

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2020

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Grace & Peace from the Pastor's Desk



Every autumn I contemplate the change of seasons, and wonder at the beauties God has allowed us to share. Some of the changes include: cooler temperatures... although I understand some prefer the hottest weather and I do too for a while, but I like the change to a bit cooler temperatures; we have shorter days... I've got to admit that doesn't resonate with me, I'm not aware of anyone who appreciates less sunshine; there is the smell of autumn in the air, including grapes... one of my favorites; I have been watching out of the church office window as the scurrying squirrel gathers nuts and provisions for the upcoming Winter; and, what is most likely the obvious sign of Autumn in the northeast... the glorious beauty of the trees as the leaves turn into bright fall orange, red and golden hues.

And with autumn usually comes a change of schedule as we move into our homes from the patio or porch, the children return to school after having a summer off, and the church programs and meetings resume. Yet, as so much has been different in 2020, so is the way we are dealing with returning to school and church.

Some our children will be learning from home, some of our children will be returning to the classroom on a two or three day a week basis, some will be returning full time but with seating distances or shields and mask wearing. It isn't the way it's always been.

The same with worship. It won't be the way it's always been. There will be a committee meeting to establish guidelines and parameters for in-person worship in the sanctuary. It won't look like it's always been... there will be seating guidelines and mask wearing. Music will be different as well... singing is much different than speaking when it comes to how far molecules carry... in speaking, particles are carried about 6 feet, singing allows them to be carried for 28 feet... that's almost 5 times as far as speaking, even when wearing a mask. (You will have the choice to continue to worship in your car with the service coming over your radio where you will be able to sing as you like.)

2020 has brought many changes to our lives, but there is one thing we can be sure of...the one to whom the church belongs, Jesus Christ, does not change. As per Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Our worship is to glorify God and praise Jesus Christ in the presence of the Holy Spirit. That will never change.

If there's ever anything you'd like to speak to me about, I'm in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, you can call or stop in. I'm also available on my cell phone 724-557-2386. (Please leave a message if I don't answer.)

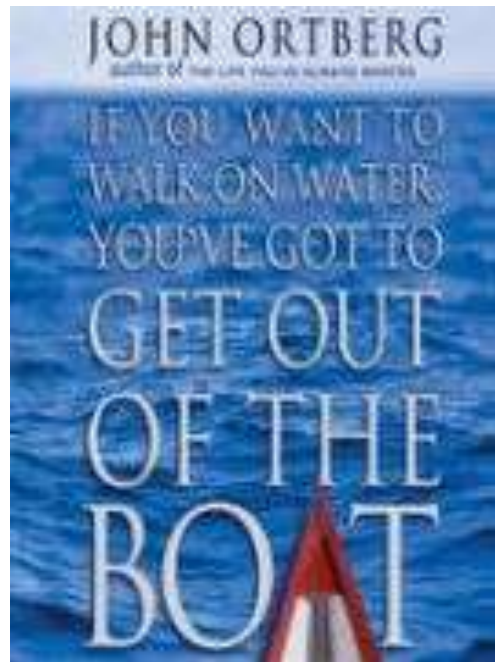
Grace and Peace,

Pastor Karen

Christian Education

BOOK STUDY

Pastor Karen is holding a Zoom and phone book study on the book “If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat” – if you are not a Zoom user please consider just dialing into the discussion on your phone. Our local libraries even have some copies of the book to borrow.



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Instructions for Indoor Worship during COVID-19

- October 25, Reformation Sunday - first day for indoor worship. We will continue to have one service at 9:30 am.
- Do not attend worship if you are feeling ill.
- The service will also continue to be broadcast on the radio, but we will be using AM station 1500 beginning on October 25th. Those attending the drive-in service, we ask you to park in the West 10th Street lot rather than the main lot. An usher will bring you a bulletin, if needed and your pre-packaged Holy Communion.
- Limited seating will be available in the nursery which has a speaker. You may also bring your own AM radio and tune into the broadcast in a classroom. Windows and doors will be open during the worship service to allow proper ventilation and air flow in the sanctuary.
- A mask or a face shield is to be worn in the church building; other than the brief time it may be pulled down to take Communion. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided.
- Enter the Sanctuary through the side Narthex door located on Powell Ave., all other entrances will be locked. The disability accessible entrance will be available as needed.
- Bulletins will continue to be emailed for use with your electronic device or self-printing. A limited supply will be available in the Narthex. Offering plates which will be located in the Narthex and front of the Sanctuary.
- Walk directly to a seat that has a sign-in sheet placed upon it. You may not be able to sit in your “normal” seat. For your protection and the protection of other worshippers, do not sit in any seat without a sign-in sheet, the seats have been properly physically distanced. Do not change seats once you have sat down. Families may sit together, but do not sit within 6 feet of a person with whom you have not recently been in physical contact.
- Complete the sign-in sheet so we have record and contact tracing of who attended worship. Please do not expect the usher to “just know” you were there. Leave it on your seat to be collected after the service.
- There will be no singing indoors. We will speak the first verse of the hymn which will be included in the bulletin. The Psalm will be responsively spoken in unison.
- Holy Communion:
 - One side of the church will be served at a time. Come forward by the center aisle to receive Holy Communion, social distancing 6 feet from any person who is not a member of your household.
 - Communion cups will be prefilled with wine. Pick up a cup without touching any other cups in the holder, then proceed to the pastor to receive the Host. Do not kneel at the Communion rail. After receiving the Host move to the far end of the Communion rail to consume the elements, throwing your cup in the provided recycle bin.
 - Return to your seat using the side aisle.
- After the service you will be individually dismissed. You may leave by any exit. Please do not congregate for conversations in the building.

