

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2023

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CONGREGATION MEETING: JANUARY 15TH – 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

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. Communion, bulletins and offering plate available. Using the overhang, you will be somewhat protected from the weather.



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Grace & Peace
from the Pastor's Desk

***Trust in the Lord with all
your heart,
and do not rely on your
own insight.***

***In all your ways acknowledge
him,
and he will make straight
your paths.***

– Proverbs 3:5-6 [NRSV]

Happy New Year!

At the beginning of the year some of us make new year's resolutions. If we remember we've made them, we usually are finished with them by mid-February. I have a friend who told me her daughter's practice is to choose a word, one single word, to concentrate on for the entire year. I believe she said her daughter's word for 2022 was "thorough".

I thought that was such an awesome idea, especially for persons who practice meditation or centering prayer, to choose one word on which to concentrate every time the practice is performed. It may even encourage someone who needs the centering prayer or meditation in order to stay mindful or relaxed to begin a practice. The problem is, what word should be chosen?

My suggestion would be to breathe deeply and go to prayer asking God to open you to the word you need to hear for a year. The word may come immediately, or it may take an hour or a day after you ask God to reveal it; but you will know the word if you ask God to make it clear to you and allow yourself to accept the word you are given. Then thank God for giving you a focus for the year.

When I went to prayer the word God immediately gave me is "diligent". I asked God if this was truly the word, or if this was just my own subconscious brain speaking. I received no other word, so I asked God to define what I need to be diligent about. Several life circumstances came to mind. And after thinking about it a little I remembered the story of the 10 bridesmaids waiting and only 5 of them were prepared; 5 of them weren't diligent in their preparations. I can't say that this will be your experience, but it is worth a try.

After you receive your word, you may worry that meditation is not a Christian practice, or that you will not have time to practice it. When our focus is on God and what God would have us do in this world, meditation is a Christian practice; it's when we focus on only ourselves or on another "deity" that the practice becomes unchristian. If you have never practiced Centering Prayer and are wondering what it is, it is a time when you open yourself up to God's message to you. Ask me about it and I'll give you more information on it, if there is enough interest, I will lead Centering Prayer times. It takes 20 minutes of your day to practice.

As you begin your new year, I wish you the best, knowing that God does not desert us no matter how trying our lives become. Turn to Proverbs 3:5-6 and trust in faith.

I am available to you at any time. I'm in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (But I may not be there all of Tuesday mornings as I meet with other clergy to discuss the Bible readings for the week. Call first if it's a Tuesday. 814-833-4062. Feel free to call my cell phone 724-557-2386. Please, leave a message if I don't answer.

***Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen***

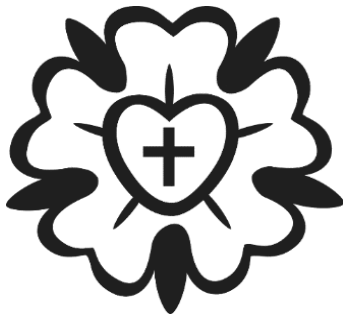
While I am on vacation Dec. 26 – Jan. 2nd - Pastor Kristen Papson, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, will be available for pastoral emergencies.

Phone 1: 814-864-6831 (Work); kristen.m.papson@gmail.com C: 814-490-8333

Christian Education



~ Sharing the
Good News ~



We are ready, willing, and able to lead your young children into the life of blessings & hope shared in Sunday School. We feel this provides a firm foundation for the years ahead, both smooth-sailing & those that are challenging.

Our small classes are ideal for sharing, caring, and formative discussion. Sunday school for K-Adult starts after our 9:30 worship - approx. 10:30 am.

Contact the church office for more information.

P: 814-833-4062

Pastor Karen or an alternate will once again be offering Sunday School at 10:30

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Join us for a lively discussion.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE AND  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION ON  
PALM SUNDAY 2023:**

Attend class the 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Sundays of the month from 10:30-11:30 for ages 13 or older and one Sunday a month, minimum, church worship attendance at 9:30 with a bulletin signed by Pastor Karen.



