

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2019

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FALL WORSHIP HOURS : 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. – SUNDAY SCHOOL K-ADULT 9:30 a.m.

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Christian Education



Sunday School Newsletter – October 2019

An educational opportunity will be available for our congregation thanks to Pastor Beth Siefert. She has agreed to teach a Bible Study on how the Gospels call us all to proclamation – it is entitled “We are Church, We are Called” and will be starting on October 2nd and continuing four more Wednesday nights starting at 7 p.m. in the classroom next to the nursery. Thank you Pastor Beth.

~ As always, thanks for reading.
Sunday School Superintendent - Carolyn Kuntz

Immanuel Nursery

We have had a recent inquiry regarding once again providing care in our nursery for children whose families are attending our church services.

Council has asked me to reach out to you to see if there are folks who would be interested in supporting this effort.

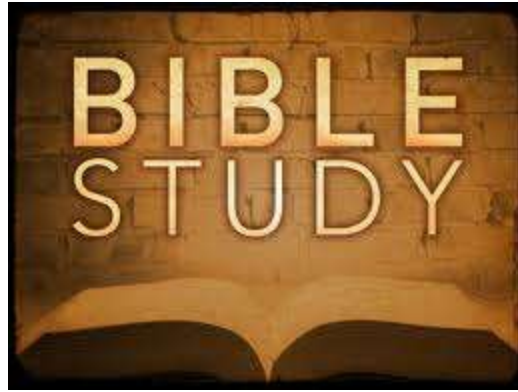
The church service can be heard in the nursery through the speaker.

If you are interested, please pop me an email (immluthch@verizon.net) or call me in the church office (833-4062).

More details will need to be worked out, but we first want to investigate whether there are folks who are interested in working in the nursery.

~Lori





Adult Bible Study – Fall 2019

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Led by Pastor Beth Siefert

In 2020, we will mark 50 years of ordaining women to Word and Sacrament ministry in the ELCA and its predecessor bodies. As one of the first women ordained and called to serve in Western Pennsylvania I am looking forward to this anniversary celebration as an opportunity to look back at our church's response (biblically, theologically and pragmatically) to a time of great change in our world. Today is a time of great change as well. What can we learn from this historical event that can aid us in the challenges we face today?

The place to begin, of course, is the Word of God.

In this Bible Study entitled,

We are Church, We are Called,

we will reflect together on the Word that **all** are called to proclamation in Christ's church, albeit in different expressions whether lay or ordained.

The Study will include several examples of women's leadership in the Word, centering around the themes of **proclaiming**, **reforming**, and **celebrating**. As we prepare to mark this anniversary of women in ordained ministry, our prayer will be for the Holy Spirit's call to awaken all of us once more to God's goodness and grace in our lives and in our world.



Last day to REGISTER before the November election

October 7

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

October 29

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
5

November

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 4).

November 12

August 26, 2019 – Meeting highlights

Cooperative Ministry Update to Immanuel Members

Immanuel Team Representatives: Debbie Redditt & Bob Dorler

Convenor: Pastor Beth Siefert

David Olson moved that the member unit formula for the West Erie Three will begin to be used January, 2020 and will follow these guidelines from synod:

The guidelines for determining member units for the formula used to determine each congregation's contribution to the Pastoral Ministry package

1. The proposed budget for the W.E.T Pastoral Ministry Package will be initially formulated by August 31 for the coming year so the total member units to be used need to be submitted by the Spring meeting (in April or May).

2. Therefore, the membership information used to determine each congregation's contribution will be taken from the preceding year (e.g. Budget for 2020 will use 2019 membership information).

3. Begin with list of confirmed/adult members.

4. A member unit is a confirmed/adult member who has made a contribution of record and has communed four times during the year. The following examples address specific issues.

A) Husband and wife members who have each communed four times and give together using one envelope count as two units.

B) A husband and wife who are members and give together but one hasn't communed four times count as one unit.

C) Shut-ins who have communed four times and made a contribution of record count as one unit.

D) Non-members who worship regularly, participate in the congregation, and made contributions of record count as one unit.

5. Those not to be counted: non-confirmed and confirmed children under 18 years of age.

Each congregation's numbers will be determined by using the information from January 1 through August 25, 2019 and made available at the Sept. 23 meeting of the Board of W.E.T..

Seconded by Craig Myers.

Passed by unanimous vote with the Board members of each congregation and the Pastoral Staff voting.

Nov. 5th
Election Day
Book & Bake Sale

Come and shop 7am – 7pm!



Carol McCray
coordinates the
bake sale.

