



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

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***SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY –
SEPTEMBER 10!***

Highlights from the NWPA ELCA

Synod's office calendar

09/09/2017 – 4:00 pm
Lutherans & Global Mission
Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica-Padilla
First Lutheran Church
109 Third Avenue, Warren, PA

Watchword September 2017

"And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Luke 13:30

Follow up to the August 2017 newsletter with the report
about Synod Assembly June 2017:

Synod Council Recommendation #8 –

the Synod creates the role of assistant treasurer.

This recommendation was adopted – thanks to Ellen from the Synod Office.

Shaken by the wind – 22nd DIAKONIA World Assembly -

June 28 - July 5, 2017 at Loyola University, Chicago

How fitting that we gathered for the 22nd World Assembly in the windy city of Chicago.

Who is we? Well, over 400 women and men from 28 countries came to Chicago, because we have been shaken by the wind, by the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord and the people at the margins.

Just recently a member from Immanuel Lutheran asked me, what is DIAKONIA? "DIAKONIA" is the World Federation of Diaconal Associations and Diaconal Communities.

DIAKONIA World Federation

- reflects on the nature and task of diakonia in the biblical context
- links and gathers those who are engaged in diaconal work worldwide
- encourages, supports and empowers the development of groups doing diaconal work
- is a living experience of ecumenical relationships
- Membership consists of associations, organizations and communities of deaconesses, deacons, diaconal brothers and sisters, diaconal ministers and other church workers.

DIAKONIA World Federation

- furthers the understanding of the diaconate
- provides a network of mutual relationships crossing church traditions and cultural boundaries
- strengthens a sense of community and understanding among all member organizations
- encourages member organizations to explore their diaconal calling
- provides a forum for discussion of diaconal issues including social justice and reconciliation



- Organizes a world assembly every four years¹.

DIAKONIA is a Greek word that means "service." It is used to describe "waiting on tables (Acts 6:1-4)."

Diakonia is servanthood for the sake of others that gives dignity to others without demeaning oneself. It's the kind of service that Jesus showed us how to do.

In New Testament times, deaconesses and deacons were set apart to assist and lead the church in caring for the poor, marginalized, powerless people whom it would have been so easy to forget. Phoebe (Romans 16:1-2), Lydia (Acts 16: 13-15, 40), and Dorcas (Acts 9:36-41) are women of the early church whom were identified by the apostles for their examples of diakonia. Through the ages, the diaconate has shaped itself in various ways, but the heart has always been the same - to reach out in Christian love to those in

need. **This is everybody's call who is a Christian!**

Deacons and Deaconesses are set apart by the church for service and to inspire others to use their God given talents for the people at the margin. Therefore:

Deaconesses/Deacons form their servant-leader identity through education in theology, support from an international community, intentional spiritual reflection, and experience in ministry. Deaconesses/deacons may

do ministry through a variety of jobs using their gifts to serve. Deaconesses/deacons express their servant identity in all aspects of their lives. They respect the history of those that have gone before and bond with the community for support and affirmation. They are also flexible to adapt to the changing needs of the world². So basically a Deacon or Deaconess within the LDA (Lutheran Deacon/ness Association - <http://www.thelda.org>) is a Lutheran, educated in theology, is formed in community and serves people in church or the world.

When Jesus took the towel and basin and washed the disciples' feet, he provided a vivid model for diaconal ministry. "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14³

So we Deacons, Deaconesses, diaconal brothers and sisters, diaconal ministers and other church workers are ...

Shaken by the wind –Tuesday- Pre-conference day:
(and here are my experiences: to get on the train at 2:30am the day before for an 8 hrs. ride before the conference; to greet the first arriving guests at one of the largest US airports and



German Deaconess
Sr. Dorlis



Deaconess Sisters from India

¹ <http://www.diakonia-world.org/en/main/whoweare.shtml>

² <http://thelda.org/becomeadeaconess/glossary.php#diakonia>

³ http://www.thelda.org/about/what_is.php

provide a familiar voice – German – in midst of the chaos arriving in a foreign country; offering direction and the option to call home, before the drive to the University)

Shaken by the wind –Wednesday- to be gathered together and left behind our daily routines to assemble..., (My experiences: Filling many of the 400 registration bags, several times with the needed material, added the registered people from “E-L” from for 10 hrs. – 7 people did not receive the permission to enter the USA, including one from Germany.)