Thank you to all who were able to support the Christian Ed. MITTEN TREE appeal. The trees will be coming down in early January.

**Congratulations to Landry Winston who  
celebrates his  
1 yr. anniversary of Baptism this month!!**

## Worship & Music in the News....



**Choir practice  
@ 7:15 pm  
All are welcome**

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](#)

## **COFFEE HOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

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



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

Sunday School K-Adult at 10:30 a.m.

*Sharing this inspiring prayer provided by Jeanette Swanson*

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me. And you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

*Thomas Merton  
~Thought in Solitude*

*The Worship & Music  
committee has been meeting  
regularly and will next meet on  
Feb.8th at 6:30 p.m.  
All are welcome to join this  
committee. Sue Pfeiffer is our  
committee chair.*

## Thank you again for your support of our annual Christmas Appeal.



### Poinsettias Were Given To The Glory Of God By:

- Dave & Cindy Eckman: in memory of Dick & Pearl Young
- Pastor Karen and Bill Kostur: in memory of loved ones
- David & Hannah Mays: in memory of Wilbur & Dora Mays and Charles & Anne Reed
- Larry & Lori Nemenz: in memory of loved ones
- Bill & Debbie Redditt: in memory of Alice & Samuel Kuntz, Carolyn Kuntz, Jeannine Kuntz & Jane Andrews
- Tom & Judy Stewart: in honor of Addison, Madelyn, & Ethan Lucht and Paige & Sydney Stewart



### Donations for Meals on Wheels Were Given by:

- Barb & Wally Coughlin – in honor of Greg & Kristin and Dennis & Cara
- Brenda & Richard Durst – in memory of our parents
- Robert & Donna Dorler: in honor of Ronan, Taylor, Evelyn & Grace Dorler and in memory of Lawrence, Ruth, Christine, Charlotte & Patricia Dorler and Domenic & Lucille Gambatese.
- Dave & Cindy Eckman: in honor of our grandchildren Aidan Klug and Finn & Grace Eckman
- Cindy & Larry Geddes: in memory of Michelle Geddes Willey and Bob & Betsy Case
- Mary Hauser: in honor of my daughter, Rev. Christin Moreland
- Pastor Karen & Bill Kostur: in honor of loved ones
- Carol McCray: in memory of my parents – Marie & James McCray
- Larry & Lori Nemenz: in honor of family near & far
- Bob & Sharon Roemer
- Stephanie & Steve Wood: in memory of Linda Nyberg, Stephanie's late sister

# Faith

# In

# Action

*thank you*  
*Dear Immanuel Lutheran parishioners*  
*Thank you for your generous Thanksgiving*  
*donations to the West Millcreek Food*  
*Pantry. This was a tough year for the pantry.*  
*The list of those in need keeps*  
*growing!*  
*Happy Holidays*  
*and God Bless you!*  
*Volunteers*

## West Millcreek Food Pantry Annual Report

The West Millcreek Food Pantry was blessed to provide services for over 110 families. Our 25 volunteers serve an average of 110 families: 68 children under the age of 17, 111 adults, and 82 seniors each give out (approximately 524 duplicated individuals per month). Our area is the 16506 and 16505 zip codes (Pittsburg Ave. to Millfair Rd., W. 38<sup>th</sup> to the Lake with a cut out around the Waldameer area). We give out every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. To qualify for our programs, clients must earn less than \$2095 for single adults, \$2800 for couples, \$3500 for a family of 3 and so on. We give out nonperishable foods and meat we purchase from the Food Bank. We get free bread, dairy and sweets from the Food Bank. We purchase milk and receive a produce box with approximately 15 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables on the produce trailer. We distributed 115 turkeys for Thanksgiving and will collect and distribute 115 hams for Easter. We participate in the Senior Box federal program for needy senior citizens to receive an extra 30 pounds of food and 2 pounds of cheese once a month. So far this year we ordered and distributed over 65,000 pounds of food plus an additional 10,000 pounds of organization donated food. Our average monthly food bill is between \$0.00 and \$1200 depending on the grant money available plus the rental of the Penske truck.

