

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: 12/24 – SERVICES 5:30 AND 10:45 PM*** 12/30 – ONE SERVICE 10 AM

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Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2018



Greetings from the Sunday school office. Snow before Thanksgiving, ---way too soon! Our Sunday school is alive and well with our eight students. Rick and Anita are sharing the teaching duties of one combined class. Janice is carrying on with her one student (Yea Stan!) and a few guests each week.

Our confirmation process to become a member of our church, has been to attend a week of camp at Lutherlyn during their 7th, 8th, and 9th grade years, to learn about three of the important foundations of the Christian faith – the Lords Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles Creed. Our pastors have always been the driving force behind the camp experience. With the lack of attendance to camp, council has approved my alternative to have classes here at Immanuel. Jen Kuntz has agreed to teach our students (three this year – Madie, Nathan, and Summer) the building blocks of our faith. Hopefully this will be a fulfilling experience for our students.

On December 16th, at the 10:45 service, we will present our Shadows of Christmas play. We will NOT have classes on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th. We hope to see everyone back on January 6, 2019. Please continue to decorate our mitten trees with hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. From Anita, Janice, Rick, Jen and me, we wish everyone a happy, healthy, and blessed holiday season.

Yea Sunday school. Thanks for reading.





Can you help?

Can you spare an hour or two?

Is this a project...
– just right for you?

Property

Bob Dorler and the Property Committee are working with Glowacki Mgmt. to locate a new tenant for the Powell Ave. property as well. We welcome your promotion of this information to your friends and family. The Powell Ave. property is a ranch style home with 2 nice-sized bedrooms, large LR and kitchen with appliances, dining area overlooking the large backyard, full bath, full basement with laundry hook-ups. Lawn care services are an optional add-on. Currently no animals are permitted.



Meetings take place at our church almost every evening and facility fees for use of the building are paid by these groups but, we have room to accommodate a few more. If you know of a group that serves the community and is looking for a low cost space to gather, please have them contact the church office – 833-4062.

LIBRARY NEWS



If you are a fan of Jan Karon's, Mitford books, the library has acquired 2 more novels in the popular series featuring Father Tim, Cynthia, and the rest of the gang. Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good and To Be Where You Are are the titles.

Not interested in Mitford? There are lots of other novels or non-fiction titles to pique your interest.



Did you know?

The Liturgical color for Advent is blue which symbolizes = HOPE

and the color for Christmas & Epiphany is white = PURITY, LIGHT & JOY

Can you lend a hand?

Give it some prayerful thought.

DECEMBER 2018 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
12/2/18 8:15 10:45 1 st Sunday of Advent	Ed Whitbred	Stan Holsopple Bob Dorler	Hannah Mays Char Feiler	Cindy Eckman Bob Dorler
12/09/18 8:15 10:45 Congregation Mtg/Decorating	Greg Zimmerman	Debbie Redditt Bob Dorler	Rick Kuntz Debbie Redditt	Bill Redditt Bob Dorler
12/16/18 8:15 10:45 (No sermon) Sunday School Play	David Pryber	_____ Jen Kuntz	Hannah Mays Anita Byrne	Rick Kuntz Debbie Madurski
12/23/18 8:15 10:45	Pastor Karen Lundwall	Stan Holsopple Gretchen Andrews		Barb Coughlin Gretchen Andrews
12/24/18 5:30 pm 10:45 pm	Jen Kuntz	Bob Dorler Anita Byrne		Bob Dorler _____
12/30/18 10:00 am	_____	Bob Dorler	_____	Bob Dorler

Acolyte:

Counters: Kim Lee/Char Feiler/Cindy Geddes

Ushers: Early: Rick Kuntz/Bill Redditt

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Broth

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

Altar Guild: Char Feiler/Debbie Madurski

Late: Tom Stewart/Rick Hetrick

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

Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for January

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 16TH**



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Brock & Mom-Karla, Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Suzanne Kahn, Carol Ketchel, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Phyllis Lindahl, Marie McKinney, Michael, Glenn McGranor, The Martinez-Rosado family, Barry Philip, Liz Price, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Doris Roesch, Maria S., Debbie Sitter, Kim Wingard, and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or 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).

