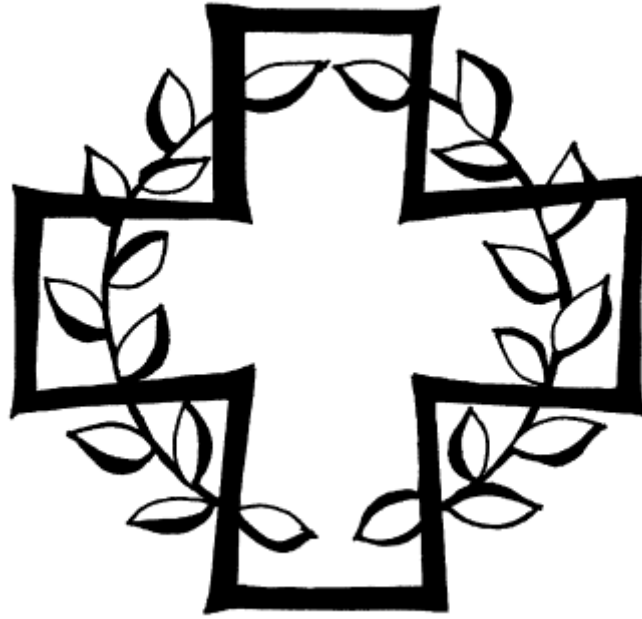


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2020

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*From the Pastor's Desk – Grace and Peace  
Being Good Stewards of God's Creation*

*Faith in Action/Thank you*

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As you well know, since July 2014, Immanuel has been engaged in a pastoral search. In the course of the past six years we have experienced different pastoral options including, Interim, Teem program, supply pastors and lay worship leaders. We are very thankful to these worship leaders for their leadership and guidance over the years. Members of your church council have also spent many hours engaged in meetings and gatherings to coordinate these past efforts. We are grateful for their dedication and time devoted to Immanuel.

## **Welcome Pastor Karen!**



To that end, Immanuel is pleased to welcome Pastor Karen Gray Kostur, who was unanimously elected to serve Immanuel beginning August 1, 2020. Pastor Karen, who is recently retired, will assume the duties of Immanuel's pastor in a part-time capacity serving as our worship leader and providing pastoral care to our congregants. Pastor Karen is excited to meet our members and to get to know everyone. Please be patient as she eases into her new position, but if you need immediate pastoral care, contact the church office.



Welcome Pastor Karen and we are excited to begin the next chapter at Immanuel.

Immanuel Church Council



## Grace & Peace from the Pastor's Desk

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

As I reflect on the changes in my life over the last few months I am reminded how Paul spoke to the church in Corinth, telling them that the old things have passed away and new things have come. You see, I have moved from a 3 bedroom home that had two additional rooms I used as office/book storage to a three bedroom home. The rooms in the house we lived in in Franklin were also much larger than the rooms in our new home in Erie. I have lost a good deal of room for the items that I had collected to fit the space I had to fill in the old house. Not only do I no longer have a separate room assigned to be an office, but the bedroom I have chosen in the new home to use as my home office is about 1/3 the size of my previous office.

So the cleanse began. I went through item after item eliminating that which was not necessary. Not only did I eliminate items from my office, I also eliminated items from the rest of the house because our new home is much smaller than the house we lived in in Franklin. As I went through things I could not believe how much I had accumulated that I no longer cared for or found to be necessary.

As I reflected upon the changes in my life, retiring from the United Methodist Church, moving into a new home, starting a new ministry position with those of you at Immanuel Lutheran, I thought about how, when we take Jesus into our heart as our Lord and Savior, God changes us, and cleanses us, and brings us into a new life. As I purged and cleansed the unnecessary, unneeded items from my life, God cleanses the unnecessary, unneeded items from our heart.

Although I have fewer items, I appreciate them more because I know that, for now, they are things that I enjoy or need, and that there are not items cluttering up spaces just because... When God cleanses our hearts, prunes our thoughts, he fills the empty spaces left behind with much better thoughts and knowledge. He takes away that which keeps us from focusing on the triune God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; allowing us to receive the spiritual blessings that come from a life dedicated to God.

I'm looking forward to the time we will be spending together. I am planning to be in the office 9:30 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please feel free to stop in to say hi so that we can get better acquainted. I am also available for pastoral emergencies on my cell phone 724-557-2386. I'm looking forward to a fruitful ministry at ILC.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Karen*

# Sunday School Newsletter

## August 2020

Christian Education reaching out to all (not just students). This **Bible Verse Quiz** may have you paging through your Bible, or not. How many do you know without the Bible?

Hope you are all safe and healthy. Have fun!

\* See the answers on the last page



1. Daniel 3:1 Who built an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide and commanded all peoples to worship it?