The re-entry sub-committee thanks you for following these instructions that were carefully crafted so that you and others may safely worship in the sanctuary.

Church Records Update

Please take the time to fill out this form so that we are able to update the church records. Sometimes it's something as seemingly insignificant as a changed cell phone number or email, but we like to be up to date here in the office! So fill this out and bring it to church with you. You can either place it in the offering plate, email the information to immluthch@verizon.net, mail to the church office or leave it in the Administration office mail box by the church office door. Thank you for your help!

Full name _____

_____ Single _____ Married _____ Widow/Widower _____ Divorced _____ Separated

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone numbers _____
Home Work Cell

Email Address _____
Home Work

Place of employment _____ Job Title _____

Birth date _____ Baptismal Date _____ Confirmation Date _____ Marriage date _____

Spouse _____
(maiden name if applicable)

Phone numbers _____
Work Cell

Email Address _____
Home Work

Place of employment _____ Job Title _____

Birth date _____ Baptismal Date _____ Confirmation Date _____ Marriage Date _____

Children's information (if your children are confirmed, they should complete their own form)

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

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Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Please take the time to fill out this form and return it to the church office so we can update our records. If you have transferred to another church please let us know so we can update our records. We are asking for this information on behalf of the Stewardship Committee so correspondence can be sent out and received in a timely manner. If it's been awhile since you have sent in an update it would be greatly appreciated so our records are current.

Thank you ~ Stewardship Committee, Cindy Geddes, Council Liaison

~ Being Good Stewards ~
Season of Creation Sept 1 - Oct. 4



Can you spare some time?



will be an outdoor service to bless our pets as we celebrate God's creation. Bring your pet(s) for a blessing, or if it would not be a blessing to have your pet(s) present, bring a toy belonging to your pet(s), or a picture of your pet(s). The service will be held in the parking lot near the education wing and there will be popcorn! Of course we're asking you to follow proper physical distancing of 6

feet, and to wear a mask. Hope to see you there!



Can you lend a hand?

**YOUR HELP WITH
CLEANING, ETC. ALWAYS
APPRECIATED – NEED
SERVICE HOURS?**

***From Lutheran Immigrant & Refugee Services - LIRS
Our Planet And Our Country Are In Crisis.***

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), an average of **22.5 million people were displaced by climate or weather-related events** between 2000-2018. And the numbers keep rising—the International Organization for Migration estimates that by 2050 there will be **200 million climate-displaced persons.**

Can you help spread the word...

[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.](#)



Food Stand Ministry



DID YOU KNOW...
*this time of year after
 Pentecost, is represented by
~green~
 and symbolizes
**OUR TIME OF GROWTH IN
 CHRIST***

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.

OCTOBER 2020 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
10/4/20 9:30	Kostur	Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
10/11/20 9:30	Kostur	Stan Holsopple		Stan Holsopple
10/18/20 9:30	Kostur	Cindy Geddes		Cindy Geddes
10/25/20 Reformation Sunday 9:30	Kostur	Debbie Redditt		Debbie Redditt

Altar Guild: J. Stewart/D. Dorler

Counters: S. Holsopple/D. Arnold

Ushers: Parking lot ushers as assigned by B.Dorler

Flight Path Food Stand Ministry Items Needed: All non-perishable items

Collection box on Powell Ave. or drop-off at church: 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 November*

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

OCTOBER 15TH



KEEP IN PRAYER: Denise Arnold's Mom - Lucie Arndt and sister, Lana as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn; John & Tim Botwright, Wally Coughlin's sister & family; the Feiler & Lee families; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Jackie – Stephanie Wood's niece; Carolyn Kuntz & family, 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.

LOST & FOUND

We have a few lost & found items in the Admin. Ofc. of the church if you are missing something.



FAITH IN ACTION

Thank you
for sharing
your
Time &
Talents

Many thanks for the school supplies donations. We collected over 100 packages of erasers, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, dry erase markers and tissues to name a few.

