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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Highlights from the Synod's office calendar

April 11

Chrism Liturgy St. Mark's Episcopal Erie – 11 AM

April 8

Reformation Treatises

Christ Episcopal, Meadville, Glenn Holland, 8:45am-Noon

April 22

Christ Episcopal, Meadville, Glenn Holland, 8:45am-Noon

April 30

Organ Recital Reformation 500 Event, Holy Trinity, Greenville 4PM

June 15-17, 2017

2017 Assembly, Thiel College

Registration for Synod Assembly should be up and running no later than the end of March.

Keep an eye out for registration information and packets that will be sent out to Congregations and Pastors. We look forward to seeing everyone again at Thiel. Agenda and other information will be posted to our Assembly 2017 tab on our Synod Website, www.nwpaelca.org, as it becomes available. Please check back often for updated information. Thank you.

July 12-22, 2017

Embark on an inspirational journey through Germany that follows the epic trail blazed by Martin Luther, marking the 500th Anniversary of the day of the Reformation.

Source: <http://www.nwpaelca.org/>

Reflections on Holy Week:

“Why are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up.”

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Luke 24:5-6 (MSG)

Holy Week begins with the worship on Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday).

On this day, united with Christians around the world, we mark Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. We follow in his footsteps as we enter the church, our Jerusalem, acclaiming the one whose throne was the cross.

Maunder Thursday

On this night we begin the Three Days during which we participate one again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life.

The Maunder Thursday service includes the words of Jesus' new commandment - (John 13:34) - (mandatum, from which Maunder comes) to love one another. As a sign of our calling to follow Jesus' example of humility and service, we may wash one another's feet as Jesus washed the disciples' feet.

On this night in which Jesus was handed over to death we also gather around the Lord's Supper.

At the service conclusion the altar area may be stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment.

Good Friday

The Good Friday service continues the journey through the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. At the heart of the service is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ's victory on the cross. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we honor the cross as the sign for forgiveness, healing, and salvation. With all people we are invited to bow before this mystery of faith. Christ has died, so we may live.

No vestments or paraments are used on this day.

Easter Sunday

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

Source: ELW pages 248/249 and www.sundaysandseasons.com

Welcome to Worship in April:

April 5 Holden Evening Prayer – **07:00 pm**
refreshments afterwards



April 6 Holden Evening Prayer – **06:30 pm**
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
876 Grove Street, Conneaut, OH 44030

Directions:

Coming from the east using Rt 20:

Turn right onto route 7 (Broad Street) – American Legion is to your right.

Turn left onto Lake Road (Rt 531) at Restaurant Castaways.

Good Shepherd will soon be on your left (big LED-Sign).

<https://gslcc.org/directions.html>



April 9 Palm Sunday - 8:15am and 10:45am
Video "Holy Week Practices in Europe" – everybody is invited
after 1st service, High School Class Room – across from Church Office



April 13 Maundy Thursday - 07:00pm



April 14 Good Friday - 07:00pm



April 16 Easter Sunday – 08:15am and 10:45am
Officers: Pr. K. Lundwall and Vicar H. Cowey



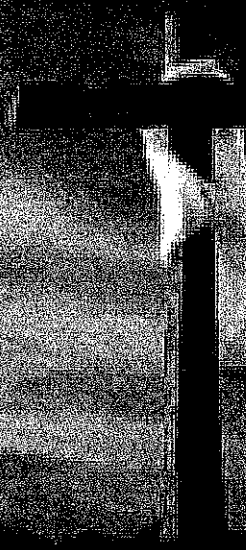
Bible Study

April 6, April 20, April 27 - 11am
Panera Bread, Yorktown Center, 2501 W 12th St, Erie PA

April

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COME to the CROSS and REMEMBER



Pepper Choplin

Easter Cantata

Holy Saturday, April 15th

8:00 PM

St Paul's Lutheran Church
3108 Sterrettania Road

Erie, PA 16506

www.stpaulserie.org

Questions?