**Cindy & Dave
Eckman**
coordinate the
books.

We are asking you to donate:

your gently-used **books** as well as some
tasty **baked goods** – please bag & pre-
price baked goods. See the sign-up
sheets on the bulletin board or get in
touch with Carol: 838-1511.

BRING IN BOOK DONATIONS ANYTIME DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS 8:30-12:30 M-TH



DID YOU KNOW
the Liturgical color for this
time of year –
after Pentecost
~green = OUR TIME OF
GROWTH IN CHRIST

Worship participants please
note:

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

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20

OCTOBER 2019 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
10/6/19 8:15 10:45	Moran	Jen Kuntz		Jen Kuntz
		Char Feiler		Char Feiler
10/13/19 8:15 10:45	Zimmerman	Bob Dorler	Rick Kuntz	Rick Kuntz
		G.Andrews		Debbie Madurski
10/20/19 8:15 10:45	Zimmerman	Bob Dorler	Hannah Mays	David Mays
		Stan Holsopple	Char Feiler	Stan Holsopple
10/27/19 8:15 10:45	Edwards	D. Redditt		B. Redditt
		G.Andrews		Ann Anderson

Altar Guild: C. Feiler/D. Madurski

Counters: D. Arnold/S. Holsopple

Ushers:

Early: J. Botwright/B. Dorler

Late: J. & M. Siefert

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Potatoes

Soup Kitchen Delivery:

Stan Holsopple

NOV. 10TH - ROAD TRIP: *The choir is planning a road trip to Peak-N-Peek Resort to see "The Canterbury Feast"– car-pooling from the church will be available – see Bryan Timm or Debbie Redditt for more info.*

Bach Cantata Vespers

The Luther Memorial Bach Cantata Vespers series invites you to sing with us at the next Luther Memorial Bach Cantata Vespers which will be presented on Sunday, November 10 at 4:00pm and will feature a comforting and confident cantata #99 based on one of our solid, but less-often sung hymns - "What God Ordains Is Always Good" (LBW 446). Five full choir rehearsals will be held on Sundays beginning September 29 and continuing through November 3 (12:00 noon to 1:15pm) - please plan to attend as many of those as you can. The final dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00am to noon. Also, beginning Thursday, October 3, the final 30 minutes (8:00 - 8:30pm) of our regular evening choir rehearsals will be devoted to this music - you are welcome to join us at that time for additional preparation. If you are interested in singing in the choir for a time of music-making and fellowship, including light snacks following each Sunday rehearsal, please contact Walt Gaber (814-602-2755, WaltGaber@gmail.com) prior to the first rehearsal you attend.

Green Tip for the Month

OCTOBER: AN ETHICAL WARDROBE

Complete a closet assessment

Declutter mindfully

Due to the plastics and toxic materials, the fashion industry is the second most polluting industry in the world, second to oil. It is also a highly unethical industry, often relying on child labor and unsafe working conditions in developing countries. Clothes production in general has environmental impact, including: energy, toxic chemicals, land/natural resources, and water. It can be difficult knowing how to start to make your wardrobe more ethical. Making the switch to shopping more ethically can be challenging.

The first step in building an ethical wardrobe is to declutter and take stock of your existing wardrobe. When you have the need for new clothes, consider buying used. Not only is the price lower, but you are keeping those clothes from ending up in a landfill. Consider wearing an item longer in order to go green. Consider renting an outfit for a special occasion since it will only be worn once (www.renttherunway.com).

Be mindful during the laundering process. This is actually where your clothing impacts the environment the most, not the production phase. Try washing some items by hand to save on water and electricity. Use cold water with concentrated and biodegradable detergents. Then, dry the clothes on a line instead of using a dryer.

For information on ethical wardrobes go to: greenamerica.org or goodonyou.eco

If you would like to be on the NW PA Synod's Green Team's email list or would like more information about the Green Team, contact Dennis Groce (d_mgroce@labs.net) with your name and email address.



KEEP IN PRAYER: The McGranor family on the passing of Diane's brother-in-law; please also keep in prayer - Jane Andrews – Bill Redditt's Mom; Lucie Arndt, Tim Botwright, Connie & Ron Cooper; Wally Coughlin's sister; Mary Hauser's sister - Julie; Betty Holmberg – Jacque's Mother-in-law; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Carol Ketchel, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Pastor & Sue Laber, Diane McGranor, Michael, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, George Roth – Bob & Donna Dorler's brother-in-law; Jackie T. – Stephanie Wood's niece; Ed Whitbred and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or ill at home. We also pray for our Coop. Ministry Team & Council, St. John's and St. James who are forming a new cooperative ministry. We pray for those in the military: Scott Case – Navy, (C. Geddes nephew) & Christopher Peterson – Navy (Grandson of the late Agnes & Chuck Peterson).

