

Will March come in like a Lion or a Lamb???



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Lenten Study and Worship – Wednesday evenings

***Bible Study: 6 pm*Holden Evening Prayer: 7 pm**

***Fellowship afterwards**



Please plan to join us on Ash Wednesday, 3/6 at 7 pm as we begin our journey into Lent with Pastor Karen Lundwall.

We hope you can join us each Wednesday during Lent for our traditional Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7 pm. We invite you to also participate this year in a special Bible Study at 6 pm in the Counting room lead by Pastor Beth Siefert. Feel free to bring a brown bag supper and your Bible as we exam the portrayals of several Biblical figures – each of which has had a unique encounter with Jesus.

Lenten Prayer for Renewal

Lord God of Mercy,

You call me during these 40 days of Lent to renew my commitment to you, my Creator and Redeemer. Help me, by your grace, to turn to you deep within the inner room of my heart, so that I may truly become an “ambassador for Christ” through your gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Speak tenderly to me during this time of reflection and renewal, and help me to remember how you have always led your people through trial and affliction to the Resurrection. Reveal and remove all obstacles that impede me from truly seeking and following you. Roll away the heavy stone from the tomb of my sinfulness.

Let the light of the Resurrected Christ radiate through my every word and action, so that all people may know your love that saves the world and gives eternal life. Raise me from the darkness; open my eyes to your light and my ears to your voice, so that my heart overflows with the inexpressible delight of love as I drink in the dawn of Easter glory. Amen.

~One Caring Place – Path of Life Books

Christian Education

Sunday School Newsletter – March 2019

How does a meal of pancakes, sausage, and applesauce sound? Believe it or not, it is time for our annual Shrove Tuesday evening. You know it, you love it. That night when Sunday School serves up a tasty meal before the season of Lent begins. On **March 5th**, starting at 5:30 pm we will offer a nothing fancy, but good, filling meal. Hope you can join us. Sign up using one of the forms below or in your bulletin.



Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday

March 5 2019

Leubin-McCray Hall

Serving 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Free will offerings to cover food cost will be appreciated

Please let us know by February 24th if you will be joining us

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Name: _____

How many? Adults _____

Children _____

JOIN US FOR
THIS FAMILY
FRIENDLY AND
CREATIVE
EVENT!!

INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS &
NEIGHBORS TOO!

Another one of our traditions is oddly food related also. The monks of long ago made pretzels with the dough crossed in the middle to symbolize the crossed arms of someone praying. On the fourth Sunday of Lent (**March 31st**), I will give out soft pretzels to remind our students to say their prayers. To remind them that God is always listening to them.

I have already attended a planning meeting at Lakewood about **Vacation Bible School** coming this Summer in July.

This year's theme is "Mars and Beyond".

After the pleasure of pancakes, we move into the repentant time of Lent. As we travel through the 40 days, maybe give a thought to giving back or paying it forward instead of giving something up.

May we all have a quiet, reflective time during Lent as we prepare for the wonderful blessing of Easter.

Thanks for reading.
Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent



Caring for God's Creation

Green Tip

In early February, the ELCA announced a collaboration with ecoAmerica's Blessed Tomorrow program, which helps faith-based organizations elevate their leadership on the moral, religious and justice issues surrounding climate change and creation care. The collaboration underscores the ELCA's commitment to raising awareness of climate change and taking action to mitigate its impact.

A short video **“God’s work. Our hands. Caring for Creation Today”** and a 15 step program on ways to create effective climate communications are available at the following link - <https://elca.org/environment>

Can you spare some time?

Please consider taking a few minutes to watch the video and prayerfully consider ways you and your family can take action to care for creation.

~Green Tip from Grace Lutheran Church Green Team, Allegheny Synod

Can you lend a hand?



Did you know that many plastic bags with recycle symbols, can be taken to Lowe’s for recycling. The grocery stores also welcome the return of their bags too when you are unable to use a re-useable bag.

Can you help spread the word...



Did you know that Erie Foam Fabricators on RT 20, Walnut Creek Hill, will accept and recycle custom fabricated styrofoam – (think packing for fragile electronics, etc.) – custom formed – give them a call or bring them to the church office. [\(814\) 838-4538](tel:8148384538)
6550 W Ridge Rd, Erie, PA 16506.



Thank you to the coordinators and soup chefs for choosing recyclable sample containers for the Soup Cook-off.