The West Millcreek Food Pantry is an important mission for our 8 contributing churches. (Our Lady of Peace, Westminster Presbyterian, Wayside Presbyterian, Church of the Cross, St. Julia's, Lakewood Methodist, Asbury Methodist and the Universal Unitarians). We thank each congregation for their unique donations to our Pantry. We get assistance from McDowell HS, Our Lady of Peace School, Local Service organizations (VFW, American Legion, the Auxiliaries, the Moose Lodge and the Sportsman Club), First Student, Ryan Bizzaro's office and individual donations. Through the generosity of these people and organizations, both financial and food items, we are able to provide food for our clients. We set aside sugar free and gluten free items as they come in for our clients with special needs. We provide emergency assistance when requested.

Through donations from our churches and the Sunshine Girls we provided gifts and gloves, hats and scarves for our clients during the month of December.

Thank you again and God Bless You,  
Carol Willison, Director West Millcreek Food Pantry

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## SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Many thanks to those who helped with the Christmas bags for those staying at the Community Shelter this Christmas. Thank you to Denise Arnold for making tote bags and scarves, Cindy Eckman, Mary Hauser, Judy Stewart, Debbie Reddit for sewing hats, Tom and Judy Stewart for packing the bags, and all members that donated items or gave money for this project. We received a Thrivent grant to purchase bus passes with the help of Cindy Eckman. Thanks for your generosity.



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*Community Shelter  
Christmas gift bags  
for 36 amazing  
people. Created &  
shared with your  
support & love.*



**JANUARY 2023 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA**

| Date                                                   | Presider | Assistant      | Lector       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| 1/1/23<br>SERVICE OF<br>LESSONS &<br>CAROLS<br>9:30 AM |          | Bob Dorler     | Bob Dorler   |
| 1/8/23<br>9:30 AM                                      | Kostur   |                |              |
| 1/15/23<br>CONGREGATIONAL<br>MEETING<br>9:30 AM        | Kostur   | Debbie Redditt | Bill Redditt |
| 1/22/23<br>9:30 AM                                     | Kostur   | Cindy Geddes   | Cindy Geddes |
| 1/29/23<br>9:30 AM                                     | Kostur   | Stan Holsopple |              |

**Altar Guild:** J. Stewart/D. Dorler **Counters:** B. Redditt/D. Redditt  
**Ushers:** Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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

OUR 2022 ANNUAL YEAR IN REVIEW MEETING HELD IN JANUARY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER ON 1/15, SO PLEASE BEGIN TO PREPARE & SHARE YOUR COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE, AS WE THANK GOD FOR GUIDING OUR MINISTRY AT IMMANUEL FOR 80+ YRS!!!

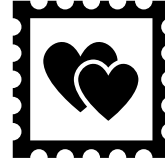


**We continue to offer our services indoor or via drive-in service so if you can't be with us in person in the church, join us in our parking lots or in the immediate vicinity of the church and tune to 93.7 on your FM dial each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. You can also listen via speaker in our Nursery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





***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.*

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Denise Arnold's Mom Lucie Arndt and sister, Lana Huhn; Pam Anthony Lakewood VBS Coord.; John & Tim Botwright & family; Ian Byrne; Mary Hauser's sister - Alice Tillotson; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman; Kyle Husted; Carol & Gordon Ketchel; Carla – Pastor Karen's friend; Jim Kuntz; Leslie; John Leubin; Patrick Lewis–friend of S. Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano; Diane McGranor; 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 – serving stateside now per an update from Ann Neimann).

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETINGS:**

**JAN. 15<sup>TH</sup>**

# 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.



## January Birthdays

|           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| January 1 | Steve Holsopple               |
| 11        | Kim Paternosh                 |
| 18        | Mike Lee                      |
| 19        | Jack Botwright                |
| 25        | Corrine Glover/Debbie Redditt |
| 26        | Judy Sierota                  |

## No January Wedding Anniversaries

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.



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

## **Holy Trinity - Soup/Pasta Kitchen & Food Pantry**

The Holy Trinity food ministry began the regular schedule of Tuesday evening dinner, and Wednesday and Saturday lunches on September 6th. The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to assist in this ministry.

