

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY NEWSLETTER 2022

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Drive-In worship participants we are asking you to drive up to the door/overhang at the Education wing in the main (south) parking lot. The usher will hand out communion, bulletins and receive offerings. Using the overhang, the usher will be somewhat protected from the weather and will also not have to cross the street!



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Grace & Peace
from the Pastor's Desk

My first in person Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly took place at Thiel College in Greenville, PA on June 10, 2022.

Anita Byrne and I sat together, and she introduced me to many people at the Assembly. Being post-pandemic we were limited to one church representative, and Anita won! I'm sure Joe would have liked to be there as well. Thank you Anita for your presence representing Immanuel.

Opening worship included a message from Bishop Lozano in which we learned he detests brussels sprouts! We then moved into legislation which first included taking a poll of retired and active clergy because legislation was passed by the Synod that restricts the vote of retired clergy, stating retired clergy can only vote if there is a 40/60 clergy/lay representation. It was determined there was enough lay representation that the retired clergy had a vote. Following this there was a block vote on constitutional updates involving changing the language to concur with the conference language rather than the cluster that was eliminated last year.

It was noted that \$42,000.00 of mission grants were received in our Synod and that 50% of our Synod donations go to ELCA.

Then Pastor Brenda Miller spoke about a relationship formed between two foreign exchange students who met at Lutherlyn when they were teenagers. One of the men was from Germany and the other from the Ukraine. They continued to stay in touch, and when the war broke out the Ukrainian man sent his family and his sister's family to live with the German man who had purchased a home with the intent of making a B&B, however that hadn't panned out, so he made it into apartments for the Ukrainians. The man who stayed behind in Ukraine is a neurosurgeon who cannot leave Ukraine yet. All this came about because they met at Lutherlyn and kept in touch.

Next the bylaw change regarding Holy Communion at Assembly was voted upon and approved so that it now reads "Normally Holy Communion will be celebrated at each regular Assembly." This was because an online Assembly was held last year and the constitution was broken due to not being able to celebrate Holy Communion.

The budget was discussed and accepted at \$779,461.00 for 2023. Rev. King was re-elected as Synod treasurer and Rev. Fischer was re-elected as Synod secretary.

It was announced that 100% of ELCA students at United Lutheran Seminary are tuition free.

Three memorials were introduced, and all were approved. One was on Gun Violence, one to reconsider the statement of purpose for the ELCA and take a re-look at the structure since it has been 35 years since it's inception. A committee is to report to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. The third was on Greenhouse Gas to reduce emissions by 50% before 2030. All these will go to Churchwide Assembly for consideration.

Bishop Lozano then spoke about what it means to be a Synod together. An emphasis will be made on making disciples and Synod Council will become a test Synod. Pastor Jacobson and Pastor Dyson are collaborating on a Team Model for leadership development in order to be the church in the new generation. Communication, healthy conflict and a cell concept of spiritual growth will be developed.

Prior to closing, churches and rostered leaders were celebrated for their years of service, with the Revs. Martin Roth and John K Ludwig being honored with a plaque for 50 years of service.

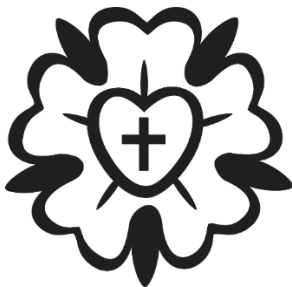
I enjoyed my first in-person Lutheran Assembly and I am looking forward to next year.

I'm normally in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to call 814-833-4062 or drop in to visit. My email is pastorkaren.immanuel@gmail.com, or phone me on my cell 724-557-2386 (if I don't answer please leave a message).

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen



Vacation Bible School is going to be an exciting Discovery on Adventure Island this summer with Beacon the Puffin as our guide. The dates are Monday through Friday, July 11-15 from 6:00 - 8:05 p.m. "Arise! Shine! Your light has come; The Lord's glory has shone upon you!" (Isaiah 60:1) Pastor Karen will be the storyteller Monday through Wednesday evenings. Let your friends and family with preschoolers through 6th grade (finished 6th grade this year) know about this time to share with other kids. Sadly, there will be no adult class this year.



SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School
July 11-15
With Lakewood United
Methodist



PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO READ THE
NEEDS LIST

ON THE NEXT PAGE.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS
EVENT WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR
DONATIONS.

START OF A NEW
YEAR

Sept. 11, 2022

Hope you can make it!
Mark your calendar now
& plan to be with us.

RALLY

DAY

We will also have our Church Picnic that day.



Light House Snacks for VBS

Items needed.....