Shut-In Ministry

No time in your busy life for much more?

How about just an occasional phone call or card?

Current Shut-in list: Audree Adams, Judi Casler, Sally & "Shel" Fager & Pearl Young.

Please remember the members of Immanuel who are "shut in," and cannot make it to service, you may want to offer them a ride, give them a friendly call, send them a card. The current Shut-In Mailing List is available in the office or see our current directory.



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.

FAITH IN ACTION

Thank you for
sharing your



Time &
Talents

HOLY TRINITY SLOPPY JOE DINNER



OCTOBER 31 ST

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

****YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT****

IS NEEDED

The Social Ministry Committee will once again prepare and serve a Sloppy Joe dinner for needy residents of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church neighborhood on Thursday, October 31st – early enough to accommodate Trick or Treating too.

We need to supply everything from tableware to dessert for up to 60 people. Monetary donations of any amount are needed.

Please take a moment to see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and considering helping as you are able. Make this an annual family event or "girls night" ministry.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – LIVE LOCALLY – ACT GLOBALLY

This year Immanuel was the collection point for the Lutheran World Relief collections for Erie and with 5 churches participating in this effort, the following items were collected and will be transported to Zelienople, PA by Cindy & Dave Eckman on Monday, 9/30/2019 for the next leg of their journey.

96 quilts, 91 school kits, 8 baby kits and 13 personal care kits are boxed and ready to go – a HUGE thank you to all!!



Celebrations of Life and Love

Have a special birthday or anniversary coming up???

Why not "Feed two birds with one crumb" and honor your loved ones with flowers on the altar or by sponsoring the Sanctuary Candle ~~ you are in turn helping Immanuel at the same time.

Take the flowers with you or gift them to a shut-in.

The 2019 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle Charts are posted in the narthex and we invite you to consider sponsoring as you are able. Please sign your name on the chart, along with your commemoration next to the date(s) you select or call the church office at 833-4062, email us, or stop by and I will take your request.

The cost of Altar Flowers from the florist is \$30; the sanctuary candles are \$5/wk and rosebuds are \$10 – due on the date of sponsorship.

October Birthdays

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

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

Staff

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music: Director Bryan Timm
Admin. Sec.: Lori Swanson Nemenz

Sunday school

Superintendent: Carolyn Kuntz
Assistant: Janice Kreger

Elected Lay Leadership

Treasurer: John Siefert - 476-7290
Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855
Vice Pres. – Gretchen Andrews – 490-2464
Secretary – Debbie Madurski – 774-3590

Council Members

Cindy Eckman, Char Feiler, George Pfeiffer, Hannah Mays, Bob Dorler, Cindy Geddes



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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

***FALL BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS. IN
OCTOBER 7 p.m.***

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: David & Hannah Mays

****LOOKING FOR NEW COMMITTEE
CO-CHAIRS****

Finance

Council liaison: Gretchen Andrews

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

Property Committee usually meets the 3rd Tues. of the month-7pm

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:

SLOPPY JOE DINNER – OCT. 31ST

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant

****LOOKING FOR NEW COMMITTEE
CO-CHAIRS****

**NOV. 10TH – PEAK N PEEK – CANTERBURY FEAST
CAR POOLING FROM THE CHURCH – SEE BRYAN
TIMM OR DEBBIE REDDITT FOR MORE INFO**

October 2019



Greetings of Peace



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA 7:30 PM	2 BIBLE STUDY 7PM TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	3 Choir Ringers 6:15pm Singers 7:15pm	4 7:30 PM Friday AA	5
6 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School QUARTER SUNDAY	7 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	8 AA 7:30 PM	9 BIBLE STUDY 7PM TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	10 Choir Ringers 6:15pm Singers 7:15pm	11 7:30 PM Friday AA	12
13 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School COUNCIL MTG: 9:15 a.m.	14 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	15 AA 7:30 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7 p.m.	16 BIBLE STUDY 7PM TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	17 Choir Ringers 6:15pm Singers 7:15pm	18 7:30 PM Friday AA	19
20 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	22 AA 7:30 PM	23 BIBLE STUDY 7PM TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	24 Choir Ringers 6:15pm Singers 7:15pm	25 7:30 PM Friday AA	26
27 REFORMATION Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School	28 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	29 AA 7:30 PM	30 BIBLE STUDY 7PM	31 TRAIL OF TREATS 6-8 HOLY TRINITY SLOPPY JOE DINNER 		



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