2. Daniel 3:6 What was the punishment for not worshipping King Nebuchadnezzar's gold image?

3. Acts 9:10 Who was the disciple in Damascus that Jesus sent to lay hands on Saul to restore his vision and convert him?



Happy Summer – thanks for reading,  
Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent



## ~ Being Good Stewards ~

### Season of Creation Sept 1 - Oct. 4

Many of us are likely using take-out, pick-up and delivery services from our local restaurants during this time of physical distancing. While we want to help our local restaurants during a time of economic hardship, that action may have an unintended consequence - more trash. While we understand that businesses need to watch their bottom lines and styrofoam, unfortunately, is a cheap option, we can still make efforts to influence the decisions businesses make. If you notice businesses that use either compostable or recyclable containers, please take a minute to praise them for doing so. Similarly for those not doing that, perhaps a kind suggestion to consider another option would be an appropriate action. Always recycle as you are able.

Shared from the SWPA Synod Green Team

*[The Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice](#) social statement explains the ELCA's teachings on ecology and the environment, grounded in a biblical vision of God's intention for the healing and wholeness of creation. This statement provides a Christian understanding of the human role to serve in creation, and a hope rooted in God's faithfulness to the creation from which humans emerge and depend upon for sustaining life.*

*CHICAGO — The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and leaders from The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada have prepared a series of devotions to observe the [Season of Creation 2020, Sept. 1–Oct. 4](#).*

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### Food Stand Ministry

Have you driven along Powell Ave, south of Immanuel Lutheran Church (on the west side of the street) and noticed a food pantry stand? The food stand is provided and supplied by Flightpath Fellowship, 4749 McMillen Drive, Erie, PA 16505 and is located in front of Pastor Joe Gerhart's home. At the morning of our first drive-in service, the Pastor of Flightpath Fellowship, walked down to Immanuel and thanked us for being a part of the community and prayed with our worship leaders that morning. Your church council discussed the possibility of helping to support this food ministry. Bob Dorler recently contacted Pastor Joe to ask if they needed assistance with the food stand. Pastor Joe welcomed the idea. So perhaps you found that you are overstocked with some extra nonperishable goods or just bought too much. Donations may be placed directly in the box or brought to the church office from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm or on Sunday mornings. Additional items such as pamphlets or worship reading material is also welcomed. For further information or questions, please contact Bob Dorler or Debbie Redditt.



**Can you spare some time?**

**Can you lend a hand?**

**Can you help spread the word...**



## DRIVE-IN SERVICES

*We'd love to know what you think of the Drive-In Service – please share your comments in the offering plate.*

### AUGUST 2020 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
8/2/20 9:30	Kostur	Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
8/9/20 9:30	Kostur	Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
8/16/20 9:30	Kostur	Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
8/23/20 9:30	Kostur	_____		_____
8/30/20 9:30	Kostur	_____		_____

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
this time of year after  
Pentecost, is

~green~

**OUR TIME OF GROWTH IN  
CHRIST**

**Acolyte:**

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Madurski

**Counters:** Stan Holsopple/Denise Arnold

**Ushers:** Parking lot ushers as assigned by B.Dorler

**Soup Kitchen Items Needed:** Canned Vegetables

**Soup Kitchen Delivery:** Stan Holsopple

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

**AUGUST  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:  
AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**\*Sign-up sheets on the bulletin  
board for September\***



**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Denise Arnold's Mom - Lucie Arndt and sister – Lana as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn; John & Tim Botwright, the Feiler & Lee families; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Diane McGranor, Phyllis Lindahl, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, who are serving on the “front line” during the COVID-19 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).

### **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 Fager.***

*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.***

### **A Prayer at Dawn**

by Rev. Robert Schuller from “Positive Prayer for Powerful Living”

“At the beginning of a new day, Lord,

I sit in a choice seat.

I wait expectantly

For the curtain to go up and

For the drama to begin.

I will see faces of people today, Lord,

And I will see your love in their life!

Truly, Lord,

At the end of this day,

I have been deeply touched,

I have been greatly moved –

For I will have seen proof

Of the reality of the love of God

In a human life! Amen

*Prayer shared by Jeanette Swanson*



**FAITH**

**IN**

**ACTION**

Thank you  
for sharing  
your  
Time &  
Talents



Our much anticipated 2020 Soup Cook-Off Recipe Booklet is printed and has been sitting untouched for at least a week, so that hopefully, no transmission of virus, concerns. You can pick up a copy at church service starting on Sunday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Booklets will be available for you to pick your own from a box or basket – touch-free option. A free-will donation would be appreciated to offset the cost of printing.

A big thank you to all our chefs and to Donna Dorler for compiling the booklet.

# SCHOOL



# SUPPLIES

## Collecting School Supplies

Social Ministry will be collecting school supplies during the month of August thru Sept 13th.