A view into the crafts of Africa – the Sunday School kids get bookmarks from Kenya...

Shaken by the wind -Thursday- to create a worldwide community, through worship, our common experiences, our sharing together; (organizing daily parking tickets for the 2 professional translators, handing out and recollecting headsets several times during the day at plenum sessions, answer questions, answer questions,

bilingually interpretation/facilitating during small group; provided first aid, 10 hr. day)

Shaken by the wind –Friday- to rock the foundations as we listen to the speakers, to each other in small groups, during walks, sport, dance, singing, at meals, and have our assumptions being questioned... (organizing daily parking tickets for the 2 professional translators, reader in my language of the heart at morning prayer; handing out and recollecting headsets several times during the day at plenum sessions, answer questions, answer questions bilingually, interpreting 2 workshops and during small group; meeting with friends from DIAKONIA BERLIN 2013; 10 hr. day)

Shaken by the wind –Saturday- to face the chaos with courage and confront together humankind's violence and turmoil...



it done with 30 min. to spare before the evening worship started! Contemplation: is it appropriate to celebrate your national holiday, since the country belongs to the indigenous



Receiving units during battery change, one case of the many in the background.

- (organizing daily parking tickets for the 2 professional translators, handing out and recollecting headsets several times during the day at plenum sessions, interpreting 2 workshops and during small group; Turmoil: what we need to change all these batteries in these 400+ translation receivers? I could not let the one tech-person from the professional translating service do this by himself, since we had just 2.5 hrs for that – we got



Resurrection Lutheran Church, Chicago

people in the first place... - this was Canada-Day – July 1st 10 hrs.)

Shaken by the wind –Sunday- to experience the unknown as we dispersed to encounter and explored Chicago by using the mass

transit to get to worship (for me at Resurrection Lutheran Church, a church serving refugees and is a reconciling church; I enjoyed in the afternoon the grounds of Loyola and the view of Lake Michigan for my academic studies).



Resurrection Lutheran Church, Chicago

Shaken by the wind –Monday- to form a new perspective as we reconnect bringing fresh understandings of our world (organizing daily parking tickets for the 2 professional



translators, handing out and recollecting headsets several times during the day at plenum sessions, answer questions, answer questions, bilingually; interpretation/facilitating during small group; be the sign for Bishop Eaton to find the way to us –Thanks

to the DIAKONIA T-Shirt from Berlin 2013, she found us quickly and was able to bring greetings from the ELCA, leader of Evening-Payer in the language of the heart; 10 hr. day)

Shaken by the wind –Tuesday- to nourish hope - in community we celebrate the promise that we have been given – celebrated 70th of DIAKONIA! (organizing daily parking tickets for the 2 professional translators, handing out and recollecting headsets several times during the day at plenum sessions, answer questions, answer questions, bilingually; interpretation/facilitating during small group; Americana Hymn Festival – many hymns I translated...; 10 hr. day)

Shaken by the wind –Wednesday- to be scattered to serve we depart from Chicago to continue the diaconal work to which we are called (helped with take down of the 7ft. tall foam cross from worship, organized rides to post conference destinations; then I got served by my fellow German Deaconess Sisters who invited me to go on the Skyscraper Tour, since my train didn't leave before 9:30pm and they escorted me even to the train station!) Welcome to Darwin Australia in 2024..., Your servant in Christ Jesus, Vicar and Deaconess Cowey



Welcome to Worship in September:

September 3 Lectionary 22 – Labor Day weekend
10:00am – one service

September 10 Lectionary 23 – help
08:15am and 10:45am

September 17 Lectionary 24 – mercy
08:15am and 10:45am

September 24 Lectionary 25 – lavish
08:15am and 10:45am

Bring friends and neighbors!

Mark your calendar:

Praying the Small Catechism

Thursdays at 11am – except 09/28/17

at Panera Bread, Yorktown Center, 2501 W 12th St, Erie PA

Reformation 500

BOOKSTORE

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Reformation is fast approaching!