Update on Doris Roesch: *Gretchen Andrews, who has taken communion to Doris, indicates that she is doing well and looks good. Doris is thankful for communion and guest visits as time allows. She keeps Immanuel in her prayers and asked about all her friends here. Give her a call to chat, arrange a visit, or send her a card.*

Her new address is Edinboro Manor, 419 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 and her new phone number is 734-3450.

Update on Judy Casler: *Jeanette Swanson has spoken to Judy and she sounds really good and welcomes your calls and cards.*

Update on Pearl Young: *Pearl's daughter, Cindy Eckman, shared the news that Pearl has relocated to St. Mary's West, 4855 W. Ridge Rd. Rm 1107, Erie, PA 16506; phone 836-4407. Wishing her all the best in her new location.*

If others would like to share updates on their communications with our shut-ins please email or share a note with the office – we remember all our members – near and far and those that aren't able to be with us always.

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.

Current Shut-in list: Audree Adams, Judi Casler, Sally & “Shel” Fager, Doris Roesch & Pearl Young.

FAITH IN ACTION

Social Ministry Appeal

Veteran's Day Collection

We collected \$220.00 on Veteran's Day to support Robin Weunski's (Pittsburgh Inn) project for our military men and women. The check has been delivered and Robin was very appreciative.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IMMANUEL!!!!!!!



Community Shelter 2018 Christmas Gift Bags

Social Ministry is once again asking the generous members of Immanuel for donations to assemble Christmas gift bags for the residents of the Community Shelter. The Community Shelter has beds for 16 men and 16 women who have found themselves homeless and have no other place to go. They may stay at the shelter for 45 days, while the staff works with them to find more permanent housing and employment.

We are forming a Thrivent Action Team. Thrivent Financial will provide \$250 seed money for the Christmas bags to help the residents enjoy Christmas.

Denise Arnold designed cloth tote bags to use as the gift bags, and the women of Immanuel help sew them together.

There is a signup sheet for items needed for the gift bags in the side entrance of the church. Please put your donations in the box by December 9th.

Monetary donations will gladly be accepted as well, for any additional items needed. Please mark your donations "Community Shelter Christmas" and put in the collection or send to church office by December 9th

We'll also need help packing the gift bags on December 16th after church, so they can be delivered to The Shelter before Christmas.

The Shelter has also requested feminine hygiene products. These will also be collected for donation, but not part of the gift bags.

**Thank you!!
Social Ministry Committee**

Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flowers



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 2018 & 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.

Either is a great way to honor/memorialize that special occasion.

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.

December Birthdays

December	2	Pearl Young, Nathan Paternosh
	3	Connie Cooper
	7	Gretchen Andrews
	9	Jodie Feiler
	25	Laura Andrews, John Leubin
	29	Kristen Andrews

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

December Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating an anniversary on

December 13 Mary & Richard Hetrick

Advent Journey Resources

We have several free resources available for you in the Narthex. We invite you to take the Advent Coin Folders and the Advent Calendars. We also have several Advent reflection resources, both once/wk and daily and if you will let the office know, we will make a copy of your choice for your journey.





'Tis that time of year...

Would you be able to consider helping us with a special donation for the holiday season?

We decorate our beautiful church with the poinsettias provided through your generosity - you - our faith community.

The season reminds us of our many blessings and our call to help those in need, so we also offer the Local Hunger Appeal option for your consideration.

~Thank you~

Please indicate your preference below

POINSETTIA/LOCAL HUNGER APPEAL

I would like to give _____
Poinsettia plant(s) at **\$7.50** each.

\$ _____ is enclosed.