Contact Andrew Rainbow,
Music Director, at

MusicDirector@stpaulserie.org

or 814-833-1761, ext. 104

*To glorify and praise God
for the incredible gift of
Jesus - who lived, died and
was resurrected from the
dead for the world!*



On the Road to Emmaus



Luke 24,13-38

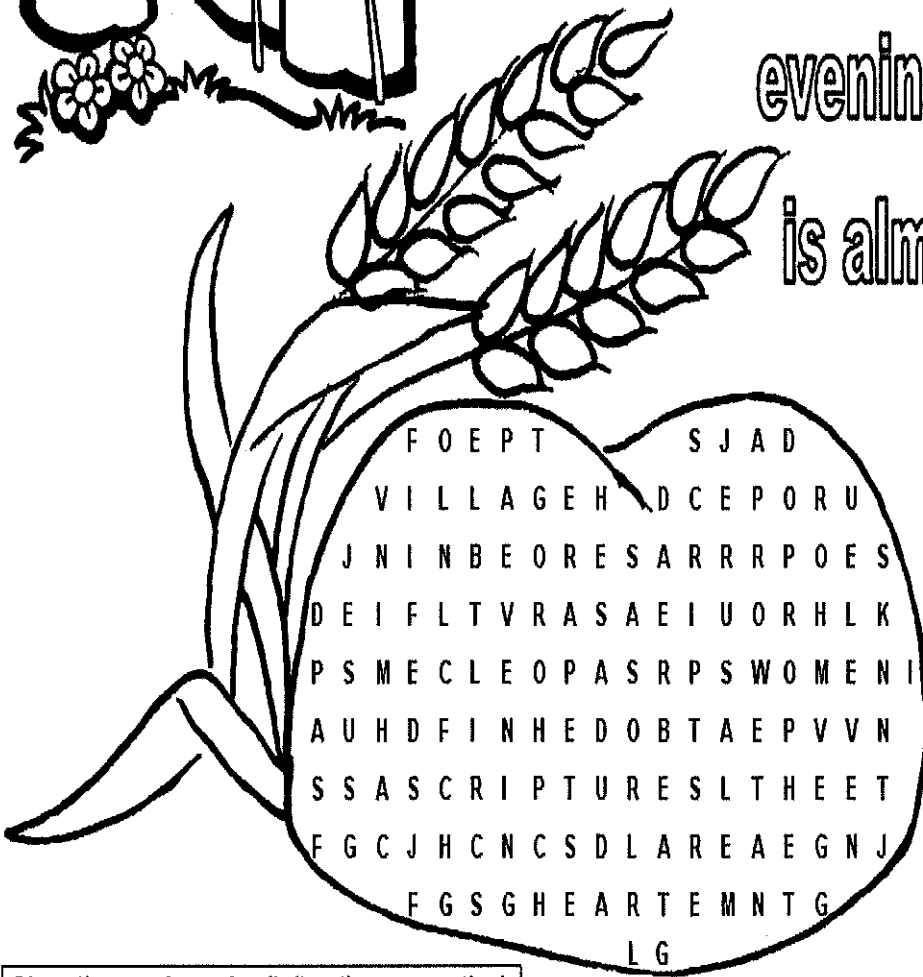
Find the hidden words

Stay with us,
for it is nearly
evening; the day
is almost over.



- Village
- Jesus
- Prophet
- Cleopas
- Scriptures
- Women
- Heart
- Table
- Evening
- Bread
- Eleven
- Jerusalem

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Clue: the words are in all directions — vertical, horizontal, diagonal, even backwards!



Kids Bible Wordsearch

Resurrection of Jesus Christ Puzzle #3

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

- ALIVE
- ANGEL
- BETRAYED
- BLOOD
- BODY
- CHRIST
- CRUCIFIED
- DISCIPLES
- FEET
- FORSAKEN
- FULFILLED
- GOLGOTHA
- JESUS
- JOY
- JUDAS

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- LORD
- MAGDALENE
- MARY
- NIGHT
- PILATE
- RAIMENT
- RISEN
- ROBE
- SCOURGED
- SOLDIERS
- SON
- THIRTY
- THORNS
- TOMB
- WATCH

Save the Date: Celebrations

April Birthdays

April	1	Travis Feiler
	10	Carole DelPorto
	15	Jen Minski
	17	Kylie Husted
	18	Bryan Timm, Jas Kuntz
	19	Doris Roesch, Judi Casler
	20	Tyler Minski
	23	Carol Ketchel
	24	Ronald DelPorto/Lainey Bartlett
	25	Bob Dorler
	26	George Pfeiffer, IV
	30	remembering Irwin Wurst

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

April Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary!!!