2 cans white icing _____

2 Jars sprinkles _____

2 boxes ice cream cones (flat bottom) _____

2 boxes graham crackers _____

1 large pkg large marshmallows _____

2 boxes square snack cakes _____

2 tubes icing (white) _____

2 pkgs sponge cake rolls _____

2 jars marshmallow fluff _____

1 bag small pretzel sticks _____

1 pkg Oreo cookies _____

Thank You!

JUNE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Communications:

Thank you from Holy Trinity for the donation of \$528

Email communication from the bishop. He approved interim pastoral contract for two years and contract was signed by all three parties.

Thiel college nominations due by June 30th. Solicitation received from Mission Investment Fund.

Previous minutes and Treasury report approved.

Worship & Music meeting June 16th

Christian Ed: Looking for volunteers for crafts for VBS July 11-15th

Social Ministry: Still collecting money for kits. Hoping to make 46 kits.

Property: West 10th street house will be vacant end of August. Agent reported rental prices have increased so new rent amount will be determined. Boiler inspection which failed was rectified by Jason Winston. Pull for police stick was updated. Company installed new software to fix bugs. Sound system should be looked at as hard for some parishioners to hear.

FOG: need more rummage sale volunteers.

Picnic and Rally Day will be September 11th. Should we consider Door Dash to outreach to members who are ill/in need?

Pastors report: two months. She will be on vacation August 21st. Olmstead weekend October 28th.

Council does not meet in July. Next meeting is in August. DTBD

Compiled by Debbie Redditt – Council Pres.

FALL RETREAT – COME AND WORSHIP AND RELAX IN BEAUTIFUL LUDLOW, PA THIS FALL



An October trip to **Olmsted Manor Retreat Center** located on Route 6 in Ludlow, PA is in the planning stages. Come enjoy the splendor of Autumn in the Allegheny National Forest and the beauty of a Tudor mansion built in 1917, yet with all the modern amenities one could want. Check in is at 3 p.m. on Friday. We will be celebrating the Holden Evening Prayer service at the manor and spending the night on Friday, **October 28, 2022**. Saturday morning we will have a brief worship time. Our meals will be fixed in the Manor kitchen. Lots of time on your own to just relax and enjoy.

There are 4 double rooms available, each with their own bathroom, 2 double rooms and a single room with a shared bath. Price for double occupancy is \$30.00 per person, 40.00 for a single person.

Get in touch with Pastor Karen if you are interested. Check out their website olmstedmanor.org for pictures.

Immanuel Worship Calendar



JULY 2022 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
7/3/22 9:30 AM Independence Weekend	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
7/10/22 9:30 AM	Kostur		Cindy Eckman
7/17/22 9:30 AM	Jennifer Kuntz		
7/24/22 9:30 AM	Greg Zimmerman		<u>Lav Dist./Lector</u> Bob Dorler/Bob Dorler
7/31/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Barb Coughlin



Altar Guild: J. Stewart/D. Dorler

Counters: B. Coughlin/C. Geddes

Ushers: Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for AUGUST

Worship & Music in the News....



You can find Pastor Karen's latest sermons in print on our webpage here <http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html> and the video is posted to our [Facebook page](#)

We will once again be using
"With One Voice"
this Summer starting in July.

The Worship & Music committee met on June 16th to work with your favorite hymn choices for the Summer. We are hoping to offer an outside worship on July 10th - bring your lawn chair and join us. We will gather on the lawn outside church.

COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

It will be in the lounge after church service. The Eckmans will be hosting.



SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 11, 2022
Outside worship
followed by the
Church Picnic.



Please join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. either indoors, or in our drive-in services.

FAITH

FELLOWSHIP, OUTREACH & GROWTH NEWS

The Millcreek 4th of July parade is happening this year.



Feel free to park in the church lot as you attend the parade. Tell your neighbors to use our lot also. This will remind folks

about Immanuel as a presence in the Lakewood area.

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The Annual Church Picnic will once again be held after Sunday outside worship services.

The date chosen is Sept. 11th.

Last year it was a great success. All the food and drink will be provided.

ACTION



Please continue to support our Little Free Pantry with food and non-perishable items. With prices rising sharply over the past few months the pantry is needed more than ever. Thank you for your donations.

FAITH

You can make a difference every day...

The food we choose to eat has an impact on climate. According to the David Suzuki Foundation livestock production uses 30% of the planet's land surface and is responsible for nearly 20% of greenhouse gases like methane.

When planning meals, shopping or ordering in a restaurant, consider:

- How low on the food chain is this?
- How much energy goes in to producing it?
- Is it grown organically?
- How far did it travel to get to the store/table?

