

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019

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FALL WORSHIP HOURS START SEPT. 8TH: 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. – hope you can join us!

***RALLY DAY/QUILT BLESSING/SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION/SCHOOL SUPPLY BLESSING FOR GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY– SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

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Christian Education



Sunday School Newsletter – September 2019

Summer slips by so fast. With our students preparing to go back to school soon, I am preparing for a new Sunday School year. Rick and I have renewed our child abuse clearances and Anita and Jen keep theirs up to date because of their work.

On August 11th, I was fortunate enough to receive a check for \$500 for Sunday School from Mr. Larry Dorler (Bob's brother). Larry's hometown church in Jamestown, NY was sold ten years ago. He is in charge of the financial investments and the disbursement of funds. Bob's requesting and Larry's checks have given us \$1000.00 (\$500 on 11/9/18). Our cup of blessings is overflowing and two of them are named Bob and Larry. Many, many thanks to the Dorler brothers for their generosity to Immanuel and the Sunday School. A portion of the money will be spent on new curriculum for the coming year.

Now it is time to check if there were Summer baptisms, or any perfect attendances or do we need third grade Bibles? Surely everything will come together on time for our Rally Day on September 8th from 9:30-10:30 in Leubin-McCray Hall downstairs.

Janice, Rick, Anita, Jen and I are very grateful for our congregations support and prayers for our education programs.

Another educational opportunity will be available for our congregation thanks to Pastor Beth Siefert. She has agreed to teach a Bible Study on how the Gospels call us all to proclamation – it is entitled "We are Church, We are Called" and will be starting on October 2nd and continuing four more Wednesday nights starting at 7 p.m. in the classroom next to the nursery. Thank you Pastor Beth.

~ As always, thanks for reading.

Sunday School Superintendent - Carolyn Kuntz

Immanuel Nursery

We have had a recent inquiry regarding once again providing care in our nursery for children whose families are attending our church services.

Council has asked me to reach out to you to see if there are folks who would be interested in supporting this effort.

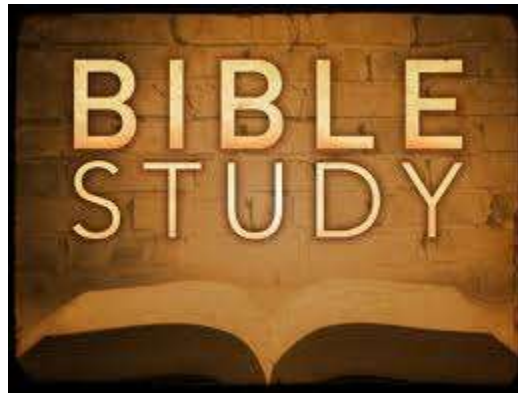
The church service can be heard in the nursery through the speaker.

If you are interested, please pop me an email (immluthch@verizon.net) or call me in the church office (833-4062).

More details will need to be worked out, but we first want to investigate whether there are folks who are interested in working in the nursery.

~Lori





Adult Bible Study – Fall 2019

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Led by Pastor Beth Siefert

In 2020, we will mark 50 years of ordaining women to Word and Sacrament ministry in the ELCA and its predecessor bodies. As one of the first women ordained and called to serve in Western Pennsylvania I am looking forward to this anniversary celebration as an opportunity to look back at our church's response (biblically, theologically and pragmatically) to a time of great change in our world. Today is a time of great change as well. What can we learn from this historical event that can aid us in the challenges we face today?

The place to begin, of course, is the Word of God.

In this Bible Study entitled,

We are Church, We are Called,

we will reflect together on the Word that **all** are called to proclamation in Christ's church, albeit in different expressions whether lay or ordained.

The Study will include several examples of women's leadership in the Word, centering around the themes of **proclaiming, reforming, and celebrating**. As we prepare to mark this anniversary of women in ordained ministry, our prayer will be for the Holy Spirit's call to awaken all of us once more to God's goodness and grace in our lives and in our world.



Last day to REGISTER before the November election

October 7

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

October 29

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

November 5

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 4).

November 12

Elizabeth Eaton re-elected presiding bishop of ELCA

August 6, 2019



[Elizabeth Eaton](#) was re-elected presiding bishop of the ELCA August 6 at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. On the first ballot, 897 votes were cast and 670 votes were needed for election. Eaton received 725 votes, which is 81.19% of the vote.

Eaton is the first ELCA presiding bishop to win re-election on the first ballot. She was elected to a first term as presiding bishop at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh.

The first ballot for presiding bishop [was cast](#) during the first plenary August 5. The vote was declared invalid because of an unconstitutional early vote on the amendments to the bylaws of the ELCA constitution. This included an amendment that gave the ELCA Church Council the right of vote at a churchwide assembly, which included the election of the presiding bishop.