Volun-teers are needed to help sort food and pack the bags to be distributed, Tues-days from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, and to work at the registration/sign-in table, Tuesdays from 5:45 to 7:00 pm. If you are able to volunteer please see PA Ron King after the service or contact the church office at (814) 452-3518.

## **LITTLE FREE PANTRY AT IMMANUEL**

**IF IN NEED –  
TAKE SOMETHING**

**IF YOU CAN SHARE -  
LEAVE SOMETHING**

## Green Corner NWPASynod Green Team

### What is Environmental Justice?

**Environmental Justice** is a concept that was coined in the early 1960s during the Civil Rights movement and has increasingly picked up momentum as our social justice movements and environmental issues have grown. The issues of racism and socioeconomic justice are central to the issue of **Environmental Justice**. At its core, **Environmental Justice** guarantees that *all people* have equal access to a healthy, safe, and sustainable environment, as well as equal protection from environmental harm. **Environmental Justice** requires that we incorporate racial and socioeconomic justice into the way we fight for the protection of our planet. Exploring the ways that global warming harms low-income communities, primarily black, brown, Indigenous, and migrant communities are critical to understanding how the fight must be won.

Example of **environmental injustice** include how in the Navajo Nation, children who are raised in uranium mining areas are developing cancer at 15 times faster than the national average; In Memphis, Tennessee, there are higher rates of cancer, chronic respiratory illness, and neurological disorders in non-whites; and in Lake Charles, Louisiana, people of color are experiencing eye irritation, nosebleeds, nausea, and cramps due to contaminated water and fumes blown in by wind from chemical plants. Many of these toxic facilities are placed in minority communities.

This is a world-wide issue. What can you do to fight **environmental injustice**? Practice Self-Education, Elevate the Voices of Impacted Communities, Hold Your Representatives Accountable, and Use the Power of Boycott.

The following links will help you understand **environmental justice** not only in the United States, but what the United Nations is doing to address the issue.

<https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/issues/environmental-justice>

<https://www.undp.org/publications/environmental-justice-securing-our-right-clean-healthy-and-sustainable-environment>

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>

<https://sustainability.yale.edu/blog/how-support-environmental-justice-everyday>

**NWPASynod Green Team “Green Corner”** – Keep up to date with the Green Team on the Synod’s website:

<https://www.northwesternpasynodelca.org/nwpa-green-team.html> All past issues of the “Green Corner” can be found here: <https://www.northwesternpasynodelca.org/the-green-corner.html>

If you are like me, you likely made and ate lots of food during the past few weeks. Please consider the impact your food choices have on our environment. (Source: <https://www.greenamerica.org/your-green-life/10-ways-you-can-fight-climate-change>)

### Eliminate Food Waste

Food waste in the US occurs mostly in stores and at home—either because it spoils on the store shelf or before we can eat it. According to an NRDC study, Americans throw away up to 40 percent of the food they buy. We can combat food waste by shopping for only what we need, eating leftovers, composting scraps, and donating excess to food banks. Project Drawdown estimates that curbing food waste could avoid 70.5 gigatons of CO<sub>2</sub>—that’s a bigger impact than restoring 435 million acres of tropical forest.

### Eat Plant-Based

Transitioning to a vegetarian diet can cut your carbon footprint in half, and going vegan, even lower. Even shifting from high to low meat consumption can shrink your footprint by a third, according to a University of Oxford study. So, if switching completely seems unreasonable, just increasing plant-based eating to more days per week, more meals per day, or even a greater proportion of each meal is a great option.

## Sharing from Bishop Lozano and the NWPA Synod office:

### COMBATING ONLINE HARASSMENT



Kindling Faith  
Center for Sabbath  
Rest and Formation

A special zoom event featuring Lauren Krapf, Counsel, Technology Policy & Advocacy to the Anti-Defamation League

January 24,  
2023

7 pm

Cost: \$15

To register, please click [here](#) or use QR code provided below:



### Online Harassment Has Reached Unprecedented Levels and Affects the Mental Health of Millions

Every day, 80 percent of the global population engages with social media. These platforms are designed to keep people logged on and interactive as long as possible—their business models hinge upon user engagement. Unfortunately, research has shown time and again that salacious comments and conspiratorial content are powerful tools for online engagement. As a result, global cultural discourse has become more polarized and hateful. The church has an important role in offering alternatives to this dangerous online climate.