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Steps you can take include:

- **Plan ahead** - do some research and find yummy recipes before you go shopping.
- **Eat meat-free meals.**
- **Choose veggie restaurants and meatless menu alternatives.**
- **Check out vegetarian websites.**
- **Buy organic and local whenever possible.**
- **Vote with your fork** - organic food is better for the climate. Organic meat, poultry, eggs and dairy come from animals that aren't fed antibiotics or growth hormones. Organic farms promote genetic biodiversity, create less water pollution and soil damage, and result in fewer poisonings of farm workers, and less harm to wildlife.
- **Read labels.**
- **Tell the produce manager at your grocery store what you want and why.**
- **Don't waste food** - nearly half of all food produced worldwide is wasted after production, discarded in processing, transport, supermarkets and kitchens. When people throw food out, all the resources to grow, ship, package and produce it are wasted, too, including massive amounts of water.
- **Grow your own** -turn your yard or even the smallest of spaces like a balcony or patio into a food garden.

ACTION

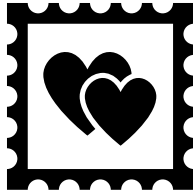
Additional information can be found at: <https://davidsuzuki.org/living-green/food-climate-change/>

(Shared from the SWPA Synod Green Team)



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.

Please remember the members of Immanuel who are "shut in," or having some health challenges 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 the church directory.



KEEP IN PRAYER: Denise Arnold's Mom Lucie Arndt as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn, his wife Lana; Pam Anthony Lakewood VBS Coord.; John & Tim Botwright & their families; Bob Dorler's sister – Pat; the Feiler & Lee families; Cindy Geddes' family friend Deedee; Christin; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman; Kyle Husted; Carol Ketchel;

Pastor Karen's cousin, Marilyn and Pastor's friend Pat; Bill Kostur's daughter – Samantha; Jim Kuntz; Leslie; Patrick Lewis–friend of S. Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano; Friend of Debbie Redditt – Nathan in remission and sister-in-law Sherrill Kuntz; Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, who are serving on the "front line" during the COVID pandemic or who are 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 UPDATES:

We have been praying for **Mary Hauser** who had successful cervical spinal surgery at Cleveland Clinic done by Neuro-surgeon, Dr. Schlenk. She is amazed and thankful and back to church. Prayers of thanksgiving!!

We have also been praying for Mary's daughter, **Christin**, who many of us know as growing up here at Immanuel and coming back to visit. I am so happy to share that Christin Moreland graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, May 2022, with a Masters of Divinity degree. She is finishing her clinical training and will be ordained as a Presbyterian minister in the Fall. Prayers of thanksgiving!!

Pam Anthony from Lakewood United Methodist - Vacation Bible School Co-Coordinator with Immanuel for many years, has been on our prayer list and she shared an update at our recent VBS meeting that she has had successful oncology surgery and cannot say enough about Allegheny Health Network's, Dr. Kravak coupled with her exercise classes at Lakewood UMC and all the wonderful prayers – "God is Good!"

Rummage Sale Report

June 17, 18, 2022

The Rummage Sale was quite the success! We were able to sell a lot of the items. All proceeds went to the Boiler Fund Campaign.

Thank you to all those members who donated items and even reached out to their family, friends and neighbors for donations.

Thank you especially to the team of workers who priced the items, organized and set up the items, moved the items from upstairs, moved tables, set up signs, promoted the sale, and carried the items out, even to neighborhood houses.

Thank you to the members who came and worked the days of the sale and those who came and supported us and purchased items. As they say... **"One man's trash is another man's TREASURE!"** And believe me, we did sell some items from the trash!

The rummage sale staff had lots of laughs and fun. We even have some interesting stories to tell. We were also able to sell some of the higher ticket items on Facebook Marketplace and when they came to pick up the item, they shopped the sale as well. Some items didn't even make it to the first day of the sale, as they were purchased when they were dropped off. We were able to sell all but two of our 30-year-old anniversary cookbooks! I met several of our neighbors and had some nice chats with them. Some generous folks let us keep their change as a donation or even gave us a donation to the boiler. Several asked when the next sale would be.....hmmm.

To date we have made **\$2,130.40** from the rummage sale.

Thank you all for your efforts, generosity and a successful sale!