"We're church, church first," Eaton said, recalling the first of the four emphases she introduced after her election in 2013. "Our lives are not only supported but our lives are surrounded, and our lives have their basis and meaning in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And especially as we experience that in our lives and are changed by that in word and sacrament. That's where we get any authority or certainly any integrity to do works of love and justice, because we're church."



DECLARATION OF THE ELCA TO PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

On June 27, 2019, the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopted the following declaration as a statement addressed to people of African descent.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) apologizes to people of African descent for its historical complicity in slavery and its enduring legacy of racism in the United States and globally. We lament the white church's failure to work for the abolition of slavery and the perpetuation of racism in this church. We confess, repent and repudiate the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice.

The ELCA acknowledges that slavery created and perpetuated racism, a truth this nation and this church have yet to fully embrace. The enslavement of Africans was based on a false narrative of the racial inferiority and the demonization of black people by the majority culture. Slavery was supported by white religious, legal, political, and scientific leaders and institutions for social, political, and economic gain. During the 246-year transatlantic slave trade, which began in 1619, an estimated 12 million people from Africa were stolen from their native lands, separated from their families, torn from their culture, killed for seeking freedom, tortured through inhumane forms of punishment, and subjected to lifetimes of captivity. While the white church stood silently by, people of African descent resisted through acts of rebellion, created new expressions of spirituality and Christian practice rooted in African traditions, and organized movements for freedom.

The ELCA teaches that racism is sin and that racism denies the reconciling work of the cross.¹ Rooted in slavery, racism is manifested through the history of Jim Crow policies, racial segregation, the terror of lynching, extrajudicial killings by law enforcement, and the disproportionate incarceration of people of color.² Descendants of formerly enslaved Africans are still denied equal access and opportunity in church and society while white people collectively benefit from unequal access, opportunity, and power. Institutional racism currently exists in the ELCA through discriminatory treatment within the call process; inequitable compensation of clergy of color; racial segregation; divestment from black communities and congregations; systemic policies and organizational practices; and failure to fully include the gifts of leadership and worship styles of people of African descent.

The ELCA trusts that repentance begins and ends with the work of a gracious God. In prayerful response to the African Descent Lutheran Association's request for an apology, this church enters into a season of confession and lamentation. Beyond empty promises or well-meaning intentions, this church recommits to the work of racial justice, socioeconomic equity, and racial reconciliation. This apology is a recommitment to the process of right and equitable relations within this church, and the flourishing of Christ's church universal. This recommitment means working toward a deeper understanding of slavery and its legacy, of institutional and structural racism, of white privilege, and of attitudes and foundations of white supremacy. It means praying for the renewal of this church as disciples of the living Christ.

¹ *Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture* (Chicago: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1993), 4-5.

² *The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries* (Chicago: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2013).



DID YOU KNOW
the Liturgical color for this
time of year –
after Pentecost
~green = OUR TIME OF
GROWTH IN CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 2019 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
9/1/19 One Service 10:00	Moran	Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
9/8/19 8:15 10:45 Rally Day/Sunday School Teacher Installation/Quilt blessing/School supplies blessing	Edwards			Denise Arnold
9/15/19 8:15 10:45	Siefert	Char Feiler		Debbie Madurski
9/22/19 8:15 10:45	Olson	Debbie Redditt Stan Holsopple	Hannah Mays	Barb Coughlin Claudia Skerlong
9/29/19 8:15 10:45	Zimmerman	Char Feiler	Hannah Mays Cindy Geddes	Dave Mays Char Feiler

Altar Guild: D. Dorler/J. Stewart

Counters: C. Geddes/B.Coughlin

Ushers: **Early:** R. Kuntz/B. Dorler

Late: J. & M. Siefert/B. Dorler

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Potatoes

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

Worship participants please note:

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER **DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 22**

Greetings Everyone:

I wanted to make everyone aware of some of the records I have been keeping over the summer. As many of you know, or don't know, I have been utilizing my Ipad to record raw files of church services. These files are saved as MP3 files which most computers and tablets can easily play back.

To make the files available for everyone, I have created an Outlook account to serve as an on-line repository for these files. I invite any of you to review the files and look back on our past worship services. If you know of someone who would enjoy worship at Immanuel for the inspirational message and congregational song, please feel free to share.

To access the repository:

Open a web browser and go to: www.onedrive.com

Click on the Sign In Option.

Account name is: musicilc@outlook.com

Password: Worshipshare

Once logged in, you will have access to the MP3 Files which you can listen to on-line, or the option to download.

Please remember these files are raw snapshots of our worship service and not edited in any way.

If you have any feedback, please feel free to let me know. timmbryan@hotmail.com

I will also have cards with access information available on Sunday Morning.

God Bless ~Bryan

Green Tip for the Month



Food waste is a huge problem in our country. You and your family can help reduce food waste by some simple steps.