#### Workshop Presenter

Lauren Krapf serves as the Anti-Defamation League's Counsel for Technology Policy & Advocacy, leading strategy and operations for ADL's policy initiatives to fight online hate, hold Big Tech accountable, and protect targets of digital harassment. Prior to joining ADL, Lauren worked as an attorney in Los Angeles, where she managed trial and appellate litigation and advised employers about issues and policies related to workplace harassment prevention. Lauren was an Ernie Pyle Scholar at Indiana University and Chief Note & Comment Editor of the International Law Review at Loyola Law School. She recently received a Master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice. In 2020, Lauren was selected as one of New York Jewish Week's 36 Under 36. In 2021, her work at ADL won Honorable Mention in Fast Company magazine's "World Changing Ideas" Awards.



## A new offering from the ELCA

### JOURNI FAQs

#### Q. Who is Journi for?

**A. Journi is for anyone who feels called to lead in the ELCA. The site was built with the intention of being attractive to an audience under 35, with an interface that was also friendly for those who may be less tech-savvy. With abundant content in various forms, Journi is built for all kinds of learners who are ready to take their next, most faithful step.**

#### Q. Is Journi an app for my phone?

**A. The technical term for Journi is a web app, but you can just call it a website. Journi is built to be mobile-, tablet- and desktop-friendly, so feel free to access it on your favorite device at [www.journi.faith/](http://www.journi.faith/).**

#### Q. Is Journi finished?

**A. Journi was built so that it can easily evolve and be updated with new content, events and features. At this time we will be releasing Journi to the public so that we can collect more information on the kinds of content and experiences most valuable for our users. We will utilize this information as we look forward to future updates and releases.**

#### Q. What kinds of content are in Journi?

**A. Journi is home to the redesigned ELCA spiritual gifts assessment, which we are calling the spiritual personality quiz; the Journi Leadership Event Calendar; as well as over 100 different pieces of content such as articles, videos, quizzes, podcasts and more!**

### JOURNI TALKING POINTS

- A few years ago, we received a very generous donation to create a communications strategy around building future leaders of the ELCA. From that donation we have built Journi.
- Journi is a website for anyone discerning a call to leadership in the ELCA. From seminary to camps to advocacy, this new site is unique in how it streamlines the process of connecting people with the information and contacts they need to take their next, most faithful step.
- We've never had anything like this before — a place where the information you need in order to consider being a leader in this church is in one place. It has modernized the ELCA's spiritual gifts assessment tool and integrated it into the site, providing users with specific content recommendations based on their gifts.
- Journi is for all people looking to learn more about how to use their gifts in the world. If you know someone discerning their call to leadership, Journi is a tool for them.
- All questions, comments and event submissions can be sent to [Journi@ELCA.org](mailto:Journi@ELCA.org)

### PA Health Equity Survey Open Until Dec. 31

Pennsylvania's regional health equity action teams have developed surveys that are open until Dec. 31 to identify and prioritize the most severe health issues experienced in your communities, such as; chronic disease, environmental hazards, community violence, substance use disorder, and mental health. The survey includes questions related to the barriers people face when trying to access health resources. The results of these surveys will help the Commonwealth work toward better health for all people statewide. We invite you to take the survey at the link below and to share with all in your community. [Learn more about this effort here.](#) Share the survey link widely. Northwest region: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BF9VZBN>

**Tracey DePasquale, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa)** is seeking input for shaping areas of advocacy within our state as her office works with our state legislature offices to raise of areas of concerns from across our state. LAMPa is a welcome voice by many of our representatives no matter the party they represent as LAMPa is viewed as advocating for all. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and let your voice be heard. [Here is the link to the survey for LAMPa.](#)



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9 December 2022

Dear Synod,

This is a brief note I meant to send before Thanksgiving. I wanted to let everyone know my oncologist informed me the results of the bone marrow biopsy, performed in October, showed at the cellular level no indication of multiple myeloma. I am effectively in full remission from my cancer. I will continue a maintenance chemotherapy regimen for the next year or so but this is part of the treatment plan.

