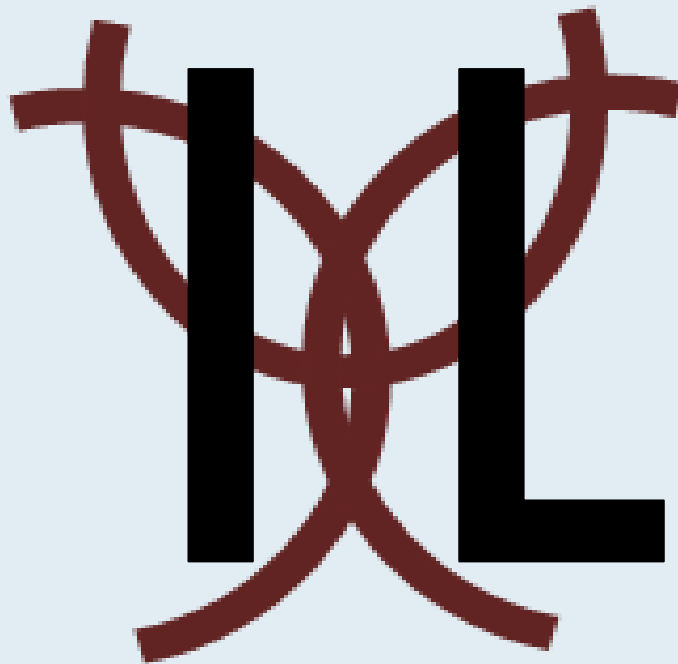


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2023



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CELEBRATING NEW LIFE, NEW BEGINNINGS!!



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Grace & Peace From the Pastor's Desk

“God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God?” Micah 6:8

Tucked deep in the pages of the Old Testament is the book of Micah; 7 chapters of prose written in lines as if poetry. The book begins by warning Israel and Judah about the invasion from Assyria because they are not keeping their covenantal relationship with God. Israel was suffering from evil and unfaithful leadership, and Judah was in a seesaw pattern with a “good” king followed by an evil king, with the cycle continuing until the Babylonian diaspora.

We sometimes hear from the prophet Micah in the season of Advent, just before Christmas, because the prophecy of the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem is found in chapter 5, verses 2-5. Following this is a clear description of what living in the kingdom of God is supposed to entail. The book ends with encouragement that God is faithful in good times and bad, staying near to us even when we have chosen to stray. Judgement and restoration is the story told by the prophet Micah.

Tucked deeply into its message is the concept that how the poor and lowly are treated is important. Unjust business dealings, robbery, mistreatment of women and children and a government that lives in luxury off the hard work of its nation's peoples will not survive. God is not looking for burnt offerings or animal sacrifices, God wants us, requires us, to be just, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We, as were the Hebrew people, are warned against self-serving motives, and the selfish gathering of wealth and riches. We, as were the Hebrew people, are warned that God is not someone to be trifled with. God is to be adored, held in awe, and a healthy fear, knowing that God is powerful enough to wipe out humanity but gracious enough to refrain from doing so.

The book of Micah leads us to ponder these questions: Where does injustice dwell in your own life? Who are the lowly in your life? Do you need a call toward repentance, like the people of Israel and Judah did?

If you'd like to discuss these questions or anything else that may be on your mind, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can come to the office Tuesday or Thursday, or I can schedule a visit in your home. I'm in the office most Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. It may save you a trip if you call first to verify I am there. The office phone number is 814-833-4062 or you may call my cell phone anytime 724-557-2386. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen

The Bethany Outreach Center Basket Donation



Immanuel Lutheran has been donating to The Bethany Outreach Program annual fundraiser for many years. 2023 is no different.

The Bethany Outreach Center is a central location for social service connections. They reach out to the local community with open arms and are a family to those who are lonely, unloved and misunderstood. They work to empower low-income families through various enrichment classes, so that they may find jobs and fulfillment. Weekly food and clothing distributions are also offered to those in need.

Once a year, The Bethany Outreach Center holds a fundraiser, with the hopes of raising donations to support the on-going expenses associated with aiding the local community. This year, they will be the beneficiaries of the Drive Out Hunger Golf Tournament. This is the 6th Annual Harbor Ridge Open, held on July 30th at Harbor Ridge Golf Course in Harbor Creek, Pennsylvania.

In addition to the golf tournament, The Bethany Outreach Center will also hold a Basket Auction.