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.

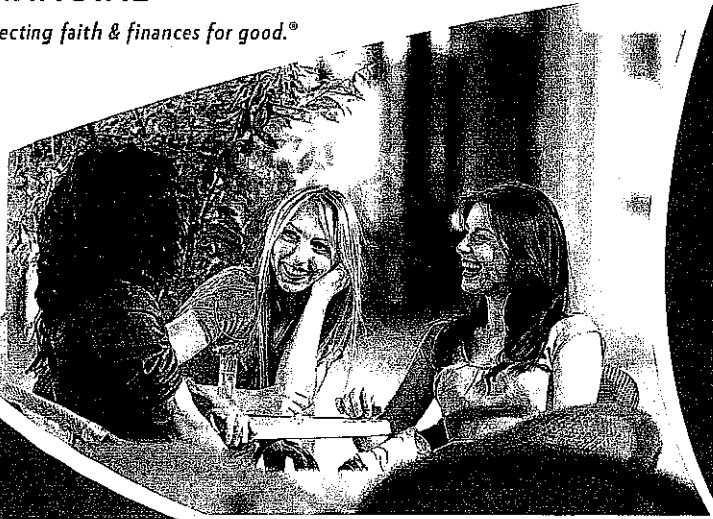
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KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Denise, Esther Bax, Rose Brown, Betsy Case, Jeremy Cool, Pat Dehner, Cindy Geddes, David Guthrie, Jim Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Marie McKinney, Michael, Sharon Roemer, Crystal S., Pastor Schultz, Maria S., Debbie Sitter, Robin Steger, Pastor Weber, 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).

Please also 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 List is available in the office.



A
FINANCIAL
EVENT

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Get straight talk about current markets to help you answer important questions like these:

- Should I react to economic headlines?
- Could my investments be doing better?
- Is it time to change my financial strategy?

Join us for a presentation brought to you by Thrivent Financial, a not-for-profit membership organization of Christians. While many financial firms see money as a goal, we see it as a tool to help the people, causes and communities you hold close to your heart.

EVENT DETAILS:

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

1:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
2216 Peach Street
Erie, PA 16502

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
2216 Peach Street
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HOSTED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES:



Vince Kremer
MBA, FIC, CLTC



Terry Hokaj
ChFC, FIC

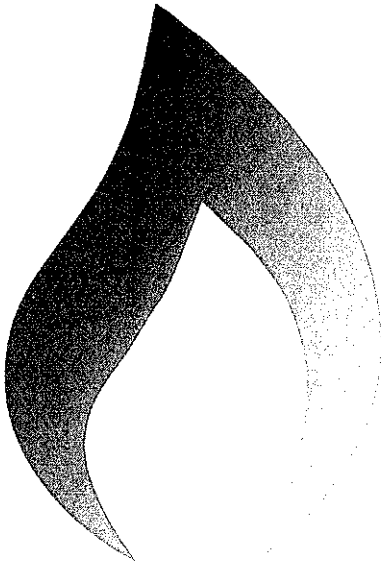
Please RSVP to reserve your spot. Contact Gina Sims at 814-878-5727 or email gina.sims@thrivent.com.

No products will be sold at this event.

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Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flower

Sponsorship Charts for 2017



The 2017 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. If you prefer to bring your own flowers or plants please contact the office to make arrangements.

2017 Envelopes and Tax Statements

The 2017 offering envelopes and 2016 annual giving statements are available for pick up in the church office.

If you need special arrangements, please contact the church office at 814-833-4062.

From The Immanuel Library Book Worm

Every Storm – BY LORI WICK 33W

During WWII (1945) Lieutenant Riggs and his crew pulled into a remote island in an attempt to do some repairs on their PT boat. While quietly searching the island, they heard a woman's voice tenderly singing a hymn. As they neared the singing voice they also saw a crashed small airplane.



This tender story tells about how they rescued this young, nearly starved girl and took care of her until they repaired the PT boat and got back to their fleet. But that's only the beginning of where this rescue takes each of the people involved.