In honor of:

In memory
of: _____

Given
by: _____

_____ Please have a member deliver to shut
in or local charity

_____ I will deliver to shut in

_____ I prefer to pick up after late service

I would like to give \$ _____ as a love
gift to abolish local hunger.

In honor of:

In memory
of: _____

Given
by: _____

Please fill out the above as you would like it to
appear on the dedication page and place it in
the offering plate or bring it to the church
office by **December 16, 2018** with your
payment. Thank you.



HOLIDAY CONCERT TIME

The Symphonic Singers are presenting two concerts for consideration - one on 12/9 being held at Wayside Presbyterian Church on Asbury Rd. at 3:30 PM and one on 12/16 at 7 pm at Girard Alliance Church - come enjoy worship and the festivities here and then continue the holiday celebrating with their concert.

You might see some choir members
you recognize too!!



You are invited to the annual St. Lucia Festival, Sunday, **December 9, 4:00 PM**, at Luther Memorial Church, 225 West 10th St. The children will be in traditional Swedish clothing, singing carols, and telling the story of St. Lucia, as she comes in her crown of candles, bringing light into the darkness. A reception of many delicious Swedish refreshments will follow, along with items to purchase from the Swedish store. Sponsored by SVEA Lodge 296 and Luther Memorial Church. All are welcome!

Blue Christmas Service at Luther Memorial Church – (Blue = HOPE)

“Comfort, comfort my people, says God.” There are many moments in our lives when we need comfort. There are tough times when we yearn for consolation. The suffering people who looked for the long-awaited Messiah were given a hope-filled image of God in the writings of Isaiah. It expresses the belief that no matter what happens to us, God will be there to comfort and support us. Christmas can be a time for many when we are in need of that reassurance and comfort. Perhaps you are grieving the loss of a loved one, struggling with illness, or have experienced the loss of a job. We wonder how we will get through the holidays. So in response to our need of hope, you are invited to attend a Blue Christmas Service on Wednesday, **December 12** at 6 pm. It is a time of comfort, warmth and love. Luther Memorial Church is located at 225 West 10th Street in Erie.

December 2018

Greetings of Peace



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 *ADVENT BEGINS* QUARTER SUNDAY Sunday School 9:30 am Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM	3 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	4 AA 7:30 PM	5 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	6 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM	7 7:30 PM Friday AA	8
9*CONGREGATION MEETING Sunday School 9:30 am Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM ***DECORATING THE CHURCH*** COUNCIL MTG	10 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	11 AA 7:30 PM	12 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	13 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM	14 7:30 PM Friday AA	15
16 Sunday School Christmas play Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM **SHELTER BAG PACKING** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	18 AA 7:30 PM	19 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	20 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM	21 7:30 PM Friday AA	22
23 No Sunday School Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM	24 Christmas Eve Services: 5:30 & 10:45 PM	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED AA 7:30 PM	26 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	27 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM	28 7:30 PM Friday AA	29
30 No Sunday School ONE SERVICE 10 AM	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED					

START TO LOOK
AHEAD

WHAT IS GOD
ASKING OF YOU?



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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 - 838-3298
Secretary Kim Lee - 838-4022

Council Members

Cindy Eckman, Debbie Madurski, Kim Lee, George Pfeiffer, Hannah Mays, Debbie Redditt, John Siefert, 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*

Congregation Meeting 12:00 12/9

Council Christmas Party – 12/9

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman

Christmas Play – 12/16 at late service 10:45

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

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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

Finance

Council liaison: Gretchen Andrews

Property

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

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

Stewardship

Council liaison: John Seifert

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:

Comm. Shelter Christmas Gift Bags – 12/16 – time to fill the bags for Christmas!!

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant

*Ringers: 6:15 Open Rehearsal–come & give it a try
Singers: 7:15 PM*



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*Wishing you all~
a very Merry Christmas
and a happy and healthy
New Year!!*