W/ELCA NEWS & EVENTS

Women of the Evang. Lutheran Church in America



The SOAP – Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution – Project has expanded our resources to include partnerships with the Sisters of St. Joseph of NWPA, Crime Victim Center of NWPA, and Gannon University Campus Ministry. Students from the Campus Ministry will join our women as they visit local hotels with information about Human Trafficking, how to educate their staff about recognizing it, and what to do if they suspect it is happening in their establishment.

Karen Hollinsworth, Nancie King, and Cindy Dohanic are on our team of visitors. Karen, Nancie, and I visited 2 hotels on upper Peach Street to share the SOAP Program. It was a gratifying opportunity.

If you have women in your conference who would like to participate in the SOAP Project in your local area or learn a little more about this, please let me know. You can literally save a life.

The Spring Gathering for Conference 1 (that includes Immanuel) will be held on April 13th at the Colony Restaurant beginning at 10:30. Mabel Howard from the Bethany Outreach Center will be our guest speaker. Pennies for Poverty money has been designated for Bethany Outreach this year. Be sure to contact the Immanuel church office if you are interested in car-pooling. See the registration on the next page or check the bulletin board for more info.

~W/ELCA NWPA Synod President, Pat Bellingham



CONFERENCE 1 – SPRING GATHERING

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

THE COLONY RESTAURANT – COLONY PLAZA

10:30 – Mix and Mingle

11:00 – Mabel Howard, Bethany Outreach Center

11:30 – Conference 1 Business meeting

12:00 – Lunch includes choice of stuffed chicken breast or broiled scrod, salad, veggie medley, roasted red potatoes, dessert, coffee, iced tea, gratuity, tax.

Mark your choice and return to Betty Pletz with \$15 by MARCH 31, 2019:

_____ Stuffed chicken breast

_____ Broiled scrod

Name _____ Congregation _____

Contact information for confirmation _____

Betty Pletz 171 Griffin Avenue Erie, PA 16511 BY March 31st.

Please feel free to copy this flyer and share. Reservations are required.



Don't forget our Pennies for Poverty will be collected with the recipient being the Bethany



Outreach Center.



Checks may be made out to NWPA SWO of W/ELCA

We are still building our Member Boards – looking for pictures of your churches and YOU!

MARCH 2019 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA



Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
3/3/19 Transfiguration 8:15 10:45	Pryber	Stan Holsopple Char Feiler	Hannah Mays _____	Cindy Eckman Claudia Skerlong
3/6/19 Ash Wed. 7 pm	Lundwall	Char Feiler		Bob Dorler
3/10/19 8:15 10:45	Zimmerman	Bob Dorler Gretchen Andrews	_____ Debbie Redditt	Bob Dorler Gretchen Andrews
3/17/19 8:15 10:45	Holmberg	Char Feiler Anita Byrne	Rick Kuntz Gretchen Andrews	Rick Kuntz Ann Anderson
3/24/19 8:15 10:45	Zimmerman	Debbie Redditt Gretchen Andrews	Stan Holsopple Anita Byrne	Barb Coughlin Debbie Madurski
3/31/19 8:15 10:45	Lundwall	Debbie Redditt Gretchen Andrews		Bill Redditt Ann Anderson

DID YOU KNOW...

The liturgical color for The Transfiguration of Our Lord, right before we enter the season of Lent is ~white~

for PURITY, LIGHT & JOY and during Lent is ~purple~ for REPENTANCE AND SOLEMNITY

- Acolyte:** Stan Holsopple/Denise Arnold
- Altar Guild:** S.Leubin/S.Pfeiffer/P.Maloney
- Counters:** Stan Holsopple/Denise Arnold
- Ushers:** Early: Rick Kuntz/Bill Redditt Late: Mike & Kim Lee
- Soup Kitchen Items Needed:** Powdered Drink Mix
- Soup Kitchen Delivery:** Stan Holsopple

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

Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for April

Monday March 11; 7:00 – Free -Jefferson Society, 3207 State Speaker: Ed Whitbred Lower Parade Street, “Erie’s Ellis Island” It’s like Déjà vu all over again* *Yogi Berra
 Almost from the establishment of Fort Presque Isle in 1753, the neighborhood around lower Parade has been a kind of “Ellis Island” of Erie County. And curiously, it continues to fulfill that role to this day. With the use of pictures and anecdotes we explore the role of this neighborhood’s ethnic churches, businesses and social organizations in Erie’s history. These are interspersed with contemporary photos showing the same evolution with different cultural focuses. This is not serious history but rather an informal reminder that other than Native Americans, we all come from strangers in a strange land.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MARCH 17TH





KEEP IN PRAYER: The family of Rose Brown, Lucie Arndt, Tim Botwright, Brock & Mom-Karla, Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Suzanne Kahn, Kellen, Carol Ketchel, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Phyllis Lindahl, Marie McKinney, Michael, Glenn McGranor, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Johnnie & Morgan Siefert, Debbie Sitter, 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).