Immanuel Lutheran Church put together a beautiful basket for their auction. Our basket consists of a lovely quilt, made by our very own Immanuel Lutheran Quilters. It has roses, with a red and green backing, to set the color scheme and layout of the entire basket. Several items, including golf balls, candles, and hanging signs, were generously donated by church members to help complete the auction prize.



Erie Gives 2023

August 8 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The perfect and simple
way to donate to
Immanuel Lutheran
Church



www.eriegives.org

Immanuel Lutheran will once again be participating in the 13th Annual Erie Gives Day.

On Tuesday, August 8th, from 8 am to 8 pm, participants will be able to make a donation that will significantly impact our nonprofit organization. During those hours, individuals are urged to visit www.eriegives.org and make a donation to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Your contributions during Erie Gives Day are met with a special prize.

A percentage of donations made will be matched by the Erie Community Foundation. On Erie Gives, donors make gifts to their favorite nonprofits. A portion of the Erie Gives Bonus Bucks - the pooled corporate sponsorship dollars - is added to each gift. For example, last year, each gift received an extra 6% from the \$470K match pool.

At The Erie Community Foundation, they help connect donors to causes that matter to them. Every day, the foundation helps donors to establish endowments benefiting their favored nonprofits forever. On Erie Gives Day, everyone is able to participate in this fulfilling experience.

We hope you will choose to take part in this special event and give to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

You can also donate by check, when mailed to The Erie Community Foundation at, 459 W 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507, by Monday, August 7, 2023. Forms are available through the office or at the donation station. A digital version of the form can also be found by visiting www.eriegives.org/info/ways-to-give and clicking on the "Check Donation Form" link. There is also a form attached in this newsletter.

We appreciate any and all participation, on this special day to show admiration for Immanuel Lutheran Church and give back, during Erie Gives Day.

For more information, please visit:



ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) and deliver with this completed form no later than August 8, 2023.



By writing a check to The Erie Community Foundation 100% of your donation will be given to your designated nonprofit(s).

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.

Donor First Name(s): _____

Donor Last Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your email is collected for receipt purposes only.

Check Number: _____ Contribution Total: _____

Please list how you wish to be identified in print: _____

Example: Jayne & John Doe | John Doe | Anonymous

Does your employer match donations? Yes No Company Name: _____

Please note, the employee is responsible for completing the employer's company match paperwork.

Erie Gives Nonprofit Name (s) <small>All nonprofits listed below must be listed on the Erie Gives website</small>	Gift Amount <small>\$25 minimum</small>

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received: Mail In-Person Information Verified Entered

**It's time to begin preparations for
the annual....**



On Wednesday, August 9th at 5:00 pm, Immanuel Lutheran's FOG Committee will host the annual Church Picnic. There will be plenty of hot dogs, drinks, fellowship, fun, and the Eckman's famous fries, for everyone!

Attendees are asked to bring an additional dish to share with the congregation, as well as, their own dinnerware. Any outdoor games, like Corn Hole or Croquet, would also be great to bring along.

Please plan to attend this annual event, filled with great food, friends and fellowship! Should less-than-favorable weather inhibit our planned date of Wednesday, August 9th, a rain date of Thursday, August 10th has already been scheduled.



 **Worship &
Music**

**COFFEE HOUR
1ST SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH.**

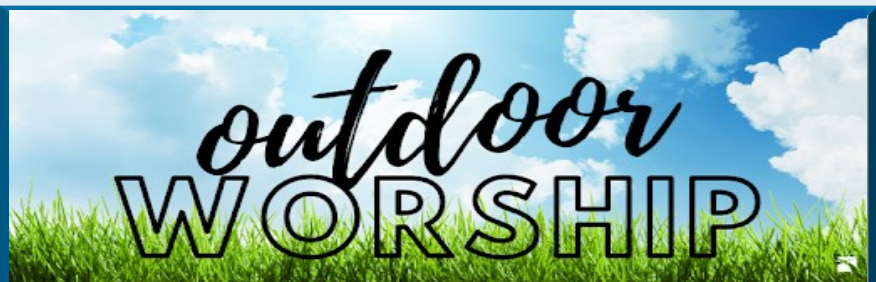
Stop by the lounge after church service.



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 continue offering a second Worship Service on the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am, following our coffee hour.



**Our Outside Worship Service will be held on
Sunday, August 13, 2023
9:30 am**



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

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. WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE, PLEASE INCLUDE THIS NEW AMOUNT IN YOUR PAYMENT STARTING THIS MONTH! YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING IN YOUR OWN PLANTS/FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN, ETC.