Pocket folders  
Notebook paper  
Highlighters  
Dry Erase Markers (black)  
Colored pencils  
Crayons  
Glue sticks  
Flash cards (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division)  
Flash cards (sight words)  
Erasers  
Pencils  
Boxes of tissues  
Hand sanitizer  
Clorox wipes  
Snacks (individually wrapped)  
Jump ropes, balls, etc. (for recess)

Take advantage of any of the great back to school sales!  
Items may be dropped off at the church during office hours or after the service on Sunday mornings.

Cash donations can be placed in collection basket and marked "Social Ministry School Supplies"

Thank you !  
Social Ministry



THANK YOU TO ALL  
INVOLVED IN THIS  
MINISTRY!!

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Drive-In Services

*During this time of Global Pandemic, we are called to practice social distancing although we yearn for our time together. One such way we believe we can accommodate all of the CDC regulations and still observe our way of worship is by holding services in the comfort of your own car. Please bring your mask and hand sanitizer and keep in mind the recommendations for social distancing of 6 ft. or more.*

1. Please arrive at the church at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the service. Watch for our parking lot ushers. Park facing the Education Wing.
2. Any last minute instructions will be transmitted prior to the service
3. We will email the bulletin for the service. It is in PDF format and we have some options for you. a. Print this copy and bring to the service. b. Download this to your phone, tablet, or other electronic device that you can follow along with. c. We will print a limited number of copies for distribution.
4. Broadcast – We have purchased a short range FM transmitter that will be used by your car audio system to amplify the service. Tune into 93.7 on the FM dial just before 9:30 AM, and you should be patched into the sound system. This is especially exciting, as you have individual control of your own volume!
5. Hymns are printed in this bulletin for Sunday's Worship, so you can sing along from the safety of your own car.
6. Communion – We have purchased sealed communion elements to be used for parking lot services. They are sanitary and individual. When you arrive, one of the parking lot ushers will offer you a communion cup/host if you wish to commune during the service. We encourage you to wear your mask when interacting.
7. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church at 833-4062.





### **August Birthdays**

August 4	Jennifer Kuntz
5	Craig Casler
6	Kim Lee
11	Barb Nelson
15	Trista Paternosh
16	Janice Kreger
21	Mia Penpek
24	Mabry Szima
29	Richard Feiler/Jonathan Redditt
30	Anita Byrne

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

## ***Celebrations***

### **August Anniversaries**

August 1	Donna & Bob Dorler
18	Hannah & David Mays/Laura & Jeremy Ditzler/Bryan Timm & Michael Patterson

## ***of Life and***

## ***Love***

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

[immluthch@verizon.net](mailto:immluthch@verizon.net)

### **Staff**

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin

Organist/Music: Director Bryan Timm

Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson Nemenz

### **Sunday school**

Superintendent: Carolyn Kuntz

Assistant: Janice Kreger

### **Elected Lay Leadership**

Treasurer: Bill Redditt

Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

### **Church Council Officers**

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855

Vice Pres. – Bob Dorler – 833-2719

Secretary – Debbie Madurski – 774-3590

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

### **Christian Education**

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman

### **Bible Quiz**

### **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**

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin

### **SOUP COOK-OFF BOOKLETS ARE READY!!**

### **Finance**

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

### **Property**

Council liaison: Bob Dorler      Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

### **CLEAN UP AND WEEDING – YOUR HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED**

*Property Committee is now meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of the month-  
7pm – **no meetings currently***

### **Stewardship**

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

### **Social Ministry Committee**

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES - AUG-SEPT.13**

### **Worship & Music**

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant

**\*\*Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs\*\***  
**DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICE**



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# August 2020



## Greetings of Peace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 WELCOME PASTOR KAREN KOSTUR 
2 One Service 9:30 a.m. Quarter Sunday	3 QUILTING 9:30 A.M. 7pm Flagship City Chorus	4 PASTOR KAREN IN THE OFFICE 9:30-2	5 AA 7:30 PM	6 PASTOR KAREN IN THE OFFICE 9:30-2	7 BISHOP OUTREACH EVENT	8 BISHOP OUTREACH EVENT
9 One Service 9:30 a.m.	10 QUILTING 9:30 A.M. COUNCIL MTG 6:30 p.m. 7 pm Flagship City Chorus	11 PASTOR KAREN IN THE OFFICE 9:30-2	12 AA 7:30 PM	13 PASTOR KAREN IN THE OFFICE 9:30-2	14	15
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30 One Service 9:30 a.m.	31					



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

## **BIBLE VERSE QUIZ ANSWERS:**

- 1. King Nebuchadnezzar**
- 2. Thrown into a blazing furnace**
- 3. Ananias**

**Thank you for joining in the fun of this Summer Bible Verse quiz!!!**