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.

Update on Pearl Young ~ Jeanette Swanson and Lori Nemenz had a lovely visit with Pearl recently. She is doing well at St. Mary’s West and would welcome your visits and cards.

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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**Thank
you to all
involved!**



SOUP-ER BOWL COLLECTION



A BIG THANK YOU to all from the Social Ministry Committee for your generous donations to the Holy Trinity Soup and Pasta Kitchen.
We collected \$500.00!!



The Social Ministry committee will be collecting socks for men and women until **March 17**. They will be given to Community Shelter.

Please place in box labeled Community Shelter.
Thank you for your support!

Thank you to Joe & Penny Maloney for gifting Immanuel with the beautiful holiday wreaths that adorned our church doors during the holiday season. What a lovely welcoming addition to the entrance to Immanuel.

Thank you also to Jeanette Swanson and Lori & Larry Nemenz for purchasing several new seasonal banners for use at Immanuel.

*Also sharing this thank you from
United Lutheran Seminary
– see the next page for the letter.....*

United Lutheran Seminary

GETTYSBURG + PHILADELPHIA

1/17/2019

Immanuel Lutheran Church (Lakewood)
1002 Powell Ave
Erie, PA 16505-3495

Amount received: \$300.00 (Check #13221)
Gift purpose: United Lutheran Seminary Fund

*People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People look east, and sing today—Love, the Guest, is on the way.*
-- Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, French Carol

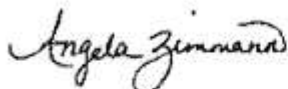
Dear Friends:

As 2018 draws to a conclusion, I am ever thankful for the many ways in which United Lutheran Seminary has grown through both joys and tears since we began this venture in July of 2017. Your gift to us is a constant reminder that the students, staff, and faculty do not operate in isolation. We are wonderfully and mysteriously connected in the communion of saints throughout the church. **You are an important partner among thousands who lift us up through prayer and support.**

As the lyrics of this familiar carol remind us, we are to prepare our homes for the coming of the Christ child in the seasons of Advent and Christmas. "Make your house fair as you are able" is the constant task of the seminary, to provide a home not only for students as they are equipped for the work of ministry, but also a home for the Christ to come and dwell in our hearts, reminding us of why we are here. In celebrating the reign of God through theological education, we prepare our homes for the Lord by raising up rostered leaders to show others how they too can prepare for "Love, the Guest" whose presence fills our lives with purpose and meaning.

Thank you for your gift at this time of year. You enable us to make a home for Christ to dwell in the hearts of those yearning to share this love throughout the church and beyond.

With gratitude and hope for the future,



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**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.

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.

March Birthdays

March	4	Julie Sierota
	7	Ronald Cooper/Joe Byrne
	8	Stephanie Wood
	11	Ava Fetcko
	12	Carolyn Kuntz
	25	Lori Nemenz, Isaiah Guthrie
	27	Jeanette Swanson (95!!) Sally Fager/Mike Moore
	31	Mary Hauser

Everyone enjoys receiving a card!

March Anniversaries

Congratulations! to those celebrating their anniversary on:

March 4 Michael and Jodie Feiler



LENTEN FELLOWSHIP **SPONSOR SCHEDULE**

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE LOUNGE AFTER THE WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES TO JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP AND SHARE REFRESHMENTS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

3/13	SUNDAY SCHOOL
3/20	SOCIAL MIN.
3/27	COUNCIL
4/3	FOG
4/10	CHOIR
4/17	NO REFRESHMENTS

March 2019

Greetings of Peace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 PM Friday AA	2
3 TRANSFIGURATION Sunday School 9:30 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 Quarter Sunday	4 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	5 SHOVE TUESDAY SUPPER 5:30 PM AA 7:30 PM	6 ASH WED. 7 PM SERVICE Choir Practice  TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	7	8 7:30 PM Friday AA	9
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17 Sunday School 9:30 am Services: 8:15 & 10:45 am NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	19 PROPERTY COMM. MTG. 7PM AA 7:30 PM	20 TOPS 8:30 AM BIBLE STUDY 6PM 7PM -HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER Social Choir Practice AA MTG 7:30 PM	21	22 7:30 PM Friday AA	23
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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

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

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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:

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant
*Ringers: 6:15 Open Rehearsal–come & give it a try
Singers: 7:15 PM*



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