- Carry some aluminum foil (which can be wiped clean after use and recycled) or small reusable containers with you to restaurants. If you can't finish your portion, pack it yourself. Then you don't need to ask them for a container – that often is Styrofoam.
- Remember that fruits and vegetables are just as good for you if they are misshapen, choose them when shopping. Often they otherwise get thrown out.
- Store fruits and vegetables properly to avoid spoilage:
 - Refrigerate: apples, berries, cherries, grapes, kiwi, citrus and nearly all vegetables and herbs.
 - Refrigerate after first ripening at room temperature: melons, nectarines, peaches, plums, avocados, pears and tomatoes
 - Store in a cool place: bananas, mangos, pineapples
 - Store in a cool, dark place: Potatoes and onions

There are lots of good ideas on-line. The EPA has some great suggestions at:

<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-too-good-waste-implementation-guide-and-toolkit>

There are also some good ideas from a religious perspective at <http://foodwasteweekend.org/launch/> That group is sponsoring a global event for religious communities Sept 6 – 8, 2019.



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Taylor B., Tim Botwright, Connie & Ron Cooper, Wally Coughlin's sister, Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Carol Ketchel, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Pastor & Sue Laber, Diane McGranor, Michael, David Olson & his grandson Andy Morneweck, Leo Reeves, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Ed Whitbred and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or ill at home. We also pray for our Co-op Ministry Team & Council and St. John's and St. James who are forming a new cooperative ministry. We pray for those in the military: Scott Case – Navy, (C. Geddes nephew) & Christopher Peterson – Navy (Grandson of the late Agnes & Chuck Peterson).

Shut-In Ministry

No time in your busy life for much more?

How about just an occasional phone call or card?

Current Shut-in list: Audree Adams, Judi Casler, Sally & “Shel” Fager & Pearl Young.

Please 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 or see our current directory.



If you are sick or in the hospital please notify the church office and if you'd like home communion or a copy of our newsletter ~ please let us know in the office.

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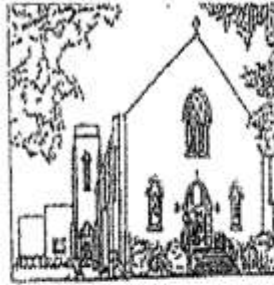
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Thank you for
sharing your



Time &
Talents



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THE REV. DR. GARY L. HARBAUGH, PASTOR EMERITUS

August 1, 2019

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your most generous financial donation of \$149.00 to the Holy Trinity Soup & Pasta Kitchen. We want to thank you very much for your gift, and we will ensure that it is used to sustain the food ministries.

The soup kitchen served approximately 7000 meals in 2018, and just this past Tuesday evening, July 30, we served dinner to 111 friends and neighbors. With your support we are able to continue serving in God's ministry to help feed body and spirit with a good meal and fellowship.

Holy Trinity members and the numerous volunteers offer many loving hearts and helping hands, but only with support from people like you through prayer and contributions is it possible to fulfill God's mission with our neighbors in need.

Thank you again for your continuing help.

In Christ,

Ron King
Mr. Ron King
Pastoral Assistant

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 2019 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.

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

September Birthdays

September	5	Madison Penpek
	11	Airi Suokas, Claudia Skerlong
	13	Elizabeth Cool
	15	Tom Stewart/Summer Feiler
	28	Denise Arnold/Steven Saylor
	29	Sue Pfeiffer

Everyone loves a birthday card! Please remember a member!!

September Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary on

September	2	Char & Dick Feiler
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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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Immanuel Hours

Church Office –
833-4062
Hours - Mon-
Thurs. 8:30am-
12:30pm

Staff

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 – 490-2464
Secretary – Debbie Madurski – 774-3590

Council Members

Cindy Eckman, Char Feiler, George Pfeiffer,
Hannah Mays, Bob Dorler, 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*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman
Rally Day: 9/8/19

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ilc-erie.org/)
Did you miss church? Need to keep updated and want
easy access to the church calendar, newsletter or annual
report?

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Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: David & Hannah Mays

Finance

Council liaison: Gretchen Andrews

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan
Holsopple

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

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:

School Supplies Collection

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant



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Greetings of Peace



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 One service 10:00 a.m. <u>Quarter Sunday</u>	2 *LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus	3 AA 7:30 PM	4 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	5	6 7:30 PM Friday AA	7
8 GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School RALLY DAY COUNCIL MTG 7 p.m.	9 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus	10 AA 7:30 PM	11 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	12	13 7:30 PM Friday AA	14 Baby Shower Leubin- McCray Hall
15 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School	16 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7 pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	17 AA 7:30 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7 p.m.	18 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	19	20 7:30 PM Friday AA	21
22 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School	23 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 1st DAY OF AUTUMN 7 pm Flute Choir 	24 AA 7:30 PM	25 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	26	27 7:30 PM Friday AA	28
29 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School	30 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir					



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WHAT IS GOD
ASKING OF YOU
TODAY AND IN THE
DAYS AHEAD?