workshop's

Living in Abundance through Poetry: Reverend Lee Beckes
Retired Presbyterian Pastor who taught Poetry at Pitt Bradford.

Mindful Abundance: Jean Knapp will lead a mindful walk to
The Olmsted Manor Labyrinth, (Rain or Shine)

Prayerful Abundance: Christine Gustafson will lead participants in meditative prayer
in the Prayer Room

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Northwest Pennsylvania Synodical Women's Organization

31th Annual Convention May 11, 12, 2018

Celebrate Abundance (John 10-10)

Olmsted Manor Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA 16333

Please complete and return to:

Lori Nowacki, 1170 River Road, Warren, PA 16365

Make Check's Payable to: NWPA/SWO

Name _____ Conference # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Home Church _____

Emergency contact person _____ Phone _____

Registration both days, all meals and accommodations

(Friday Dinner 6 pm, Saturday breakfast, lunch,

all registration fees and double or left room) \$ 100.00 _____

Day registration and Lunch meal \$30 _____

Friday evening only (6pm supper and program) \$40 _____

Teen's subtract \$10.00 (from registration) Total \$ _____

Refunds must be received by April 1st.

Are you serving as a delegate? _____ yes

Are you a first time attendee? _____ yes

Do you need a Handicap Room? _____ yes

Do you have food allergies?

If so what? _____

LOOKING AHEAD AND MAKING PLANS FOR YOUR SUMMER VACATION – COUNT US IN YOUR PLANNING!!!



Rolling River rampage

Attention All Rafters!

I am Paddle Captain Pam from Rolling River Rampage and Immanuel Lutheran Church, making sure that you know all about our up coming adventure "Rolling River Rampage VBS" coming in July on the 15th through the 19th. Get ready to meet Romper the River Otter for action, fun and adventure as we experience the ride of a lifetime with GOD. There will be cool music, exciting science, creative crafts and memorable Bible stories. Mark your calendars and look for your registration letters in June.





Time and location: 6:00pm to 8:30pm Lakewood UMC, 3856 West 10th Street, Erie Pa 16505 www.lakewoodeire.org

See you all in July, Captain Pam and Romper!

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2

April 2018

**** HAPPY EASTER!! ****

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EASTER SUNDAY 1 *Quarter Sunday* SUNDAY SCHOOL: Easter Celebration: 9:30 AM Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM 	2 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	3 AA 7:30 PM	4 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	5 7:00 PM Alanon Bell Choir 6:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM	6 7:30 PM Friday AA	7 WELCA CONF. 1 EVENT 
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Creation Sunday 22  SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULT: 9:00 K-TEEN: 9:30 AM Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	24 AA 7:30 PM	25 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	26 7:00 PM Alanon Bell Choir 6:15 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM	27 7:30 PM Friday AA	28
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**WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU TODAY
AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD?**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATION COUNCIL 2018**

Gretchen Andrews(VP) 645 Oakmont Ave.(05)	H: 838-3298 (1 st term ends 2018)
Cindy Eckman 3152 Oakdale Pkwy (05)	H: 833-2889 (1 st term ends 2020)
Debbie Madurski 4356 Birchdale Dr. (16417)	H: 774-3590 (1 ST term ends 2021)
Kim Lee (S) 1022 Marshall Dr. (05)	H: 838-4022 (1 st term ends 2018)
George Pfeiffer 1102 Garloch Dr. (05)	H: 833-0797 (1 ST term ends 2021)
Hannah Mays 1016 Hartt Rd (05)	H: 838-3239 (2nd term ends 2019)
Debbie Redditt (P) 3307 Colonial Ave. (06)	H: 833-7024 (1 st term ends 2020) C: 449-1855
John Siefert 9848 Old Rte 99, McKean, 16426	H: 476-7290 (2 nd term ends 2018)
Cindy Geddes 5448 Grandview Dr., Edinboro, PA 16412	H: 734-1286

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance – Gretchen Andrews
Worship and Music – Kim Lee
Stewardship – John Seifert
Christian Education – Cindy Eckman
Social Ministry – Debbie Madurski
Property – Debbie Redditt
Fellowship, Outreach and Growth- Hannah Mays
Communications –

Special Committees
Staff Support
Membership Review

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Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062

Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm

Staff

Bell Choir: Director Lorraine Hornaman

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin

Organist/Music: Director Bryan Timm

Admin. Sec.: Lori Swanson Nemenz

Sunday school

Superintendent: Carolyn Kuntz

Assistant: Janice Kreger

Elected Lay Leadership

Treasurer: John Siefert - 476-7290

Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855

Vice Pres. – Gretchen Andrews - 838-3298

Secretary Kim Lee - 838-4022

Council Members

Cindy Eckman, Debbie Madurski, Kim Lee, George Pfeiffer, Hannah Mays, Debbie Redditt, John Siefert, Cindy Geddes

Church Council Committees

*We invite all members of Immanuel to join any of these committees and/or offer your gifts where you can – many hands make light work!!
Council usually meets the 2nd Sunday of the month – 9:30 am*

A note from Church Council: Please help us look to the future – connect with one of our Council members, find out about this aspect of our faith community – consider serving – we have an open spot for you in our future.

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

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Did you miss church? Need to keep updated and want easy access to the church calendar, newsletter or annual report?

Check out our website <http://www.ilc-erie.org/>

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: David & Hannah Mays

Finance

Council liaison: Gretchen Andrews

Property

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

Property Committee usually meets the 3rd Tues. of the month-7pm

Stewardship

Council liaison: John Seifert

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: vacant

Worship & Music

Bell Choir: resumes after Easter 6:15 pm

Adult Choir 7:15 pm

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant



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