Christian Education

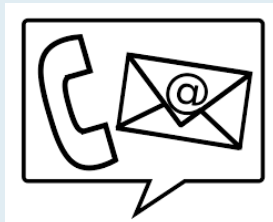
Are YOU interested in serving your church?



Immanuel Lutheran is looking for people interested in learning to Usher Or Assist as Worship Leaders during Sunday Service.

If you are interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Bob Dorler

Email: Dorlerr@yahoo.com
Phone: (814) 833-2719



The first four weeks of Lutherlyn Summer Camp have already concluded, but there is still time to sign up for August camps.

Spots are limited. Any interested individuals are encouraged to register now, as classes will fill quickly.

NWPA Synod Youth Day August 20

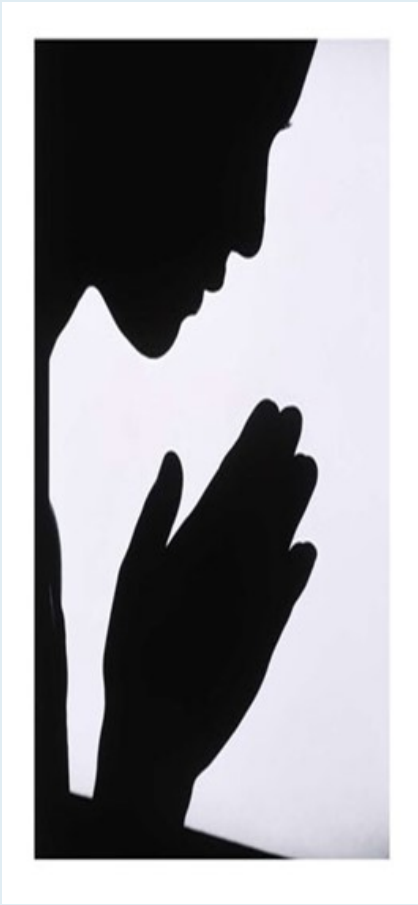
Join SWPA & NWPA Synod youth and adult leaders for a Sunday afternoon gathering at Lutherlyn. Suggested donation is \$5 per attendee to offset the cost of dinner

Registration is required.
Registration Deadline Aug. 13.

For more information or to register for a camp, visit: www.lutherlyn.com

To learn more about becoming an Assistant Worship Leader, please contact Pastor Karen

Email: pastorkaren.immanuel@gmail.com
Phone: (724) 557-2386



If you are sick or in the hospital, please notify the church office.

If you would like home communion or a copy of our newsletter, please contact 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.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Wally and Barb Coughlin
Pastor Owen Rhodes and family
MaryAnn Long and Russ Long
Penney Maloney
Denise Arnold and her sister, Lana Huhn
The Botwright family
Ian Byrne
Connie Cooper
Mary Hauser's sister - Alice Tillotson
Jim and Lorraine Hornaman
Kyle Husted
Carol and Gordon Ketchel
Patrick Lewis—friend of Sandy Kocur,
Sandy's cousin - Scott Farr
Sandy's close friend's son-in-law, John
Bishop Michael Lozano
Diane McGranor
Zach Middaugh
Kathy – friend of Lori Nemenz
Carole Rickrode
Bob and Sharon Roemer
All of our members & friends who are grieving;
Who are in nursing homes;
All 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 – serving stateside now per an update from Ann Neimann).

Member Update: Sharon Roemer is now a resident of Fairview Manor.

Mailing address: 900 Manchester Road, Fairview, PA 16415

Your prayers & cards are appreciated.

Social Ministry: School Supply Collection

The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting supplies to help students with the upcoming school year.

Starting July 9th and ending August 6th, items may be dropped off at the church during regular office hours, Monday—Thursday 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Items can also be brought during Sunday Worships.

There will be a box labeled School Supplies near the Donation Station.



Suggested items for collection:

Pencils, pre-sharpened
Erasers
Colored Pencils
Crayons
Markers
Glue Sticks
Dry Erase Markers
Pocket Folders
Notebook Paper
Boxes of Tissues
Clorox Wipes
Hand Sanitizer
Snacks, individually wrapped

Can't shop? Monetary Donations can be placed in the offering plate. Please mark your donation Social Ministry School Supplies.