Thanks to Mary Hauser for delivering the items to her school in Meadville.

The Social Ministry Committee appreciates your support.

*Members of Immanuel,
Thank you for the
school supplies! The teachers
at Meason Hill (my school) are
very happy to have your gift.
It's nice to feel appreciated!*
Mary Hauser

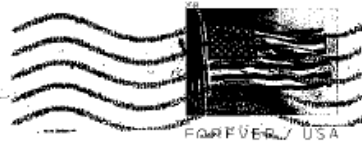


Some of our quilters (l-r Cindy Eckman & Janice Kreger) packing up our Immanuel quilts – they made 34 this year!!

Additional churches from our area brought their LWR donations (quilts, school kits, baby kits & personal kits to Immanuel the last week of September and all told 60 quilts, 60 school kits, 10 baby kits and 10 personal kits) will be transported to the Lutheran World Relief central gathering point. Thank you to all doing God's work with your hands!!

H.E.R. Home
713 Walnut St.
Erie

PITTSBURGH PA 150



On behalf of all the women of H.E.R. Home, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for your donation.

With the money, we were able to buy outdoor furniture, an umbrella and Tiki torches, so that we can hold 12-Step meetings in, and comfortably enjoy our backyard. We bought screens for our second-floor meditation room, so that we can get more use of the room with better air circulation. Finally, we were able to use a power-washing service, for the mud and build-up on the side of our home where we've been working together on our first vegetable garden.

As we continue to strive to better ourselves, each other and our community, it is imperative that we have a safe, clean, and comfortable atmosphere wherein we can sustain our goals towards physical and spiritual healing from our addictions.

We look forward to many years and infinite successes built on the foundations your contributions helped us lay, and thank you kindly from the bottom of all our hearts

With Love,

Heather Wolfe Tracy Chapman

Yana [Signature] "Thank you!"
Kim Powell

Dawn Bryan God Bless Always
Cobie

H.E.R. Home

Vickie Jones
Jara Anderson
Thank you
God Bless



LUTHERLYN HIKE-A-THON

Want to enjoy the great outdoors while supporting Lutherlyn?

REGISTER FOR THE 2020 LUTHERLYN HIKE-A-THON!

Whether you choose to run a few miles, track your morning walk around the block with your dog every day, come to Lutherlyn to hike the trails, or just want a reason to get outside and get moving, you can use your miles to support Lutherlyn's Annual Fund (which provides important things like camperships). So run, walk, jog, wheel, hike, or ski your way through October and join other "camp people" in supporting Lutherlyn.

Please visit www.lutherlyn.com/hike to register for the 2020 Lutherlyn Hike-A-Thon! Registration is open now. Hike and collect sponsors from now until the end of October.

We are truly grateful to have your support during this difficult and unexpected time. Your gift will help Lutherlyn continue to provide Life-Changing Adventures in Faith through this time of reduced income.

Learn more about opportunities to support Lutherlyn at lutherlyn.com/support.





Celebrations

of Life and

Love

October Birthdays

October	8	Kenneth Kreger
	21	Mitchell Molnar
	22	Brody Bonsell
	23	Ron Madurski/Sandy Moore

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

October Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary on

October	2	Kim & Vic Paternosh
	7	Carolyn & Rick Kuntz
	17	Lori & Larry Nemenz
	27	Sandy & William Moore

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

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Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur

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 2nd Sunday of the month*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman

BOOK STUDY STARTING 9/22 – 6 P.M. PASTOR KOSTUR

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelChurchErie)

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

BLESSING OF THE PETS – OCT. 4TH 3 P.M.

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

**YOUR HELP WITH CLEANING, ETC. ALWAYS
APPRECIATED – NEED SERVICE HOURS?**

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

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

CHURCH RECORDS UPDATE

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:

NO SLOPPY JO DINNER THIS YEAR

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant

****Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs****

**CONTINUING WITH DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICES &
ADDING IN-PERSON STARTING ON 10/25/20**



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October 2020



Greetings of Peace



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 One Service 9:30 a.m. Blessing of the Animals – 3 p.m. Quarter Sunday	5 7pm Flagship City Chorus	6	7 TOPS 9:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	8	9	10
11 One Service 9:30 a.m. COUNCIL MTG 7:00 p.m.	12 7 pm Flagship City Chorus	13	14 TOPS 9:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	15 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16	17
18 One Service 9:30 a.m.	19 7pm Flagship City Chorus	20	21 TOPS 9:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	22	23	24
25 REFORMATION SUNDAY One Service 9:30 a.m. Drive-In & In church	26 7pm Flagship City Chorus	27	28 TOPS 9:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	29	30	31 REFORMATION DAY HALLOWEEN



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