Compiled by D. Redditt



Green Corner NWPA Synod Green Team

Earth Friendly Celebrations

Here are some ideas for “greening-up” your next get together:

- ♥ Substitute throw-away plastic table covers with bedding sheets (lots of great designs) or butcher/craft paper (furnish crayons or makers for guests to decorate)
- ♥ Use paper lanterns (that can be collapsed to use again) instead of balloons
- ♥ Choose party favors wisely:
 - Select paper bags rather than plastic
 - Give a book to young attendees, related to the party theme
 - Give a photo frame (can be decorated) with a picture of the guest(s)
- ♥ Consider “no gifts/hostess thank-yous” or better yet, encourage attendees to bring a donation for the area animal shelter or food pantry
- ♥ Substitute plastic tableware and straws with paper goods (compostable ones are best!)
- ♥ Having a large number of guests? Provide markers or labels for their cups, so only one per person is needed.
- ♥ Provide labeled trash bags, separating landfill and recyclable items.

The Green Team’s purpose is to “raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation”. Our mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries, raise awareness, model creation care advocacy consistent with ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life.

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<https://www.northwesternpasynodelca.org/nwpa-green-team.html>

Celebrations

of Life and

Love



ALTAR FLOWERS AND

SANCTUARY CANDLE SIGN-UP

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN POSTING OUR ALTAR FLOWER AND SANCTUARY CANDLE SIGN-UP SHEETS IF YOU WOULD CARE TO SPONSOR EITHER OR BOTH IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE -- IT WILL BE NOTED IN OUR WORSHIP BULLETIN.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CATHY'S FLOWER SHOPPE, WHO HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE FLOWERS FOR US FOR MANY YEARS HAS HAD TO INCREASE PRICES SO **FLOWERS WILL BE \$36/WK** – SANCTUARY CANDLE REMAINS AT \$5/WK - SO WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE, PLEASE INCLUDE THIS NEW AMOUNT IN YOUR PAYMENT STARTING IN JUNE.

YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING IN YOUR OWN PLANTS/FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN, ETC.

July Birthdays

July	4	George Pfeiffer, III
	5	William Moore
	6	Janet Griffin
	8	Carol McCray
	18	Donna Dorler
	19	Michael Feiler
	22	Bob Roemer
	26	Cindy Eckman
	28	<i>Justin Lee</i> (who passed May 26, 2022)
	31	Stan Holsopple & Michael Redditt

July Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary on

July	1	Sally and John Leubin
	8	Carole & Ron DelPorto
	20	Mary & Bob Hauser
	25	Joe & Anita Byrne

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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Thurs.9:30am-2:00pm
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Organist/Music Director: Bryan
Timm
Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson
Nemenz

Sunday School

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice
Kreger
Teachers: Rick Kuntz & Pastor
Kostur

Congregation & Church Council Officers

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VP:Bob Dorler 814-833-2719
Sec.:D. Madurski 814-774-3590
Fin. Sec.:C.Geddes 814-734-1286
Treasurer: Bill Redditt

Additional Council Members

Cindy Eckman, Char Feiler, George
Pfeiffer, Sally Leubin, 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: Char Feiler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 11-15

Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt 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?

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IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES NEWS**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Cindy Eckman

**COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AND ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY
CHURCH PICNIC – SEPT. 11, 2022**

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

2021 AUDIT

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

**FACILITY MAINTENANCE, RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

52 LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS COMPLETED

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: Sue Pfeiffer

FAVORITE HYMNS – JULY & AUG.

**DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 A.M.
OUTSIDE WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC – SEPT. 11, 2022**

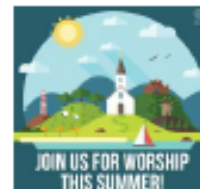
OneDrive audio files of recorded services






<https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/>

**PASTOR KOSTUR'S SERMONS ON OUR FACEBOOK &
WEBPAGE**

July 2022

INVITE SOMEONE
TO JOIN YOU



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M	2 BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM	1 AA 7:30 PM	2
3 9:30 Worship QUARTER SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR 	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY!! OFFICE CLOSED QUILTERS 9:30 A.M. FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM	5 AA 7:30 PM	6 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M.	7 BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM	8 AA 7:30 PM	9
10 9:30 *OUTDOOR* WORSHIP 	11 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM PASTOR ON	12 AA 7:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  VACATION	13 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ALL THIS WEEK AND	14 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEXT	15 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AA 7:30 PM August Newsletter Deadline WEEK TOO	16
17 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School JENNIFER KUNTZ PRESIDING PASTOR ON	18 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM VACATION	19 AA 7:30 PM ALL	20 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M. THIS WEEK	21 TOO	22 AA 7:30 PM  --ENJOY	23  PASTOR!
24 9:30 Worship GREG ZIMMERMAN PRESIDING	25 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM	26 AA 7:30 PM	27 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M.	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship						

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