I also continue to give thanks for your prayers and support for myself and my family. As I have shared this good news with individuals I have encouraged them to pray for others who are more needful of their prayers. I was told by more than one person this would not happen, they would simply move me from one prayer list to another. This makes me smile and encourages me to know I have individuals praying for myself and for the broader ministry of our synod and church.

So we pray:

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. And sustain those who work in the healing professions and those who provide care. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Called to Serve,



Bp. Lozano

# JANUARY 2023

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!**

**TIME TO THINK ABOUT ANNUAL REPORTS**

SAVE THE DATE:  
ANNUAL MEETING: 1/15

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                                      | Tuesday                 | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                                                                                     | Friday                                        | Saturday  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b><br><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!</b><br>PASTOR ON VACATION<br>QUARTER SUNDAY<br> <b>COFFEE HOUR</b><br>9:30 Worship<br>Service of Lessons & Carols                         | <b>2</b><br><b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b><br>(OFFICE CLOSED)<br>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.<br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM | <b>3</b><br>AA 7:30 PM  | <b>4</b><br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M.  | <b>5</b><br><b>CHOIR 7:15 PM</b><br><b>PARTY TO UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH – ALL ARE WELCOME</b> | <b>6</b><br>AA 7:30 PM<br><br><b>EPIPHANY</b> | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>9</b><br>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.<br><br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM                                             | <b>10</b><br>AA 7:30 PM | <b>11</b><br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M. | <b>12</b><br><b>CHOIR 7:15 PM</b>                                                            | <b>13</b><br>AA 7:30 PM                       | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School & Confirmation class<br><b>COUNCIL INSTALLATION</b><br><b>CONGREGATION MEETING</b><br><br>February Newsletter Deadline | <b>16</b><br>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.<br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM<br><br>Dr.Martin Luther King, Jr. Day          | <b>17</b><br>AA 7:30 PM | <b>18</b><br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M. | <b>19</b><br><b>CHOIR 7:15 PM</b>                                                            | <b>20</b><br>AA 7:30 PM                       | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>23</b><br>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.<br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM                                                | <b>24</b><br>AA 7:30 PM | <b>25</b><br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M. | <b>26</b><br><b>CHOIR 7:15 PM</b>                                                            | <b>27</b><br>AA 7:30 PM                       | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>30</b><br>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.<br><br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM                                            | <b>31</b><br>AA 7:30 PM |                                                 |                                                                                              |                                               |           |



## **Immanuel Hour**

Church Office – 814-833-4062  
Hours: M-Th. 8:30am-12:30pm  
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## **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.: Lori Swanson  
Nemenz  
**Sunday School**  
Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice  
Kreger  
Teachers: 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

***TIME TO THINK ABOUT THOSE  
ANNUAL REPORTS...***

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

***CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETINGS:***

***JAN. 15<sup>TH</sup>***

## **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: Mary Hauser  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERED EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.**  
**CONFIRMATION 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY**  
**MITTEN TREES**

### **Communications**

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant  
Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/)  
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 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**AND ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

### **Finance**

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

### **Property**

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple  
**FACILITY MAINTENANCE – STAIR CLIMBER CHAIR BROKEN,  
OUTSIDE OUTLETS INOPERABLE, RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
– BATHROOM UPDATE POWELL AVE.  
ONGOING BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

### **Stewardship**

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes  
**COMPILATION OF TIME & TALENT/2023 PLEDGE FORMS**

### **Social Ministry Committee**

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

### **Worship & Music**

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: Sue Pfeiffer  
**W&M COMMITTEE MTG: FEB. 8TH 6:30 PM**  
**DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 A.M.**  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY: 9:30 A.M. SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**