The ending may surprise many of those who read this story.

Reviewed by Jeanette Swanson



EASTER FLOWERS, I would like to give _____ flowers for the Special Offering for Easter Sunday at \$8.00 each.

\$ _____ **is enclosed.**

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Please indicate your preference below

_____ please have circle member deliver to shut in

_____ I will deliver to shut in

_____ I prefer to pick up after late service

Instead of flowers I would like to give _____ for the Special Offering for Easter Sunday to go towards eliminating hunger locally and globally.

\$ _____ **is enclosed.**

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

PLACE FORM & DONATION IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR SEND TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 3, 2017.



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GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

In celebration of Pentecost, June 4th, 2017 you are given the opportunity to order red geraniums in memory/honor of loved ones.

These will be on the altar on Pentecost Sunday and then planted outside the church. Please fill out the form below and return it, with payment to the church office before May 21st, 2017

I would like to order _____ plants at \$5.00 each.

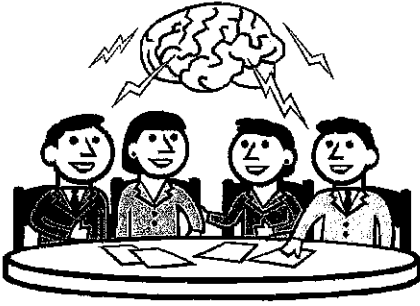
Amount enclosed _____

Signed _____

In honor of / or In memory of : _____

Volunteers to help with the planting of the geraniums will be needed!!

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 – 7PM*

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL MEETING IN APRIL

Christian Education

Council liaison: Ben Reitz

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](#)

Did you miss church? Like to refresh your day by reading the sermon? 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

Members and guests are welcome to take the bookmarks and pocket calendars in the pews.

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

Please fill out your Time & Talent forms and consider a 2017 Pledge –pick up a form at church or ask for one in the office

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Mary Hauser – Committee chair: vacant

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00a-Quarter Sunday 8:15a-Early Service 9:00a-Adult Sunday School 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Late Service	3 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice	4 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	5 6:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:00p-Wednesday Lenten Prayer 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK 8:35p-Adult Choir	6 11:00a-Bible Study 6:30p-GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN - Holden Evening Prayer 7:30p-Al Anon Meeting	7 7:30p-Friday Ladies AA Meeting	8
9 Palm Sunday 8:15a-Early Service 9:00a-Adult Sunday School 9:20a-Video - Between Services 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Late Service 7:00p-Council Meeting-cancelled	10 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice	11 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	12 6:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:00p-Wednesday Lenten Prayer 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK 8:35p-Adult Choir	13 Maundy Thursday 7:00p-Maundy Thursday 7:30p-Al Anon Meeting	14 Good Friday 7:00p-Good Friday Service 7:30p-Friday Ladies AA Meeting	15
16 Easter 8:15a-Early Service 9:00a-Adult Sunday School 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Late Service	17 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice	18 7:00p-PROPERTY COMM. MTG 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	19 6:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK	20 11:00a-Bible Study 7:30p-Al Anon Meeting	21 7:30p-Friday Ladies AA Meeting	22
23 MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:15a-Early Service 9:00a-Adult Sunday School 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Late Service	24 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice	25 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	26 6:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK	27 11:00a-Bible Study 7:30p-Al Anon Meeting	28 7:30p-Friday Ladies AA Meeting	29
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Immanuel Hours
Church Office – 833-4062
Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm

Staff

Vicar Heidi Cowey
Bell Choir Director Lorraine Hornaman
Church Caretaker Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music Director Bryan Timm
Administrative Secretary Lori Swanson Nemenz

Sunday school

Superintendent Carolyn Kuntz
Assistant Janice Kreger

Elected Lay Leadership

Treasurer John Siefert
Financial Secretary Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

President David Mays – 838-3239
Vice President – Ben Reitz – 460-0575
Secretary Kim Lee -838-4022

Council Members

Gretchen Andrews, Cindy Eckman, Mary Hauser, Kim Lee, David Mays, Hannah Mays, Debbie Redditt, Ben Reitz, John Siefert.