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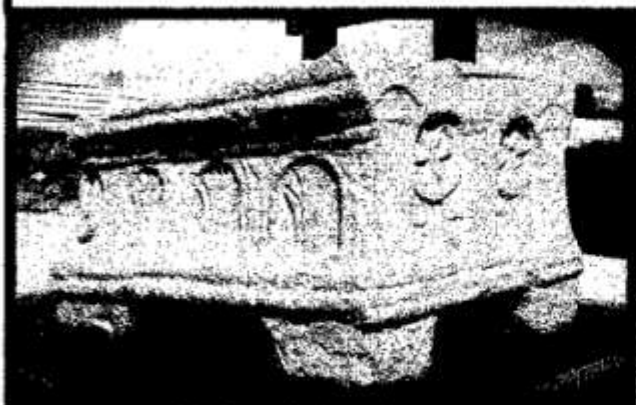
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Digging Magdala 2017



Unlike the picture we get from Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark, archeology in Israel is more about rocks and stones than about priceless treasures. However, in Magdala Israel, a rock has been found that is a priceless treasure: the Magdala Stone, described as follows.

One of the most significant recent archaeological finds in the Holy Land, the Magdala Stone holds clues that will help scholars establish a more complete picture of

first century Judaism. The Magdala Stone is likely the earliest known artistic depiction of the Second Temple. The front of the stone depicts the oldest carved image of the Second Temple's seven-branched menorah ever found...The long side of the stone depicts the side of a building with pillared archways, with three dimensional design to create the illusion of appearing inside the temple. The back of the stone depicts a pillared structure with two wheels above a geometric shape, illustrating fire. Presumably, the front and sides of the stone carvings represent the Second Temple in Jerusalem, and the back side depicting wheels and fire represents the Holy of Holies.

Come to Abiding Hope to hear Pastor Allie Leitzel and her husband, Chaplain Barry Davis, talk about their recent work on the dig at Magdala. Learn a little about archeology and a bit more about the Holy Land in their entertaining presentation.