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 markers 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.

nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com

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

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
8/6/23 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Barb Coughlin
8/13/23 9:30 AM	Kostur	Debbie Redditt	Bill Redditt
8/20/23 9:30 AM	Pastor Alli Leitzel	Cindy Geddes	Cindy Geddes
8/27/23 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Bob Dorler



Altar Guild: Penny Maloney, Sue Pfeiffer & Sally Leubin
Counters: Stan Holsopple & Denise Arnold
Ushers: Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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

Lectors:

Remember to
 adjust
 microphone
 towards you &
 speak into it
 for all to hear.

We continue to offer our services indoor or via drive-in service so if you can't be with us in person in the church, join us in our parking lots or in the immediate vicinity of the church and tune to 93.7 on your FM dial each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. You can also listen via speaker in our Nursery or Kindergarten Rooms.



Celebrations of August Life and Love

Birthdays



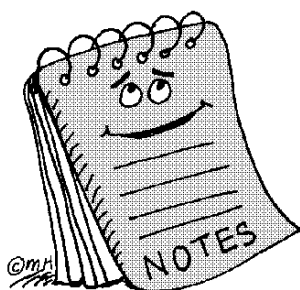
Wedding Anniversaries

James KomisarSKI 8/3	Wally Coughlin 8/24
Marissa Molnar 8/3	Gretchen Rickrode 8/26
Jennifer Kuntz 8/4	Jennifer Guthrie 8/28
Craig Casler 8/5	Jason KomisarSKI 8/28
Kimberly Lee 8/6	Robert Martin 8/28
Justin McElhinney 8/6	Richard Feiler 8/29
Emily Klug 8/11	Jonathan Redditt 8/29
Aydan Mays 8/11	Anita Byrne 8/30
Trista Paternosh 8/15	Charles KomisarSKI 8/30
Janice Kreger 8/16	Megan Harmle Anderson 8/31
Mia Penpek 8/21	

Robert & Donna Dorler 8/1
Jonathan & Marie Redditt 8/4
John & Maria Siefert 8/13
Laura & Jeremy Ditzler 8/18
David & Hannah Mays 8/18
Bryan Timm & Michael Patterson 8/18



**Ongoing Appeals
Capital Campaign - Boiler:**
Funds for the boiler campaign currently show \$24,887.78 toward our goal of \$58,803.



Pennies for Poverty
collection is an ongoing effort in support of the Women of the ELCA – donations welcome in the Donation Center canister.



LITTLE FREE PANTRY AT IMMANUEL

**IF IN NEED – TAKE SOMETHING
IF YOU CAN SHARE - LEAVE SOMETHING**

Feel free to bring items to church office & we will make sure they get in the pantry for you.

August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	2 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	3 Music & Worship meeting 6:30pm	4 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	5
6 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee hour Quarter Sunday Last day to donate school supplies	7 Quilters 9:30 am Flute Choir 7pm	8 Erie Gives Day! AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	9 Tops 9:00 am Church Picnic 5:00pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	10 Picnic Makeup Day	11 AA 7:30 pm	12
13 9:30 am Outside Worship Service	14 Quilters 9:30 am Flute Choir 7pm	15 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	16 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	17	18 AA 7:30 pm	19
20 9:30 am Worship NWPA Synod Youth Day	21 Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir 7pm	22 Sea Wolves Game 6:05 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	23 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	24	25 AA 7:30 pm	26
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Immanuel
Church Office
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Welcome immluthch@verizon.net

Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur 814-833-4062
or Emergency #: 724-557-2386
Pastor's Office Hours – Tues &
Thurs.9:30am-2:00pm

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music Director: Bryan Timm
Admin. Ofc.: Delani Kinzig

Sunday School

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

Congregation & Church Council Officers

Pres:Debbie Redditt 814-449-1855
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, George Pfeiffer,
Sally Leubin, Cindy Geddes, Mary
Hauser



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*



Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt 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/>

**WATCH FOR US ON FACEBOOK, GOERIE.COM, ERIE
NEWS NOW AND IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES
NEWS**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Cindy Eckman
COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY
SOUP COOK BOOKET AVAILABLE

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer
ANNUAL AUDIT

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: vacant
**FACILITY MAINTENANCE –OUTSIDE OUTLETS IN-
OPERABLE, RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE –
BATHROOM UPDATE POWELL AVE.**
ONGOING BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: Sue Pfeiffer

W&M COMMITTEE MTG: To Be Announced
DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 A.M.