Thursday September 14th

6 pm Tureen Dinner - *bring a dish to share*

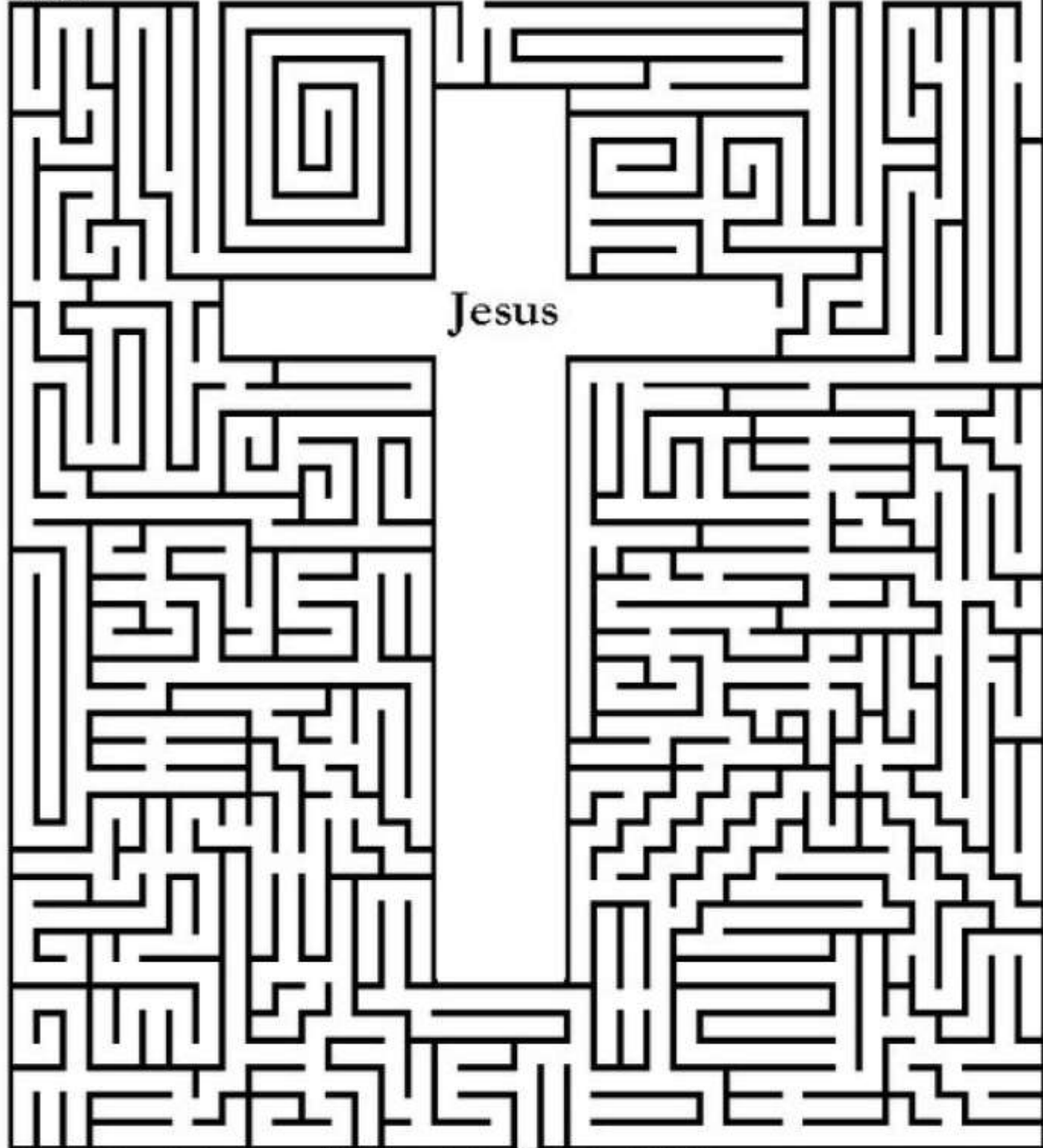
7 pm Presentation: Digging Magdala 2017

Abiding Hope is at 2402 West Grandview Blvd, Erie PA. For more information please call the church at 814-868-8685. Abiding Hope is handicap accessible. Presentation is free and open to the public.

Youth pages:

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.

Start



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Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 18:21-22



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Christian Education

Council liaison: Ben Reitz



Sunday School Newsletter – September 2017

Our new year will start on September 10th at our normal time of 9:30-10:30 am in Leubin-McCray Hall downstairs. Plans are still forming in my head, but I'm pretty sure we will have donuts and juice. Everyone is welcome, pre-school to adults.

Enjoy your remaining summer.

Thanks for reading.

Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent



Poems from an Angel

*(shared by Jack Botwright from
his Aunt Evelyn Musolff)*



DEPEND ON GOD

Wonder why, in the sky, it looks stormy or calm?
Then again, we look up, and the sun is the balm;
Through it all, God bears fruit, in the heights of the palm,
God exists, ever gives us the proof.

And the snow, cold winds blow, and the flakes fill the air,
What a sight, in the night, or the day, can't compare;
As the earth is transformed, by our Great Father's care,
With a blanket, of white, on the roof.

And the rain, that transcends, from the Heavens above,
Cleanses all, large and small, by our Great Father's Love;
Soaks the ground, without sound, for all things we're made of,
But, the love, for our God, so aloof.

Let's bow down, *fore our Heavenly Father and pray,
He's the One, who cares for us, yes, night and day;
He will hear you, and listen to words, that you say,
As a child, all your life, past your youth.



September 2017

Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
9/3/17				
10:00 one service	V. Cowey	Anita Byrne	Cindy Geddes	Lorraine Hornaman
9/10/17		Ben Reitz	Hannah Mays	Barb Coughlin
Late 10:45	P. Washill	Vicar Cowey	N/A	Debbie Madurski
9/17/17		Stan Holsopple	Rick Kuntz	Rick Kuntz
Late 10:45	V. Cowey	Char Feiler	Anita Byrne	Claudia Skerlong
9/24/17		Debbie Redditt	Bob Dorler	Bill Redditt
Late 10:45	V. Cowey	Anita Byrne	Char Feiler	Lori Nemenz

Acolyte: n/a

Altar Guild: C.Feiler/S.Roemer/D. Madurski

Counters: Stan Holsopple & Denise Arnold

Ushers: Early: R. Kuntz/B. Dorler

Late: Bob Roemer

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Soups: Wedding Soup/Cream of Chicken

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

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

CAN YOU HELP OUT?

*******PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR COUNTING TEAMS *******

.....OR MAKE YOUR OWN TEAM – MORE COUNTERS ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS A PARTNER. WE WILL TRY TO WORK WITH YOUR SCHEDULE - BUT IF YOU CAN'T COMMIT, POSSIBLY YOU ARE WILLING TO BE CALLED ON AS A "SUB" – LET CINDY GEDDES KNOW OR CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND SERVE IN THIS NEW ROLE.



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Esther Bax, Betsy Case, Jeremy Cool, Pat Dehner, David Guthrie, Jim Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Phyllis Lindahl, Marie McKinney, Michael, Howard McGranor, Sharon Roemer, Crystal S., Pastor Schultz, Maria S., Debbie Sitter, Robin Steger, Sophie Rene, Kim Wingard, 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).



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.

Audree Adams, Esther Bax, Judi Casler, Patricia Dehner, Sally & "Shel" Fager, Mae Rapp, & Doris Roesch.

FAITH IN ACTION

A BIG THANK YOU!!

Property Committee Report

You may have not realized it, but the Property Committee has been very busy this summer and we'd like to thank the many members who help keep the building maintained.

As the Sunday school staff was preparing for Vacation Bible School on a late Sunday morning in July, they opened the refrigerator door in Leubin McCray Hall, only to find mold and a warm refrigerator. A chain of events ensued with members pitching in and by early afternoon a new refrigerator had been purchased, picked up, delivered, unloaded, installed and the old one hauled away...all in a matter of a couple hours. Thanks to Mike Redditt for using his pickup truck to deliver the refrigerator and many thanks to Debbie & Bill Redditt, Dave Mays, Wally Coughlin, Tom Stewart, Jen Kuntz, and Rick & Carolyn Kuntz for assisting.

Have you noticed the new asphalt along the east edge of our parking lot? Due to the many potholes and deteriorating asphalt it was necessary to have the area dug out and repaved. So now you are able to turn in the parking lot without bumping along!

Our tenants at the West 10th Street house have given notice that they will be moving August 31st. The Property committee will be searching for new tenants and will again reach out to Glowacki Realtors to assist us in the search.

Did you notice the green dumpster is gone and we now have another parking space? Due to rising cost and not generating enough garbage to fill the dumpster, the Property Committee decided to end our contract with Waste Management. Our new waste hauler is Advanced Disposal and at a much more reasonable cost!

A big thank you to so many working behind the scenes to share their gifts in the work and ministry of Immanuel.

FELLOWSHIP, OUTREACH AND GROWTH



A BIG THANK YOU to ALL those involved in this year's Summer Church Picnic with WJET Weather in Your Neighborhood and Brooklyn Pizza.

We were happy to "initiate" our new tables at this event – they looked really nice!! We were thankful for the donation of picnic supplies made possible by a Thrivent Action Team grant facilitated by Stan Holsopple.

We were happy to welcome the Westlake Fire Dept. volunteers and the Millcreek Paramedics this year. We were VERY THANKFUL that the weather cooperated and the food and fellowship was truly a blessing.

All Sew Saturday

9/23/17

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Join us to sew tote bags for residents of Community Shelter. These will be part of the gift bags we provide the residents at Christmas time.

Bring a sandwich for lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Thank you ! Social Ministry

Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flowers



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 2017 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.

If you prefer to bring your own flowers or plants please contact the office to make arrangements.

Celebrations of Life and Love

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.

immluthch@verizon.net

For Punny People



September Birthdays

September	11	Airi Suokas, Claudia Skerlong
	15	Tom Stewart
	16	Joe Steger
	24	Ben Reitz
	28	Denise Arnold
	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 (50 TH !!)
	16	Diane & Glenn McGranor

- *A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.*
- *A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.*
- *The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered*



Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062

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

Staff

Vicar Cowey

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

Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

Pres. David Mays – 838-3239

Vice Pres. – Ben Reitz – 460-0575

Secretary Kim Lee -838-4022

Council Members

Gretchen Andrews, Cindy Eckman, Mary Hauser,
Kim Lee, David Mays, Hannah Mays, Debbie
Redditt, Ben Reitz, John Siefert

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 – 7PM*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Ben Reitz

Sunday School Rally Day – Sept. 10th

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](#)
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

Quarterly Celebrations of Life and Love

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

Please fill out your Time & Talent forms and consider a 2017 Pledge –pick up a form at church or ask for one in the office

Social Ministry Committee

All Sew Saturday – see article in newsletter

Council liaison: Mary Hauser – Committee chair: vacant

Worship & Music

8/31 – practice resumes

Bell Choir: 6:15 Adult Choir 7:15

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant

Meeting 1st Sunday of every other month, even months - after late service